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Editorial-November

Three weeks into 2010 and one is tempted to ask ‘what next?’ Plagues of locusts? There is little more left that can happen to this little island. We hoped in the last editorial that this would be a better year but so far it’s not looking good and the comments on bad leadership are still relevant and apt. Our observations on the need for an understanding and knowledge of the land still holds true as well. Human hubris and arrogance was shown again as travel of every kind ground to a halt; new motorways became skating rinks, pavements were death traps. It was safer to walk on frozen grass than on concrete – an object lesson again that we cannot control nature. She will always find a way to teach us who is really in charge. We cannot continue with this coverage of natural land surfaces with concrete.

Older, and not so old, people were trapped in their houses in 21st century Ireland as if it were 1848. The neglect of decades came to sorrowful light as the creaking infrastructure simply collapsed. Bad construction practices led to frozen pipes in brand new estates as well as older ones. Temperatures plummeting to –17 at least has completely destroyed some secondary and, in particular, tertiary roads. A photograph in a national newspaper showed one road in Carlow that had simply collapsed as if hit by a landslide. A friend reported that temperatures reached a low of –21 in the Carlow area. Melting snows caused more flooding on an already saturated land mass. We have a lot to learn about coping with living in a changing climate. We should be listening to our place-names for example: the original Irish names will tell us if the area is wetland, prone to flooding or safe for habitation. Our ancestors were wiser and more in touch with their landscape than we are.

Of course, by comparison with the horrific images from Haiti we don’t have any problems, but one does expect better in a supposedly first world country than for people to be left without water for 3 weeks and a Minister for Transport who admits that he is, in fact, irrelevant. If this is so, perhaps we can do without him completely? It would be some saving at governmental level.

Finally, the government have given in to calls for an enquiry into what went wrong with the economy. But, and a very big but it is too, the time-frame will ensure that no report will appear until 2012 – probably after the next general election. Hearing the leader of the Green Party acting as apologist for Fianna Fáil is depressing, infuriating and makes one wonder if there anyone at all left in this country able or fit to govern? Not a cheerful or auspicious beginning to a new year.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

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Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council meetings 14 December 2009 and 11 January 2010

Among the issues raised and discussed at these meetings were the following:

Meeting 14 December 2009

A team from NUIM made a presentation to the meeting outlining their plans for redevelopment of the existing John Paul Library on the South Campus. St. John Hanley Scott Tallon Walker Architects showed images and described how the new building would extend the footprint of the present library from 4,000 sq. m. to 10,000 sq. m., creating more space and more modern facilities for students. He said that the new building would incorporate public spaces, outdoor plazas, a cafe and would have many 'green' features such as a 'grass' roof, collection of 'grey water', use of natural ventilation and heat circulation. The Kilcock Road footbridge between the two campuses would be removed and replaced by a crossing, with traffic calming and a new roundabout at the existing vehicular entrance. In response to questions from community councillors, the NUIM team said that the new building had been designed to fit in visually with the historic buildings on the South Campus, that an ecologist had been contracted to monitor impact on the Lyreen river, and that the old mill-race wall would be rebuilt where it was disturbed during the building. They also said that public access to the library would be improved by the new development. Some councillors expressed concern about the impact of the new road arrangements on traffic congestion in Maynooth.

Meeting 11 January 2010:

Lions Club to run 'ASIST' course

Seán Kelleher of the Lions Club told the meeting that they will be facilitating the running of an ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) workshop in February. ASIST courses are organised by the National Office for Suicide Prevention, and are aimed at helping caregivers and other key members of the community – health workers, teachers, community workers, Gardai, youth workers, volunteers and people responding to family, friends and co-workers – to become more skilled at helping persons at risk of suicide. Participants learn to be better able to recognise risk and how to intervene to prevent the immediate risk of suicide. The course will run over two days, 9th and 10th February, and is intensive, interactive and practice-dominated. Suicide can be prevented through the actions of prepared caregivers, and the Lions Club are seeking participation from interested members of the public, including those involved in sports clubs, youth clubs, and so on. If you are interested, please contact Seán Kelleher at 086-2660596.

Election of Community Councillors:

Muireann Ni Bhrolcain, Secretary, said full elections of community councillors would be held in 2010. These elections occur every three years, and will take place before the Community Council AGM in April. Notices will appear in *Maynooth Newsletter*, and will be sent to residents' associations, clubs and organisations.

Senior Citizens:

Josie Moore, Senior Citizens, said that they had been very busy during the recent cold weather, keeping in contact with the 200 senior citizens involved, and making sure they had food and heating. Many senior citizens had difficulty getting to the shops due to the icy roads and footpaths, and the Senior Citizens bus service had to be cancelled for fear of people slipping as they made their way from their doorways to the bus. The Senior Citizens AGM will take place on 2 February at the Health Centre, Maynooth, and is a public meeting.

U3A:

Members of U3A (University of the Third Age) told the meeting that they had raised over €800 for Pieta House, the Centre for the Prevention of Self-Harm or Suicide, Lucan, through their recent fundraising activities.

Electronic Archives:

Paul Croghan, PDO, told the meeting that the Community Council will create an electronic archive of *Maynooth Newsletter* and the Community Council minutes, and that it hopes in future to have an 'Information Point' for the public to access these archives at the Community Council Offices.

D. Cullen PRO

Maynooth Community Library

Storey-time in Polish with Agnes: Come along on Tuesday mornings at 10am and enjoy storey-telling in your native language.

Children's Book Club: First Tuesday of every month aimed for children aged 10 - 12 years at 3.30pm.

Parents and Toddler Storey-time: Every Wednesday morning at 10am. Pre-school children from ages 2 years up are most welcome.

Film For All: Breakfast At Tiffanys, Screening at 7.45pm on 3/2/10 in the John Hume Lecture Theatre 2, NUI Maynooth.

Membership for the rest of the season is a recession beating €20 which includes 5 movies. There is no joining fee for students. Students €2 per screening. Guests €5 per screening payable at the door. Membership and subscriptions available on night or drop into Maynooth Community Library. Free internet access to members of the library!

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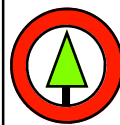
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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN MARCH 2010

In March the Local elections of Maynooth Community Council will take place, with the AGM taking place at the first meeting in April. We urge you to put yourself forward for election. Maynooth has grown considerably over the past few years so we would like to make new residents aware of the Community Council, and the work that we do, with a total commitment to the Community of Maynooth, I am sure that we will encourage a lot of new interest in the Council.

We are aware that new estates have emerged over the past couple of years. We have Straffan Wood, Griffin Rath, Carton Hall and Moyglare Hall, and many other new estates. With these estates alone the growth of Maynooth has expanded considerably, so it's vital that all residents in Maynooth should have a say in what goes on in their town.

Local Matters/Safety issues etc. raised by Residents Association are supported and when necessary representations are sent to the appropriate bodies.

It is very important that all areas are represented on the Council. Remember your Council is only as strong as its members. We again urge you to put yourself forward for election.

You will find Application Forms and other relevant information in the March edition of the Newsletter, also extra Application Forms can be obtained in the Community Council Office:

Unit 5,
Tesco Shopping Centre,
Maynooth.
Telephone: 01-6285922/01-6285053

Sub-committees and Affiliates:

The Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Maynooth Community Council Festival, Tidy Towns, Arts Forum, Twinning Committee and Community Games. All of these committees provide a great service to the town of Maynooth.

The Maynooth Newsletter which provides a wide range of secretarial services for the public. It also provides the community with a great source of local history

Present Executive

Chairperson: Colm O' Cearuill
Secretary: Muireann Ni Bhrolchain
Vice Chairperson: Tom Mc Mullen
Treasurer: Willie Saults
PRO: Deirdre Cullen
Public Development Officer: Paul Croghan

Your Community Council

Maynooth Community was established in 1984 by democratic elections, Non-Political Non-Denominational Elections as a voluntary body to represent the community and to respond to issues and needs of the town with relevant agencies areas community and voluntary groups.

The Community Council Main Aims

To promote the well being of the community.

To secure the facilities which the council considers lacking in the community.

To assist the local authority in exercising its office in Maynooth.

To provide or help to provide employment in the Maynooth area.

What are we trying to achieve

Maynooth Community Council (MCC) responded to the high levels of unemployment in the Community, giving people valuable training to assist them in seeking employment. Maynooth Community Council has sponsored FAS funded projects since 1985. In 2000 we established a Limited Company to run the project, and the directors are members of the Community Council.

For 2010 we intend to establish a MCC Website, this will include an Archive of the Maynooth Newsletter and portals for local groups such as Maynooth Tidy Towns & Maynooth Fair Trade to host their own web pages

Support from FAS

The Newsletter project is very dependent on funding from FAS in addition to the costs of wages to us they pay for training and small weekly material grants. The cost of running the office well exceeds this funding, and the Community Council must fund the balance. This is mainly done by the office services:

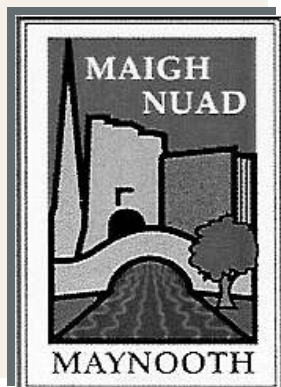
St. Patrick's Day Parade, The Festival, Flag Day & Grants.

How it works

Vacancies are advertised as they arise and the project is currently approved for 15 plus a supervisor. The project is a rate for the job scheme, where participants are recruited for a maximum of three years, provided the relevant eligibility criteria are reached.

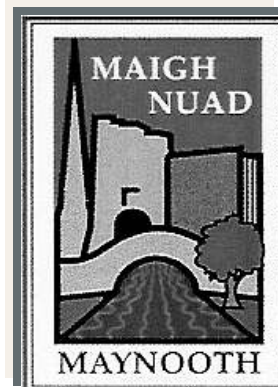
Our main aims in the project is to try and give people a varied work experience in a busy office, in order to equip people to get jobs at the end of the project.

I hope this information is useful to you, and gives you a better understanding of what Maynooth Community Council is about.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ELECTIONS 2010



Election Schedule

Nominations

The Nomination Form is included in this issue of the Newsletter.

Extra forms may be obtained from:

Community Council Office,
Unit 5,
Tesco Shopping Centre,
Maynooth .

All nominations should include the signature of the nominee signifying her/his acceptance of the nomination.

All nominations to arrive at the Community Council Office by **Friday 12th March 2010**

Any Resident over 18 is eligible to the election and to vote.

Voting

If elections are required, voting papers will be distributed to all households between **Monday 29th March 2010**. Votes will be collected the following week, if they are not collected they may be brought to the Community Council office. All votes must be returned by **Thursday 8th April 2010**.

They will be counted on **Saturday 10th April 2010**.

Counting will be done by neutral volunteers under the supervision of outside scrutineers. For single area electoral areas, the single transferable vote method of counting will be used (as in by-election to the Dáil Eireann).

For multiple-seat areas, each voter will have as many votes as there are available, with the candidates obtaining the most votes being elected, as appropriate.

The first meeting of the New Council will take place on **Monday 12th April 2010**.

This will be an AGM including the election of new officers for the Council.

Notices will be sent to all councillors.

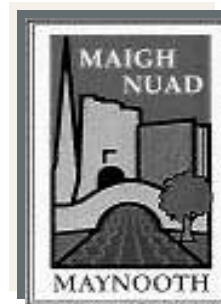
There will be an informal meeting beforehand- councillors will be notified in advance.



MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTORS 2010

Community Council Electors

Elections for the new Community Council take place in April 2010. There are 79 seats to be filled with a nominee from the student's Union. Co-options may take place after the first meeting.



Election arrangements

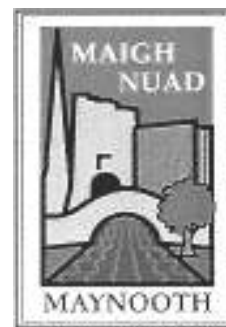
The number of Council places per electoral area is based on a rough ratio of 100 voters (from the Electoral Register) per Council member

Electoral Areas

1. Town Centre (5 seats)
The area bounded by Bond Bridge, Mullen Bridge, Blacklion, Kildare Bridge (Dunboyne Road) and the Parish Church.
2. Railpark/Straffan Road including the Crescent (1 seat)
3. Castledawson (3 seats)
4. Lyreen Park/ Pebble Hill (2 seats)
5. Parson's Hall (1 seat)
6. Carton Square, Dillons Row/Nagle Court (1 seat)
7. Railpark Estate (2 seats)
8. Greenfield Estate (5 seats)
including Laurence Avenue, Maynooth Park, Greenfield Drive, Straffan Way.
9. Carton Court (2 seats)
10. Kingsbry (5 seats)
11. Greenfield Lane/Greenfield Phase 1 (1 seat)
12. Greenfield Phase 2 (1 seat)
13. Greenfield Phase 3 – Private sites (1 seat)
14. Beaufield (3 seats)
15. Meadowbrook (4 seats)
16. Cluain Aoibhinn (2 seats)
17. College Green (2 seats)
18. Moyglare Road/Moyglare Meadows/Moyglare Village (4 seats)
19. Moyglare Abbey (4 seats) Moyglare Hall (5 seats)
20. Newtown/Woodlands/Ashleigh Court (2 seats)
21. Newtown Court (2 seats)
22. Parson Street/Parson Lodge/Court (1 seat)
23. Silken Vale/ The Arches (2 seats)
24. Castlebridge (1 seat)
25. Parklands (5 seats)
26. Rockfield (5 seats)
27. Griffin Rath (2 seats)
28. Straffan Wood (4 seats)
29. Brookfield (2 seats)
30. O' Neill Park (1 seat)
31. Newtown Hall (2 seats)
32. The Crescent (1 seat)
33. Ballygoran (1 seat)
34. Kilcock Road (1 seat)
35. Old Railpark (1 seat)
36. Celbridge Road (1 seat)
37. Leinster Park/Dublin Road (1 seat)
38. Outlying Area A (1 seat)
Including Carton Demesne, Old Carton, Catherinestown, Kellystown, Blakestown.
39. Outlying Area B (1 seat)
Including Windgates (east side of Straffan Road), Toolestown, Corbally, Griffinrath, Moneycooley, Ballygoran.
40. Outlying Area C (1 seat)
Including Rowanstown, Dowdstown, Taghadoe, Toolestown (west side of Straffan Road), Windgates, Newtownmacabe, Rooks, Smithstown, Johninstown, Graiguesallagh, Cowanstown, Kealstown, Craiguclin, Derrystown, Donaghstown.
41. Outlying Area D (1 seat)
Including Timard, Laraghbryan East/West, The Maws, Ballycurraghan, Treadstown, Cormackstown, Crinstown, Laragh Demesne.



MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS



**ELECTIONS FOR THE NEXT
COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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- **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MAKING MAYNOOTH A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE?**
- **DO YOU WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUTURE OF THIS TOWN?**

WE URGE YOU TO PUT YOURSELF FORWARD FOR ELECTION

NOMINATIONS CLOSE:	FRIDAY 12TH MARCH 2010
VOTING CLOSES:	THURSDAY 25TH MARCH 2010
VOTES COUNTED:	SATURDAY 27TH MARCH 2010
FIRST MEETING	MONDAY 12TH APRIL 2010

PLEASE CUT OUT AND COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND SEND IT TO :

**MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL, UNIT 5, TESCO SHOPPING CENTRE,
MAYNOOTH, BEFORE FRIDAY 12th MARCH 2010**

NAME OF CANDIDATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT NUMBER/EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ELECTORAL AREA: _____

I agree to act on the Council if elected

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Maynooth Boys' National School News

The boys of St. Marys have been very busy over the last few months participating in a wide variety of activities. Maynooth library has been the venue for some of these, with the 2nd class boys treated to an enchanting hour of storytelling from Niall de Búrca, while the 5th class boys heard Tom Kelly reading extracts from his book "*The Thing with Finn*". The 4th class boys got to meet a representative from the National History Museum who presented a practical workshop allowing them to examine animal skulls and teeth, which the boys agreed was great fun!

Despite the terrible weather the sports department have been very busy. A strong team competed in the North Kildare Cross Country Championships with the U12 team taking first place, U10 and U11 teams finishing third, while the U13 team had a top ten finish. The 1st and 2nd classes have commenced basketball coaching with

Martha Allende who is a very experienced coach and player. Word is that they are enjoying it immensely. Following their wonderful double success, representatives of Maynooth GAA

Intermediate Kildare Champions in both Hurling and Football, brought both cups to the senior classes to the delight of the boys. Over 100 pupils from fifth and sixth classes were invited to attend the Golfing Union of Ireland Academy at Carton House, where 2 professional instructors taught them the basic skills of golf. They were then given the opportunity to practice these on the driving range which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Fourth Class boys were given the opportunity to participate in a workshop titled *Light and Shadow* under the guidance of Sharon Lynch. They made various puppets which were then used to control the lighting in the room. The most enjoyable part was when they were shown how to make shadow puppets using a



Santa arriving at the School

light source and screen.

In November 3 judges from Intel came to the school to assess projects for the Intel Mini Scientist Competition. Fifth class boys had spent a lot of time researching and constructing a wide range of impressive science projects. Their final decision was difficult but 3 were selected to go through to the next stage.

The last weeks of 2009 were very busy with rehearsals for Nativity Plays, which were a great success. There was Carol Singing in Manor Mills Shopping Centre to raise money for needy families in the area. Santa Clause even made a surprise visit courtesy of the Maynooth Fire Service. Finally on December 22nd it was with great sadness that the staff and pupils bid farewell to Mr. Joe Mc Bride, who retired after 42 years of teaching. He was given a marvelous send off with a guard of honor made up of staff, pupils and parents, while his final class released 42 black and white balloons, representing each year of service.

We look forward to a very busy 2010 with lots of exciting opportunities and challenges for pupils and staff.

By Annette Harrington.



Michael McBrearty being coached at Golfing Union of Ireland Academy.

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Simple Valentine Recipes

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Ingredients:

2 oranges, peeled and segmented
55g/2oz rocket
1 medium potato, peeled, diced and cooked
handful coriander leaves
1 mango, sliced thinly (optional)
For the dressing:
8 tbsp plum sauce
3 tbsp olive oil
seasoning



Method:

1. Simply combine the salad ingredients well.
2. Mix the dressing ingredients together and spoon over the salad and serve.

Lemon prawn pan fry

Ingredients:

2 tbsp of oil
1 red pepper de-seeded and sliced into strips
2 courgettes, sliced
200g/7oz peeled prawns, thawed if frozen
1 garlic clove, chopped
110g/4oz frozen peas
1 lemon, juice and zest
small bunch fresh parsley chopped
salt and freshly ground black pepper
cooked rice or noodles, to serve.



Method:

1. Heat the oil in a wok or frying pan. Add the red pepper and courgettes. Cook for 3 minutes, stirring occasionally, until just tender.
2. Add the prawns to the pan with the garlic and peas. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute.
3. Sprinkle over the lemon zest and parsley, then stir in the lemon juice and season with salt and pepper. Serve with rice or noodles.

Beef and parsnip casserole

Ingredients:

700g cubed beef steak, suitable for stewing
3 tbsp plain flour
1/2 tsp ground ginger
1 tablespoon soft dark sugar
3 large parsnips (or 5 small ones!)
3 carrots



4 shallots or 2 medium onions
2 cloves garlic
olive oil
1 large glass good red wine
300ml beef stock
a few drops of dark soy sauce
bay leaf, bouquet garni, thyme.

Method:

1. Pre-heat oven to 160C. Sprinkle the flour, sugar and ginger over the meat and toss to coat. Season with salt and pepper. Brown the meat in batches in a olive oil. After each batch, remove with slotted spoon and set to one side.
2. Peel carrots and parsnips and chop into rough chunks. Chop shallots or onions into rough chunks too. Heat a little more olive oil in the casserole and add the onions - soften for 3-4 minutes and then add garlic, carrots and parsnips. Continue to sauté until the parsnips and carrots have started to colour.
3. Return meat to the casserole. Turn up heat and pour in the wine - sizzle and bubble for a couple of minutes, then add soy sauce, bay leaf and herbs. Pour stock over the top until meat is just covered (you may not need it all or you may need a touch more). Pop in the oven for around two hours - check every now and again and give a little stir. Add more stock if it is drying out.

Flirtatious fondue with strawberries

Ingredients

150g/5oz plain chocolate, such as Bourneville, broken into pieces
200ml/7fl oz double cream
15g/1/2oz butter
1-2 tbsp Cointreau or Grand Marnier
1 large punnet of lush ripe strawberries

Method

1. Place the chocolate, cream, butter and Cointreau or Grand Marnier in a bowl over a pan of gently simmering water and leave until the chocolate and butter have melted. Stir until mixed together and transfer to a small fondue bowl over a lit fondue heater.
2. Wash the strawberries and pat dry. Holding on to the stalks, dip them into the fondue.





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University of Third Age

Although late in resuming our meetings due to the snow and ice, it was great to see all our members back and in good health. Enthusiasm, optimism and a proactive approach should ensure another productive and enjoyable year for the group. Helena, is now looking forward to hearing everyone's aspirations and goals. What new adventures will we embark on? Remember that U3A is our club, that we the members fully influence our programme. Therefore it is important that every member's voice is heard and given due consideration.

Thank you to Joe Buckley and Danny McCarthy and their respective musician friends who joined us for carol singing in the Manor Mills. They gave a rousing performance and were instrumental - no pun intended - in our collection of € 800. Helena, our chairperson, has presented this to Pieta House Lucan, a centre for prevention of self-harm and suicide. It was established to fill a gap in existing services for anyone in crisis. U3A are appreciative and extremely grateful to everyone who made this happen.

As I contemplate on the year ahead I think the following quote is rather apt: 'Life is like a wild tiger. You can either lie down, and let it lay its paw on your head or you can sit on its back and ride it.' So folk, lets go for it in 2010. We would be delighted to see new members, so don't be out there, feeling alone. Just come along to any of our February meetings on Friday 5th and 19th at 11.00 in the Community Library. **More information : Bernadette 6289131**

Puzzles—Sudoku

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Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

There's nothing better than a challenge to snap you out of the boredom threatening your world. You'll get a rush of strength and vitality from the task that lies before you.

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



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

Struggling against your nature is one approach to self-improvement, but it's easier to accept the way you are, find the positive aspects of those tendencies and build from there.

Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 23, Colour Green.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

Boisterous people sometimes annoy you, but today your quiet wit will win out. Without being mean, you get right to the point with perfect timing. You are the hero of the day.

Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 26, Colour Red.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

You don't feel compelled to advertise your every change of mood, as some do. You'll witness an embarrassing case of over-sharing and remember why you like being quiet.

Your lucky day is Monday, Number 14, Colour Silver.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

You are good at hiding your emotions, but today you will have an opportunity to open up. If you don't, the universe will keep sending you opportunities, and eventually you will.

Your lucky day is Wednesday, Number 21, Colour Yellow.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

Your ambitions are lofty. That doesn't mean they are unreachable. Anyone who tells you you're not likely to make your goal is thinking too small.

Your lucky day is Friday, Number 30, Colour Purple.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

Maintaining high standards is exceptionally difficult, but you make it look easy. Your good habits make the most of your given talents, so it's natural that you consistently produce high-calibre work.

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



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

Do whatever it takes to get in a better mood, even if it's not on your schedule as written. When you're sending out good vibes, the whole world will respond to make your way easy.

Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 5, Colour Mint Green.



LEO—July 24—August 23

You may have a strong desire to do something that your friends think is unwise. Taking a step back, this is an opportunity to hone your intuition. If you feel you should, then you must. Your lucky day is Monday, Number 22, Colour Black.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

You have the right words on the tip of your tongue, but is this the perfect time to express them? Wait until you know for sure. You need the undivided attention of your audience.

Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 7, Colour Cerise.



VIRGO—August 24—Sept 23

You should go out Saturday because you are looking fine! It's like the universe has wrapped you up with a bow and is looking for someone to introduce you to.

Your lucky day is Friday, number 52, Colour Gold.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

You woke up this morning feeling extraordinarily self-confident. Take advantage of this by doing something that requires boldness. Success is imminent.

Your lucky day is Wednesday, Number 11, Colour White.

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre — Know Your Rights

Question

I worked fewer days than usual in 2009 since I had to take some unpaid leave from work. What difference does this make to my PRSI and tax deductions for the year and how do I find out?

Answer

Your PRSI payments are contributed on a weekly basis and if you didn't work some weeks you may not have a PRSI contribution for that week. Another complication is that the tax year and the PRSI contribution week start on the first of January every year. In 2009 the first of January fell on a Thursday which meant that each PRSI contribution week ran from Thursday to the following Wednesday. This means if your work pattern was week on-week off you would still have two contributions recorded. If you didn't work for three weeks in a row you would only lose one contribution week.

You have a legal right to see the record of your PRSI contributions kept by your employer. You also can ask your employer to give you a statement of your PRSI contributions once every three months. (Normally this is written as a deduction on your payslip.)

At the end of each tax year your employer must also give you a P60 which is a statement of your pay and a record of the tax and PRSI deducted by your employer during the year. The P60 has two parts and is an important document. If you need to claim a benefit you would send the second part to the Department of Social and Family Affairs as evidence of your paid PRSI contributions. If your employer does not give you a P60 at the end of each year you should contact your local tax office.

Usually income tax deducted by your employer for each pay period is calculated as if you will continue to earn that level of income for the year. If you worked fewer days or you stopped working during the year you may have paid too much tax. If you think that you have overpaid tax in the year you can request a PAYE Balancing Statement (P21) for the year from Revenue. Your P21 gives details of your total income, tax credits and PAYE tax paid for the tax year. It also shows whether you have overpaid or underpaid tax for the year. If you have overpaid tax, a cheque for the amount overpaid will be attached. If you have underpaid tax your district office will indicate if, and how the underpayment will be collected - usually by reduction of your tax credits for a subsequent tax year.

Question

My wife and I have been paying our mortgage payments regularly up until now but I have just lost my job and we can't meet the payments. What are our options?

Answer

You should talk to your mortgage lender as soon as possible. Don't delay and allow arrears to build up. Lenders want borrowers to continue payments and are usually willing to negotiate revised payment arrangements for people in difficulty. They see repossession of your home as the last resort. Under the Financial Regulator's Consumer Protection Code your lender must agree a remedial action plan with you as soon as it detects arrears starting to emerge. It must try to help you to manage your financial commitments and not allow the situation to worsen.

The Financial Regulator's Code of Practice on Mortgage Arrears builds on the Consumer Protection Code. Its main requirement is that lenders must wait at least six months from the time arrears begin before taking any legal action. In addition, both AIB and Bank of Ireland have agreed to delay court proceedings for repossession of a principal private residence until after 12 months of arrears appearing.

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Friday 29th February or phone Marie Gleeson (office hours - 6285922 or 6285053) or
John McGinley (6285293 (H) or 087-989045 (M))

Clubs, Organisation And Societies

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If your wife works less than 30 hours a week, you may be entitled to Mortgage Interest Supplement from your local Community Welfare Officer.

You should also ensure that you are getting whatever amount of mortgage interest relief you are entitled to (this is generally done at source). The 2010 Budget extended the period that relief is available for qualifying loans taken out before 1 July 2011. People whose entitlement to relief is due to expire in 2010 or after continue to qualify for relief at the applicable rate up until the end of 2017.

The Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) is a free service to help you plan a budget and deal with debt (www.mabs.ie, Lo-call 1890 283 438). You can also visit the Citizens Information Board's new microsite, www.keepingyourhome.ie for comprehensive information on mortgages and repossessions.

Question

I will be 65 in 2010 and plan to retire from work. What do I need to know about pensions and other benefits in retirement?

Answer

There are various types of pension available. If you made enough PRSI contributions during your working life and you retire at 65 you are entitled to the State Pension (Transition). At 66, you are entitled to the State Pension (Contributory). If you have not made enough PRSI contributions, you can apply for a State Pension (Non-Contributory), which is means-tested. You should apply for State pensions at least three months in advance.

You may have contributed to an occupational pension scheme during your working life, or you may have a personal pension arrangement. You need to deal directly with the pension provider to find out exactly what benefits your pension gives you.

If you move from employment to retirement in the course of the year, you should get a PAYE Balancing Statement (P21) from your local tax office at year's end. This will trigger a refund of any overpayment of tax you might have made.

All your income remains taxable (your State pension plus any occupational pension). However the tax exemption limits are much higher for people aged 65

or over and there are some extra tax credits.

Everyone over 66 is exempt from PRSI and everyone over 70 is exempt from the health levy. At 66 you are also eligible for a Free Travel Pass and may be eligible for the Household Benefits package which includes the free TV licence, electricity/gas allowance and telephone allowance. Income limits for medical cards are much higher for people over 70. Medical card holders do not pay the income levy so many people over 70 are exempt from the levy.

The Citizens Information Board publishes Entitlements for over sixties which covers all your rights, entitlements and the services available as you approach retirement age. You can request a copy from your local Citizens Information Centre.

Question

My partner and I are both unemployed at present. We have heard that we will be compensated for the cut in the Child Benefit we are getting for our three children. How is this going to be paid?

Answer

The 2010 Budget includes cuts in social welfare payments including a cut in the rate of Child Benefit. In 2010 the payment is €150 per month for the first and second child and €187 per month for the third and subsequent children.

Families with children who are dependent on social welfare will be compensated for the reduction in Child Benefit. This will take the form of a €3.80 weekly increase in the Qualified Child Increase – rising from €26 to €29.80 per week for each child from 1 January 2010.

Low-income families who are working, or who enter employment and get Family Income Supplement (FIS) will also be compensated, through an increase of €6 per child per week in the weekly income thresholds. This will increase FIS payments by an average €4 per child per week.

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance paid at the rate of €200 or €305 per child has not changed.

Further information is also available at www.citizensinformation.ie and from Citizens Information Phone Service, Lo-call 1890 777 121



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February in the Garden

Growing Flowers & Vegetables from Seeds

For a head start on spring, consider starting from seeds. Starting your own plants saves money. Another bonus is having a greater choice of species and varieties. Instead of a garden centre petunia mix, you can choose the precise colour or form you prefer.



- Sunflowers, marigolds, cosmos, salvia, tomatoes, and peppers are all easy to grow indoors from seed.
- Purchase Containers choosing something at least 2 1/2" deep. Buy a good quality peat moss. Put some in a large container and moisten it with warm water before planting.
- Fill each container to approximately 1/2" from brim. Lightly press soil down. Soil will sink down but this will give you room to add soil later as seedlings grow taller and may need the extra soil support around them.
- Plant seeds at the depth recommended on the package. Place them at least 1/2" apart so that the roots don't grow tightly together if more than 1 germinates. Label your pots individually using lollipop sticks or a permanent marker, or place masking tape on the side of the tray to indicate how many rows you have of each type of plant.
- Water seeds since soil or pro mix is already moist, very lightly water your seeds-just a few drops or a few squirts from a spray bottle. Then cover your seedling tray with plastic wrap to prevent pots from drying out. Covering them should keep seeds moist enough until germination.
- Place your seed trays in a warm room, around 70-75 degrees. They do not need sunlight until germination. They will not be in this room very long, so just find the warmest room in the house and lay them on the floor or under a table. Check every 2-3 days for moisture and germination.
- Place in the light once seeds have germinated, remove plastic covering and give 14-16 hours of light per day.
- Wait until the temperature is warm in your garden to plant outside.



Parsnips

Parsnip seed can be sown any time from early February onwards up until mid April. Pick a day when the soil is not water-logged nor should it be frozen. Make a V shaped drill about 2 cm (3/4 inch) deep and drop seed into it at 2 cm (3/4 inch) intervals. Cover the seeds over with soil and water well if the conditions are dry. If you want to sow more than 1 row of seeds, space the rows 30-45 cm (12-18 in) apart. Parsnip seeds do not store well so make sure you use fresh seed.

When the seeds germinate and the seedlings emerge in three to four weeks time, thin them out so that there is only one healthy seedling every 15-23 cm (6-9 in).

February Gardening Tips

- Check stored bulbs, tubers and corms. Discard any that are soft or diseased.
- Don't remove mulch from perennials too early. A warm day may make you think spring is almost here but there may be more cold weather yet to come.
- Late winter is the time to prune many deciduous trees. Look over your plants now and remove dead, dying, or unsightly parts of the tree, sprouts growing at or near the base of the tree trunk and crossed branches.
- If bird feeding has been a favourite activity this winter, order trees and shrubs which provide cover and small fruits for your feathered friends. Consider species such as crabapple and hawthorn which can help lure hungry birds from cultivated fruits, if planted on the opposite side of the yard.
- Fertilize fruit trees as soon as possible after the ground thaws but before blossom time.



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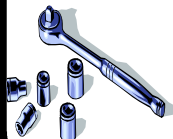
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At the end of October 2009 Maynooth lost a local legend and Kildare lost a sporting legend that many beyond Maynooth never have heard of. Mick Nolan was once the prince of billiard players when the game was king in this country. If Nolan had been born 60 years later he'd likely be a snooker world champion and a household name. As it was he left Larchfield Nursing Home in Naas on Friday evening, 23 October to return to the site of a famous homecoming decades before in his native Maynooth.

As the funeral cortege made its way down the main street to the church on the Moyglare Road it was a reminder of a journey Mick made back in 1952. That day he returned to the square in the middle of the town to a hero's welcome, having been crowned All-Ireland billiards champion for the fourth time. He was to have played in the first ever televised game of snooker only for the TV lights to prove too hot and the players had to abandon their cues as the sweat rolled down their faces.

It wasn't his only gift for as well as being one of life's gentlemen with a twinkle in his eye at the sound of a good story, he was a brilliant judge of greyhounds and horses and spent his working life as a bookmaker, based mainly in Mullingar.

At 19 his instinct for dogs proved good enough to earn a weekly wage as a consultant that was more than what his mother earned after decades of service in Maynooth college. He was a natural and won thousands. He could have purchased a farm that would eventually yield millions but shied away from the responsibility. His success was its own reward, he gave away his All-Ireland medals to relatives and never bothered to learn how to drive a car.

At 90 years of age Mick Nolan still loved to tell a good story, wearing a cheeky smile that reminded you of the child inside all of us. In the end, his story was the one of the best of all.



*Mick Nolan in action at the billiards table
in the 1940s*



*Mick Nolan RIP, at his 90th birthday,
with his wife Mary*



*Maynooth's Mick Nolan, second from right in the front
row, with one of his
All-Ireland billiards championships*



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Winter and Animals

FEEDING THE BIRDS:

Don't forget to look after any wildlife in your garden. February can be a very harsh month for wildlife. In frosty weather the birds will have difficulty finding food supplies such as insects, seeds, berries etc. An extra bit of care from you will keep them going and hopefully see them through the difficult times.

Here's some useful Wild Bird treats you may already have in your kitchen cupboards.

- ◇ Use upside down bin lids as water dishes. Check them daily in case they freeze over.
- ◇ Peanuts, (monkey nuts) in shells threaded together on a string – make sure they are unsalted.
- ◇ Wild bird seed which is widely available in shops and garden centres.
- ◇ Grated cheese. Robins love this.
- ◇ Pastry, stale cake or biscuits and breadcrumbs. (Moisten bread if it's very dry).
- ◇ Melted fat can also be poured onto bread to make a 'bird cake.'
- ◇ Cooked rice or pasta.
- ◇ Fat from bacon rinds. Robins love this.
- ◇ Dried fruit but soak in water first.
- ◇ Bruised fruit such as pears and apples.



Many birds prefer to eat off the ground – blackbirds, thrushes and certain other birds are not used to eating from a table – so remember to place some feed on the ground.*

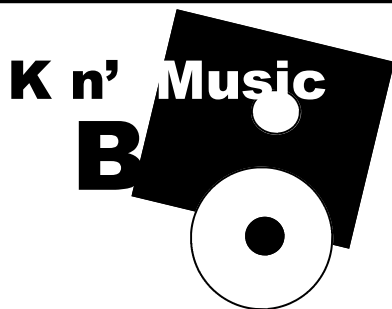
- (Be aware that some fruit such as grapes, sultanas, raisins and artificial sweeteners can be toxic to dogs and other domestic animals, also to some wild animals, so place on a raised table and do not scatter these on the ground).

OUTDOOR PETS

If you have a rabbit or a guinea pig in the garden then it is really important that you spend some extra time on them at that time of year. Their hutch can get really cold and damp if not sheltered from the bad weather.

- Move the hutch to a more sheltered area, maybe outside the back door, in the side passage or into a shed or garage.
- Make sure they have plenty of nice warm fresh bedding to snuggle down in and change it regularly.
- In extreme temperatures place extra bedding in their homes. Better still, move them to a shed or garage for extra shelter or if you have a downstairs loo or a utility or cloak room that can be used temporarily to keep them sheltered.
- Rabbits and guinea pigs will naturally eat more in the winter so that they have extra fat to help them stay warm, so make sure you give them plenty of food, fresh vegetables and fresh water.





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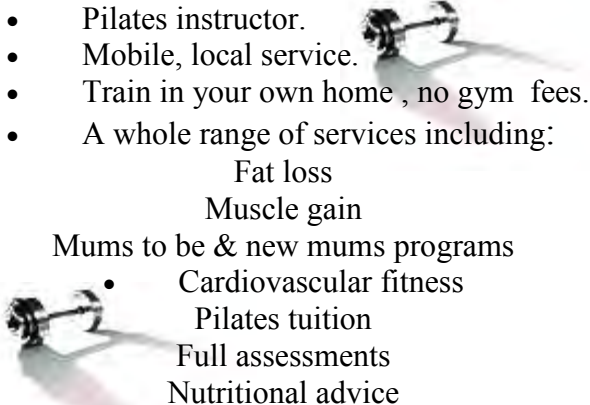
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Chair: Dr. Cyril McDonnell.

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Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

Meeting takes place on Tuesday
16th February at 8.00 p.m.
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Demonstration of Floral Art
By Mary Flynn

All Welcome

Maynooth Community Library

Maynooth Film for All club's next film is
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Contact Stephen Doyle: 087 6986 491

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ASIST

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ASIST is designed to help all caregivers become more ready, willing and able to help persons at risk. Suicide can be prevented through the actions of prepared caregivers.

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Duration and Nature of Event:

ASIST is a 2-day workshop designed for members of all caregiving groups. It enhances caregiver's skills to intervene until either the immediate risk of suicide is reduced, or additional life-assistance resources can be found. This workshop is designed to give caregivers suicide first aid skills.

Contact Sean Kelleher at 086 2660596

PRESENTATION OF PROCEEDS OF TONY SMITH MEMORIAL WALK 2009

The proceeds of the Tony Smith Memorial Walk 2009 amounting to €9072 were handed over to Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee at their Christmas Party in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth on Sunday 13th December.

A cheque for the sum was presented to Josie Moore, Chairperson of Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee by Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley.

***Mrs. Ellen Leavy (Who raised over
€4,500 herself),
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An Nuadha Players, St Mary's Brass and Reed Band, The Maynooth Local History Group and members of the Music Dept Maynooth College will combine their talents to re-enact a concert that took place in Maynooth in 1910.

The Concert will feature the music of the time with singers instrumentalists, recitations. The evening will be completed with a play "No Pastry for the King" written by local man Declan O'Connor. To maintain the atmosphere of the time we hope to see the audience dressed in the fashion of the period.

The entire concert will be filmed by the Media Dept. from the College.

This is a once in a lifetime performance not to be missed.
For more information contact An Nuadha Players
6289705 / 086-8068068

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band Notes

St. Mary's Band are currently recovering from their busiest period of the year. The Annual Christmas Concert, held this time in the Glenroyal Hotel, was an unqualified success. Our thanks to the management, and staff for their help on the day. The combination of a more suitable starting time of 5.30 (to suit the very young and not so young) and the free admission resulted in a bumper audience who were treated to a music programme to suit everyone and including a suitable number of Christmas tunes. The final four numbers were performed by the combined Senior and Junior Bands, more than fifty in number, a sure sign that Maynooth Band is alive and kicking after 78 continuous years although it was founded in 1795.

There was a terrific turn out for the bag packing in Dunne's Stores in the three days leading up to Christmas. We thank Dunne's for allowing this fund raiser as collection permits over the Christmas period are now so restrictive that it really acts against realising the returns that are so necessary to keep the Band afloat. We are indeed grateful to the band members AND parents who participated and even more grateful for the generosity of the shoppers, some of whom contributed even though they had their own system of packing.

Christmas would not be complete without Carol Services and this year we joined the Church of Ireland for theirs. Our participation is always greatly appreciated and the tea and cakes afterwards are always very welcome on a cold Winter's morning. Speaking of cold warm congratulations (if you'll pardon the pun) are due to the hardy Band members who braved the cold outside the Church after 11.30 Mass on Christmas morning. Travelling conditions were both difficult and dangerous and it is indeed a credit to these members who made the effort to continue a tradition that has survived for as long as the Band is in existence.

At the time of writing rehearsals have not yet resumed due to the bad weather, but hopefully the pain we are going through now will be a distant memory when we are sweltering in Summer, if we are to believe the experts.



May we take this opportunity to wish all our friends and supporters a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.



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Maynooth GAA News

MAURICE LAWLOR MEMORIAL CUP 2009

Hurlers celebrate ten years of Maurice Lawlor Cup

STREETE Parish Park in Co Westmeath was home to the tenth Maurice Lawlor Memorial Cup in July (Friday 17th) when Maynooth's ex-pat hurlers went on tour for a game against local side St Fintan's.

The game, organised by Mattie Callaghan and his wife Elizabeth, marks the memory of the late Maurice, a Kerryman and proud hurler, who died in action on the field of play in the game ten years ago. His wife, Áine, presents the trophy and medals each year, and for this anniversary game, her son David lined out in a Kerry jersey in honour of his father.

Monsignor Patrick Earley PP blessed the cup before the action got underway and also read the Hurler's Prayer before throwing the sliotar in to get the game underway.

One man who had a busy evening was local fireman, Anthony Nea, whose call of duty took him from the game early on but his skills were such that he was back before the end to finish the night on the field.

Hughie Nolan took charge in the middle for what was a memorable game for Longford man Eamon O'Flaherty, finishing the game with three goals and receiving the top scorer prize along with St Fintan's David O'Hara.

The man of the match awards went to Bernard O'Neill of St Fintan's and Westmeath's Damien Kiernan, who had a stormer for the All Counties. Another man to impress was Clare native Dermot Anglin, a brother of Aine Lawlor, and he received the cup on behalf of the victorious All Counties.

A special presentation was made to Fr John Francis Kiernan, who attended to Maurice on the night that he died. The big match commentary was provided by Brendan Coffey and Martin Gaynor, along with MC Brian Nerney, while Coffey managed to make a brief appearance on the field near the end in a Wicklow jersey. All Counties selector and Galway man, Mick Ward, also entered the fray in the final quarter and both teams received their medals from sponsor Joseph Devine Jnr of Devine's Pub in nearby Lismacaffrey.

Aine Lawlor made a special presentations to Xavier Kiernan and Mary Devine, who were the medics on the night, as well as to Mattie and Liz Callaghan. Aine finished the night in style, by singing a song.



Officials at the All Counties game: Mattie Callaghan, Johnny 'The Hurler' Keary, Martin Gaynor, Trisha Brady, Patsy Owens, Hughie Nolan, Ben Keary, Paddy Tierney, Michael Dolan, Brendan Coffey, Assumpta Keary and Mick Ward

All Counties: Pat Hartnett; Paul Curran, Shane Barry, Sean Furlong; Conor Dempsey, Shane Deveraux, Damien Kiernan; Joe Brennan, Mark Nugent; Paul Moylan, David Lawlor, Dermot Anglin; Mick Ward, Eamon O'Flaherty, Brendan Coffey

St Fintan's: Tom Reilly; Bernard O'Neill, Mark Smith, Walter Burke; James Keary, Brian McLoughlin, James Brady; David O'Hara, Eddie Campbell; Alan O'Keefe, Willie Browne, John Keary; Patrick Kiernan, Ciaran McLoughlin, Scott Hynes. Sub: Anthony Nea.

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Front row: Damien Kiernan, Dermot Anglin, Joe Brennan, Mick Ward, Mark Nugent**



**St Fintan's, Back row: Mattie Callaghan, Brian McLoughlin, Eddie Campbell, Bernard O'Neill, Walter Burke, James Keary, David O'Hara, Mark Smith;
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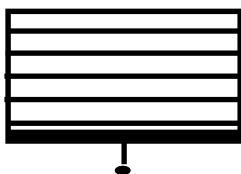


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Paddy Nolan (Secretary to Maynooth Mortality Society), 7 Castlebridge, Maynooth.

Phone: 6286312

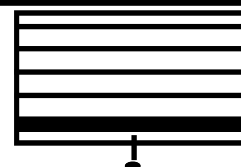
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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth Tidy Towns begin 2010 campaign

There was a time when a month was really a month but like everyone else we feel that time is moving faster now. Maynooth Tidy Towns has already begun our work for 2010 and will be active at weekends until the summer months (up to May) and will then be working during the week in the evenings (usually two evenings a week). Early in the year we will be involved in tidying up after the winter months but keep an eye out for the spring bulbs that we have planted around the town. In December some hardy volunteers came out to empty the hanging baskets and with community support we hope to put in new flowers in by late May.

Maynooth Tidy Towns welcomes support from Employee Volunteer Programmes

Many employers have programmes in place where they support their employees to participate in voluntary activities in their local communities. In Maynooth we have benefited from one such programme for several years run by Intel Ireland where through their "Intel Involved" programme employees support community groups in their work. For 2010 we have already been offered support from a similar programme by the Carton House Hotel. We look forward to working with them. If you are an employer thinking of starting such a programme, Maynooth Tidy Towns would be delighted to be a partner. Also if you are an employee of a company that runs such a programme elsewhere you could consider joining Maynooth Tidy Towns and we will accredit your hours for recognition under the relevant scheme.

Maynooth Tidy Towns – supporting waste minimisation and recycling

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

Maynooth Tidy Towns to contact individuals/Companies/Local Authority and State bodies to encourage support to improve areas that impact on Maynooth's performance in the National Tidy Towns Competition

Committee members have not been idle over the winter months as one of the tasks that we decided to do as part of planning the 2010 campaign is to establish areas or issues that can be easily resolved to help improve the results achieved for 2010. Each year as part of the application we have to update a five year rolling plan and to indicate which tasks will be achieved in the current year. To this end we have listed a number of issues that we believe can be easily dealt with in 2010. To give an example – we will be asking Kildare County Council to remove unused poles around the town centre. Other bodies, businesses and residential areas will be asked to assist by dealing with other problems that can be easily addressed in 2010.

Maynooth Tidy Towns – committee concerned over delay in completing re-instatement works following the sewage scheme upgrade works

Like many others we are delighted that these works which caused significant disruption are virtually completed. However, the re-instatement works in the open space areas has come to a halt. Previously, Kildare County Council has communicated the progress with us, but this has stopped. Also they would come to us in a panic asking for instant feedback because of pressure from others involved. Maynooth Tidy Towns will not be pushed into accepting less than has been agreed already in any panic to finish. We were originally told that the re-instatement of the small pound would be completed by July 2009 and this is far from the case in February 2010. Last year we received a letter from Kildare County Council that we attached to the National Tidy Towns Application explaining the disruption. It looks like we will need another such letter for the 2010 Application if things do not progress soon.

Maynooth Tidy Towns acknowledge the support from Kildare County Council

A good working relationship with Kildare County Council is essential for progress to be made by Maynooth in the National Tidy Towns Competition. Our committee members meet regularly with the Area Engineer and Supervisor to highlight things that fall within the remit of the council that we would like to see addressed. Towards the end of 2009 a number of such items were dealt with and we appreciate this support. However, we will be back soon with more items that we hope can be dealt with in 2010.

Finally Maynooth Tidy Towns – your New Year resolution

If your new year's resolution is to give something back to your community, Maynooth Tidy Towns welcomes new volunteers. There is no need to attend meetings if you prefer. We need people when we are doing the work. It is rewarding and sociable so why not give us a call on 087 3153189.

Paul Croghan
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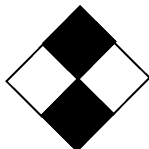
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Maynooth Post Primary School News

Show must go on !!!

Maynooth Post Primary 5th Year and TY students are taking on **"JOSEPH"** as our 16th annual musical production. It's ten years since we first produced **"Joseph"**. Jonny Hanlon who starred as Joseph then is now our Musical Director!

Auditions began way back in November and such was the depth of talent that it took three rounds of auditions and almost seven weeks to cast parts. Rehearsals for our 180 cast got off to a stuttering start after being seriously curtailed by the bad weather. However with the enthusiasm of the students and the dedication of the production team we are confident that we will be ready for opening night on February 4th.

With the current economic climate in mind and in an effort to ease the burden on parents, the cast, staff and members of the PTA gave very generously of their time to go bag packing in Tesco on the 22nd 23rd and 24th of December in order to raise much needed funds. Our program team is currently looking for sponsorship from local business whose support has been invaluable over the years and we are eagerly hunting for new additions to our main sponsors list. We will also be inviting families to become patrons of the musical for a reduced amount this year.

Tickets will be available from the school in the coming weeks. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Looking forward to seeing you in February!

Under 14 Girls Camogie

The Maynooth Post Primary School under 14 camogie team have made great progress this year on reaching the Kildare League final. They will be up against Scoil Lorcan from Athy and it is due to be played before the end of January. Best of Luck Girls!

First Year Girls Basketball

Maynooth Post Primary's first year girls basketball team got off to a great start in their league by winning their first game convincingly. They have three more games to be played in the coming weeks. We wish them all the best!





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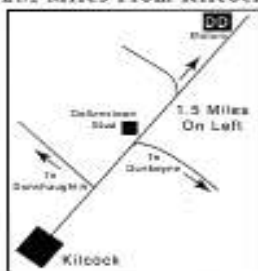
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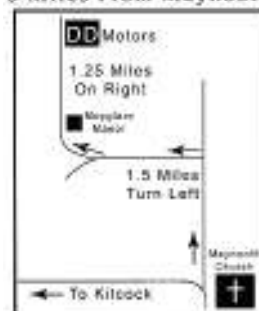
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Farewell

Farewell to thee! but not farewell
To all my fondest thoughts of thee:
Within my heart they still shall dwell;
And they shall cheer and comfort me.
O, beautiful, and full of grace!
If thou hadst never met mine eye,
I had not dreamed a living face
Could fancied charms so far outvie.

If I may ne'er behold again
That form and face so dear to me,
Nor hear thy voice, still would I fain
Preserve, for aye, their memory.

That voice, the magic of whose tone
Can wake an echo in my breast,
Creating feelings that, alone,
Can make my tranced spirit blest.

That laughing eye, whose sunny beam
My memory would not cherish less; -
And oh, that smile! whose joyous gleam
Nor mortal language can express.

Adieu, but let me cherish, still,
The hope with which I cannot part.
Contempt may wound, and coldness chill,
But still it lingers in my heart.

And who can tell but Heaven, at last,
May answer all my thousand prayers,
And bid the future pay the past
With joy for anguish, smiles for tears?

By Anne Bronte

Waiting for Love.

If I only had my love by my side
Feeling contented and happy with life
Of all the pretty girls in the vast world wide
I dare I am alone wearisome with strife
I captured loving moments through the passing years
But now I am so lonely wishing my world away
I am now caught up in turmoil and fears
But I know life will be alright some day
All I want is someone I could love
To pass away my days and feel like a man
Here I am on my own as peaceful as a dove
In a wishing well world doing best I can
Lady of my dreams where are you
When will you ever answer my call
I've so much to give if only the world knew
For companionship my heart rises so tall

But I will not give up my yearning ways
For it is natural within my heart abide
Soon a pretty lady will brighten up my days
and I will feel like a king by her side
I pray for a better tomorrow deeply within
and I know true love will come my way
Here I am alone it seems such a sin
Waiting for my lover some fine day
We will walk up the aisle and the heavens shine
For a gracious couple destined to meet
This is only another fantasy dream of mine
But with love in waiting nothing can defeat

By Patrick Murray.

First Love

I ne'er was struck before that hour
With love so sudden and so sweet.
Her face it bloomed like a sweet flower
And stole my heart away complete.

My face turned pale, a deadly pale.
My legs refused to walk away,
And when she looked what could I ail
My life and all seemed turned to clay.

And then my blood rushed to my face
And took my eyesight quite away.
The trees and bushes round the place
Seemed midnight at noonday.

I could not see a single thing,
Words from my eyes did start.
They spoke as chords do from the string,
And blood burnt round my heart.

Are flowers the winter's choice
Is love's bed always snow
She seemed to hear my silent voice
Not love appeals to know.

I never saw so sweet a face
As that I stood before.
My heart has left its dwelling place
And can return no more.

By John Clare

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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Draft Maynooth Parking By-Laws to go on Public Display

It was agreed at the December Celbridge Area Meeting of the Council that the Draft Maynooth Parking By-Laws would go on public display for 6 weeks from the end of January or beginning of February. It was again agreed that the Pay Parking Scheme would not be implemented until the new car park at The Harbour and the extension to the public car park at Doctors Lane are in place.

Problem With the Traffic Signals at The Roost

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"That the timing of the traffic signals at the bottom of Main Street, Maynooth, be changed so that traffic turning right from Leinster Street to Main Street will have freedom to do so, without clashing with traffic turning left from Mill Street to Main Street, as is the case at present."

Mr Hodgins from the traffic management section reported that they were currently in discussions with the developer in relation to this problem.

Councillor McGinley reported that there was a serious problem here due to the timing of the traffic signals which could be potentially worse if the proposed carpark goes ahead.

Road Safety Improvement for Celbridge Road, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"That appropriate measures be taken to improve safety at the pedestrian crossing on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth (between Laurence Avenue and Rockfield). There have been some very near fatalities with drivers breaking these lights regularly. Suggested additional safety measures would be another speed ramp on the Maynooth side of the lights and road markings."

It was reported that no funding was available to install extra safety measures on this road.

Councillor McGinley stated that there were two schools on this road now and that it was a priority that the necessary works be carried out as soon as possible.

It was resolved that the traffic management section prioritise this location for the installation of a speed ramp and road lining.

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"That remedial works be undertaken to stop the unravelling of the speed cushions in Straffan and on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth."

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The area engineer reported that the maintenance period for the ramps at both Straffan and Maynooth had lapsed and that they had asked the contractor for a price to repair the ramps and it would cost €22,700 to repair the table top at Straffan and €6,300 to repair the ramps at Celbridge Road, Maynooth. Councillor McGinley asked if funding could be made available for the necessary repairs. Ms Murray said that it was unlikely that funding would be available as soon as the Councillor hoped and asked that it be noted that neither of the ramps in question had been installed by Kildare County Council.

Cllr. McGinley asked that the necessary repair work be carried out in 2010.

Update on Proposals for Allotments in Wonderful Barn and Black Lion Maynooth.

Simon Wallace of Kildare County Council reported as follows at the December Area Meeting:

Further to the previous reports issued with regard to this proposal an assessment was made of the two proposed sites. The site at Blacklion presented a number of difficulties. These were, access to the site is poor, site lines from the existing entrance are poor for cars exiting the site. Furthermore the internal area of the site is undulating which creates difficulties for use of the site for allotments, the site is very overgrown and car parking is required. As a result of these difficulties it was proposed to proceed initially with detailing the proposal for the Wonderful Barn as this presented considerably less initial problems. It is proposed to reassess the Blacklion site once costs have been compiled for the Wonderful Barn site.

A draft design has been developed for allotments at the Wonderful Barn. The proposal allows for the provision for 18no. 100sq.m plots, 40no. 150sq.m plots and 30no. 200 sq.m plots. The plots will be fenced on three sides with the fourth left unfenced for access. Grass paths will be left for access to the plots. A car parking area has also been provided as part of the design. Seven water taps will be provided in the site at general locations and will have to be shared by allotment holders. This design proposal is currently being priced. The delivery of the scheme is dependent on the set up costs and off setting these against an annual subscription fee. If the setup costs prove excessive then it will not be possible to proceed with the proposal any further.

Councillor McGinley reported that he had spoken to

Mr. Wallace in relation to the possibility of using another site next to Carton Avenue, Maynooth and that set up costs would be minimal. An access road, known as The Boreen, is already in place and only one of the fields is being used at present by the Soccer Club. Using one of the other fields for allotments would make much sense. Mr Wallace stated that he was investigating this and would return to the members at February meeting with an update.

Left turning lane for exit from Greenfield Estate, Maynooth

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

"What is the estimated cost of providing a left turning lane out of Greenfield Estate/Shopping Centre to the Straffan Road, Maynooth?"

Mr Hodgins of the traffic management section attended the meeting and reported that a left turning lane at this location would not be appropriate and that traffic signals may be a solution to the problem.

Councillor McGinley disagreed with Mr Hodgins and stated that traffic signals would not work at this location and asked that this be re-investigated. Mr Hodgins recognised that there was a problem and that the correct solution was required, he suggested that a report be done for the next meeting with pro's and cons of various solutions. This was agreed.

New Road at Old Greenfield, Maynooth

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

"That immediate action be taken to adjust the relative heights of the new road constructed at Old Greenfield, Maynooth, in association with Planning Permission 06/424, and the ground level of houses to the North which are supposed to have access to this new road."

STAGG RAISES DELAY IN BRINGING MANAGEMENT COMPANIES LEGISLATION BEFORE DAIL

Deputy Emmet Stagg raised with the Taoiseach in the Dail on November 3rd the unacceptable delay in concluding the debate on two Management Company Bills in The Seanad, thereby allowing the Bills to proceed before the Dail, because of a failure to produce Committee Stage amendments by the Minister for Justice.

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Deputy Stagg pointed out that following a five year gestation period, two bills were published, The Multi Unit Developments Bill 2009 which outlined Rules Governing the operation of Management Companies and The Property Services (Regulation) Bill 2009 which outlined how an Authority would regulate such Management Companies. Both had passed Second Stage in the Seanad last May/June but Committee Stage could not proceed until the Minister for Justice brought forward amendments. The Taoiseach in response to Deputy Stagg indicated that he would have the matter investigated.

The Minister for Justice on foot of a request from the Taoiseach has now advised Deputy Stagg that following the publication of the two bills his Department received a significant number of submissions from Stakeholders and interested parties regarding the provisions contained in both bills. The Minister further advised Deputy Stagg that following receipt of these submissions, his Department held consultations with many of the relevant stakeholders and that at present his Department is holding discussions with other Government Departments, the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of Parliamentary Counsel with a view to preparing and drafting necessary Committee Stage amendments for both Bills.

Reacting to the response Deputy Stagg stated that he was disappointed with the torturously slow progress with both Bills whilst Home Owners were being ripped off by Management Companies through excessive Management Fees and charges being imposed for the ongoing liabilities of developers.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would continue to press the matter with both the Taoiseach and the Minister for Justice.

STAGG CONTINUES TO PRESS HARNEY ON PHASE 3C OF NAAS GENERAL HOSPITAL

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to question the Minister for Health in relation to the inclusion of Phase 3C of Naas General Hospital in the HSE Revised Capital Programme to 2013.

In her most recent response the Minister advised Deputy Stagg that the HSE Capital Review is ongoing and when completed would be submitted for approval of both herself and the Minister for Finance.

Expressing disappointment at the lax attitude of the Minister for Health Deputy Stagg stated that the

Capital Expenditure Review had been ongoing since Budget 2009, and the supplementary Budget last April. Whilst the Minister and the HSE dither we had an average of 17 patients on trolleys each day last week in Naas General Hospital with 23 on trolleys on Friday 13th November.

Phase 3C of Naas General Hospital includes the provision of 2 additional 31 bed wards at the Hospital, Enhanced Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy services and the building of a new catering department to provide facilities for 255 patients and 800 staff. Tenders were invited for the €28 Million project in October 2007 and a Preferred Contractor was recommended but then the Government pulled the plug on the project.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would continue to pressurise the Government on this critical issue of importance to the Health and Care of Kildare people.

STAGG PLEASED AT RESPONSE FROM NUIM IN RELATION TO SITE FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY PARK

Following on from the refusal by An Bord Pleanála of planning permission for the Educational and Research and Technology Park at Carton Estate, Maynooth, Deputy Emmet Stagg wrote to Professor Hughes of NUIM suggesting that St. Patrick's College Authorities be contacted in relation to the provision of a site for this innovative proposal.

Deputy Stagg stated that St. Patrick's College had some 380 acres of land adjoining the College and NUIM and that it was important that every effort was made to find an alternative suitable site for this project. In his letter to Professor Hughes Deputy Stagg stated that if a suitable site was found he and the Labour Party would give the proposal full backing.

Professor Hughes has now responded to Deputy Stagg and has indicated that NUIM are in discussions with St. Patrick's College regarding the use of their lands as an alternative site.

Welcoming the positive response from Professor Hughes, Deputy Stagg stated that the creation of an innovation and incubation centre would enable NUIM to accommodate various commercial opportunities linked to its growing research activities. The fact that Intel were particularly interested in the project was also important.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would

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await word from Professor Hughes in relation to the discussions with St. Patricks College and expressed the hope that we might get this project back on track.

NEW MAYNOOTH AMBULANCE BASE FINALLY TO BE IN OPERATION IN EARLY 2010

On foot of serious delays in the opening of the New Maynooth Ambulance Base, Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Health in relation to the issue.

The New Ambulance Base was due to open in June 2008 and would have seen the transfer of the existing base at The Harbour, Maynooth to a specially adapted unit at the Maynooth Business Campus just off the M4. The new facility will provide better facilities for Paramedics working with the Ambulance Service and because of its location just off the M4, quicker access to all parts of Maynooth, Celbridge, Leixlip, Clane, Straffan and Kilcock which are served from Maynooth.

The National Ambulance Service have responded to Deputy Stagg on behalf of the Minister for Health and gave a list of reasons for the delay with the bottom line being financial and budgetary constraints. However they further advised that they hope to be in a position to allow full Ambulance Operations to commence from the new Site early in 2010 and indicated that they do not expect further delays.

Welcoming this news Deputy Stagg stated that the delays were unacceptable given that the new unit was fitted out since mid 2008 and he concluded that if the promised opening in early 2010 is not fulfilled he would be raising the issue further with the Minister.

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I.C.A. Notes

We are now at the start of 2010 and the start of I.C.A. Centenary Celebrations. The year starts off with the launch in Dublin Castle on 26th January. A special stamp will be issued in April. The federation Dinner Dance will take place in the Keadeen Hotel on 19th February. The national Gala Centenary Dinner Dance takes place in the Jerrycarrig Hotel in Co. Wexford on 6th May and a further celebration on the 7th May in Birr where the organisation was founded. A garden party will be held on 9th July in the I.C.A. College in Termonfeckin in Drogheda and a Centenary brooch has already been launched.

The Federation A.G.M. will take place on 26th May in Woodlands Hotel in Adare. Maynooth Guild finished up the year with a great Christmas Party and get well wishes were sent to Betty Moore and Imelda Delaney. The president Margaret Houlihan and Secretary Rosemary Hanly attended the Senior Citizens Christmas Party and were delighted to be invited.

Kildare week in An Grianán will be held from 21st to 25th June and the weekend will be held from 5th to 7th November at the December meeting. Tony Bean gave a very interesting talk on greener homes and grants that are available. He gave us a questioner to fill in and to bring back to the meeting—so ladies don't forget. Competition winner on the night was Mary McNamara with Mary O'Gorman taking 2nd place and Margaret Houlihan in 3rd place and Rosemary Hanly and Betty Farrell tied for 4th place.

The Christmas Raffle winners were 1. Mary Deane, 2. Mary McNamara, 3. Norah Mc Dermot, 4. Lil O' Brien, 5. Eilish O' Malley, 6. Mary O' Gorman, 7. Mairead Scanlon, 8. Betty Farrell, 9. Helen Pearse, 10. Mary Dunne.

Crafts continue every Monday night and Badminton in the College on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Monthly meetings take place 1st Thursday every month at 8.00p.m. and new members always welcome.

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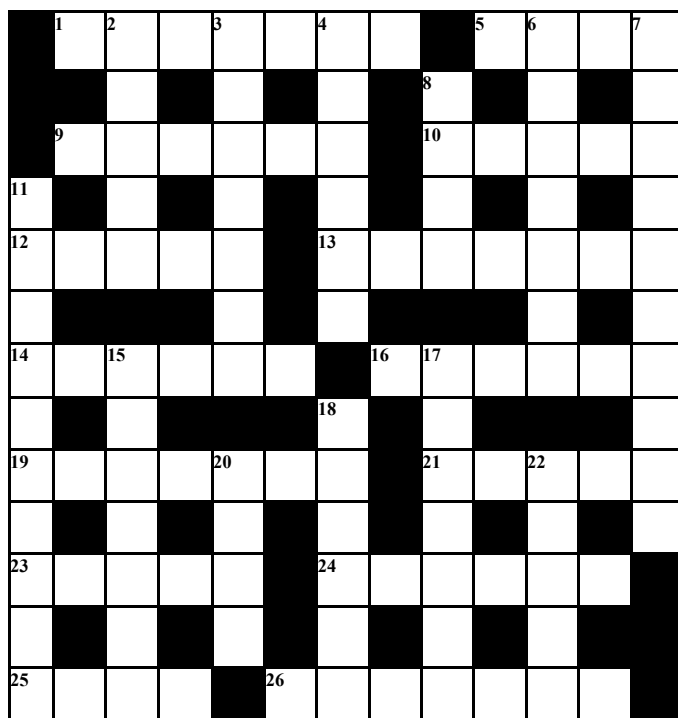
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5. Small nail (4)
9. Bad tempered (6)
10. Desert water hole (5)
12. Internal (5)
13. Gun carriage? (7)
14. Crib (6)
16. Agency (6)
19. Large jug (7)
21. Refuse (5)
23. Expression (5)
24. Ball game (6)
25. Watched closely (4)
26. Foretaste (7)

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3. Naval officer (7)
4. Grass-cutting tool (7)
6. Showjumping prize (7)
7. Frantic with worry (10)
8. Young horse (4)
11. Chastise (10)
15. Fred _ _ _ , late US song and dance man (7)
17. Peter _ _ _ , British actor/director (7)
18. Volcano cavity (6)
20. Bulge (4)
22. Get up (5)

Solutions to Jumbo Crossword No. 84.

Across: 1. Abolish, 4. Hotel, 7. Surface, 8. Decay, 9. Allies, 12. Mushroom, 15. Charisma, 17. Mouldy, 18. Boris, 21. Working, 22. Weepy, 23. Barrage, 24. Decorative, 31. Vicious, 32. Rowel, 33. Rudd, 34. Peri, 35. Doe, 37. Larkin, 38. Willow, 41. War, 43. Hoax, 44. Gull, 46. Ninja, 47. Dwindle, 48. Recklessly.

Down: 1. Adriatic, 2. Laurie, 3. Heal, 4. Heed, 5. Tractor, 6. Lazy, 10. Smash, 11. Islam, 13. Mary Rose, 14. Caprice, 16. Turner, 18. Brew, 19. Sway, 20. Drab, 24. Decider, 25. Coot, 26. Russet, 27. Terrific, 28. Vowed, 29. Overflowing, 30. Sleepwalker, 36. Highjack, 39. Laundry, 40. Paddle, 42. Range, 45. Pits.

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Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

New Credit Review system a boost for Kildare business – Fitzpatrick

The establishment of a Credit Review system will be of major benefit to Kildare's small and medium businesses, Farm Enterprises and Sole Traders, giving them the right of appeal where an application for credit is refused by a Financial Institution participating in NAMA according to local Fianna Fail TD, and Convenor of the Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"The Credit Review system, announced in Budget 2010 by the Minister for Finance, Brian Lenihan TD, is being set up solely to support Irish businesses and jobs."

"I understand that the Minister will issue guidelines to all banks participating in NAMA who have an SME business, to ensure that SMEs, sole traders and farm enterprises will have recourse to an independent, external review of decisions of credit refusal by the banks."

"I think the important thing to point out is that, under this new system, the banks must comply with the recommendations of the appeal process or explain why they cannot do so."

"I would hope that banks not participating in NAMA or covered by the Government guarantee will also participate in this process."

"Currently, there are over 250,000 SMEs operating in Ireland, employing over 800,000 people. At present, SMEs are experiencing serious difficulties accessing credit and with this new credit review system, banks will now be answerable for their credit lending decisions," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Good news for hard pressed retailers in Kildare as upward only rent review clauses banned – Fitzpatrick

There is good news for hard pressed retailers and businesses in Kildare as upwardly only rent review clauses are to be banned according to local Fianna Fail TD and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"The Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, Mr Dermot Ahern, TD, has banned upwardly only rent review clauses in business leases."

"The Minister signed the banning order today under section 132 of the Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Act."

"Kildare retailers and other businesses will see the benefit of this new law when it comes into operation on 28 February 2010. The delay of three months will allow the proposed changes to be taken on board by the market."

"I am pleased that this law has come into effect. It is only right, that at a time when residential rents are dropping and the cost of living is reducing that Kildare businesses should also be able to take advantage."

"Retail sales have decreased and many other businesses are also under pressure so this new law will give peace of mind to those feared that a rent increase might put them out of business."

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"I am happy that the Government is giving this practical support to retailers and other businesses and I am confident that this measure will assist them," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Funding boost for Kildare County Council for recycling - Fitzpatrick

Kildare County Council are to receive a funding boost to assist them with the costs of running their bring banks and other recycling facilities according to local Fianna Fail TD, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"Kildare County Council will receive funding of just over €120,000 from the Government's Environment Fund to help to meet the costs of running the recycling facilities including bring banks around the county."

"The Environment Fund exists as a result of the plastic bag and landfill levy. It is important that everyone can see that these levies go directly back to helping the environment."

"It is essential that everyone plays their part in protecting the environment and recycling household waste goes a long way. The provision of accessible and convenient recycling centres is vital if people are to be encouraged to recycle so I am delighted that this extra support is being given to Kildare County Council for this.

"I would like to commend all of the staff at the recycling centres in Kildare who provide this excellent service," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Fitzpatrick confirms details of revised Work Placement Programme

Local Fianna Fáil TD and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick has confirmed that eligibility criteria of the Government's Work Placement Programme are being relaxed from this December.

"This Programme is now aimed at providing nine months of work experience to 2,000 unemployed people, while they continue to maintain their social welfare entitlements."

"The changes being introduced will improve the accessibility of the Programme by amending its

eligibility criteria for both the participants and the firms providing the placements."

"I know that the Minister for Labour, Dara Calleary has worked with the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Mary Coughlan TD, on this initiative to maximise the effectiveness of the Programme giving participants the opportunity to gain valuable work experience."

"The changes will allow for applications from recipients of most social welfare payments, including Job Seekers' Allowance and Job Seekers' Benefit. Unemployed graduates who are not receiving a social welfare payment will also now be eligible to apply including 2009 graduates. In addition, the period, for which participants have to be in receipt of a social welfare payment in order to be eligible, has been reduced from 6 months to 3 months."

"The criteria for firms providing placements have also widened. The Programme will be open to all sectors of the economy including, the private, public, and now the community and voluntary sectors. The Department of Finance will issue a Circular in the coming weeks on the operation of the Programme in the public sector. The requirement for a firm to have at least 10 employees has been removed. Previously firms could only participate if they did not have redundancies in the previous 6 months. This constraint has been reduced to 3 months, if level of redundancies in the last three months was less than 5% of the workforce. The duration of the work placement has also been increased to a maximum of 9 months."

"This Programme offers jobseekers and graduates the opportunity to gain valuable experience in their chosen field which is crucial in the current difficult economic environment. We need to get people out working, in training and in work placements like this where possible so that they can upskill, retrain and be ready for the upturn when it comes."

"FÁS will continue to manage the Work Placement Programme and interested parties should revert to the FÁS website, www.fas.ie, for further information or their local FÁS Employment Services offices or alternatively they can call the FÁS freephone number 1800 611 116," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

Maynooth Community Games held the annual table quiz on Tuesday the 13th October. Many thanks to Mr. Coakley, Principal of the Boys National School for the use of the school.

Four teams from Maynooth headed off to Sarsfields GAA Club on Thurs 3rd Dec. to compete in the Kildare County Final.

Teams as follows:

MAYNOOTH EAST 1 75 points
LAURA MILLET MICHEAL McBREARTY
THOMAS FEENEY AOIFE LYNCH
Subs. COLM McCABE and TARA GANLY

MAYNOOTH WEST 1 72 points
ANDREW CORRIGAN SAMUEL CORRIGAN
DARA McCORMACK MELISSA BARRETT
Subs PAUL MAGUIRE and MICHEAL DIAMOND

MAYNOOTH WEST 2 65 points
BEN CARROLL NIAL KINIRONS
ROSS KAVANAGH MICHEAL NUGENT
Subs MEGAN DIAMOND and EOIN DONNELLAN

MAYNOOTH EAST 2 57 points
OLIVIA CARTON AINE FEENEY
CONOR LYNCH CONOR GANLY

Well done to all the boys and girls.

The overall winning team on the night were Clane, and Maynooth East 1 were pipped at the tie breaker with St. Conleths to come in third place. Well done.

Many thanks to Brian and Colm for all the training and coaching.

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ICT boost for Kildare schools as Smart Schools plan launched – Fitzpatrick

Kildare schools are to get a major ICT boost as each classroom will get a computer under the 'smart schools' programme launched by the Department of Education according to local Fianna Fail TD, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"Every Kildare classroom is to get a teaching laptop, software and a digital projector over the next three years as part of a €150 million 'Smart Schools' plan."

"The plan is designed to ensure that there is effective investment in ICT in schools."

"It will help pupils to become familiar with ICT at a young age and build their confidence and skills."

"The ICT will work as both an educational and motivational tool for the pupils and will help to enhance their learning."

"This kind of training and education is essential if we are to build the smart economy of the future."

"I am delighted that the Minister for Education is working closely with Paul Rellis, the Managing Director of Microsoft Ireland, members of ICT Ireland, the Telecommunications and Internet Federation, the Irish Software Association, as well as Government Departments to identify the needs of pupils and teachers and maximise opportunities with this investment."

"Primary schools in Kildare will be prioritised for grants, benefiting from the €22 million that will go to primary schools nationwide before the end of the year."

"Funding for post-primary schools will be made available early in the New Year and these schools will be asked to prioritise the purchase of equipment for the classrooms used for teaching maths."

"I am also pleased to see that in the future that Department of Education will put in place a central procurement arrangement for ICT equipment that will ensure the best possible value for money."

"I look forward to seeing the positive results of this investment," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick

Children's Colouring Competition

February 2010



Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____

THE WINNERS OF LAST MONTH'S COMPETITION WERE

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Maynooth Post Primary School Santa Cycle

Transition Year students from Maynooth Post Primary School. They participated in the Santa Cycle from Dublin to Cork on 17th to 21st December. The picture shows them at their interview on TV3's Ireland AM.

The Santa Cycle is in aid of the Chernobyl Children's Project. Students participated as part of their "7 Steps" programme in conjunction with the Gaisce President's Awards.



Efficient Customer Service

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Tom McMullon.

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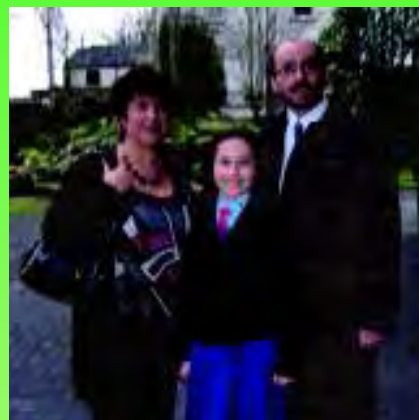
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Editorial-March

We begin the March edition of The Maynooth Newsletter by recognising the superb production of 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' by the students and staff of Maynooth Post Primary School. The annual musical is a major undertaking and the time and commitment invested by the school in the production was recognised by the full capacity attendance during each night of the show.

Maynooth Post-Primary school are also to be congratulated for winning the all Ireland, Junior Irish debating competition. The competition is contested by schools all over Ireland, with English medium schools competing in the Comórtas an Phiarsaigh competition while Irish medium schools compete in the Comórtas Uí Chadhain competition. The fact that Maynooth won the Comórtas Uí Chadhain competition shows that the standard of spoken Irish in the school is as good as in Gaeltacht and Irish medium schools. This achievement must confirm to The Department of Education and Science the rationale to upgrade the Irish medium stream from Junior Certificate to Leaving Certificate. We would urge County Kildare V.E.C. to impress upon the Department the logic and educational benefits of an Aonad, i.e. an Irish medium unit up to Leaving Certificate.

On the broader educational front we are happy to report that the Teen Café is progressing well under the stewardship of Hugh Gallagher. The teen café committee are working hard on our behalf and putting a structure in place for Maynooth that will be permanent and durable. If residents wish to become involved or act a volunteers please send an email to the office, maynoothcc@eircom.net or drop into our office beside the Post Office and leave your contact details. We appreciate that Maynooth G.A.A. have been running well supervised end of term discos for teenagers. This outlet is important in teenagers lives and we hope that they will continue with this facility, maith sibh!

A large number of parents attended a two day ASSIST workshop on teenage suicide intervention organised by the H.S.E., Maynooth & Kilcock Lions, Dept. of Education and Maynooth Community Council. I wish to pay tribute to the amount of work put into teen suicide awareness by Deirdre Cullen. Deirdre represents us on the above committee and was instrumental in organising the ASSIST programme in Maynooth.

We are all looking forward to this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade. The event brightens up our annual national Saint's feast day and national holiday. A hard working committee under the guidance of Cllr. J. Mc Ginley have organised a parade full of variety and packed full with entertainment. The Maynooth and Dublin parades are recognised to be the largest in Leinster.

We are also looking forward to the re-enactment of the 1910 Concert on the 27th March 2010. This is a combination of the talents of St. Mary's Brass and Reed, the Maynooth Local History Group and the Nuada Players who will stage in St. Patrick's Aula Maxima the programme of a concert recited in the Town Hall one hundred years ago. We are encouraged to arrive in 1910 dress.

With the longer evenings we note that Maynooth Tidy Towns have already started making the town look its best. Spring has truly arrived and it is time to enjoy the many beautiful walks we have in Maynooth.

Beannachtaí na Fhéile Pádraig ar Phobal Mhaigh Nuad.

Colm Ó Cearúil.

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Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council meeting 8th February 2010

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

School musical and Irish language debating success

Colm Ó Cearúil (Chairperson) congratulated Maynooth Post Primary School for their excellent production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and for the junior debating team's winning the junior section at the All-Ireland Final of Gael Linn's debating competition, Comórtas Uí Chadhain. He said this was particularly commendable because the team from Maynooth's Irish language stream had been in competition with students from 'all-Irish' schools.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Councillor John McGinley (Labour, St. Patrick's Day Parade committee) told the meeting that preparations for the St. Patrick's Day Parade were going well. A number of large sponsors had come on board, and seven floats and two bands were already signed up. He said that the committee is looking for volunteers to act as stewards for one hour, from 11.00 to 12.00, on the morning of the parade.

Community space at Tesco premises

J. McGinley advised that a Community Council sub-committee should be set up to plan for the use of the new community space at the Tesco premises. It was agreed that representatives from the Community Council Executive would join the sub-committee, as would the Community Council PDO, and representatives from the Teen Café sub-committee and Nuada Players.

Centenary Concert 1910-2010

Hilda Dunne (Local History Group) said that there would be a Centenary Concert on Saturday March 27th at the Aula Maxima at St. Patrick's College. An Nuada Players, St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band, Maynooth Local History Group and the college Music Department would re-enact a concert performed in Maynooth in 1910. Tickets are available from An Nuada Players.

Twinning sub-committee

C. Ó Cearúil said that the Twinning sub-committee is progressing well with the plan to twin Maynooth with the town of Canet in the south of France. An NUIM swimming-team representative was joining the committee, as were two teachers from Maynooth Post Primary School who were interested in investigating the possibility of arranging student exchanges between teenagers from the two towns. C. Ó Cearúil said that the committee would like other interested people to join, and that it was hoped that a delegation from Maynooth would visit Canet this summer.

Tidy Towns campaign

Paul Croghan (Tidy Towns committee) said that Kildare County Council had not so far reinstated the Pound, the Green, and the area at the gates to St. Patrick's College as previously agreed. He said that failure to carry out this work would seriously undermined Maynooth's entry in this year's Tidy Towns Competition and that KCC had now promised to complete all works before 31st March.

Senior Citizens

Josie Moore (Maynooth Senior Citizens committee) said that many members had attended the recent school musical. A Valentine's Day event was coming up, as was the committee's annual collection.

Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention

Deirdre Cullen (PRO) updated the meeting on the Mental Health Promotion & Suicide Prevention Subgroup for North-East Kildare. The subgroup is planning to circulate an electronic-newsletter to update people on its activities. She said that the group's focus, for the present, would continue to be on the mental health issues of young people, and that it hoped to run an evening of talks aimed at parents and teenagers later this spring. The geographical area covered by the sub-group is Maynooth, Celbridge, Leixlip, Kilcock, and surrounding areas. There are approximately 17,000 children and young people (0-19 years) in the North East Kildare area, as well as

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Rachel Hynes.



Pupils of Scoil Uí Fháich.



Megan Ronan, Róisín Forde.



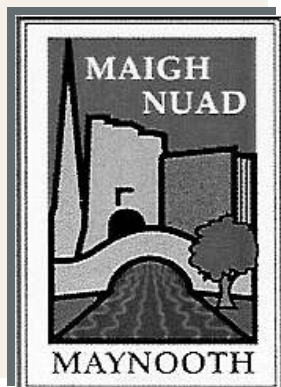
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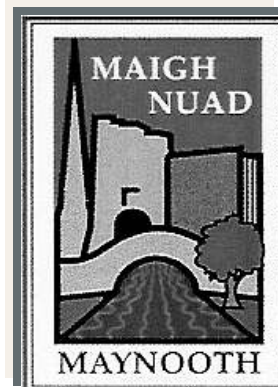


Kevin Ó Duinn.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ELECTIONS 2010



Election Schedule

Nominations

The Nomination Form is included in this issue of the Newsletter.

Extra forms may be obtained from:

Community Council Office,
Unit 5,
Tesco Shopping Centre,
Maynooth .

All nominations should include the signature of the nominee signifying her/his acceptance of the nomination.

All nominations to arrive at the Community Council Office by **Friday 12th March 2010**

Any Resident over 18 is eligible to the election and to vote.

Voting

If elections are required, voting papers will be distributed to all households between **Monday 29th March 2010**. Votes will be collected the following week, if they are not collected they may be brought to the Community Council office. All votes must be returned by **Thursday 8th April 2010**.

They will be counted on **Saturday 10th April 2010**.

Counting will be done by neutral volunteers under the supervision of outside scrutineers. For single area electoral areas, the single transferable vote method of counting will be used (as in by-election to the Dáil Eireann).

For multiple-seat areas, each voter will have as many votes as there are available, with the candidates obtaining the most votes being elected, as appropriate.

The first meeting of the New Council will take place on **Monday 12th April 2010**.

This will be an AGM including the election of new officers for the Council.

Notices will be sent to all councillors.

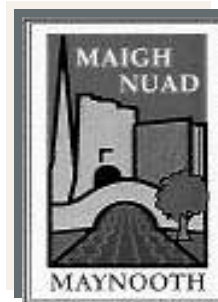
There will be an informal meeting beforehand- councillors will be notified in advance.



MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTORS 2010

Community Council Electors

Elections for the new Community Council take place in April 2010.
There are 79 seats to be filled with a nominee from the student's Union. Co-options may take place after the first meeting.



Election arrangements

The number of Council places per electoral area is based on a rough ratio of 100 voters (from the Electoral Register) per Council member

Electoral Areas

1. Town Centre (5 seats)
The area bounded by Bond Bridge, Mullen Bridge, Blacklion, Kildare Bridge (Dunboyne Road) and the Parish Church.
2. Railpark/Straffan Road including the Crescent (1 seat)
3. Castledawson (3 seats)
4. Lyreen Park/ Pebble Hill (2 seats)
5. Parson's Hall (1 seat)
6. Carton Square, Dillons Row/Nagle Court (1 seat)
7. Railpark Estate (2 seats)
8. Greenfield Estate (5 seats)
including Laurence Avenue, Maynooth Park, Greenfield Drive, Straffan Way.
9. Carton Court (2 seats)
10. Kingsbry (5 seats)
11. Greenfield Lane/Greenfield Phase 1 (1 seat)
12. Greenfield Phase 2 (1 seat)
13. Greenfield Phase 3 – Private sites (1 seat)
14. Beaufield (3 seats)
15. Meadowbrook (4 seats)
16. Cluain Aoibhinn (2 seats)
17. College Green (2 seats)
18. Moyglare Road/Moyglare Meadows/Moyglare Village (4 seats)
19. Moyglare Abbey (4 seats) Moyglare Hall (5 seats)
20. Newtown/Woodlands/Ashleigh Court (2 seats)
21. Newtown Court (2 seats)
22. Parson Street/Parson Lodge/Court (1 seat)
23. Silken Vale/ The Arches (2 seats)
24. Castlebridge (1 seat)
25. Parklands (5 seats)
26. Rockfield (5 seats)
27. Griffin Rath (2 seats)
28. Straffan Wood (4 seats)
29. Brookfield (2 seats)
30. O' Neill Park (1 seat)
31. Newtown Hall (2 seats)
32. The Crescent (1 seat)
33. Ballygoran (1 seat)
34. Kilcock Road (1 seat)
35. Old Railpark (1 seat)
36. Celbridge Road (1 seat)
37. Leinster Park/Dublin Road (1 seat)
38. Outlying Area A (1 seat)
Including Carton Demesne, Old Carton, Catherinestown, Kellystown, Blakestown.
39. Outlying Area B (1 seat)
Including Windgates (east side of Straffan Road), Toolestown, Corbally, Griffinrath, Moneycooley, Ballygoran.
40. Outlying Area C (1 seat)
Including Rowanstown, Dowdstown, Taghadoe, Toolestown (west side of Straffan Road), Windgates, Newtownmacabe, Rooks, Smithstown, Johninstown, Graiguesallagh, Cowanstown, Kealstown, Craiguelin, Derrystown, Donaghstown.
41. Outlying Area D (1 seat)
Including Timard, Laraghbryan East/West, The Maws, Ballycurraghan, Treadstown, Cormackstown, Crinstown, Laragh Demesne.



MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS



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VOTES COUNTED:	SATURDAY 27TH MARCH 2010
FIRST MEETING	MONDAY 12TH APRIL 2010

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**MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL, UNIT 5, TESCO SHOPPING CENTRE,
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I agree to act on the Council if elected

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

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Maynooth Boys National School.



Daniel O'Sullivan.



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Trophy

3 Best Band

Perpetual
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4 Best Portrayal of Irish Culture

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5 Best School Float

Trophy

6 Best Portrayal of Environmental
Awareness

Trophy

Applications with entry fee to be sent to Community Council Office before
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John McGinley (6285293 (H) or 087-989045 (M))

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Question

I'm confused about the changes that were made to Mortgage Interest Relief in Budget 2010. I'm a first-time buyer in year 4 of my mortgage. When will my entitlement expire and what rate of relief am I entitled to?

Answer

Tax relief for home mortgage interest is not given through the tax system but is instead granted at source (called tax relief at source or TRS). Your mortgage repayments are reduced by the amount of the tax credit due.

In Budget 2010 it was announced that qualifying loans taken out before 1 July 2011 will continue to get relief for seven years and that transitional measures would be provided for qualifying loans taken out between 1 July 2011 and the end of 2013. This means that anyone whose entitlement to relief was due to expire in 2010 or after will continue to qualify for relief at the applicable rate up until the end of 2017. The relief will be abolished completely by the end of 2017.

In January 2009 the rate of mortgage interest relief for first-time buyers was increased from 20% to 25% in years 1 and 2 and to 22.5% in years 3, 4 and 5. The relief remained unchanged at 20% for years 6 and 7 of the mortgage. For non-first time buyers the rate of mortgage relief was reduced from 20% to 15%.

For you as a first-time buyer in year 4 of your mortgage you are currently due a 22.5% tax relief on the interest element of your mortgage repayment. This means that if the interest portion of your mortgage is €500 per month, your mortgage lender will reduce your mortgage payment by €112.50 per month. You will continue to get mortgage interest relief at 22.5% for year 5 of your mortgage and you will then get relief at 20% up until 2017 when the relief will be abolished.

Adjustments to your tax relief should be made automatically by your mortgage lender. You don't need to claim relief on your annual tax return or to contact your local Revenue office.

Question

I am getting a reduced One-Parent Family Payment because I work part-time in the mornings. My employer has just cut my hours. I was earning €250 a week and I'm now down to €130 a week. Does this have any effect on my payment?

Answer

If people on a One-Parent Family Payment (OFP) experience a drop in income, they may be entitled to an increase in their OFP (this differs from Family Income Supplement (FIS) which is only reviewed yearly). In your case since you are now earning less than €146.50 a week you are entitled to the full OFP. To get the increase you should send a current payslip with a letter from your employer confirming the change in your work situation to your local Social Welfare Office.

The amount of One-Parent Family Payment you get depends on your weekly means. Income from employment is calculated as follows:

- ♦ The first €146.50 of your gross weekly earnings is not taken into account. This means that you can earn up to €146.50 per week and qualify for the full One-Parent Family Payment.
- ♦ Half the remainder of your gross earnings up to €425 per week is assessed as means. If you earn between €146.50 and €425 per week you may qualify for a reduced payment.

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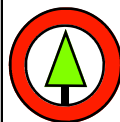
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Social insurance contributions, health contributions, superannuation contributions and trade union subscriptions are not taken into account in the assessment of earnings. However, your gross earnings must be below €425 before any deductions are allowed.

Question

My daughter was born in April 2006. Does she qualify for the new Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Scheme and how does the scheme work?

Answer

Yes, she does. In fact she qualifies for the scheme in January 2010 and in September 2010 although she can only avail of one year. The Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Scheme provides a free year of preschool education for eligible children. In general, children will be eligible for the ECCE scheme if they are aged between 3 years 3 months and 4 years 6 months on 1 September of the year that they will be starting.

For the start-up phase of the scheme from January 2010, children between 3 years 6 months and 4 years 11 months can avail of free pre-school services. This means that children born between 2 February 2005 and 30 June 2006 (both dates included) are eligible to take part in January 2010. Children born between 2 February 2006 and 30 June 2007 (both dates included) are eligible to take part in the scheme in September 2010. Children with special needs may be able to get an exemption from the upper age limit.

If your child attends a "sessional" service, such as a playschool, naíonra, Montessori or parent and toddler group, the normal pattern for the free pre-school year will be 3 hours per day over 38 weeks. (For the initial period January/June 2010, the free year lasts for 23 weeks.)

If your child attends a full-time or part-time daycare service, the normal pattern for the free pre-school year will be 2 hours and 15 minutes per day over 50 weeks. (For the initial period January/August 2010, the free year lasts for 34 weeks.)

Providers of childcare services get a weekly capitation fee from the State to cover the specified number of ECCE scheme hours. If your child attends for extra hours, you pay the school directly for those hours.

You apply directly to a participating playschool or daycare centre. You can get a list of participating services from your local City or County Childcare Committee.

Question

I am a small business owner and I have been having a difficult time getting payments from some of my clients. How can I reclaim the amounts owed?

Answer

You can now bring claims of up to €2,000 to the Small Claims Court.

From Monday 11 January 2010 businesses involved in disputes with other businesses can use the Small Claims Court. Up to now the court has only been available to consumers.

The aim of the Small Claims Court procedure is to provide an inexpensive, fast and easy way to resolve disputes without the need to employ a solicitor. The service is provided in your local District Court office and the application fee is €15.

To avail of the Small Claims Court procedure your business must have purchased goods or services from someone selling them in the course of business. You cannot make claims in respect of debts, personal injuries or breach of leasing or hire purchase agreements. The court officials settle many cases through negotiation, without the case having to be listed for court. You have a choice of legal routes since normal court proceedings are also available. It is advisable to have legal advice if your case is listed for court.

You can download an application form for the Small Claims Court from the www.courts.ie website or from www.citizensinformation.ie. Application forms are also available from your local District Court office. Staff in your District Court office can help in completing the application form.

You can also make an online application on the www.courts.ie website. (This is not currently available for business to business claims.)

Question

I recently made an InterCity journey by rail. However, the train broke down en route, so we arrived at the

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destination several hours later than scheduled. Am I entitled to any compensation for having my travel plans upset in this way?

Answer

Under Iarnród Éireann's passenger charter, if you are more than one hour late arriving at your destination because of circumstances under the control of Iarnród Éireann, you will be offered discount vouchers to use when you buy future tickets. Iarnród Éireann do not accept claims for delays that are outside their control. These include pre-advertised timetable alterations due to engineering works; security alerts; industrial action taken without notice; extreme weather conditions including snow or storms; and vandalism or other actions carried out by people who do not work for them.

The value of discount vouchers is based on the length of delay and the fare paid for the single journey affected.

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If the seat you reserved is not available and there is no other available seat of the same standard on the same train, Iarnród Éireann will refund your single journey fare in travel vouchers.

To apply for discounts you fill in an application form, available from the ticket offices in all main stations, Travel Centres and the DART Office, Pearse Station, Dublin 2. When you apply for discount vouchers you must attach your ticket to the completed form to prove you bought it; and give any other supporting evidence needed.

If a cross-border journey is delayed (for example a Dublin-Belfast train) under EU legislation you have the right to:

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The subgroup membership consists of the HSE, National Educational Psychological Services, KYS, Mental Health Ireland, Maynooth, Celbridge and Kilcock Community Councils, and Leixlip Town Council.

The context for the formation of subgroup was the number of tragic teenage deaths in the area in 2008 and 2009. The HSE organised information evenings in Maynooth, Celbridge and Kilcock in 2009 and carried out community needs assessments at these events. There was a widespread feeling that there was a need for a co-ordinated community response. Two subgroups were formed: one involving agencies dealing with immediate crisis response, and the other to work on mental health promotion and suicide prevention. Maynooth Community Council participates in this latter group.

The longer term objectives of the subgroup are: to improve co-ordination and information sharing between organisations and agencies serving young people; to improve mental health outcomes for young people; and to increase community knowledge and awareness of the mental health needs of young people. The subgroup hopes that, as it evolves, other interested groups will become involved.

Dangerous driving in local estates

Tom McMullon (Vice-chairperson) said that cars and taxis were using local estates like 'Mondello Park', and endangering residents. Residents from Lawrence Avenue agreed and said that their estate was being used as a 'thru-way' with no speed limits. D. Cullen said that residents in the Lyreen area were also experiencing this problem and that pedestrians were being put at risk. J. McGinley said that drivers were ignoring the no-entry signs to the lanes because the regulations were not being enforced. T. Mc Mullon said that these problems must be put to the Gardai again.

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Recipes for St. Patrick's Day

Potato Soup

Ingredients :

9 potatoes, peeled and diced
6 stalks of celery, sliced
2 small onions, chopped
3 cups water
2 teaspoons salt
3 chicken cubes, dissolved in 1/2 cup boiling water
6 cups milk
1/2 cup flour
A desert spoon of margarine or butter



Method :

Combine the potatoes, celery, onion, water, and seasonings in a large pan. Bring to a boil. Cover and cook until tender, about 30 minutes. Combine a small amount of milk and flour until smooth. Add this mixture and the rest of milk to the potato mixture. Stir in the butter. Cook and stir over medium heat until the soup thickens.

Irish Lamb Stew

Ingredients:

Olive or vegetable oil
454g (1lb) of lamb pieces
(get your butcher to cut it for you)
2 carrots, cut into rough chunks
1 medium onion, sliced
1 bay leaf
Leaves of 2 sprigs of thyme
1 pint of chicken or vegetable stock (made from a cube)
Parsley, a small handful, chopped
4 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into slices (Roosters are good as they hold their shape)
Black pepper



Method:

1. Fry the lamb pieces in the oil in batches until they are brown. Put them aside on a plate. Fry the onion with the bay leaf and carrot over low heat until the carrots have taken on some colour. Add a grinding of black pepper. Return the lamb to the pan with the thyme leaves.
2. Add the stock and cook with the lid on until the meat is almost done. Add the potatoes and cook until the potatoes are fork-soft but not collapsing. Stir in the parsley and serve immediately or leave it to go cold, keep it covered in the fridge and reheat the next day.

Colcannon

Ingredients:

3-4 medium potatoes, peeled and quartered
3 tbsp. milk or unsweetened/plain soy milk
1/4 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
2 cups chopped cabbage or kale
2 tbsp. butter or margarine
1/4 cup chopped onions



Method:

1. Cook potatoes in a pot of boiling water until tender. Drain, reserving water.
2. Place the hot potatoes in a large bowl.
3. Add chopped cabbage to the reserved potato water. Cook 6-8 minutes or until tender.
4. Meanwhile, fry the onions in the butter or margarine.
5. When they are cool enough to handle, mash potatoes with a hand masher or fork. Add the fried onions and cabbage.
6. Add milk, salt and pepper and beat until fluffy. Serve with Boiled Ham or Bacon.

Easy Strawberry Mousse

Ingredients:

2 x 400g tin of strawberries, drained
1 packet strawberry jelly
1/2 pint cream, lightly whipped
4-5 egg whites, stiffly beaten
50g caster sugar



Method:

1. Crush and sieve the strawberries - set aside to fold into the mousse when it is half set in the fridge.
2. Dissolve the jelly as per the packet instructions and leave until cold.
3. Stiffly beat the egg whites, then add the jelly to the beaten egg whites, while continuing to beat.
4. Lightly whip the cream and fold it into the jelly along with the sugar.
5. Transfer to the fridge to set.
6. After 2 hours, fold the sieved strawberries into the mousse and divide between ramekin dishes and leave to set.



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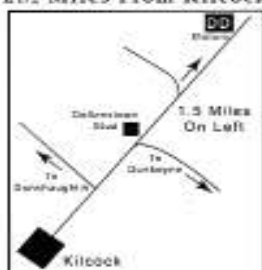
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Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

Good things are happening. Some of them you may not feel you've earned, but don't worry. Bad things have happened too, and you didn't deserve those, either.
Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 9, Colour Yellow.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

You will rise above the tone that others set. In fact, you'll be feeling so great for at least part of the day that you may officially call this your favourite time of year for decades
our lucky day is Thursday, Number 25, Colour orange.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

You'll be the rebel. The role is a valuable asset to the group you rebel against. In fact, you are vital to the functioning of society. You're there to keep the status quo in check.
Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 13, Colour Cerise.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

You'll enjoy each stage of a relationship, so don't worry about how things will develop. When the newness wears off, the next thing to look forward to is a real sense of connection.
Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 28, Colour Gold.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

You will be a decisive and commanding presence this year. Others will enjoy following your orders because you have a clear and exciting vision. Attractive new friends come into your life in March
Your lucky day is Monday, Number 16, Colour Blue.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

You know what the greatest blessing of your life is. Every time you think about that part of your experience, you feel truly lucky.
Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 14, Colour Red.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

Something you want continues to be so elusive that you are beginning to wonder whether it is even possible to have it. Impossibility is a temporary stage in the development of everything that was, is and ever will be.
Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 32, Colour Midnight Blue.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

Avoid being reactionary. Pick an image to help you stay true to the purposes you choose for yourself. This vision will be your lighthouse, guiding you toward the person you want to be.
Your lucky day is Friday, Number 25, Colour Violet.



LEO—July 24—August 23

You'll be dealing with a subject that has universal appeal. Whether it's your love of a person, a pet or your struggles with a project, share your story and the people around you will respond by sharing theirs.
Your lucky day is Monday, Number 22, Colour Black.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

Balance and moderation are in order. Those around you will want to push you in a direction that is too extreme. Be reasonable.
Your lucky day is Wednesday, Number 19, Colour Petrol Blue.



Virgo—August 24—Sept 23

Yes, you have responsibilities. But must you handle all of them in one day? Consider whether you can put something off until tomorrow.
Your lucky day is Wednesday, number 17, Colour White.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

It's not every day that someone is so astutely tuned in to you. Today you'll get a line of questioning from a curious mind. You'll find it interesting what you are willing to reveal about yourself.
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Solutions



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Medium

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Difficult

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Super-Difficult

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Why Transition initiatives are necessary

The two toughest challenges facing humankind early in this 21st century are Climate Change and Peak Oil. Peak Oil which heralds the era of ever-declining fossil fuel availability, may well challenge the economic and social stability that is essential if we are to mitigate the threats posed by Climate Change. Peak Oil is not about "running out of oil" – we'll never run out of oil. There will always be oil left in the ground because either it's too hard to reach or it takes too much energy to extract. Peak Oil is about the end of cheap and plentiful oil, the recognition that the ever increasing volumes of oil being pumped into our economies will peak and then inexorably decline.

The transition initiatives currently in progress in the UK, Ireland and beyond represent the most promising way of engaging people and communities to take the far-reaching actions that are required to mitigate the effects of Peak Oil and Climate Change.

Transition Initiatives exemplify the principle of thinking globally, acting locally. In essence, this is a process of relocalising all essential elements that a community needs to sustain itself and thrive. It builds local resilience in the face of the potentially damaging effects of Peak Oil while dramatically reducing the community's carbon footprint. In this way, it addresses both Peak Oil and Climate Change.

The Transition Model is a loose set of real-world principles and practices that have been built up over time through experimentation and observation of communities as they drive forward to build local resilience and reduce carbon emissions.

Underlying awareness

Underpinning the Transition Model is a recognition of the following:

- ♦ Climate Change and Peak Oil require urgent action
- ♦ life with less energy is inevitable and it is better to plan for it than be taken by surprise
- ♦ industrial society has lost the resilience to be able to cope with energy shocks
- ♦ we have to act together and we have to act now
- ♦ regarding the world economy and the consumptive patterns within it, as long as the laws of physics apply, infinite growth within a finite system (such as planet earth) simply isn't possible.
- ♦ if we plan and act early enough, and use our creativity and cooperation to unleash the genius within our local communities, then we can build a future that could be far more fulfilling and enriching, more connected and more gentle on the earth than the lifestyles we have today.

The ultimate aim of a transition initiative is to design an Energy Descent Action Plan to reduce our consumption of energy to a sustainable level. The Transition Movement has set out a series of twelve steps to accomplish this. One of the first steps is to raise awareness and to attract committed members.

For an effective Energy Descent Action plan to evolve, its participants have to understand the potential effects of both Peak Oil and Climate Change – the former demanding a drive to increase community resilience, the latter a reduction in carbon footprint.

Screenings of key films, Inconvenient Truth, Power of Community, The Powerdown Show, are very effective. Articles in local papers, presentations to existing groups, including schools, are also part of the toolkit to get people aware of the issues and ready to start thinking of solutions.

There are today more than 450 transition initiatives in the UK and hundreds more worldwide with a growing number in Ireland. To find out more go to www.transitiontowns.org

Here in Maynooth we are at the initial stage. Currently we are showing the Powerdown series of films which we follow with a discussion. Details of this and other events on the Irish scene can be found on the website www.transitiontownsireland.ning.com under Events. If you would like to join this growing movement or just know more contact me at David.Walsh@nuim.ie or at 6286874 in the evenings.

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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Reinstatement works in open spaces should be finished by the end of 2010

Last month we reported the concern that these reinstatement works had come to a halt particularly in the small pound. Kildare County Council has confirmed that the existing reinstatement was only temporary and that the aim is now to complete the final works by the 31st March 2010 as per the proposals agreed with Maynooth Tidy Towns.

Maynooth Tidy Towns support Maynooth Transition Town initiative

David Walsh addressed our February meeting seeking our support for the “Maynooth Transition Town” movement. Such groups exist in towns in other Countries particularly the UK. There are a number of other towns in Ireland. They aim to seek lifestyle changes in communities to tackle at local level the twin issues of “Climate Change” and “Peak Oil”. Peak Oil relates to the fact that the world Oil supplies are diminishing. They aim to encourage local food production as one way of limiting food transport needs. The discussion for Maynooth was around the group’s view that we should plant fruit bearing trees in areas of the town as The Tidy Towns Committee is supportive of the initiative.

Maynooth Tidy Towns start works for 2010

Our first major work for 2010 took place on February 13th at the Boy’s School on the Moyglare Road. The two beds were cleaned off and the litter which mainly consisted of empty alcoholic drinks bottles and cans were removed. It would be appreciated if people would not park on the grass in this area.

St. Patrick’s Day Float

After some discussions the theme of this year’s float in the Maynooth St. Patrick’s Day parade was decided. The message will be that the community help fight litter. Look out for the live boxing match on the day.

National Tidy Towns Competition Application 2010

Just a reminder to Residents Associations that if you plan to do any upgrade work in your area this year, please advise us so that we can include it in the “National Tidy Towns Competition” application 2010. Remember everyone’s work helps to improve the town’s performance in the competition so that if we know about it we can include it as part of Maynooth’s effort.

Maynooth Tidy Towns looking forward to working with Post-Primary students

Following communication from the school’s environmental group Maynooth Tidy Towns is looking forward to working with the students. One key outcome would be to put a mechanism in place for an ongoing working relationship between Tidy Towns and the students.

Paul Croghan

Vice-Chairperson

Maynooth Tidy Towns.

I.C.A. Notes

Having missed our January meeting due to bad weather we had a full house at the February one. The Centenary year has got off to a great start with many events in the pipeline for 2010. Six new officers are needed for the Federation this year and new committee members are also needed for the Guild. Lots of new people have shown an interest in becoming members of the I.C.A. as crafts are making a big come back.

The Centenary dinner will take place in Wexford on the 6th May with a celebration in Bree on the 7th to mark the foundation of I.C.A., where it started 100 years ago. A Centenary Garden Party will be held in An Grianán in Louth on 9th July. The Federation dinner dance takes place on 19th February in the Keadeen Hotel with period costumes being worn by all the ladies, covering 100 years. A celebration is to be organised at Punchestown and a Service of Light and Concert in Kildare in November.

Our President Margaret Houlihan will represent Maynooth I.C.A. at the St. Patricks Day Parade. Daffodil Day takes place on 26th March and as usual the I.C.A. will be out in force on the streets.

The Guild were very successful this year in requiring a Go for Life Grant and this will go towards dancing and Badminton lessons. Kildare Week takes place in An Grianán from 21st to 26th May and the weekend will happen from 5th to 7th November.

Irish Language classes are starting in the Guild on 10th March and will continue for 5 weeks so we look forward to seeing a full hall for this event. Craft nights continue every Monday night in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour and Badminton on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the College Gym. The next Federation meeting takes place on 30th March in Celbridge and the Guilds next meeting on Thursday 4th March and this will be the A.G.M. The Raffle winners were 1st - Ann Fahey, 2nd - Ann Broughan, 3rd - Irene Matthews and the competition winners were 1st - Mary Halton, 2nd - Rosemary Hanley, 3rd - Catherine O’Reilly and Theresa Corcoran, 4th - Margaret Houlihan.

We look forward to seeing some new faces at our next meeting.

Norah McDermott PRO



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Maynooth GAA News - ALL-IRELAND IFC CLUB SEMI-FINAL



**Spa save best 'til last to end
Maynooth's All-Ireland dream**

SPA (KERRY)	2 - 11
MAYNOOTH	2 - 9



LIMERICK'S Gaelic Grounds might boast a big open field but she had a cruel heart for this epic semi-final, a game that was in doubt until the final whistle. Conor Gleeson struck Spa's second goal with just three minutes left and Maynooth's Croke Park dream disappeared into the foggy haze that surrounded the stadium.

They had come within inches of the winning line but Spa stood in their way at the crucial moment to send them back to the wilderness, a million miles from the glamour of an All-Ireland final in Croke next month.

It was especially hard on Maynooth's county star Karl Ennis, who scored 2-3, and pounced for a poacher's goal with just 13 minutes left that almost stole the game. After a poor start, Maynooth recovered to take the lead before the interval, thanks to a sublime first goal from Ennis, and when he toe-poked the ball past James Devane for his second in the 47th minute, the omens looked good.

But then those omens hadn't looked good before the game. Maynooth manager, Declan Cryan, suffered a puncture on his way to the game and had to flag a lift from the club chairman. Cryan has instilled a belief in his side that could never be deflated by a small piece of bad luck, and twice Maynooth came back to take the lead when Spa had threatened to overrun them.

Showing bottle might not be much consolation in defeat but this game hinged on a late blow to the gut that few teams would recover from. If Maynooth believed they could win, Spa seemed certain that they would.

Conor Gleeson's second goal was an exercise in self-belief. There was nothing on when the Spa half-forward gathered possession on the right wing but as he carried the ball into the centre, a channel opened up and he had no hesitation in gambolling through the space in front of Paul Flood's goal. When he got within striking distance, he coolly slotted the ball over Flood's right shoulder. Maynooth's All-Ireland dream had burned brightly for nearly an hour and in an instant the flame had been extinguished.

It didn't matter that there was only one point between the sides, it was the nature of the blow that meant Maynooth couldn't recover. Spa were on the ropes but they had delivered a knockout blow.

"You never know what might happen, I really felt, God we were going to get there," said Maynooth manager, Declan Cryan. "All year I never believed we were going to be beaten. And that's what we've been trying to instil in the guys, no matter what, whether we're two points up or two points down."

All of a sudden, and without much warning, Maynooth's belief system had taken a battering and they couldn't recover. Mike O'Donoghue clipped over a simple point three minutes later to leave two between the sides yet the gap seemed much greater than just two scores.

Although there were three minutes of injury time left to play, they didn't think to go for two points. A win that was within sight was now out of reach though they still went in search of salvation, and a third goal.

"We keep fighting, we keep plugging away. We never believe we're beaten. Spa had serious pace around the park. They had guys who could kick some fantastic scores. It took us 10, 15 minutes to get a handle on that. O'Mahoney at centre forward had speed to burn and Gleeson, they were dynamite. It took us a while to adjust to that," said Cryan.



**Karl Ennis receiving treatment for
Maynooth during their recent game
against Spa**

The first half began in ominous fashion for the Kildare champions. Mike O'Donoghue and Fergus Clifford pointed within the first five minute for the Kerry side as they controlled midfield and after Pierre Ennis had struck a goal chance narrowly wide off his left foot, Niall O'Mahoney, increased the advantage to three points. It took a very good point from Karl Ennis' trusty left foot to open Maynooth's account in the seventh minute, and when the county man added a second scored after 12 minutes, Maynooth looked in better shape, trailing 0-4 to 0-2. As the balance of power shifted in midfield, Maynooth exploded into life. Pierre Ennis converted a free, Niall Naughton struck two fine points from play and then Karl Ennis struck a sublime shot to the net from the 20 metre line. A collision with the Spa full back in the process of kicking that goal left Ennis bloodied and bruised and it took a few minutes to stitch him up on the sideline.

By the end of the half, Spa had recovered to within one and trailing 1-5 to 0-7 at the interval. Spa moved back in front early in the second half when Conor Gleeson struck his first goal but it

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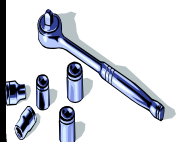
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Maynooth GAA News

(Continued from page 28)

wasn't enough to repel Maynooth and Pierre Ennis converted a 45 in the 46th minute to level the game. A minute later older brother Karl toe poked a shot to the net when the ball was dropped by a Spa defender in the square. Spa hit back with two points but when Ennis scored his third point of the game with six minutes left, Maynooth were starting to dream. "We're devastated now," said manager Cryan. "But it's been a fantastic year. At the start of the year our big goal was to make sure we stayed in division one. Once you qualify for Leinster everything is a bonus.

Then you get to an All-Ireland semi-final you do start to dream about Croke Park and that's the heart-breaking thing, we were so close."

There were no prizes handed out on Sunday but Maynooth knew they could have been contenders – it's the kind of thought that keeps you awake at night.



The Maynooth Team and officials before the throw-in of their recent match against Spa

MAYNOOTH: Paul Flood; Joe Brennan, Colin O'Neill, Adam Gunn; Sean Kennedy, Alan McAndrew, Karl Ennis 2-3; Michael Bennett 0-1, Hugh Purcell; Kevin Comerford, Cillian Carr, Conor Canning, Vincent Hanrahan, Pierre Ennis 0-3 (1f, 1 45), Niall Naughton 0-2. Subs: John McAndrew for Hanrahan, h/t; Michael Fahey for Naughton, 46; John Comerford for Purcell, 57; Peter Warren for O'Neill, 60.

GALA CELEBRATION NIGHT

Following a hugely successful year for Maynooth GAA, a celebration night will take place in the Glenroyal Hotel on Saturday 27 February at 7.30pm. Music by "Men in Black."

Tickets €50 are available from Pascal Ennis, Matt Doran, Aidan Sinnott, Gerry Egan or Colm Hoban. Tickets are limited so order yours today.

MEMBERSHIP

Maynooth GAA club Membership for 2010 is now due. The price structure is €120 for family, €80 for individuals, €50 for students and €50 for juveniles.

We have two ways for you to register and pay your membership fees this

year: Pay securely online via paypal with your credit card or you can download the application form online and return to any committee member with the appropriate amount.

Any questions please contact Teresa Murray on 086-8985700 or e-mail her tmurr@eircom.net.

UNDERAGE FOOTBALL

Underage football under-5 to under-9 resumed on Friday February 26.

Ages 5-7: Indoor Hall in Maynooth University 7-8pm. Need to wear runners. No football boots.

Ages 8-9: Astro at Maynooth University 7-8pm. Can use runners/football boots.

For all ages please bring your own water and €3 to cover costs (€5 max. per family).

Further information can be found under the Juvenile section of this website. Click on Boys football for details of training times and trainers/locations.

Anyone interested in helping out across the age groups please contact Paraic McCabe 086-383067. No experience of GAA necessary.

HARRY OLIVER RIP

Maynooth GAA club was sad to hear of the death of Harry Oliver senior in early February. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam.

Brendan Coffey/Maynooth GAA Club PRO
087 649 5853



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March in the Garden

General tasks

- ◆ Sow some hardy annuals such as Alyssum, Calendula, Eschscholzia, Limnanthus douglasii and Nigella - there are many more varieties to choose from in the Organic Gardening Catalogue.
- ◆ As the temperature increases so will weed growth. Keep a check on young weeds and remove them before they take hold.
- ◆ Spread mulches of compost or well rotted manure over herbaceous borders and around shrubs and trees.
- ◆ Make a wigwam frame, place in a suitable place in a flower border and direct sow two sweet pea seeds at the base of each cane.
- ◆ Prune summer-flowering shrubs like Buddlejia davidii, Spiraea japonica, and hardy Fuchsia. They benefit from cutting down hard in early spring. If your garden is prone to late frosts, then cover the cut stems to protect new shoots.
- ◆ **DON'T PRUNE** spring flowering shrubs and climbers until flowering has ended. Wait until flowering is over, then prune as required - cutting back hard or re-shaping if necessary. If you want to reduce an overgrown tangle now, just remove a few selected branches to thin things out somewhat.
- ◆ Finish tidying up last year's dead growth on perennials before they start into growth as weather warms up.
- ◆ Regularly clean bird tables and birdbaths, provide fresh water and food. Birds are much more active this month, mating and nest building.
- ◆ Provide nesting materials such as pet hair, small twigs, straw and other suitable materials. Tie them in loose bundles and attach in trees or other places where birds perch around the garden.

The Greenhouse

- ◆ Many plants will be growing away by now, top-dress any large potted plants. Scrape off as much of the old compost as possible but be careful not to damage surface roots. Rich garden compost is ideal as a top dressing and a final thin mulch of

horticultural grit will help retain moisture in the warmer months.

- ◆ Pot on any half hardy and tender perennials. A mix of good garden compost and 20% grit is often ideal for this. If you grow Agave and various cacti then increase this to 40% grit. Always wear thick gloves when potting on spiky plants. Cacti with small fine spines can be the worst offenders leaving dozens of spines in your hands that can take days to remove.
- ◆ Pest populations may start to increase dramatically, be vigilant and deal with any pests promptly. This will help prevent any serious infestations building up as plants come into fresh growth. Remove any scale insects from shrubby plants like citrus and umbrella trees, this is time consuming and tedious but essential to reduce numbers before they start to breed in the spring.
- ◆ Divide half-hardy and tender perennials, like Hedychium, Musa, Aspidistra, Agave and Aloe. Keep them well watered for a few weeks until you see active new growth.
- ◆ Sow seeds of perennials in modules. Plants establish quickly and are easy to pot on as root damage from pricking out is minimised.
- ◆ Fuchsias in pots that have been dormant will need watering now and dead stems cut back.



The Herb Garden in March

- ◆ Tidy up herbs grown in containers and pots. Remove any moss or lichen growing on the surface. Re-pot or add fresh compost to the top of the pot.
- ◆ Check shrubby herbs for wind and snow damage. Cut out damaged twigs and branches.
- ◆ Place a bird bath or construct a small pond around your herb garden to provide shelter and water for wildlife.
- ◆ Buy new potted herbs such as Parsley, Thyme, Sage, and Mint. Keep in the greenhouse or your kitchen until all signs of heavy frost have disappeared.



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Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.

On 3rd February students from Maynooth Post Primary school began a performance of the musical, "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat". The story is based on the biblical story of Joseph found in the Book of Genesis. Joseph's brothers are jealous of him for his coat, a symbol of their father's preference for him.

The show ran for five nights and Friday and Saturday night were sold out.



Sean Bean.



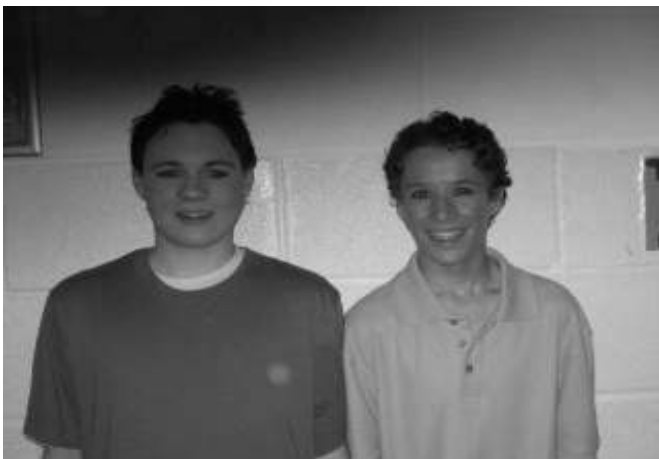
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NUI Maynooth Library celebrates Science & Engineering Success

The NUI Maynooth Library Social Sciences Festival took place from 26th to 29th January in the John Paul II and Russell Libraries. The festival highlighted NUI Maynooth's many world-class innovations, research and publications in a range of areas of scientific and engineering interest. In addition to the work of established researchers the festival also featured projects from budding scientists from local schools. A project by Anne McGloughlin, a student from Maynooth Post Primary, that won the Google individual female award at the recent BT Young Scientist exhibition was amongst those on display.

The festival was opened by the President of NUI Maynooth, Professor John G. Hughes followed by an address by Monsignor Hugh G. Connolly, President of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Professor John Ringwood, Associate Dean of Engineering, Faculty of Science and Engineering also spoke. The speakers highlighted the strength and depth of the Faculty's research output over recent years. Also on the opening day Professor Ray O'Neill, Vice President for Research, launched the University's Research Information System (RIS).

In addition to the many publications on display, there were also a number of examples of the practical applications of the Faculty's research on display including robots, music technology equipment, virtual campus applications and electronic body suits.

Throughout the Festival the Russell Library hosted an exhibition of the fascinating science and engineering materials held there and this exhibition continued until 25th February. The festival included a range of other activities including seminars and visits to the on-campus science museum.



Monsignor Hugh Connolly, President of St. Patrick's College Maynooth, Cathal McCauley, Librarian, NUI Maynooth, Colm Purcell, Mayor of Kildare.



Suzanne Redmond, Maloco Institutional Repository Manager, Library and Computer Research Office; Rory Hopkins, Computer Research Office; Cathy Jones, Research Office; and Prof. Ray O'Neill, Vice-President for Research, NUI Maynooth



Colm Purcell, Mayor of Kildare, Susan Durack, Librarian, NUI Maynooth, Colm Ó Cearúil, Chairman, Maynooth Community Council.



Students of Maynooth Post Primary School displayed their outstanding projects from the Young Scientist Exhibition. Anne McGloughlin, Luke Stuart Mills & Seoirse Murray.

Clubs & Organisations



An Nuadha Players

Centenary Concert 1910 2010
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An Nuadha Players, St Mary's Brass and Reed Band, The Maynooth Local History Group and members of the Music Dept Maynooth College will combine their talents to re-enact a concert that took place in Maynooth in 1910.

The Concert will feature the music of the time with singers instrumentalists, recitations. The evening will be completed with a play "No Pastry for the King" written by local man Declan O'Connor.

To maintain the atmosphere of the time we hope to see the audience dressed in the fashion of the period.

The entire concert will be filmed by the Media Dept. from the College.

This is a once in a lifetime performance not to be missed.

For more information contact An Nuadha Players

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University of Third Age

Spring was in the air and the topic was St Patrick's Day parade. How could we further define our group?

Suggestions abounded. They ranged from the funereal to the ludicrous! Nevertheless the outcome was positive and a splash of wild mountain heather should be apparent on the day. In addition a colourful accessory when chilly winds blow.

Our most recent book for discussion was Trans-sister Radio by Chris Bohjalian. A compelling story, focusing on the subject of transexuality. The author showed great sensitivity and really got to the heart of the story behind stark news headlines. It challenged us to examine our own perception of relationships and gender.

'Log on and Learn' is the national initiative between Intel and Microsoft. It is a programme designed to 'buddy up' a participating transition year student with an older person from the community to learn computer skills. Once again it is being offered to our group. Feedback on the initial session was very positive. At a time when we read so much negative press regarding young people there was nothing but praise of the students involved in the project. Miss Mannion, take a bow.

Meetings for March are on Fridays 5th and 19th at 11.00 in the Community Library.

New members welcome.

Enquiries: Bernadette Ph. 6289131

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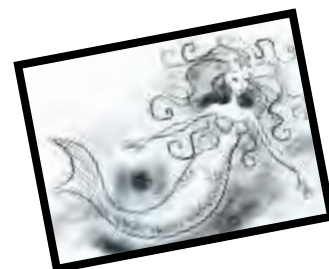
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St. Patrick's Day

*Green is the grass of Ireland
Where shamrock is for all to see
St. Patrick with his mighty hand
Brought Christianity all to be
Our king of this patron land
Vanished snakes to their doom
Also celebrating parades so grand
And put an end to the country's gloom*

*A mighty man stood his ground
In a special and saintly way
A new world each person found
And made the best of our day
Pray for our Saint forever more
And for our welfare we pray
A priestly man we so much adore
And for Irish people showed the way*

*Many blessings bestowed on us all
Where we will soon see the light
And the years swiftly they fall
Our country sort is out right
Emasculate grace on this man bestow
To a new world within our hearts
A better world unite to grow
Where love our creator never departs*

By Patrick Murray

Mothers Day

*A Mother loves right from the start.
She holds her baby close to her heart.
The bond that grows will never falter.
Her love is so strong it will never alter.
A Mother gives never ending Love.
She never feels that she has given enough.
For you she will always do her best.
Constantly working, there's no time to rest.
A Mother is there when things go wrong.
A hug and a kiss to help us along.
Always there when we need her near.
Gently wipes our eyes when we shed a tear.
So on this day shower your Mother with Love.
Gifts and presents are nice but that is not*

enough.

*Give your Mother a day to have some peace
of mind.*

*Be gentle, be good, be helpful, be kind.
Happy Mothers Day.*

By Carol Matthews

Mommy I Love You

*Mommy, I love you
For all that you do.
I'll kiss you and hug you
'Cause you love me, too.
You feed me and need me
To teach you to play,
So smile 'cause I love you
On this Mother's Day.*

By Nicholas Gordon

Spring, the Sweet Spring

*Spring, the sweet spring, is the year's pleasant
king,
Then blooms each thing, then maids dance in
a ring,
Cold doth not sting, the pretty birds do sing:
Cuckoo, jug-jug, pu-we, to-witta-woo!*

*The palm and may make country houses gay,
Lambs frisk and play, the shepherds pipe all
day,
And we hear aye birds tune this merry lay:
Cuckoo, jug-jug, pu-we, to-witta-woo!*

*The fields breathe sweet, the daisies kiss our
feet,
Young lovers meet, old wives a-sunning sit,
In every street these tunes our ears do greet:
Cuckoo, jug-jug, pu-we, to witta-woo!*

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Fantastic Friday for Maynooth BNS Quiz Teams.

Friday 29th January proved to be a very successful day for the quiz teams of St. Marys Boys National School in Maynooth. At the end of play on Friday the school had secured the Scoil na Mainstreach Perpetual Trophy and both the under 11 and 13 titles in the Credit Union Quiz.

The victorious Maynooth team was made up of Dylan McCarron, Michael Mc Brearty, Michael Wilson and Tomás Feeney.

It was a particularly sweet victory as it was the first time that the school had won the trophy.

On the same evening both teams again lined out for the Credit Union Quiz. Both teams again acquitted themselves excellently, finishing in first and third places respectively in the under 13 category. The future for school quiz teams in Maynooth BNS also seems very bright as they took the first three places in the under 11 category. These teams were;

1st - Callum McCabe, Ben Carroll, Paul Damery, Michael Diamond.

2nd - Daniel Berisnikov, Matt Guillermo, James Sheridan, Brendan Bradley.

3rd - Cian Durkan, Fiachra Ward, Aaron Byrne, Tim Barry.

The school would like to thank all the teams that took part in helping to make this an entertaining enjoyable evening.



*Under 13 team. Michael McBrearty,
Michael Wilson, Dylan McCarron, Tomás Feeney.*



*Under 11 team. Ben Carroll, Callum McCabe,
Paul Damery, Michael Diamond.*

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Children's Chess Club resuming Monday 8th March 6pm - 7pm and the Adults resuming Thursday 11th March 6pm - 7pm. All levels of play welcome!

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March Diary Planner



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Maynooth Film for All club's next film is
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Wednesday March 3rd "Indentities"
feature length
documentary by Vittoria Colonna
Storytime in Polish with Agnes
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Children's Chess Club resumes
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Response: Dr. Susan Gottlöber
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Mothers Day — 14th March

In Ireland, Mother's Day is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of the Christian fasting month of Lent. The day is devoted to all the mothers, for the pains and hardships they have taken to make life better for their children. All the children in the world realize the importance of a mother and the contributions she makes in their life and hence, a day like this gives them an opportunity to thank her for all of what she has done.

Today, Mother's Day is celebrated with great pomp and show all across Ireland. Though, the emotion associated with the celebration is the same, the way of expression has changed a bit. Commercialization has crept into the articulation process. Along with the traditional flowers, cards and gifts are given to mothers on this day. People in Ireland also make their mother feel special by doing small things for her, like making meals or taking her out for dinner.

Good Reasons to Treat Your Mother

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Happy Mothers Day

A Special Mother's Day Story

Your Mother is the most loving person that can be in your life. She is the heart and soul of the home. A mother's love is unconditional. Mothering Sunday is a Christian festival celebrated in Europe since Neolithic times. In the Roman religion the festival was in honour of the mother goddess Cybele and it took place during mid - March. We nowadays call it Mother's Day.

I lived with my parents all of my life. We led a simple, but lovely life. We seldom fought, and for most of the time we were happy and contented together.

My mother is dead now but I still remember our last Mother's Day together. On the Saturday before the big day we went shopping. My memory is quite vivid that it was a lovely Spring afternoon. I really wanted to make it special for my mum. She was happy that day. We met one of her friends while we were shopping. They stopped and chatted for a few minutes and had their usual little gossip.

On the morning of "Mothers Day", we were all in high spirits. The cards from my two sisters had already arrived, and on that special morning they rang my mother and chatted for ages.

My mother displayed her cards with pride on her immaculately polished sideboard, for all to admire. The biggest present we can give our mother is a smile, and a card to say that we love her, and care about her.

We gave my mother her presents, and then headed off to treat her to lunch at her favourite hotel.

It was exactly a week to the day that my mum died in her sleep. It was so tranquil for her, but a massive shock to those she left behind. The memories she left behind I will treasure for the rest of my life. Hopefully if I have children one day, I will instil into them the values & tenderness she gave to us.

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By Enda Clavin



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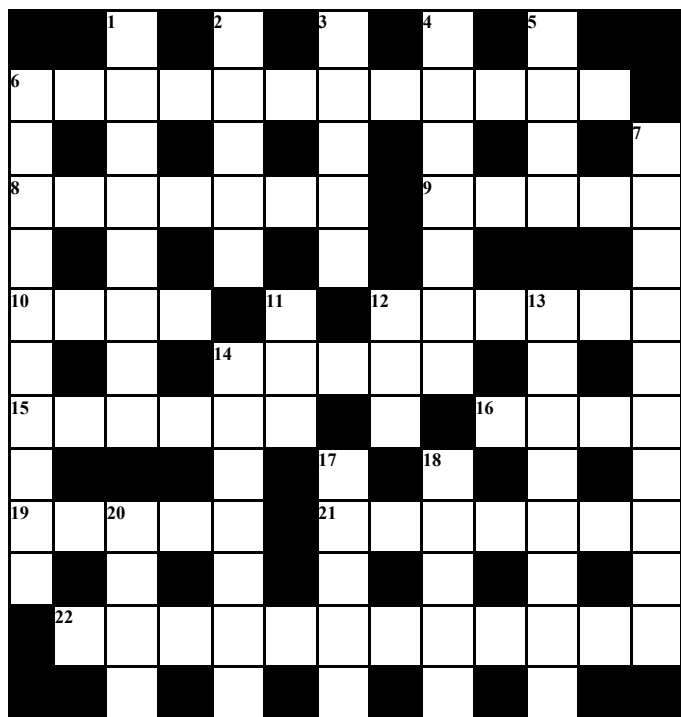
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Across.

6. Home of the Hollywood stars (7,5)
8. White-ant (7)
9. Indiscretion (5)
10. Seepage (4)
12. Be restless (6)
14. Presented (5)
15. Former tennis star, _ _ _ Edberg (6)
16. Court order (4)
19. Hale _ _ _ , US golfer (5)
21. Intoxicating drink (7)
22. Donation (12)

Down.

1. Pass (8)
2. Plait (5)
3. Bonnie _ _ _ , singer (5)
4. Scoundrel (7)
5. Failure (4)
6. Large armoured vessel (10)
7. Athletic contest (10)
11. Racket (3)
12. Nourished (3)
13. George _ _ _ , famous US composer (8)
14. Alf _ _ _ , TV bigot (7)
17. Saying (5)
18. Reconnoitre (5)
20. Copse (4)

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Down: 2. Turin, 3. Admiral, 4. Scythe, 6. Rosette, 7. Distraught, 8. Foal, 11. Discipline, 15. Astaire, 17. Ustinov, 18. Crater, 20. Hump, 22. Arise.

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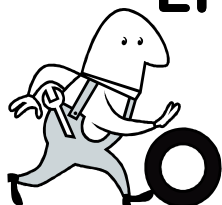


The Dara Community Support Programme for adults with learning difficulties, led by Dr. Bob McCormack is provided by Dara Residential Services and funded by the HSE. A core focus of the programme is to reach people who are socially isolated and to empower them to develop new friendships, new interests and to explore ways in which they can enjoy rich and rewarding social experiences. There is no fee associated with the support service; participants are expected to meet the costs of travel and expenses.

Further Information from Dr. Bob McCormack at the DARA Community Support Programme on 01 6271484.

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Height of New Road at Old Greenfield:

Councillor McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"That immediate action be taken to adjust the relative heights of the new road constructed at Old Greenfield, Maynooth, in association with planning permission 06/424, and the ground level of houses to the North which are supposed to have access to this new road."

Report: Planning Ref. 06/424 and the most recent permission 09/220 are for blocks of apartments. Both permissions contained conditions requiring the creation of management companies. Accordingly, building control section had no involvement in this development when the road/ footpath referred to in this motion were constructed.

Since then building control has contacted the developer and informed him that the Council is prepared to consider taking in charge the communal areas and services in the development, if he undertakes to limit the use of the management company to the apartment blocks. The developer has not responded to this request. Until such times that the developer confirms that he will limit the management company to the apartment blocks, building control has no role in this development. It is for other departments to establish if the conditions of planning permissions have been complied with.

A warning letter has been issued to the developer from the unauthorised development section for non compliance with conditions 5 and 9.

Cllr. McGinley pointed out that the Report did not address the issue and he asked that the Roads Section engineers would meet with Mr. Mooney in order to come to a satisfactory conclusion and that the residents would be kept informed. This was agreed.

Construction of Left Turning Lane from Greenfield Estate/Shopping Centre to Straffan Road:

Cllr. McGinley asked that a staff member from the Traffic Management Section meet with him at this location to discuss John's proposal.

Road Safety Improvement for Celbridge Road, Maynooth | :

Cllr. McGinley asked that a staff member from the Traffic Management Section meet with him at this location to discuss John's proposal for a ramp and road markings on the town side of the Pedestrian Lights.

Deteriorating speed cushions at Straffan and Celbridge Road, Maynooth

It was reported at the January meeting that the cost of repairing both ramps would be very expensive and Councillor McGinley requested that the ramp in Straffan be removed permanently as it is a hazard and unsightly in its current state and requested a costing for the necessary works for the February meeting and that the speed cushions at the Gael Scoil at Celbridge Road, Maynooth be repaired without any further delay as they constituted a safety hazard at present.



Cllr. John McGinley

Safety at Railpark Road to Pikes Bridge

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

"That the following safety measure be carried out on the Railpark Road linking Pikes Bridge with the Celbridge Road, Maynooth:

- 1. That the Gardai be asked enforce the 60kmh speed limit*
- 2. That the "Local Traffic Only" sign be put back in place at the Celbridge Road entrance*
- 3. That consideration be given to banning through traffic from this narrow road*
- 4. That signs be erected stating that the road is prone to Black Ice*
- 5. That banking be removed at the narrowest sections of the road so that at least pedestrians would be able to step in to avoid being mowed down "*

Replacement of Missing Public Lights:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following

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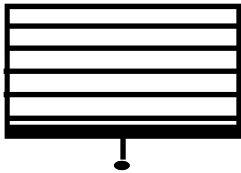


Particulars and Arrangements Contact:

Paddy Nolan (Secretary to Maynooth Mortality Society), 7 Castlebridge, Maynooth.

Phone: 6286312

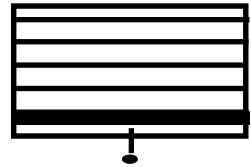
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motion for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

"That the two public lights that were removed from opposite house number 3 Parsons Hall and at Barton's, Pound Lane, Maynooth be put back in place without any further delay."

Safety at Junction of Dublin Road/Doctor's Lane

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

"When is the Pelican Crossing facility being installed at the junction of Dublin Road/Doctor's Lane, Maynooth, as specified in WSP Drawing No. TMD-003."

Proposal to Ban HGV's from Straffan:

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

"That through traffic HGV's be banned from Straffan Village"

County Council Grants Scheme

The Council advertised their Grants Scheme for 2010 in local Papers on 6 February for Festival Grants, Community Grants, Residents Association Grants and Amenity Grants. Application forms and details are available on the Council web-site : www.kildarecoco.ie and the closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 19 March.

TENDERS TO BE SOUGHT FOR PERMANENT SCHOOL FOR GAELSCOIL UI FHIAICH

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Education in relation to the invitation of tenders for the Permanent School for Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich in Maynooth.

The Minister has advised Deputy Stagg that the Board of Management was recently authorised to proceed to tender for the new 16 Classroom School.

Deputy Stagg has welcomed this positive news for the pupils, parents and teachers of the School. The site for the New School has been in the ownership of the School Board of Management since December 2004 and is where the current temporary accommodation is

located.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg congratulated the Board of Management of the School and looked forward to seeing the Project advance to fruition in the near future.

2008/2009 FIGURES SHOW 23% OF KILDARE NATIONAL SCHOOL PUPILS IN CLASSES OF 30 OR MORE

Deputy Emmet Stagg sought information from the Minister for Education in relation to class sizes for the 2008/2009 school year in Co. Kildare and the State.

The figures provided by the Minister for Education to Deputy Stagg show that 23% of pupils in National Schools in Co. Kildare are being taught in classes of 30 or more with 51% of pupils being taught in classes ranging from 25 to 29 pupils.

These figures do not take into account the change announced in Budget 2009 which increased pupil teacher ratios to 28 to 1. Therefore whilst the 2009/2010 figures are not available we can assume that things have only got worse.

With more than 1/5th of our pupils being taught in classes of 30 or more Deputy Stagg has condemned the Government for their failure to ensure that children get the best opportunity to develop during their school years. Immense pressure is being placed on teachers and no matter how hard they work, children will suffer because of the class sizes being imposed by the Government.

	Kildare	National
% OF CHILDREN IN CLASSES OF 19 OR LESS	4%	15%
% OF CHILDREN IN CLASSES OF 20-24 PUPILS	22%	26%
% OF CHILDREN IN CLASSES OF 25-29 PUPILS	51%	40%
% OF CHILDREN IN CLASSES OF 30-34 PUPILS	22%	18%
% OF CHILDREN IN CLASSES OF 35-39 PUPILS	1%	1%

The breakdown for Kildare for the 2008/2009 school year compared to the National Figures, stated Deputy Stagg, again shows how Kildare pupils are being discriminated against:

This Government stated Deputy Stagg, just like the previous one, have broken promises left, right and

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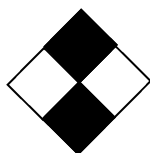
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centre. Their promise in 2002 to reduce class sizes for children under 9, to 20 pupils or less was reneged on and their promise in the 2007 Programme for Government to hire an additional 4,000 teachers has now been consigned to the dustbin. In fact they are sacking teachers.

This short-sighted policy stated Deputy Stagg belies the fact that Investment in Education is paramount to the Economy of the State and one area where we should not be cutting but should be investing more is Education for our children, who after all are our future.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that if the Government insist on increasing Pupil Teacher Ratio's to the detriment of children then they will have to find a system where the ratio actually applies in our schools and not have a situation where 23% of Kildare Pupils are in classes of 30 or more.

AHERN IGNORES STAGG'S CALL FOR INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF ALLOCATION OF GARDAI

Deputy Emmet Stagg tabled a Parliamentary Question to the Minister for Justice, Dermot Ahern T.D., requesting the Minister to order an Independent Review of the allocation of Gardai in the State in view of the disparity between the numbers in some divisional areas, including the fact that Kildare has one Garda for every 580 people, Roscommon and Longford has one Garda for every 312 people, Cavan and Monaghan has one Garda for every 287 people and Clare has one Garda for every 330 people.

The Minister in his response to Deputy Stagg stated that The Garda Commissioner, with his senior managers and Divisional Officers arranges for the allocation of Gardai throughout the State and that they are aided in this by a distribution model known as the Garda Establishment Redistribution Model (GERM). The Minister indicated that this model indicates the most effective means to distribute Garda Personnel and takes into account crime trends, socio-economic factors and census information. In relation to Deputy Stagg's call for an Independent Review the Minister failed to respond specifically.

Commenting on the Ministers response Deputy Stagg stated that the allocation of Gardai throughout the State excluding City Areas was nothing short of a disgrace and to prove his point listed the following Ratio Examples:

GARDA DIVISION NUMBER OF GARDAI PER POPULATION

State	1 Garda for every 341
people	
Kildare	1 Garda for every 580
people	
Donegal	1 Garda for every 315
people	
Cavan/Monaghan	1 Garda for every 295
people	
Roscommon/Longford	1 Garda for every 319
people	
Clare	1 Garda for every 330
people	
Meath	1 Garda for every 517
people	

The figures show quite clearly that the Garda Force in Kildare, the most undermanned in the State, continues to be systematically discriminated against stated Deputy Stagg. Its no wonder that the 2009 PhoneWatch Burglary Report, covering the period July 2008 to June 2009, showed that Kildare remained the most burgled County outside of Dublin.

There are Gardai assigned to Counties for Historical reasons who should be reassigned to the Kildare Division. A review of the Kildare and Meath figures shows a very similar problem where there has been massive population growth but little to correct the ratio of Gardai to population levels.

The end result of all this is that Gardai in the Kildare Division are under pressure to deliver a proper service to the Public with inadequate resources. Kildare people pay their Taxes like everybody else and we expect a properly manned Garda Force in the County stated Deputy Stagg.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he had been raising this issue for many years without success and he posed the question to the Minister for Justice, if the GERM model is correct, Why are you worming your way out of an Independent Review?

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FG scaremongering about older people is simply irresponsible – Fitzpatrick

Fine Gael's scaremongering regarding the Community Support for Older People is simply irresponsible according to local Fianna Fail TD, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"Fine Gael's Charlie Flanagan was on KFM this week talking about the Community Support for Older People and questioning the Government's commitment to older people as the funding had decreased last year. This is totally irresponsible as it causes confusion for older people and the groups working to support them."

"I was happy that the Minister responsible, John Curran TD was able to reply to these claims and emphasise the Government's commitment to the Community Support for Older People Scheme."

"The Scheme of Community Support for Older People provides grant support to enable older people to continue to live securely in their home with confidence, independence and peace of mind. A key requirement of the Scheme is to ensure that community groups maintain ongoing contact with older members of their local community."

"Despite being suspended for a number of months to enable a review to be completed, the Department received and processed around 550 applications from some 440 community groups for grant support under the Scheme of Community Support for Older People."

"At the end of December, all applications had been processed and some €2.1m had been paid to these groups. The Department is awaiting responses to queries raised in respect of a number of applications and when these have been addressed by the relevant community organisations, grant support will be paid."

"The Department depends on the activities of local community and voluntary organisations working with older people to identify those older people that might be in need of this service and are willing to apply."

"The Department will be advertising in the coming weeks for community groups that might wish to participate in the Scheme. Enquiries can be made at any time to the Department and the grant support is currently available for those groups wishing to make applications."

"I wish to acknowledge the ongoing invaluable work carried out by local organisations in promoting and fostering community activity at local level in north Kildare. I am calling on local community groups in who are not yet participating in the scheme to apply for this essential funding," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Kildare businesses urged to apply for PRSI Exemption Scheme to help create jobs – Fitzpatrick

Local Fianna Fáil TD and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick has encouraged businesses in Kildare to apply for a new scheme that will promote local employment and also reduce their PRSI contributions.

The Government's Employer Job Incentive Scheme is expected to help create jobs in Kildare and around the country.

Under the scheme when an employer creates a new job and employs a person who has been on the live register for six months or more, they will then be exempt from the employers' PRSI contributions for the first 12 months of that employment.

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"Typically this will result of a saving of about €3,000 per annum in the cost of employment which is obviously a huge saving for any business. I hope that there will be a significant uptake by companies throughout Kildare as it will not only save them money but it will also help get more people off the dole and back into the workforce."

"Many businesses have been afraid to take on new staff in the current economic climate but I hope this scheme will give them extra encouragement. It is particularly aimed at those who have been on the live register for six months or more as these are the people who generally find it most difficult to find new employment."

"This is a strong, positive step by the Government to help promote employment and I hope that it will prove of assistance to businesses in Kildare," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Fitzpatrick welcomes framework for an inquiry into the banking crisis

Kildare North Fianna Fail TD, Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed the news that the Government has today agreed a comprehensive framework for an inquiry into the banking crisis.

"This enquiry is necessary if we to learn the lessons of what went wrong with our banks and how we can ensure that the same mistakes are never made again. It is important if confidence is to be restored in the banking system."

"As part of this inquiry the Government has agreed that the Governor of the Central Bank will report to the Minister for Finance on the performance and functions of the Central Bank and the Financial Regulator up to September 2008."

"An independent person, yet to be decided, will conduct a preliminary investigation into the background and causes of the recent banking crisis and what lessons can be learned. The impact of international events will also be considered."

"An appropriate Oireachtas Committee will meet the Governor and the independent expert at the outset of their work and will be briefed on the Oireachtas' priorities for the investigation."

"It is hoped that both reports will be completed by the 31st of May 2010 after which they will be considered by the Government, the Houses of the Oireachtas and

an appropriate Oireachtas Committee who will consider the findings of the reports."

"Following the completion of the reports an independent statutory Commission of Investigation is to be established by the 30th of June 2010 chaired by an expert to examine and report on the causes of the crisis."

"The terms of reference for the Commission of Investigation will be informed by this report following consultation with the Oireachtas. The Commission's report will be completed within six months and be laid before the Oireachtas for further consideration and action by an appropriate Oireachtas Committee."

"I am pleased that this inquiry will be so speedy and has very definite timeframes laid out which will ensure best value for money for the taxpayer. We experienced the worst financial crisis in the history of the State and the public deserve to know exactly how it happened and how we will safeguard against it happening again. It is vital that we restore domestic and international confidence in our banking system if our economy is to fully recover," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Noisy neighbours to be tackled with new Government plans – Fitzpatrick

There is good news for homeowners as the Government is due to publish a new Bill allowing local Councils to deal with complaints of noise pollution according to Kildare North Fianna Fail TD, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"Noisy neighbours can cause significant distress for those affected regardless of whether the disturbance is caused by parties, house or car alarms. In the case of late night parties in particular residents can often feel too intimidated to confront their neighbours."

"It is a particular problem in the newer housing estates like those around north Kildare where young families who commute daily often do not know their neighbours."

"The new Noise Bill that is due to be published by the Government will give local authorities enhanced powers to fine those guilty of causing noise pollution and to turn off house alarms that are ignored or neglected."

"The Bill will enable local authorities to take a lead role in dealing with noise pollution which means that residents who are affected will not have to contact the

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Gardai or the HSE to deal with different aspects of noise pollution."

"These measures will hopefully act as a deterrent to noisy neighbours and improve the quality of life for everyone," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Good news for consumers with 40% reduction in cost of many drugs – Fitzpatrick

There is good news for consumers as the Irish Pharmaceutical Healthcare Association has agreed to Government requests to reduce the cost of drugs according to local Fianna Fail TD, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"The Minister for Health has announced that there will be a 40% reduction in the cost of 300 of the most common off-patent drugs."

"This will mean a huge saving for those who need to use drugs on a regular basis."

"It is estimated that these price reductions mean that those who have to pay for their medicines could save €3 to €4 on every €10 they spend resulting in a potential saving of up to €500 per year."

"The reduction will also see a huge saving for Government when meeting the costs of drugs for medical card patients."

"It is estimated that there will be savings of well over €90 million for taxpayers and several million for consumers."

"Generic drug manufacturers have not yet decided to cut their prices for these drugs, but I know that the Government is working hard to persuade them to do so."

"The Government also intends to bring forward legislation to allow for generic drugs to be substituted for prescribed drugs which will mean even further price reductions for consumers."

"Reducing the costs of drugs will enable the Government to divert those funds to other places within the health care system."

"Consumers can check if their drugs are included in the price reduction by logging on to www.checkthelist.ie or phoning the lo-call number, 1890 876700," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.



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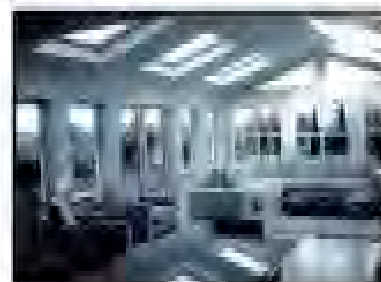
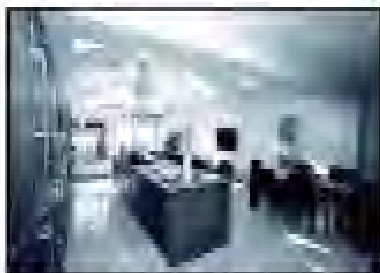


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Maynooth Senior Citizens to benefit from Government funding – Brady

Older people in Maynooth will benefit from Government funding under the Community Support for Older People scheme according to Local TD and Minister of State Áine Brady.

"Maynooth Senior Citizens will receive €3,090 from the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs to support their work for older people in the area." stated Minister Brady who met with her colleague Minister Curran to discuss this scheme in recent months.

'This Scheme encourages and assists the community's support for older people by means of community-based grant to improve the safety and security of its older members. The Scheme is open to people aged 65 and over who have a genuine need for assistance. Funding is available towards the cost of installing monitored personal alarm systems, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, external security lighting and other ancillary items of physical security equipment.'

"These measures can often make all the difference for older people and can help them to remain in their own homes and at the heart of their communities for longer."

"I will continue to work to ensure that this scheme is maintained and expanded."

"I would like to commend the volunteers in Maynooth for their hard work and commitment towards our older people," concluded Deputy Brady.

Maynooth Girls School get works Approval says Brady.

The Maynooth Presentation Girls National School has received approval to proceed with some minor works according to Local TD and Minister for Older People and Health Promotion Aine Brady TD.

'The school has received approval to proceed with works to replace underground pipework at the school.'

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'The Building Unit of the Department of Education will be in touch with the School Authorities in the coming days to discuss and agree the amount of funding required for the project.' concluded Minister Brady.

Applications for the Nursing Homes Support Scheme, A Fair Deal, well on target

Áine Brady, T.D., Minister for Older People and Health Promotion, today (Thursday, 4th February 2010) announced that applications for the Nursing Homes Support Scheme, A Fair Deal, have exceeded 7,000.

"I am delighted that so many people have applied for the scheme. However, I am aware that there are many other people who could benefit from applying for the scheme and I would encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

The cost of nursing home care has been a financial burden for older people and their families for too long. The Fair Deal ensures that this burden is alleviated and that the cost of nursing home care is no longer a source of anxiety".

Under the scheme, individuals make a contribution to the cost of their nursing home care based on their means. The HSE meets the full balance of cost over and above the individual's contribution in public, private or voluntary nursing homes approved for the purpose of the scheme.

An important feature of the scheme is that applicants who were in long-term nursing home care on the date the scheme commenced (27th October 2009) shall have their State support backdated to that date. New entrants after the 27th October will have their State support paid from the date of application or the date of entry to the nursing home, whichever is the later.

While the scheme is resource capped, the Minister pointed out that the Government has made a sum of €97m available in 2010 for the Fair Deal scheme. This is in addition to the €55m made available in 2009.

The Minister said, "The overall budget for long-term residential care in Ireland for 2010 is now just over €1bn. This reflects a substantial ongoing commitment by this Government to this service, and to support some of the most vulnerable people in our society today".

€45.5m allocated to Kildare Roads says Brady

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady has confirmed that a total of €45,592 has been allocated to Kildare County Council under the 2010 National Roads Allocations.

Welcoming the allocation, Minister Brady said that the significant investment demonstrates the Government's continued commitment to the development of the our road infrastructure.

"In the allocation to Kildare County Council, €44,100,567 is for the improvement of roads and €1,487,000 is for maintenance."

"Improving our Road Network is key to maintaining and improving our competitiveness. Recent Bad weather has taken a heavy toll on our roads and we must continue to provide resources to ensure that we incrementally improve our road network."

'Any fair assessment of our road network would acknowledge the significant improvement that has take place in recent years. I will continue to work with my colleague the Minister for Transport Noel Dempsey TD to ensure that Kildare continues to receive resources to improve our road network," concluded Minister Brady.

Good news for Kildare older people in Budget 2010 - Brady

It was important to protect older people in Budget 2010 according to Minister of State with Responsibility for Older People and Fianna Fail TD for Kildare North, Áine Brady.

"Pensions went unchanged in this Budget and thresholds for medical cards were maintained at current levels. This is welcome news for older people in Kildare."

"While this obviously was a very difficult Budget for everyone, I think it was important that we did something to protect older people as much as possible. I was encouraged to see Minister Lenihan leave the pension untouched in the Budget at its current level."

"It was also important that the thresholds for qualifying for the medical card were maintained. Older people place a high value on their medical cards and I think their importance has been recognised in this Budget."

"The free travel for pensioners has also been maintained despite calls in some quarters to curtail it.

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This measure which was introduced by Fianna Fáil in Government has had a significant impact on the lives of thousands of people over the years and I'm delighted that this will continue for next year."

"The older people of Kildare have made a huge contribution to the development of the county. They have made many sacrifices over the years to put us in the position we are in now. It is only right that we recognise this contribution and they should not be subjected to the same burden as some others in the Budget."

"I hope that this Budget will be a source of some comfort for the older people of Kildare. We have pressed Minister Lenihan hard to ensure that they were protected given their contribution over the years and in particular that the pension was not reduced. Minister Lenihan has clearly paid attention and I hope this provides some good news for the pensioners of Kildare," concluded Minister Brady.

Approval given to purchase site for Celbridge Post Primary School

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady has been informed by her colleague the Minister for Education, Batt O'Keeffe TD, that he has given approval to Kildare VEC to purchase a site for a new Post Primary School in Celbridge.

'Kildare VEC has been acting on behalf of the Department of Education in securing the provision of a site for the future secondary school needs of Celbridge.'

'I am delighted that Kildare VEC has now been given approval to purchase the site and I will continue to liaise with all stakeholders to ensure that we bring the project to the next stage.'

'In recent years, we have made significant progress, even with the current Government Financial difficulties, in improving our educational infrastructure in Kildare. We have made progress in Maynooth, Ardclough, Celbridge, Kill, Naas, Johnstownbridge and Clane. Great credit is due to whole school community in Kildare, and I will continue to work with them and build on the progress already made.' concluded Minister Brady.

Cervical vaccine to be made available to Kildare school girls this year – Minister Brady

The Cervical Cancer vaccination is to be made available to all schoolgirls in the first year of

secondary school this year, according to Kildare North Fianna Fáil TD and Minister of State at the Department of Health, Áine Brady.

"I am delighted that the Government is now in a position to introduce the Cervical Cancer Vaccination."

"The vaccination will be made available this year to all girls in the first year of secondary school."

"This will complement the Cervical Cancer Screening already running around the country."

"The Government was not in a position to introduce the vaccination some time ago because of prohibitive costs, but vaccine companies have now offered the Government considerably better prices for Ireland."

"The vaccine was available in other countries for substantially less than was quoted for Ireland and the Government fought for a better price for Irish taxpayers. The efforts were successful and now the vaccine will be made available here but at a much fairer price."

"While everyone would have preferred to introduce it earlier, I am glad that it is now being introduced and at a fair price for the taxpayer."

"The vaccine will be offered free of charge this year for girls who are in the first year of secondary school. This is the same group of girls who would have received the vaccine under previous plans for 2009."

"Cervical cancer is one of the most preventable kinds of cancer and each woman has a role to play in ensuring that she keeps herself healthy and out of danger."

"The cervical cancer screening programme provides free smears tests for women aged between 25 and 60 and this is also a very important step in prevention."

"More information on cervical cancer is available from local GPs or from any Family Planning Clinic. The national Cancer Helpline can also help with queries and is contactable on 01 800 200 700," concluded Minister Brady.

Brady announces Funding for Kildare groups supporting Older People

Local TD and Minister of State, Department of Health and Children with responsibility for Older People and Health Promotion, Áine Brady, T.D., announced details of the allocations under the **Go for Life**

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national grant scheme, which includes a total of €12,400 for Kildare groups supporting Older people.

'Go for Life is the National Programme for Sport and Physical Activity for Older People. It is an Age & Opportunity initiative which is funded by the Irish Sports Council and its aim is to help local clubs and organisations to increase opportunities for their older members to actively participate in recreational sport and a range of physical activities.'

'Kildare Groups, which were successful in their application include; Maynooth Senior Citizens, Arthritis Ireland Kildare Branch, Prosperous ICA, Kilteel ICA, Naas ARA, Derrinturn ICA and Celbridge ICA Guild.'

'These grants allow people to decide for themselves how to be more active. They are making a huge contribution to improving the physical, mental and social well-being of older people throughout the country and great credit is due to the successful groups for their on-going work and their efforts in applying for funding. Further details about the Go for Life Programme can be found on www.ageandopportunity.ie' concluded Minister Brady.

Rural Transport Companies join in collective effort to Support Older People says Brady

Rural Transport Companies, such as OK Community Transport in Kildare, are continuing to provide a valuable communications link to Older People in our community during this sustained cold weather period, according to Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady.

'I have spoken with the PRO for the National Rural Transport Network, Alan Kerry, General Manager, OK Transport, in recent days, and he has informed me that they are continuing to provide services to our older people, including providing support in getting medicines, fuel and food to some of the users of their transport services and have over 350 staff nationwide willing to assist.'

'In Kildare, the Council Staff, HSE Staff, the Defence Forces, Civil Defence, Muintir na Tire, Meals on Wheels and many other Voluntary Groups are providing a coordinated and effective range of services to our community, in the most challenging of circumstances.' stated Minister Brady who commended all those involved.

'We also see the Rural Transport Companies, like OK Transport, also playing their part in reacting and adjusting their service offerings to take account of the

severe weather conditions.'

'Before Christmas, and again last week, I highlighted the fact that the HSE have published an information booklet 'Keep Warm Keep Well' and I have advised that particular attention be paid to the sections on keeping active and warm. The HSE information booklet 'Keep Warm Keep Well' is available from the **HSE Information Line on 1850 24 1850, which is also the emergency helpline for the Elderly.** Other useful numbers for our community during this very cold spell, include: **Muintir Na Tire 086 6000751, St Vincent de Paul 01 8386990, Age Action Ireland 01 475 6989, Naas Garda at 045 897 333 , Leixlip Gardai at 01 666 7800, Rural Transport Network PRO Alan Kerry 086 3899767 and Kildare Co Co Emergency Number 1890 500 333.'** concluded Minister Brady.

Still time to register for free pre-school year - Minister Brady

There is still time for parents to register their children for the Government's free pre-school year, according to local Fianna Fáil Minister of State, Aine Brady TD.

The new Early Childhood Care and Education Scheme is being rolled out this month and more than 4,000 private and community service providers around the country will be providing the free pre-school year to eligible children with support from the Government.

Minister Brady is encouraging parents in Kildare to sign up for the Scheme if they have not already. A year at pre-school is of enormous benefit to children, she said.

"The free pre school year is available to all children who were aged between 3 years and three months and four years and six months on September 1."

"For example children born February 2nd 2005 and June 30th 2006 are eligible for a free place between now and June."

"Any parent who is unsure about their child's eligibility for the Scheme can get further information from the Kildare Childcare Committee or directly from the Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs."

"The Kildare Childcare Committee will also be able to advise parents what service providers are operating the scheme in their area."

"Service providers have until January 22 to register details of eligible children with the Office of the

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Minister for Children and Youth Affairs."

"The pre-school year is free for all parents regardless of their income and I want to encourage all parents with children who are in the right age bracket to avail of it."

"Experts say that early education is essential in the development of a children's lifelong learning. It gives them a head start and prepares them well for entering primary level education."

"This Scheme brings real equality of opportunity to children at the most important development stage of their lives. Regardless of their parent's income or ability to pay, all children will be entitled to avail of this pre-school service."

"Children enrolled in playschools will receive free pre-school provision of 3 hours per day, 5 days each week over a 38-week year. This equates to a weekly capitation grant to the service provider of €64.50."

"Children enrolled in full or part-time childcare services will receive free pre-school provision of 2 hours and 15 minutes per day, five days a week over a 50 week period. This equates to a weekly capitation grant to the service of €48.50, with parents paying for their childcare net of this amount. Over the course of the year, the financial benefit of the scheme for a single child is over €2,400 euro."

"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."

"That this measure will also help safeguard jobs in the childcare sector at a time when the area is experiencing difficulties is also very welcome," concluded Minister Brady.

Post Primary School News

Under 14 camogie team have reached the Dublin League Final. This is a great achievement for the team who have already won the Kildare League Final. The final is to be played on the 24th February against Loretto Beaufort.

The first year girls basketball team have reached the semi final of their league. They will be playing Maryfield College after the midterm. The girls have won all of their games in the league so far.

Our junior debaters are through to the final of the UCD Law Society Plate debating competition. They beat Loretto St Stephen's Green and St Conleth's to get through. The final will be held on Mar 4th.

Our cross-country running team have had success in the West Leinster's. Emily Milner, Ciara Hewson and Roisin Everard won the intermediate girls. Well done to all!

Fifth Year and Transition Year students are celebrating their recent success with the production of Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. Over 150 students took to the stage entertaining full house every night. Well done to Ms Murphy and all her team for the hard work

Transition Year students are continuing their year of activity. Coming up next month they will be involved in a Peace and Reconciliation Workshop, a Percussion workshop and "retreat" and many will act as "Readers" for junior students in their mock exams.

Plans are well underway for our involvement in the St Patrick's Day parade. We look forward to a fun day.

Thanks for all the coverage. Can you also let me know if you received our application for participation in the parade. I sent it last month and just want to check we are definitely involved!! Really looking forward to being part of it.

March will see "Star's in Yer Eyes" come to Maynooth Post Primary School. The competition will take place on Mar 25th where 12 acts will battle it out to represent MPPS in the regional final. More information from Ms O'Connell

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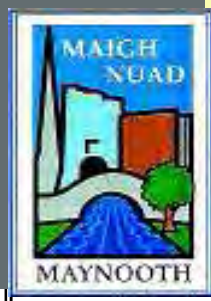
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Editorial-April

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the committee on a wonderful parade on Saint Patrick's Day. It was one of the best parades and the best attended for years. Even the weather was clement and the warmest day this year. There will be a full report on the sponsors and supporters elsewhere in this publication. It was extraordinary to see the coverage of the celebrations all over the world, Sydney Opera House turned green as well as the wheel in London, even China had a gathering to celebrate this year.

As the world parties in green, white and gold, the story at home in this little emerald isle is far from rosy. Every institution of Church and State is being questioned, there is a worrying lack of trust but the stunned paralysis continues. Unlike the Icelanders and the Greeks, there will be no revolution in Ireland; instead there is a creeping fury and increasing depression. Anecdotal evidence indicates that young unemployed people are simply packing up and leaving without even bothering to sign on the dole. Perhaps their parents, watching the country in deep recession for the second time in their own lifetimes, are advising them to leave.

Even the education system, the saviour of the eighties, is now being questioned. But it took the gurus of Google to catch the attention of the minister and of university heads. The authorities paid no attention whatsoever when academics expressed concerns about the growing and questionable bureaucracy as well as the drop in standards at both Leaving Certificate and university levels. We need a good education system now more than ever to prepare the youth and the newly-unemployed for the unsure future that faces our island.

The cultural strengths of our nation are being continually emphasized by such writers and poets as Colm Toibín, Colum McCann, Paul Muldoon and Seamus Heaney in particular. This has been recognized by the government with their appointment of the actor Gabriel Byrne as our first cultural (unpaid) ambassador. What a pity the same government did not listen to the calls of these self-same artists when they railed against destroying a pristine landscape. Like education, when we most need our environment and heritage we have done most to damage it. Tourist numbers to Ireland are falling dramatically. The recession is to blame of course but perhaps the shock of finding destroyed villages, a landscape scarred by motorways and heritage sites under threat is adding to the decrease. This is not the Ireland that Fáilte Ireland is promoting.

This is your opportunity to get involved in your own community – the new Community Council is being elected at present. You can have a say in how your town is developing, not just your own backyard but the whole town of Maynooth. It is up to all of us to be involved in the evolution of our own areas and to ensure that we have a vibrant, beautiful and safe community for ourselves and our children. Its up to us.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

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Clubs, Organisation And Societies

Maynooth Community Games

Maynooth Community Games held the annual ART Competition in the Boys' National School On Wednesday 17th February

Results are as follows:

BOYS		GIRLS	
Under 6		Joint 1st	EIMEAR QUINN MARTHA Mc CORMACK
Under 8	1st RUAIRI COAKLEY	1st	DEIRDRE MILLITT
Under 10		Joint 1st	AISLING COALKEY AINE JENNINGS
		2nd	LARA FEEHAN
		3rd	ELLA BARTON
Under 12	1st DAWEL BARYCK	1st	PAULINE HILL
	2nd MATTHEW MA-LONEY	2nd	NIAMH JENNINGS
	3rd JAMES SHERIDAN	3rd	TARA GANLY
Under 14	1st ROSS KAVANAGH	1st	EDEL MURPHY
	2nd RORY FEEHAN	2nd	EMMA Mc CULLAGH
	3rd VILGAR ORUMAA	3rd	KAREN O'CONNOR
Under 16		1st	SARAH CURRAN

Well done to the boys and girls.

Many thanks to Mr. Coakley Principal Boys' National School for the use of the school and to the judges on the day ELAINE Mc AULIFFE and NIAMH KEARNEY.

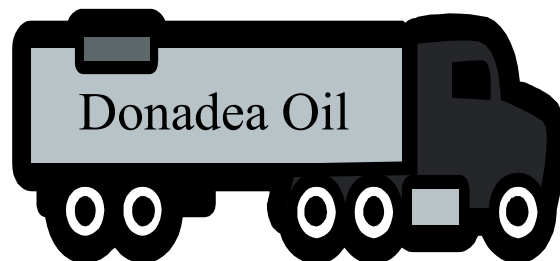
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Recipes for Easter

Basic Vegetable Soup



Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp (25 g) 1 oz butter
- 1 lb (450 g) carrots, peeled and diced
- 1 medium onion, skinned and sliced
- 2 medium potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 small green pepper, seeded and chopped
- 2 oz (50 g) lentils
- salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1/2 bay leaf
- 3/8 cup (40 g) plain flour, sieved
- 450 ml (3/4 pint) milk
- 4 oz (100 g) English Cheddar cheese, grated
- croutons to garnish

Method:

1. Melt the butter and fry the carrots, onion, potatoes and green pepper until softened.
2. Add 450 ml (3/4 pint) water, lentils, salt, pepper and bay leaf and simmer for 30 minutes.
3. Mix the flour with a little of the milk and gradually blend in the rest. Stir well into the soup until it thickens. Simmer for 5 minutes then stir in 75 g (3 oz) cheese.
4. Pour into a serving dish, garnish with the remaining cheese and sprinkle with croutons. Serve immediately.

Braised Lamb Shanks with Crushed Herb Potatoes



Ingredients:

- 4 large lamb shanks
- plain flour
- butter
- olive oil
- 2 red onions, thinly sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 100ml balsamic vinegar
- 500ml red wine, full bodied
- 2 tbsp tomato purée
- a sprig of rosemary
- 1kg new potatoes, peeled and cut into small chunks
- 2 large sprigs of thyme, leaves only
- 4 large sprigs mint, leaves only, chopped

Method:

1. Heat the oven to 150C/fan 130C/gas 2. Dust the lamb shanks with flour and season. Heat a casserole and add a little butter and olive oil. Add the onions and cook until soft, then scoop out. Put in the lamb shanks and brown all over. Put the onions back in the casserole with the garlic, balsamic, wine, tomato purée, rosemary and season.
 2. Cover, put in the oven and cook for 2 1/2 hours until the meat is almost falling off the bone. Remove the lamb from the casserole and keep warm. Boil down the juices to thicken them if they seem too thin.
 3. Meanwhile, boil the potatoes until soft. Drain, add a knob of butter, thyme, mint, then season and crush lightly.
- Serve with the lamb shanks and gravy.

Strawberry and Oatmeal Dessert

Ingredients:

- 50g/2oz Porridge Oatflakes
- 450g/1lb Strawberries
- 150ml/1/4 pt Greek Yoghurt
- 1 tbl. Sugar
- 300ml/1/2pt Double Cream
- 50g/2oz Caster Sugar



Method:

1. Toast oatflakes under preheated grill until lightly browned. Allow to cool.
2. Mash the strawberries with the sugar. Whip the cream and fold in the yoghurt, caster sugar and all but 2 tablespoons of the oatflakes. In glasses, layer the strawberries and cream mixture. Sprinkle remaining oatflakes on top. Decorate with a strawberry. Chill. Serves approx 4, depending on size of glasses. (Strawberries may be replaced with any other fruit of your choice.)

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Easy

**Solutions**

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You have come to really dislike a certain person at work. You might have misjudged them. Try not to prejudge people as sometimes first impressions are not always what they appear. Your lucky day is Monday, Number 5, Colour Blue.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

Don't try to cover anything up. The more upfront you are, the sooner you can get on with personal and professional business. A creative outlet will inspire and motivate you in other areas of your life.

Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 13, Colour Midnight Blue.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

You don't need someone to tell you you're special. Use your natural self-confidence to help yourself and your friends. A friend will need a shoulder to cry on and that shoulder will be yours.

Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 10, Colour Yellow.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

Take control. Stick to your bottom line. Don't go over budget. Keep things simple and manageable to impress onlookers and entice others to help you out. Love and romance are in the stars.

Your lucky day is Friday, Number 11, Colour Silver.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

Before you share your good ideas, make sure you aren't giving away too much information. Someone you least expect will try to take credit. This is not the best time for love or personal gains.

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



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

Friends, neighbours or relatives will be difficult to handle. Make sure you have lived up to your promises. Inconsistent behaviour will give others the chance to take over.

Your lucky day is Wednesday, Number 1, Colour Violet.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

Change is upon you and can bring about some interesting new contacts and a chance to take part in something that will enhance you. Use your imagination to entice others to help.

Your lucky day is Friday, Number 22, Colour Violet.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

Take an old idea and turn it into something new and useable. Reaching out to people from your past will help you understand situations you've been questioning. Clear up unfinished business before starting something new.

Your lucky day is Monday, Number 36, Colour Yellow.



LEO—July 24—August 23

Plan a trip or sign up for a course that will change your outlook, lifestyle or routine. A money deal will attract you, but do your homework first. Someone is likely to paint an inaccurate picture.

Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 11, Colour White.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

You can put your money to better use if you invest in a project or educational pursuit. Get involved in a cause you believe in, and you can form an alliance with someone who will complement what you have to offer. Your lucky day is Thursday, Number 6, Colour Purple.



VIRGO—August 24—Sept 23

Enjoy the moment and forget about life's trials and tribulations. Socializing or spending more time with the person you love most will help ease your stress. A partnership will take a favourable turn.

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



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

You are getting so consumed with your own problems that you're losing sight of the bigger picture. Go do something nice for someone. You will feel so much better.

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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth Tidy Towns win inaugural "Spirit of St. Patrick" award.

The Saint Patrick Foundation is a new international reconciliation charity based here in Maynooth, which is grounded in the life and legacy of our patron saint. One part of their work is that they will present annually an award to the group in society that in their opinion has made a very significant contribution to the building of a healthy community here in Maynooth.

The winner of the 2010 inaugural award was the Maynooth Tidy Towns committee and the presentation was made at a special function on St. Patrick's morning in the Glenroyal Hotel. The trophy created by Mullingar Pewter consists of a beautiful detailed statue of St. Patrick mounted on a walnut base and engraved with the winner's name. Maynooth Tidy Towns committee was delighted to receive this award particularly in its inaugural year. It is rewarding in itself to know that our work is acknowledged but even better when we receive an award.



*John McGinley Presenting Award to
Mattie Callaghan (Chairman of Tidy Towns)*

Maynooth Tidy Towns wins the Environmental Awareness Award

Maynooth Tidy Towns is also grateful to the judges of the floats in the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade 2010 for selecting our float as the winner of the award for the "Best Portrayal of Environmental Awareness". We always make an effort to make our float relevant and this year we had two parts to our presentation. The front reflected our efforts to enhance the town with shrubs and flowers and the back part which consisted of a boxing ring with two lads punching a bag to show that we want the people of Maynooth to put on their gloves and rid Maynooth of litter. Thanks to everyone involved in the float this year including Super Valu, Maynooth for their sponsorship and Dowdstown Developments for the use of their van and trailer. In particular thanks to Ross Kavanagh and Keelan Murphy for the boxing.

Maynooth Tidy Towns tackle Tesco Roundabout

On Saturday March 13th Maynooth Tidy Towns' volunteers moved onto the roundabout at Tesco in order to rebuild the landscape area to give a better impression as people come to this area. The original work there meant a lot of maintenance was required, but we still saved the plants for re-use as part of the upgrade. The work involved saving the plants and re-arranging them to create an area close to the edge that will be covered in pebbles replacing the original grass verge. This entire project will take a number of more days to finish. We would like to thank Dowdstown Developments for the equipment which was invaluable in ensuring that the work progressed rapidly. Thanks to all the committee and volunteers for their work. We are talking to a sponsor regarding the materials and will give more information later. If you would like to get involved with us on this or any similar projects, please text or call 087 3153189.



Fighting Litter

New Partnerships with Maynooth Tidy Towns should help achieve more marks in the national competition 2010.

Maynooth Tidy Towns believe that the best chance of making progress is to work with others to achieve our common aims. This year we have two pilot projects with two estates aimed at increasing the score that Maynooth achieves for Residential areas which has remained stagnant around 25 points for a number of years. On the commercial front we have put together an arrangement with McDonald's fast food restaurant to tackle litter on the Leixlip side of the town and a number of other aspects. We will give more information later on these new partnerships and we are always willing to work with others also, so if you have an idea please contact us.

Paul Croghan (Vice-Chair Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee)

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Irish Mammals

The Badger (Broc). The badger is a beautiful animal native to Ireland. The badger can be found in almost every county. The badger is a member of the same family as the otter, stoat and pine marten. It measures about 1m in length, has short powerful legs a narrow head with a wide stripe along the side of its face through each eye. For its size it is a heavy animal and looks clumsy when it moves. The badger hunts, plays and eat at night, this is why the badger is called a nocturnal animal. The badger eats earthworms, rabbits and small mice and rats. Badgers are silver-grey in colour. A badger can grow to a length of 90cm and can weigh up to 18kg. Badgers have very poor eyesight but their senses of hearing and smell are very good. Badgers dig their underground home with their strong front claws. Their home is called a sett.



Young badgers are born in early February or March. Three is the usual litter size. At six weeks old the cubs begin to explore the tunnels of the sett and come above ground at eight weeks. Badgers cubs are very playful from May to August, by this time they are three quarters grown and some may leave the sett to take up life on their own. The hair is used in the making of shaving brushes and also for artists brushes.

Irish Stoat (Éasóg). The stoat is the smallest of our flesh eating mammals and is wrongly called a weasel. There are no weasels in Ireland. It was not until the eighteenth century that it was discovered that what was thought to be a weasel was really a stoat, but most Irish people still call our stoat a weasel. Unlike stoats from colder areas the Irish stoat rarely changes to a white winter coat.



The Irish stoat is about one foot long and has a thin tube like body with short legs and weighs about half a pound. Stoats produce one litter per year. The young are born in March or April. They do not build nests but use any old burrow, or tree hollow. They take great care looking after their young. When the young are a few weeks old their parents show them how to hunt and feed themselves. The young stay with the parents much longer than most mammals. They hunt mainly by scent. It is very good at hunting and can tackle animals far bigger than itself. It will attack rabbits and hares. It may also kill pheasants, duck and hens. They are great at catching rats and mice around farmyards. Stoats are normally quiet animals but when in trouble give out a sound like a small bark.

Fallow Deer (Fia Buí). The fallow deer is the most common deer in Ireland. His summer coat is chestnut coloured with white spots on his side. His winter coat is greyish-brown without spots. Fallow are a herd deer but group size is influenced by habitat. They favour a varied habitat with cover and grazing, that is mixed deciduous woodland or pine with grazing. They are primarily grazers and will graze all year round, however they will eat herbs, leaves, acorns, young deciduous shoots and farm crops (sugar beet). Bucks grow antlers in late Spring and have a soft skin covering called velvet. Antlers will grow until August, the velvet dies and is scrapped off. The antlers are fully grown in August and will remain until they are shed in March and April. Antler size to some extent depends on age but more importantly on the deer's health and nutrition. In the wild the best heads are found on 7-9 year old animals.



Fallow deer are a protected game species and may only be hunted with a licence from the National Parks and Wild Life Service. Fallow bucks may be hunted from the 1st of September until December 31st and Does may be hunted from the 1st of November to the 28th February .

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Know Your Rights

Question

I have a huge electricity bill after the last cold snap. I'm worried about getting into arrears with my bills. What are my options?

Answer

If you don't pay your gas or electricity bills your supply may be cut off. However most utility companies will only cut off supply as a last resort when all other arrangements with you have failed.

- You should contact your supplier as soon as possible. They can agree a plan for you to repay your bill that will take into account your income and personal or family situation. Your suppliers contact number is printed on your bill.
- Don't make arrangements to repay amounts that you know you cannot afford. That may only make your situation more difficult.
- Make sure that your bill is based on a current meter reading and not an estimated one.

All energy suppliers are required to have customer charters and codes of practice that protect customers. For example these codes of practice should outline how and when disconnection can take place. You can visit the website of the Commissioner for Energy Regulation (www.energycustomers.ie) to find out more. In addition ESB Customer Supply and Bord Gais Energy have agreed a code of practice on fuel debts with the Department of Social and Family Affairs (DSFA). The code of practice outlines supports available to social welfare recipients who are having difficulty paying their bills.

If you cannot pay your bills because of exceptional circumstances you may be able to get an exceptional needs payment from The Health Service Executive (HSE). However arrears on a bill alone do not usually count as an exceptional need—your family's situation will be taken into account. Contact your local Community Welfare Officer. If you are a vulnerable customer (for example an older person or someone with special needs) you should sign up to the special services register, which ensures that disconnection due to non payment of arrears will not occur during the winter months. Older people and some social welfare recipients may also be eligible for the Household Benefits Scheme which includes free gas and electricity units.

You can also contact the Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) helpline 1890 283 438 (9am–8pm Monday to Friday) for more advice and information. Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

Question

I am shortly about to have my first child. How is my maternity Benefit treated for tax purposes?

Answer

Maternity Benefit paid by the Department of Social and Family Affairs is not regarded as taxable income and is disregarded for all tax purposes (including levies, income tax and PRSI). Your employer may top up your Maternity Benefit payment while you are on leave and in this case any extra payment on top of the Maternity Benefit is taxable.

In most cases when a woman's maternity leave is being topped up the employer deducts the State payment from the employees salary and pays the remainder, which is taxable as normal.

However some employees may pay a full salary to employees who are out on maternity leave and recover the Maternity Benefit from the employees or directly from the Department of Social and Family Affairs. In this case they may deduct the usual amount of income tax, levies and PRSI from your salary while you are on maternity leave. If this happened you may be due a repayment of the extra tax and PRSI paid.

If your employer does not top up your Maternity Benefit your weekly/monthly tax credits will accumulate for the period of

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your maternity leave and you may be due a refund of the tax that you have already paid in that tax year.

Time spent on maternity leave (including additional maternity leave) is treated as though you have been in employment. This means that you accumulate annual leave and public holiday entitlements during your maternity leave.

Question

What powers do the Gardaí have to stop and question me?

Answer

Most powers given to the Gardaí to stop and question members of the public are set out in law (known as statutory powers). In some cases Gardaí are entitled to stop and question you where no statutory power exists. This is known as a *common law power*.

An example of this would be where a Garda observes you acting suspiciously late at night. The Garda is entitled to stop you in order to detect and prevent crime. You are under no legal obligation to co-operate with the Garda and the Garda cannot use force to restrain your freedom under common law without arresting you. However, if the Garda has reasonable grounds for suspecting that you have committed an offence, the Garda can use a statutory power to demand your name and address. If you refuse to provide them then the Garda can arrest you.

The Gardaí can stop motorists at random in order to detect and prevent crime. This common law power can be used, for example, to stop cars near pubs to identify drunk drivers or in order to check cars passing through a particular area. The Gardaí can also stop motorists under a statutory power (Section 109 of the Road Traffic Act 1961), which obliges a motorist to stop his/her vehicle when required to do so by a Garda. This statutory power is given to the Gardaí so they can inspect vehicle tax, insurance certificates, driving licences and road worthiness of vehicles. Unlike common law power, it is confined to road traffic offences.

Many statutory provisions allow the Gardaí to stop people for specific purposes but there is only one which specifically permits a Garda to stop and question someone short of arresting the person. Section 30 of the Offences against the State Act 1939 allows a Garda to stop and interrogate anyone whom the Garda suspects of having committed or being about to commit an offence under the 1939 Act or an offence scheduled for the purposes of the Act (A number of offences are listed as scheduled offences such as firearms offences and explosive offences). This gives the Gardaí the power to stop a suspect in a public place. You can find out more about Garda powers at the

Irish Council for Civil Liberties website,
www.knowyourrights.ie

Question

What is the Work Placement Programme?

Answer

The FÁS Work Placement Programme provides nine months work experience for unemployed people and graduates. There are two streams: Stream 1 provides 1,000 Places for graduates and Stream 2 provide 1,000 places for unemployed people (with 250 of these places reserved for people under 34). Placements are allocated to each FÁS region according to the number of people on the Live Register in that region. Placements are allocated on a 'first come, first serve basis'.

To be eligible for **Stream 1 of the Work Placement Programme** you must have been awarded a qualification at level 7 or higher on the National Framework of Qualifications in 2009 or earlier and be unemployed. You do not have to be getting a social welfare payment.

To be eligible for **Stream 2 of the Work Placement Programme** you must be unemployed and getting a qualifying social welfare payment for at least three months (these include Jobseekers Allowance and Benefit and One Parent Family Payment) or six months in the case of Illness Benefit. If you are getting Disability Allowance, Blind Pension, Invalidity Pension or Illness Benefit you need written approval from the Department of Social and Family Affairs to do rehabilitative work before you can apply for the Work Placement Programme.

Employers in both the public and private sectors have been eligible to participate in the programme since it was set up. From 1st December 2009 the programme has been extended to employers in the community and voluntary sector. An earlier requirement to have at least ten employees has been Removed. The maximum number of placements for each Employer is ten or ten per cent of the workforce, whichever is the lower.

Before you apply for advertised placements you must be registered with FÁS and have recorded your 'expression of interest' in the Programme.

You can register with FÁS at any local FÁS Employment Service Office or Local Employment Service Office (LES). If you are already registered with FÁS you can record your 'expression of interest' in the Work Placement Programme at any FÁS and LES office or by calling FREEPHONE 1800 611 16.

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Club meets every Tuesday & Thursday morning in the
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Sunday 18th April in the GAA Club.

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22nd April, 2010 Dr. Simon Nolan
Department of Philosophy, NUIM
“Soul, Body and Extention in John Baconthorpe
(c. 1290-1346):
A Window Onto Late Medieval
Philosophical Debate”
Response: Dr. Amos Edelheit
Chair: Dr. Michael Dunne
All Welcome

Maynooth Community Library

Maynooth Film for All club's next film is “
The Visitor” which takes place
on Wednesday 28th April at 7.30 p.m. in
John Hume Lecture Hall in NUI Maynooth.

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Cycling Safety Course.

Fifth Class pupils of St. Mary's Boys' National School in association with Kildare County Councils Road Safety Unit held a cycling safety course in the school grounds.

This is a pilot project to raise safety awareness. 22 pupils participated.



Fifth Class Pupils of St. Mary's Boys' National School.



***Niall Cross and Declan Keogh,
Kildare Road Safety Unit.***

Quiz Winners



Back: Peter Coakley, Cathal Fenton,

***Front: Ben Carroll, Callum McCabe, Paul
Damery, Michael Diamond. (U-11s)***

After winning the local Credit Union Quiz the U-11 and U-13 boys travelled to the Chapter Finals in Kilnamanagh.

The standard of questions was of the highest order.

The U-13 boys did themselves and the School proud and finished in 5th place.

After 10 very competitive rounds the U-11 boys finished on top of their section.

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St. Patrick's Day Parade 2010

This was the 25th year for us to organise the Maynooth Parade and there is no doubt that it was one of the best that we have had for many years. There were 38 entries in this year's Parade, up from the 27 entries that we had last year and 14 in 2008.

The lovely sunshine and the very high quality of the Floats helped to make it a great day. It was great to see the local schools taking part and the very big crowd particularly liked the display of the Post Primary School students.

On behalf of the Parade Committee I would like to thank the participants and all those who helped with the organising of what was yet again a very successful Parade.

I would like to thank all the businesses who contributed to ensure that we were not at a financial loss. In particular I would like to thank Willie Kiernan who provides, erects and operates his state of the art Public Address System every year free of charge. Also, we are very thankful to George O'Connor for providing the crowd control barriers.

Our major sponsors were:

Thorntons Recycling, Derrinstown Stud, Brady's Clockhouse, George O'Connor, John Merrick Dentist, TESCO, McDonalds, Allied Irish Bank, Elite Confectionary, Mary Cowhey Solicitor, Greenfield Dry Cleaners, Dermot O' Neill, Mantra, Maximus, Glenroyal Hotel and The Roost

I would also like to thank the following:

- **Paul Thornton of Thorntons Recycling for providing the reviewing stand and for sponsoring the Fintan Lawlor Pipe Band.**
- **Elaine Bean, Melanie Oliver, Matt Callaghan, Paul Thornton, Willie Saults, Andrew McMullon, Pat Farrell and David Moynan for helping with the reviewing stand and putting out the crowd control barriers.**
- **Paul Croghan for taking on the task of Master of Ceremonies.**
- **George O'Connor for again providing the crash barriers free of charge.**
- **The Boys National Primary School for providing chairs for the reviewing stand.**
- **Jim McManus for the power supply for the public address system.**
- **Freda Kelleher for providing the plants for the Reviewing Stand**
- **Our guests on the reviewing stand.**
- **Bernard Durkan T.D. for being our guest speaker.**
- **Kildare County Council for Supplying the No Parking Cones and Shay Corbally for storing them.**
- **All the stewards who yet again performed their tasks very professionally.**
- **The Parade Committee and to Marie Gleeson and the staff of the Community Council for their great help.**
- **The residents of Greenfield Estate for their continued co-operation.**
- **All of the business people who did such a splendid job of decorating their shop windows.**
- **Patricia Moynan for judging the Shop Windows each year**
- **Paul Hand for all his hard work collecting donations**
- **Finally, a special word of thanks to the Gardai for controlling the traffic so well.**

St. Patrick's Day Parade 2010

The Parade Prize Winners were:

Best Commercial Float	Thorntons Recycling
Best Club Float (The Owen Byrne Memorial Trophy)	Maynooth G.A.A.
Best Band	St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band
Best Portrayal of Irish Culture	Rita Doyle School of Irish Dancing
Best Portrayal of Environmental Awareness	Maynooth Tidy Towns
Best School Float	Maynooth Post Primary School

The Shop Window Prize Winners were:

- 1. The Happy Hound**
- 2. Byrnes Book Shop**
- 3. The Flower Mill**

John McGinley,
Organiser, Maynooth's St. Patrick's Day Parade 2010

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St. Patrick's Day Parade



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Maynooth Scouts



Presentation Girls' School



The Viewing Stand



Preparing for The Parade

8th Kildare Maynooth Scout Trip to Switzerland 2010

Thursday 18th Feb.

Bright and early this morning 20 Scouts and 6 leaders from Maynooth met in departures to start our trip to Switzerland. When we landed in Geneva we were met by a French Scout group. We were staying with this group for the next five days. This French group had joined us on our summer camp last year and they were repaying the favour by inviting us to join them on their winter camp in the Alps. For the first two nights we were staying with host families. This meant that two/three of our scouts were looked after by the French parents.

Friday 19th Feb.

We had to get up early and met up at the bus station in Geneva. We toured the city of Geneva by bus and on foot, visiting St Peters Cathedral, The Botanical Gardens, The International Red Cross Museum and The United Nations.

This evening we were treated to a traditional dish called Raclette which is a potato dish with cheese and salami.

Saturday 20th Feb.

Up at 0600 in time to catch the 0700 train to Kandersteg (home of the International Scout Centre). It was a good job we had a carriage to ourselves. The French group practised their English and we practised our French. This made for a very noisy journey.

After a quick lunch it was time to put on our snow wear and hit the slopes. We did snow walking and went up 2000 feet in a cable car. We also got to do some survival training by finding beacons which were hidden in the snow, avalanche training and making snow caves (shelters if you are lost or cut off for any reason).

Sunday 21st Feb.

The two groups were broken down to smaller groups for cross country skiing and tobogganing. Asking around I think that the tobogganing was the favourite thing to try. This evening we had an international evening in the centre, the Scouts got to sample different food and cultures from places like Brazil and Holland. (The volunteers working in the hostel were Scouters from all over the world)

Monday 22nd Feb.

Another early start! The Scouts had some free time in Kandersteg to buy last minute presents. The train journey back to Geneva was another noisy affair but by now the French had some more English and the Irish had some more French!!!! In Geneva we left our new friends behind, hopefully we have made some friends for life. .

At 1700 20 very tired Scouts and 6 relieved leaders arrived back in Dublin.

All in all it was an amazing trip and one that will be remembered for a long time.





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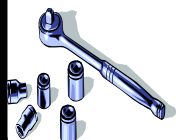
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GAA president applauds Maynooth's major initiative

Maynooth GAA club chairman Colm Nolan presented the first copy of the club's development strategy –

Building our future 2009 to 2015 – to GAA president Christy Cooney on Tuesday night (9 March). The strategy, the result of a huge amount of work overseen by former club chairman Rody Molloy, was launched in the clubhouse where a packed house got their hands on the completed strategy for the first time.

"It's a tremendous pleasure to be here tonight," said GAA president, Christy Cooney. "We didn't think when we launched this two years ago that we'd be launching a club plan so soon. This is the second club plan I've launched and there is a phenomenal sense of belief in this club."

Club chairman Colm Nolan thanked everyone who had contributed to the strategy document, which included players, members, parents, managers, sponsors and supporters.

"Early in 2009, we appointed a strategy review committee that consulted with various stakeholders in the club to find out their views and vision for the club," said Nolan.

"We want to put the club back at the heart of the community. Our vision is to be one of the best clubs in the country."

Also attending the launch was Kildare GAA chairman, Pdraig Ashe, and Kildare's Central Council delegate, Marty McEvoy, who has been overseeing the strategy plan for the county.

"Our clubs aren't islands on their own," said Cooney. "If our clubs are strong and vibrant, so will our counties and our association. It's not the other way around."

The president, who previously visited the club as part of Féile peil na nÓg in 2009, praised the ambition of Maynooth in putting forward a plan that outlines the goals and objectives, as well as a code of conduct.

"Now you have to live up to that plan. I applaud you for your initiative in putting a plan together. If you stick to it, in five years time your club will be one of the leading clubs in the association," said Cooney.

The Maynooth GAA strategy document will be delivered to households in the town over the coming weeks and follows on from a very successful 2009 for the current Leinster intermediate football champions. Maynooth will be a senior club in both hurling and football this year, while the camogie, ladies football and juvenile sections continue to go from strength to strength.



Christy Cooney (GAA President) & Colm Nolan

It was an unprecedented year of success and on Saturday night Maynooth GAA club celebrated an unforgettable season at their gala awards night in the Glenroyal Hotel. Nearly 400 people turned up for one of the biggest parties ever in the town. While the club's Leinster championship winning football team were the biggest winners in 2009, there was a host of medal recipients on Saturday.

Special guests Pdraig Ashe, Kildare GAA chairman and Seamus Howlin, Leinster Council chairman, paid tribute to the achievements of the Moyglare Road club, with Ashe pointing out the role his own club of Straffan had to play in Maynooth's provincial success. They of course were home to the management duo of Declan Cryan and David 'Hammy' Cunningham up until 2008, before they moved to the Crom Abu.

Leinster chairman, Seamus Howlin, from Wexford spoke about the importance of the club moving forward now as they move up into the senior ranks and he reserved special praise for Karl Ennis – who turned down a Kildare team holiday in the United States so that he could play in a Leinster club final, where he scored a crucial goal. Ennis was also part of the Maynooth intermediate hurling team that claimed the Kildare championship in October,

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Maynooth GAA

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where they beat Moorefield, and both teams were out in force to pick up their medals – which came neatly presented in a framed case below a team photo. Not to be outdone, the minor and under-21 camogie teams also received their championship medals, as did the minor football team who became the first ever Maynooth team to win the Division One league title. Also honoured on the night were the members of Maynooth's ever successful Scór teams, the dancers going all the way to the All-Ireland final in 2009. MC Eamon O'Flaherty played a blinder as usual on stage, combining his razor sharp wit and electric voice to keep the crowd entertained although O'Flaherty did have to take a back seat when the room took in the closing stages of Maynooth's Leinster intermediate championship final win against Tubberclair. On the video O'Flaherty, and his analyst Mick Gillick, recounted the closing stages of Maynooth's famous victory and not for the first time it sounded like both men were going to lose their voices. Reliving all the excitement and much more, the players, parents, officials and many proud members of Maynooth GAA club had a night to remember and a fitting occasion to mark their most successful year.

MAYNOOTH GAA NEWS

SFC Draw

The draw was made for the first round of the senior football championship on Sunday and Maynooth will face Round Towers in round one. There will be four round robin matches this year and the top eight teams will qualify for the quarter-finals. The first round of the championship takes place on the weekend of April 18. Maynooth begin their senior league campaign this weekend at home to Kilcock on Sunday (28 March) at 4pm.

Féile football heartbreak

Celbridge 2-7 Maynooth 1-8

A gallant Maynooth under 14 team, looked to have this game sewn up, leading by five points with five minutes left despite missing a host of easy scoring opportunities. They had led by a point at half time against a stiff breeze. This lead should have been much more. Maynooth completely dominated the second half but the many missed chances would prove costly, as they should have been out of sight. A silly concession of a 40m free, when the defence had again stood firm - led to a soft goal. Celbridge upped the ante to score a point from the kickout. After Maynooth missed another point scoring

opportunity, Celbridge went the length of the pitch to score the winning goal from a very acute angle just before the hour mark. Maynooth had chances to pull back the deficit in injury time but these attacks ended scoreless.

This game is proof that a game is never over until the final whistle goes. Celbridge genuinely could not believe they had won the match, when the final whistle went, so dominant were Maynooth over the course of the game.

Maynooth were heart-broken at the finish, for the 2nd time in the competition - having lost a game that should have been won easily!

Congratulations to the lads on a great display. They really did the jersey proud in the efforts and skills displayed. Celbridge could not believe their luck but should be commended for never giving up despite being outplayed for most of the match.

Well done to the Maynooth lads who hopefully will regroup to do their utmost to win the Feile Division 1 Shield.

Comerford to captain Kildare

The club was proud to learn that minor footballer, John Comerford, will captain the Kildare minor team in 2010. John was midfield on the team that reached last year's Leinster final in Croke Park, and it's a huge honour for the club to have John as the county captain.

Congratulations also to Cian Forde, Conor Nolan and Sean Bean who made the Kildare minor hurling panel.

College success for Maynooth girls

Congrats to Maynooth camogie player Louise Walsh who received a Purcell Cup All-Star in February. The Purcell Cup is the colleges' camogie trophy. Louise represented NUI Maynooth.

Meanwhile ladies football manager Anto Mooney guided the college to success in Giles Cup in March and she had club star Hazel Mulligan assisting her on the sidelines while another Maynooth player, Siobhan McCourt, was one of the stars of the team in midfield.

More Scór success

Well done to our dancers who won county titles in Céili Dancing and Set-dancing, and to Paul Mescal who won a county title in Recitation at the Kildare Final of Senior Scór which was held in Allenwood GAA. Well done to our quiz team who were only points behind the All-Ireland champions Allenwood and to our singer Gary Carroll who represented the club.

By Brendan Coffey

LOCAL IRISH DANCERS FROM MAYNOOTH/STRAFFAN HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM FLORIDA.

The Lil Tully School of Irish Dancing Danced on President Day 15th of February on the Winter Garden Stage in Down Town Disney. After much fundraising and lots of hard work the delegation returned from Florida on Monday 22nd February 2010. Siobhan Keogh Kellett one of the Directors who is celebrating 20th years of teaching with the School is delighted with all her Dancers.

It has taken a full year for all the planning to come together. It was a fantastic opportunity for the class and the children will remember this trip for the rest of their lives. Indeed some of the members going have not been on a plane before. An entourage of 127 people consisting of 37 dancers, brothers and sisters and parents/grandparents made the trip. 40 rooms were taken in the Crown Plaza Hotel.

It has been on lot of hard work said Siobhan Keogh Kellett director of the school. The excitement in the class was fantastic. This trip will be the pinnacle of some of their dancing life.

My Mother "Lil Tully" started the class 45 years ago and I am delighted to carry on her name. I have been teaching in Straffan the last 20 years. I am teaching in Maynooth since September 00.

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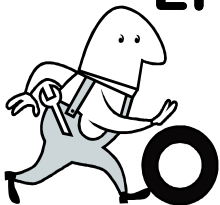


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Further Information from Dr. Bob McCormack at the DARA Community Support Programme on 01 6271484.

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Well that's Paddy's Day done and dusted for another year. All the practice, both musically and marchingly, were well worth it when even the weather turned up trumps for the Maynooth Parade on the big day. The Junior Band fitted in extremely well, got their marching right and the recital at the reviewing stand went extremely well. It was great too to see the huge crowds of former years return for the parade and that added immensely to the buzz that the Juniors got from marching in the parade. The Band retained the Cup for the best Marching Band but the icing on the cake was the surprise of seeing their splendid blue uniform appearing on the RTE News coverage of the parades throughout the country, didn't they look well and they were a credit to the town and the people who have supported them throughout the years.

The Band had little time to rest on their laurels and there was just time for a quick bite in Brady's and then straight over to the Kilcock Parade starting at 1.30. Again the weather played it's part and once again the Band added a huge splash of colour to the Parade.

A date for your diary. The band will be playing in the parish church on Friday 16th April as part of the charity fundraiser for Zambia. Tickets are €5 or €15 for families and are available from the Maynooth bookshop or any member of the Folk Group. It will be a great mix of music on the night and we are delighted to be a part of this event.

Music classes will be commencing shortly for anyone who has an interest in playing the tuba, trombone or euphonium. Please contact **Elaine Bean on 0879704912 for further details.**

Transition Group—Film "Power of Community"



The Transition Group In Maynooth will screen the film "Power of Community" in Room 2 Rowan House North Campus NUI Maynooth Wed. April 14 at 7.30pm

When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1990, Cuba's economy went into a tailspin. With imports of oil cut by more than half – and food by 80 percent – people were desperate. This film tells of the hardships and struggles as well as the community and creativity of the Cuban people during this difficult time. Cubans share how they transitioned from a highly mechanized, industrial agricultural system to one using organic methods of farming and local, urban gardens. It is an unusual look into the Cuban culture during this economic crisis, which they call "The Special Period." The film opens with a short history of Peak Oil, a term for the time in our history when world oil production will reach its all-time peak and begin to decline forever. Cuba, the only country that has faced such a crisis – the massive reduction of fossil fuels – is an example of options and hope.

David Walsh

Senior Citizen's Club

Our senior Citizen's club continues each Tuesday and Thursday morning in the Community care Unit until Easter, after which we will return to the I.C.A. hall. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the H.S.E. and the I.C.A. for both of these facilities. Our annual church gate collection on the 27th / 28th of Feb. raised €2,173.90. Many thanks to all who contributed. Our Easter Tea-dance/ Parade will take place on Sunday April 18th and the making of your Easter Bonnets should be almost complete. All our Tea-Dances take place in the G.A.A. club which is an excellent facility and I thank Colm, Martin and all the members for their continued support. Our "Bealtaine" Tea-dance will take place on May 16th and our Summer Tea-dance on June 20th. Our Senior's annual holiday will also take place in June this year. This will take us up to our Summer outing in July for which we have no date just yet. However I will Thank Pat and Fergal Barton in advance as they have provided the coaches for this event free of charge for many years. Without all the above mentioned support systems our organisation would not survive. There is another element on which our survival depends and that is people or more to the point committee members.

As most of you will know this committee was founded in 1965. Yes we are 45 years old in May. We have seen many changes of committee members and older people. The vibrancy of the committee, over the years, was sustained by younger people taking over the helm and new members joining. However that trend has slowed down in recent years. So in order for the work of this committee to continue, we need an injection of younger blood. Are there people out there who would like a challenge and perhaps keep it all going? Someone with a little time to give, who might like to make a difference and ease gently to a very worthwhile organisation. Perhaps you have thought about it but did not know enough about what we do. If that is so you can access this information on the Parish web site or by phoning our Sec. Patricia Cusker on 0872982455 or any committee member or Email: Jo@greenvilla.eu. We would love to hear from you. **Josephine Moore. Chairperson.**



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This year **Today FM** are running a “**Shave or Dye Campaign**” in aid of the Irish Cancer Society, and as nearly everyone including myself has been touched by cancer at some stage, I decided to participate. I am a member of staff on the **Maynooth Newsletter**. My first thought was to Shave but most people thought it was too drastic, so I went for Dye.

My Nephew Evan Igoe died of a brain tumour on the 2nd of March 2000 and in honour of him I dyed my hair purple on the 2nd of March 2010, his tenth Anniversary. A lot of people will remember Evan, as he grew up in Maynooth and swam in the Community Games most years when he was a boy. Sadly he died at the age of 27 years from his brain tumour and Evan will always be missed.

I have set up a web page for sponsorship on the “Shave or Dye campaign” and anyone wishing to sponsor me can do so by calling to the office of the Maynooth Community Council next to the post office or go to http://www.mycharity.ie/event/vera_phelans_event/

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Maynooth Musical Society

The Maynooth Musical Society was established in order to gather a wide range of people from the community to work together and produce a musical. Many of our committee members were graduates from NUI Maynooth who were heavily involved in the college drama society during their education. After leaving college it became apparent that there was no outlet within Maynooth for people to take part in Musical Production. It was this vacuum that inspired us to create Maynooth Musical Society. We want to create a society that is welcome to all members of the public and who want to take part in a musical production. It is not just singers or performers we wish to attract but also people who want to learn and share their skill sets, such as carpenters, technicians, costume designers, make-up artists etc.



As this is our first year our main focus is fundraising in order to put a musical to stage in spring 2011. So far it has been a successful venture for us! We have held a number of events since our foundation in July last year. Our first production was 'Musical Variety Show' in Castletown house last September. This was a wonderful collaboration of the best loved musicals ever produced such as 'The Sound of Music', 'Les Miserables', 'Oklahoma' and 'Grease' to name a few. There was over 100 people in attendance. Throughout the festive season we performed Carol Singing throughout Maynooth. From March 25th to 27th we held our show 'I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change'. Book and Lyrics were by Joe DiPietro and the music by Jimmy Roberts. It was a wonderful production

If you require any further information in regards to the above or the society please feel free to contact me, my name is **Gráinne Healy mobile 087 6900689**. We are of course still accepting new members are contact details are as follows:

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MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN

30kph Speed Limit – End of the World is Nigh?

What have Norwich, Oxford City Council, Amsterdam, Dublin, Galway and Cork all in common? They have all either introduced or plan to introduce 30 kph zones. In Portsmouth, 30kph has been the default speed limit for residential roads and urban areas for over a year. After Barcelona introduced its first pilot "Zone 30" designated area in June 2006, accident rates dropped by up to 27%. As a result, the city now proposes to increase its 50 km length of 30 kph zones to 215 km. Many local authorities on the continent even plan to reduce the speed limit around schools to 20kph.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign welcomes the recent extension of the 30kph speed limit in Dublin city centre and calls on local politicians to reduce the speed limit in Maynooth in the interests of road safety. A spokesperson for the campaign said "Due to its small size, the difference in time between driving from one end of Maynooth to the other at 30kph rather than 50kph is ONE minute – you would spend longer waiting at traffic lights". "The time has come to stop maintaining high vehicle speeds at the expense and cost of pedestrian and cycling mobility. Traffic calming in the vicinity of schools fails to protect children elsewhere".

MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN PRESS RELEASE

Within the last two years, two pedestrians have been killed on the streets of Maynooth, a tragedy for loved ones, families and friends. The freedom of drivers to drive at the speed of their choosing should not outweigh the rights of vulnerable road users. Meanwhile, according to the AA and many commentators, the end of the world is nigh because the area covered by the 30kph speed limit in Dublin city has been slightly extended.

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The winner on the day was Tommy Campbell with a score of 37 Stableford points closely followed by Eamon Murphy on the same score but beaten on the back 9.

Third was Mick Flynn Jnr. on a score of 35 points, fourth place was Niall Farrell on 34 points.

A big welcome to all our new members of the society.

Our next outing is to Millicent Golf Club on the 10th April. For those interested in joining Maynooth Golf Society please contact any committee member.

We would like to thank our sponsor for this outing; David Weafer of Glenmore Electrical for his generous sponsorship.

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Next Venue : Millicent Golf Club on Saturday 10th April

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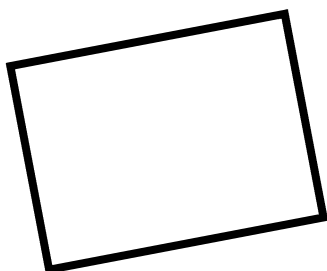
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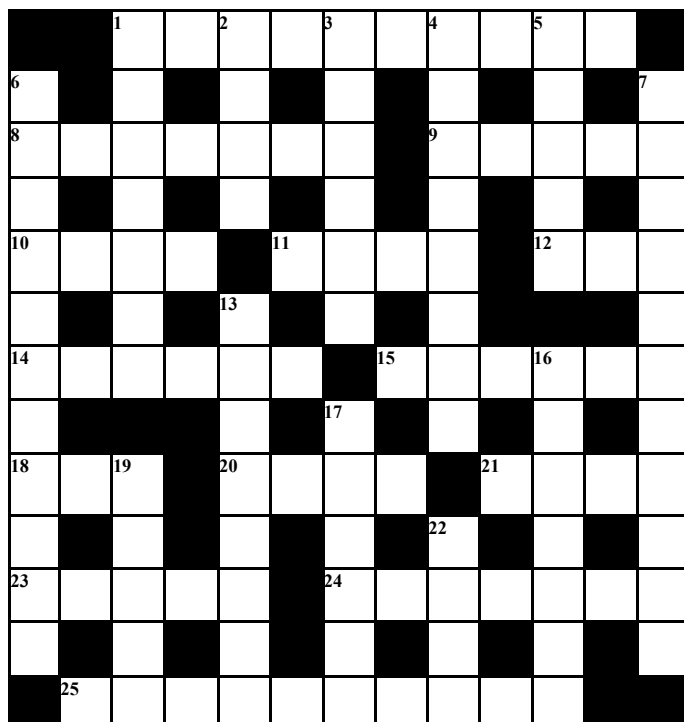
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1. Vessel for deepening waterways (7)
2. Onion like vegetable (4)
3. Idle chatter (6)
4. Gifted (8)
5. Beginning (5)
6. Solidly built (11)
7. Many seeded fruit (11)
13. Former Tory MP _ _ _ , Bottomley (8)
16. Junior embassy official (7)
17. Comment (6)
19. Vincent _ _ _ , US actor (5)
22. Maggot (4)

Solutions to Crossword No. 86.

Across: 6. Beverley Hills, 8. Termite, 9. Lapse, 10. Leak, 12. Fidget, 14. Given, 15. Stefan, 16. Writ, 19. Irwin, 21. Alcohol, 22. Contribution.

Down: 1. Overtake, 2. Braid, 3. Tyler, 4. Villain, 5. Flop, 6. Battleship, 7. Pentathlon, 11. Din, 12. Fed, 13. Gershwin, 14. Garnett, 17. Maxim, 18. Scout, 20. Wood.

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Update on the Provision of Allotments:

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update at the Area Meeting of the Council on 17th February:

"Further to the report to the December Meeting regarding the above an investigation was carried out into the feasibility of allotments in Carton Avenue. While the fields are suitable there is no access to water. The installation of a well was also investigated but this was not possible as there is no power supply to run a pump on the well. Therefore it is not proposed to proceed with this proposal at the current time.

In relation to the Wonderful Barn the cost of implementing this proposal is approximately €65,000. This includes water connection, subdivision of the allotments, car parking area, and improvements to secure the entrance to the site. The costing does not include for any security fencing to secure the perimeter of the site.

It is proposed that the allotments will be rented for an annual rental charge as detailed below.

Allotment Size	Annual Rental	Deposit	Total
100sq.m	€150	€75	€225
150sq.m	€200	€100	€300
200sq.m	€250	€175	€425

The deposit will be refundable. Another additional cost will be water rates which will be determined based on use and split evenly among the allotment holders. The rental will also be subject to conditions of letting and a license agreement. Management of the allotments will be carried out in conjunction with an allotment committee which the allotment holders will be required to form. It is proposed that the allotment area will be divided into 5 areas with a representative elected to the committee. Any issues arising in the allotments will be dealt with by the Committee and Kildare County Council. It is our aim to try and identify individuals who would be willing to perform this role prior to the allocation of allotments and any assistance the area committee could give in this regard would be beneficial.

It is proposed that the plots will be rented on an 11 month license. At the end of this period existing allotment holders will be given the opportunity to renew their license. Individuals will only be allowed to apply for one allotment. In the event that the allotment holder does not renew their license then the allotments will be reallocated.

In order to progress this proposal it is proposed to place advertisements in the local papers inviting applicants to apply for the allotments. It is anticipated that demand will exceed supply and therefore it is proposed that allotment holders will be selected by a draw and a waiting list formed for those who are unsuccessful."

Needless to say I was very disappointed with the report on the allotments that I proposed for Maynooth. I made the point that O'Neill Park housing estate is very close by and that a water supply could be brought from the mains there, by Wavin pipe, to the First field at the Boreen which is not very far away. The official undertook to have another look at my proposal. Any comments or suggestions would be welcome.

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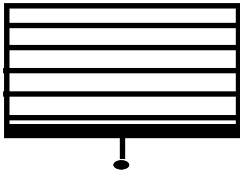


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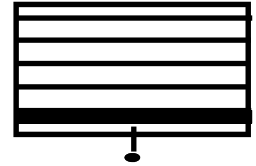
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Cllr. McGinley Asks for a Clean up of Carton Avenue

Cllr. John McGinley has asked that the following motion be included in the Agenda for the next Celbridge Area Meeting:

"That measures be taken to clean up Carton Avenue, Maynooth and that the illegal late night drinking be stopped through occasional patrols by Gardai and the prosecution of offenders"

As residents of Maynooth will know Carton Avenue is one of the finest recreational amenities in the town, if not in the county. Unfortunately, late night drinkers don't care if they despoil a beautiful area by leaving their beer cans and fast food related refuse on The Avenue when they are finished.

It is illegal for anyone to drink outdoors in Maynooth and it is Cllr. McGinley's view that the only way to put a stop to the littering of The Avenue is to have occasional patrols by the Gardai with offenders being prosecuted.

In addition Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the County Joint Policing Committee:

"That measures be taken, such as occasional patrols by Gardai and the prosecution of offenders, to try to put a stop to the illegal late night drinking at Carton Avenue, Maynooth."

McGinley Demands Cleaner Streets & Footpaths

Cllr. John McGinley has asked that the following motion be included in the Agenda for the next Full Council Meeting:

"That this Council writes to all businesses advising them of their obligations under the Litter Laws and that in the event of non compliance that prosecution will follow."

Cllr. McGinley asks for Safety Improvements at Back Lane and Pound Lane

Cllr. John McGinley has asked that the following motion be included in the Agenda for the next Celbridge Area Meeting:

"That road markings be painted at the entrances to Back Lane and Pound Lane, Maynooth, as they are completely faded at present and that the missing No Entry Sign at the entrance to Back Lane be put back

on the pole, in the interest of public safety and law enforcement."

Problem With the New Road at Old Greenfield

Cllr. McGinley raised the problem of the road at the Area Meeting on 17th February. John was advised that a meeting has been scheduled on site for the 2nd March between KCC Roads Design, Planning Enforcement, DPFL Consulting Engineers and High Degree.

The Area Committee also had a further meeting with the Roads Design and Planning people on Monday 22nd to discuss a resolution of the problem. Hopefully there will be a satisfactory resolution shortly.

Safety Issues at the Junction of Laurence Avenue/Celbridge Road

Following requests from residents John has allocated money from his Discretionary Grants to improve safety at the junction of Laurence Avenue and Celbridge Road. John has asked for the erection of a "Yield Sign" for traffic coming in to Laurence Avenue from Celbridge Road, re-painting of the road markings at the junction and repair of the potholes. The estimated cost is 1,000 euro.

John has also allocated 6,000 euro from his Discretionary Grants for the construction of a traffic calming ramp 2m or 3m on the Maynooth side of the pedestrian crossing on the Celbridge Road, opposite Laurence Avenue, in order to act as a deterrent to the bad drivers who drive through the red lights at this crossing, that is mostly used by school children."

Replacement of Public Lights:

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following reply to his motion at the Area Meeting of the Council on 17th February:

"That the two public lights that were removed from opposite house number 3 Parsons Hall and at Barton's, Pound Lane, Maynooth be put back in place without any further delay:

"All requests for repairs or replacement of public lights can be sent by Councillors or members of the public to publiclights@kildarecoco.ie. As the Committee will be aware Airtricity is the new maintenance contractor for public lighting. There is a significant backlog of repair work, which arose as a result of the changeover from the different maintenance suppliers. A priority list of "street lights out" has been sent to Airtricity for repair and the

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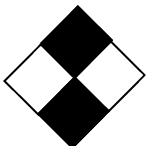
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replacement of poles, involving more extensive work, is as a consequence delayed. The issue raised by Cllr. McGinley has been reported to Airtricity and the TMC staff will follow up the repair with the contractor."

Cllr. McGinley made the point that it is a bit much to have to wait over 8 months for replacement lights as is the case with Parsons Hall and Pound Lane.

Cllr. McGinley Makes Objection to Greenfield Shopping Centre Planning Application:

The following is the submission made by Cllr. McGinley to Kildare County Council Director of Planning

"Re: Planning Application 10/51, Frank Lynam, Greenfield Shopping Centre, Maynooth

Dear Director,

I wish to object to the above excessive and inappropriate proposal.

The provision of two additional retail units is unacceptable as the shopping car park has already got too small a capacity for the existing shops and this has resulted in cars and trucks parking in Greenfield Estate.

Under no circumstances should the larger 128sqm unit be allowed to the North end as it:

- ◆ Significantly reduces the number of parking spaces (From 69 to 55)
- ◆ Proposes to remove the existing Council owned wall at the footpath on the Straffan Road and the proposal to create a New Loading Bay eliminates the cycle path and footpath at that section of the Straffan Road. The creation of a Loading Bay and New Delivery Area off the Straffan Road will create a serious traffic hazard for pedestrians and other road users. The creation of this additional Delivery Area exit/entrance in close proximity to the exit/entrance to the Maxol Station would create an unacceptable risk to pedestrians in this highly pedestrianised area.
- ◆ It would be an eyesore as the side of the proposed new building would be only 2m from the Straffan Road.

I would be supportive of the proposed smaller 80sqm new unit next to the Video Store on the South end provided that the following conditions are met:

- ◆ That a 1m high wall be constructed around the entire car park in order to separate the Shopping Centre from the Greenfield Housing Estate. Cars drive out over the footpath from the car park at present and create a serious safety hazard for pedestrians.
- ◆ That the developer constructs a left turning lane on to the Straffan Road from the Shopping Centre/Greenfield Estate in order to reduce the back up of traffic exiting the Shopping Centre. The new unit near the Video Store will effectively close off a circular route around the shopping centre effectively placing nearly all traffic at the main entrance to the shopping centre. Only a small proportion of traffic will now enter from Laurence Avenue. This will lead to additional traffic hazards at the main entrance for pedestrians and other road users.

In relation to the Modern Pressed Metal Finish Canopy, I'm asking that should there be a further Information Request that 3D images of the proposed Pressed Metal Finish Canopy be provided and that an alternative Canopy with Slated Roof also be considered and that 3D images of same be provided also so that the public can better understand what is being proposed.

I enclose fee of €20 for my objection."

WIDE VARIATION IN CLASS SIZES IN NATIONAL SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT MAJOR TOWNS IN NORTH KILDARE

Following on from Information provided to Deputy Emmet Stagg last week which showed that in the 2008/2009 school year 23% of pupils in National Schools in Co. Kildare were being taught in classes of 30 or more and that 51% of pupils were being taught in classes ranging from 25 to 29 pupils, Deputy Stagg has analysed the breakdown of the class sizes in the Main Towns in North Kildare.

The analysis stated Deputy Stagg shows how in some instances Kildare Children are being taught in very large classes way above the National Average.

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	Classes 25-29 Pupils	Classes 30-34 Pupils
NATIONAL AVERAGE	40%	18%
MAYNOOTH SCHOOLS	34%	38%
CELBRIDGE SCHOOLS	76%	16%
LEIXLIP SCHOOLS	48%	25%
NAAS SCHOOLS	64%	15%
CLANE SCHOOLS	59%	25%
KILCOCK SCHOOLS	45%	14%
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Again these figures do not take into account the change announced in Budget 2009 which increased pupil teacher ratios to 28 to 1. Therefore whilst the 2009/2010 figures are not available we can assume that things have only got worse.

These figures stated Deputy Stagg show that Principals and teachers throughout North Kildare are under immense pressure to deliver proper education to our children and the Government despite repeated promises are now in the process of gradually increasing class sizes again putting the future education of our children at risk.

TIME GOVERNMENT GOT THEIR ACT TOGETHER ON UNEMPLOYMENT – STAGG

Following the publication of the Live Register figures for January 2010 by the CSO which shows that 17,596 people in Kildare are signing on, Deputy Emmet Stagg has stated that it is time the Government got their act together on unemployment.

The number of people signing on in Co. Kildare has risen from 5,411 people in May 2007 to 17,596 people at the end of January, 2010, a 225% increase. Nationally the numbers signing on the Live Register have increased by 183% so Kildare has been hit harder than most areas of the Country. Despite this worsening scenario the Government does not have any plan to get us out of this grave situation and seem content to allow people to become unemployed with no action to stimulate the economy.

Since the Economic crisis eventually dawned on this Government they have bailed out the bankers with taxpayers money and have imposed stringent measures to try and bring our Public Finances into line including the imposition of drastic cuts in Social Welfare payments, but stated Deputy Stagg they have failed miserably to bring about a comprehensive job protection and creation policy. This is a shocking indictment of their narrow minded focus and it is hard to understand why they want to simply let people lose their jobs and offer people no hope.

The Labour Party has proposed the following measures to help Job Protection and Job Creation:

- ◆ The establishment of a National Investment Bank to invest in our own future and help create and protect jobs by ensuring access to credit for small business.
- ◆ A major school building programme to take 40,000 children out of prefabs and put them into proper classrooms.
- ◆ Increase Investment in the National House Insulation Programme.
- ◆ Renationalisation of Eircom to provide a suitable vehicle for immediate roll out of Broadband Nationwide.
- ◆ Measures, including tax breaks, to assist employers to take people off the live register.
- ◆ Significant investment in education and training places for those losing jobs and those going straight from school into unemployment.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that the Labour Party has a very clear vision of how to turn the economy around through a stimulus package that will protect jobs, create jobs and bring confidence back into the Country.

STAGG AND MCGINLEY WELCOME CHANGES TO PROPOSAL FOR DUBLIN ROAD, MAYNOOTH BUT SUGGEST FURTHER MODIFICATION

Last April Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley suggested modifications to a planning proposal for lands adjoining the Dublin Road and Boreen in Maynooth.

The original proposal was for 226 apartments in 4 and 3 storey blocks with flat roofs. In their original submission Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley sought the removal of any 4 storey element from the proposal and the incorporation of traditional pitched roofs on all of the buildings.

The applicants have now submitted Significant Further information to the Council on their proposal reducing the number of units from 226 to 141. In line with Deputy Stagg's and Cllr. McGinley's suggestion's the 4 storey element of the proposal has been removed and traditional pitched roofs are now proposed for all buildings except one 3 storey apartment block.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley have welcomed the modifications but in a further submission to the Council have asked that the remaining building which does not have a traditional pitched roof be further modified to incorporate a traditional pitched roof. This building they pointed out was at a prominent location near to the Tesco Roundabout.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley have reiterated that should this further modification be incorporated into the proposal they would not pursue the planning file further within the planning process.

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Joe McBride Retires.

Joe McBride's Retirement Party was held in the Glenroyal Hotel on the 12th March 2010. Present there that night were his wife Mary and one of his three daughters Rachael. His two other girls, Julie in New York and Kate in New Zealand, sent their very best wishes on this happy occasion. Amongst Joe's Party were his sister Eilish and brother in law Michael also another brother in-law Michael and his family. Dominic Nugent the caretaker of the school was master of ceremonies for the night and invited everybody from the school principal Peter Coakley and his teaching staff to the Special Needs Assistants and the two secretaries Helen and Elaine. There were quite a few presentations to Joe in honouring his retirement. Mr. Tom Ash spoke on behalf of the Board of Management. Their Cumman Ná Bun presented Joe with a Genesis Clock for being involved with School Football. This was presented by Donal Downes one of the teachers at the school. Also Cumman Luthcleas Gael Maigh Nuad gave a Genesis Footballer to Joe for all his dedication to the school in producing some of Maynooths finest footballers who also went on to play for the County both at Junior and Senior Level. The Parents Association gave another gift and their spokesperson was Ivan Flood. Peter Coakley spoke on behalf of the school and then his long term teacher and friend Pat O'Connor whom also retired in June of last year spoke on behalf of the Community and made a special presentation to Joe. This was followed by Joes speech and in it he said apart from missing all the teachers and the daily routine of School, he will mostly miss the School Children themselves. He had a great interest in his pupils and they enjoyed him most sincerely. The evening started off with music from "Push for Porter" and the evening of celebration ended with music from Johnny Peters.



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Government remains committed to tackling grocery goods sector - Fitzpatrick

The Government remains committed to tackling the grocery goods sector and to ensuring that there is a fair relationship between retailers and suppliers, according to Micheal Fitzpatrick, FF TD for North Kildare and Convenor of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Enterprise.

Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

Responding to reports in the Irish Times concerning Tesco's treatment of its suppliers, Deputy Fitzpatrick said: "The Renewed Programme for Government provided a commitment to the introduction of a Code of Conduct for doing business in the grocery goods sector. In line with this, the Department of Enterprise launched a public consultation process seeking the views of all relevant stakeholders."

"The aim of the Code, which is due to be published shortly, is to achieve as fair a balance as possible in the relationship between the various players in the grocery goods sector. It will also take into account the interests of the consumer and the need to pass on lower prices. "

"The code will initially operate on a voluntary basis. However, it is envisaged that it will be put on a statutory footing when the National Consumer Agency and the Competition Authority are merged into a single body in new legislation later this year," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Fitzpatrick welcomes funding for north Kildare Schools/Maynooth Post-Primary

Fianna Fail TD for north Kildare Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed the news that north Kildare is to benefit from funding under the School Building Programme.

"I discussed the needs of north Kildare schools with the Minister for Education Batt O'Keeffe. We have a growing and young population so it is vital that our schooling needs are met and planned for."

"The Minister has announced today that three schools in north Kildare are to benefit from this year's funding."

"A new school will be built in Maynooth for the Kildare VEC and Maynooth Post-Primary and St. Patrick's Boy's School in Clane will both receive permission to appoint design teams for their extension and refurbishments."

"These projects will also provide an employment boost to the local construction industry."

"The schools will be contacted shortly on how to proceed and I look forward to seeing the work at it progresses," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Kildare to benefit from roads grant of over €13.7 million– Fitzpatrick

Local Fianna Fáil TD Michael Fitzpatrick has confirmed funding under the 2010 Regional and Local Road Grant Allocations for Kildare.

"The allocation for Kildare in the 2010 Regional and Local Roads Programme is €13.7 million."

"In addition to selected routes, these allocations will go towards projects such as maintenance programmes together with substantial grants for local improvement schemes in the constituency.

"Measures such as improving road safety, footpath provision and signposting are also catered for under these

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Party Political-Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

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grants.

"Naas Town Council has seen a 10 per cent increase on their 2009 allocation from €373,000 to €410,000."

"Given the major constraints on exchequer funding this year, the allocation to local and regional roads in the constituency is extremely welcome. The Minister for Transport, Noel Dempsey, has indicated that more flexibility will be given to local authorities to direct funding to specific priorities, in particular, to stretches of road damaged by the recent spell of severe weather," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Car scrappage scheme has led to beginnings of recovery in the industry – Fitzpatrick

A report from the Society of Irish Motor Industry indicates that new car sales have surged by nearly 40% last month on the same month last year according to Kildare North Fianna Fail TD and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"While the figures were starting from a very low base this is really good news for such a hard pressed industry."

"I was delighted when the Minister for Finance announced the scrappage scheme that would allow those participating to avail of VRT relief of up to €1,500 per new car purchased when trading in cars 10 years or older. While the amount may seem small, it is proving to be a positive incentive."

"Over 10,000 jobs had been lost in the car sales sector and this practical measure is obviously having a positive impact."

"There is also a big focus on environmentally friendly cars and the development of new technology in this field. There is now a VRT exemption for electric cars and VRT relief of up to €2,500 for plug-in hybrid electric cars and this will be extended until the 31st of December 2010."

"I hope that is an upward trend and that it helps to protect jobs in the sector. The purchase of new cars also brings much needed taxes into the Government coffers. Those interested in availing of the car scrappage scheme can access more information at <http://www.revenue.ie/en/tax/vrt/faqs-scrappage-scheme.html>," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

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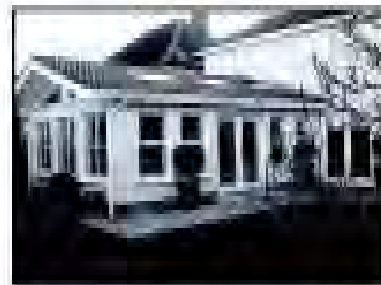


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Aine Brady T.D.

Funding boost for local older people and those with a disability – Minister Brady

Kildare County Council is to receive a funding boost to help to meet the cost of housing adaptations for older people and those with disability according to local Fianna Fáil TD and Minister of State for Older People - Áine Brady.

"The Minister for Housing, Michael Finneran TD has just announced that Kildare County Council is to receive €3.75 million for grant aid to improve or extend private homes of older people and those with a disability. This grant has almost doubled from last year."

"This funding does not include expenditure that Kildare County Council will make on their housing stock."

"The grants help to pay for modifications to the home including the provision of the level access shows, installation of stair lifts, grab lifts and access ramps."

"These measures can often make the difference in someone remaining in their own homes and at the heart of their communities. Maintaining independence is vital for older people and those with disabilities and this funding provides the practical support necessary."

"In my work as Minister of State for Older People I meet people who have benefited from these grants and have heard how much difference it can make in their lives. I know that those with a disability benefit in a similar way. I am delighted that local people will be able to take advantage of these grants," concluded Minister Brady.

Good news for hard pressed mortgage holders as repossession rate slows – Minister Brady

Kildare North Fianna Fáil TD, and Minister of State Áine Brady has welcomed the report from the Financial Regulator that has revealed that the number of mortgage holders facing repossession orders has dropped and increasing numbers of cases are being settled before homeowners lose their houses.

"The number of mortgage holders ending up in court facing repossession orders has decreased from 481 between June and July 2009 to 233 in the last quarter of the year."

"Almost half the cases that went to court were settled when homeowners renegotiated with their lenders and came to an agreement regarding the term or rate of repayment of the mortgage."

"While the number of householders in arrears has increased, the rate of increase is slowing down."

"In September 2009 3.3% of mortgage accounts were in arrears and in December the figure was 3.3%. According to the Financial Regulator these figures indicate a slowing down of the rate of increase in mortgage default."

"It is vital that when homeowners do face difficulties in repaying their mortgage due to changing financial circumstances that they contact their lender immediately."

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A busy March meeting reflected our very full programme of events. Great to see our more recent members getting involved. Members found the media workshop very informative. Niamh, the facilitator, conveyed her message in a very structured manner and guided us through the problematic journey to getting media attention. It was somewhat daunting to prepare a 'Press Release' within the time allocated. Thankfully, by pooling our resources and with Denise in the chair, the task was accomplished. Ready to roll now should the need arise!

The historians, of which we have many, joined the Historical Society in Carton House for a talk by Helen Jordon on 'Duchesses of Leinster'. Of course we had the International Women's Day celebration. The speaker was Jim Cogley, a psychotherapist, wood turner and priest. His special blend of insight and humour had us thoroughly engaged and entertained. He presented his message using carved symbols while exploring empowerment, emotional baggage, attachment and wisdom as distinct from knowledge. Bernadette Duffy, thank you for a lovely evening and also the hospitality.

Our internet and email classes have been enjoyable and very successful, due to the effervescent Marie. We should now be confident and competent whether researching our family tree, producing a photo album or creating a disc of our very own favourite songs! Just remember practise makes perfect. Our April meetings are on Friday 9th and 23rd at 11.00 in Community Library. Info: Bernadette 6289131



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"I am heartened to see the amount of cases that were settled allowing families to hold on to their homes. It indicates to me that lenders are beginning to realise that there is no value in repossessing a family home, particularly at a time property prices are so low."

"The Government is responding to the issue to home repossessions in a proactive way. Just last week the Minister for Finance announced the formation of an Expert Group to work with the Government on responses to the challenges of mortgage arrears and personal debt."

"Financial institutions covered by the Government guarantee reported only 9 repossessions in the last 3 months of 2009. The remaining 22 repossession were with other lenders."

"The Government's Code of Conduct on Mortgage Arrears was amended on 17th of February to require lenders to wait 12 months from the time arrears first arise before applying to the courts to commence repossession orders. In addition lenders cannot seek repossession until every reasonable effort has been made to agree an alternative repayment schedule with the borrower."

"Keeping families in their home is a Government priority and this report shows we are heading in the right direction," concluded Minister Brady.

Over €13.7 million grant for Kildare regional and local roads – Minister Brady

Kildare will receive a grant of over €13.7 million for improvement and maintenance of regional and local roads according to Fianna Fail TD and Minister for State, Áine Brady.

"Kildare County Council will receive over €12.9 million for the maintenance of local roads including specific improvement grants, footpath provision and repair and sign posting of regional roads and local improvement schemes."

"In addition to this Kildare County Council will get €366,700 for local cost safety and improvement works."

"Naas Town Council will also receive €410,000 of a block grant which is a 10% increase on last year."

"I am pleased that this funding has been awarded to

Kildare. Despite reduction in public expenditure it is essential that local and regional roads are maintained in order to increase public safety."

"It is vital that Kildare County and Town Councils make the best use possible of this funding that is allocated to supplement to their expenditure. Given the damage to roads following the recent bad weather it is important that Kildare County and Town Councils carefully assess their planned road programmes for this coming year," concluded Minister Brady.

Kildare Projects invited to apply for European funding – Minister Brady

Kildare voluntary organisations and education bodies who are interested in raising awareness about how the European Union matters in their community can now access funds from the Department of Foreign Affairs, under the Communicating Europe Initiative according to Kildare North Fianna Fail TD, Minister of State, Áine Brady.

"The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Micheál Martin, has confirmed that consideration will also be given to proposals for events, large or small that are organised to celebrate Europe Day on the 9th of May."

"Europe Day is an opportunity for citizens throughout Europe to celebrate the EU's achievements and to reflect upon the Union's aim to promote peace, its values and the well-being of its peoples."

"Last October, the Irish people voted clearly in favour of the Lisbon Treaty which ensured that Ireland remained at the heart of Europe. Voluntary organisations and education bodies played a vital role in raising awareness of the EU in their communities and supporting their efforts is important."

"Last year 40 projects nationwide received support. The projects ranged from a tree planting ceremony in Zion School, a special article in Birdwatch Ireland, a Europe week on Tipperary Mid-West radio, a celebration of Irish Entrepreneurs in the EU, the publication of the Eurochild Anthology of poetry and art, and a seminar on the EU White Paper on Sport organised by the Special Olympics."

"Any group interested in applying for funds can access information and an application form on www.eumatters.ie. The closing date is the 5th of March 2010. I hope that some groups in Kildare avail of this opportunity," concluded Minister Brady.

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Editorial-May

It is that time of the year again, as the month of May begins, College students are facing the end of their classes and thinking of their examinations that begin half way through the month. The Junior and Leaving Certificate students are also exam orientated, so the town will be gripped by anxious, worried and stressed students of all ages for the next two months.

May or Bealtaine as it known in the Irish language is one of four pre-Christian festivals celebrated in Ireland. It may have been a feast dedicated to the God, named as a Gaulish God and the word meant the 'fire of Bel'. Mayday marked the beginning of the second half of the year and of the summer period. From November to May, the storytellers entertained the people but with the longer bright evenings this was no longer needed. Eventually, it became associated with other European flower festivals and in England the maypole appeared; the month was dedicated to Mary mother of Jesus. This was a very important date for people in the agricultural sphere; cattle were let out again and people were advised against certain activities such as sailing, digging or whitewashing. The May bush was brought into the house and in certain areas fires were lit. The May dew was considered a cure for illnesses but also all sorts of magic could be carried out at this dangerous time of the year.

To celebrate the festival this year, there are plans for a huge gathering on the Hill of Uisnech in County Westmeath. While such markings of our traditional heritage may be welcome in certain circumstances, the assembly of hundreds if not thousands of people on a sacred site in modern times can be a worrying prospect for archaeologist and others. Uisnech is in private ownership and little can be done to monitor what may occur. The lighting of fires at these archaeological sites is not condoned by modern archaeology as it can damage the possible future geophysical surveying. The Festival of Fires as it is called is also planned for about a dozen other sites throughout the country.

The complete ban on air traffic due to the volcanic activity in unfortunate Iceland showed how international and global our world has become. Not only were people stranded abroad, but commerce, musical events and sporting fixtures were in danger of coming to a complete halt. A taste perhaps of how the world after peak oil will look like and this is one of the areas included in a relatively new movement known as Transition Towns. There is a group in Maynooth working on this model and David Walsh has made a presentation to the Community Council at the recent AGM that took place in April. New members were welcomed to the meeting but it is such a pity that more people in a town of 10,000 people do not get involved in their local community. This is where the future planning of the town is discussed, the Festival in June and the St Patrick's Day Parade are organized by sub-committees as is this very publication.

Muireann Ni Bhrolchain

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Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council AGM 12 April 2010

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

AGM and Election of Officers

The recent meeting of Maynooth Community Council was the AGM, and Council Officers were elected as follows: Chairperson, Colm Ó Cearúil; Vice-Chairperson, Tom McMullon; Secretary, Muireann Ní Bhrolcáin; Treasurer, Andrew McMullon; PRO, Deirdre Cullen; PDO, Paul Croghan.

After 10 years in the job, Willie Saults has resigned from his role as treasurer. The meeting thanked Willie for all his hard work over the years, and was very glad to hear that he will continue to be involved in the Community Council.

Reports on the Council's 2009-2010 activities were made by the Chairperson, Secretary, and outgoing Treasurer. There was a proposal from the floor to change the Council's constitution to incorporate a reference to inclusion of people of different social backgrounds. It was agreed that the procedure for doing this would be checked, and that the matter would be taken up again at the next meeting.

Transition Towns Presentation

David Walsh, Transition Towns Group, gave a presentation on the Transition Towns Movement, which seeks to prepare communities for coping with peak oil and global warming. He would like interested people to join the Maynooth branch of the movement, and would welcome the support of the Community Council.

Respect for the Flag

Gabriel Martin, Leinster Park Residents Association, drew the meeting's attention to the fact that some businesses in the town leave the national flag on flag poles when not in use. He said that this was disrespectful and counter to correct protocol. He asked that businesses make themselves aware of the various protocols pertaining to use of the flag.

Maynooth Bus Campaign

Karen Winstanley, Maynooth Bus Campaign, told the councillors about a new campaign for a better bus service from Maynooth in the mornings. The last Maynooth City Speed currently arrives into the city centre at 8.15 a.m., which doesn't cater for commuters who start work at 9.00 a.m., and there is no 67X service from Maynooth in the mornings. She asked people to support the campaign at Facebook: Maynooth Bus Campaign 2010; Twitter: @maynoothXtrabus; Email: maynoothbuscampaign2010@dublin.ie.

Pilot Litter Project

Councillor John McGinley (Labour) told community councillors that Maynooth had been chosen by KCC for a

pilot litter project which would try to tackle problems like that of grease and rubbish outside take-aways. It was hoped to improve the present poor litter profile of the town by enforcing the regulation that businesses keep the areas around their premises clean. He said it was appropriate that Maynooth, as a university town, was chosen for this pilot scheme. The initiative was welcomed by the meeting.

Too many 'wheelie' bins

Deirdre Cullen, Lyreen Residents Association, raised problems being caused in the Lyreen area by the increasing number of refuse bins people have to accommodate. Some companies are now providing customers with up to three or four different bins (each one in a different colour) - for segregating refuse into different categories for recycling.

According to local residents, while it's very important that everyone recycles as much of their refuse as possible, the whole process needs to be properly designed and planned for. Not many people can, or want to, fit four large 'wheelie' bins in their back gardens, many have to keep the bins in their small front gardens, and many others with no gardens, or no access out the back, have to leave bins permanently on the street.

The knock-on affect is unsightly multicoloured arrays of scruffy plastic bins on street corners and outside front doors, noxious smells, and the build up of additional refuse from opportunistic passers-by (which the bin holder has to pay for). This is very unpleasant for people using the street, upsetting for residents who have taken pride in keeping their area tidy and attractive, and is sabotaging the work of the Tidy Towns volunteers.

Residents believe that KCC Environment Section needs to get together with planners to work out solutions to these problems, which will increase as more and more recycling is delegated to the individual. Why not: stipulate a single bin colour that is visually neutral on the street and in gardens; put in compartments so that more than one type of refuse can be accommodated in each bin; create attractive and safe communal bin-storage bays; oblige residents who can accommodate bins in their gardens to do so; and actually design residential developments to take account of the fact that residents will inevitably be storing bins.

The ultimate solution will probably have to be a mix of making it easier and pleasanter for individuals to sort and recycle domestic refuse, cutting down drastically on packaging waste, and putting much more onus and responsibility on manufacturers and retailers, who cause the refuse mountain in the first place.

Deirdre Cullen (PRO)

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Castle Keep Art Group Maynooth

Art Exhibition

This year saw the 12th Annual Art Exhibition take place in the Post Primary School Maynooth on Sat 10th and Sun 11th April. The group was delighted to have the exhibition opened by its patron Mr. Tom Ashe who gave a brief account of the group's activities to date including the recent establishment of their webpage. Sixty art works were on display from twelve artists. Prices ranged from €35 to €800. There were oils, acrylics, watercolour, pencil, pastel, charcoal, mixed media, phototech print and woodblock/offset prints. Subjects included landscapes, seascapes, figurative, still life and abstract works.

The opening coincided with rugby and GAA matches which meant that the number of invited guests that came was slightly down on previous years. However that did not detract from a great social night where there was plenty of mingling, chat and there was a good number of sales given the recessionary times we are in. Many people came over the weekend some of whom expressed an interest in joining the group from September.



Emma Boyce

We express our thanks to Mr. Tom Ashe for opening the exhibition. Our thanks go to the Post Primary School and Kildare VEC for the venue again this year. A special thanks to Brian Farrell for his help and support in preparing the room. Thanks also to NUI Maynooth for the use of a room for two workshops (Introduction to watercolour and Drawing the human figure) which took place last year. A special thanks to all who come to the exhibition and for their encouragement and support.

Please see our website <http://www.castlekeepart.com> for contact details and for some of the images from the exhibition.

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National Pyjama Day

National Childrens Nurseries Association - Annual Pyjama Day -great fun was had at Maynooth Day Nursery (14 Parklands Court Maynooth) on Friday March 26th 2010 in aid of Make A Wish Foundation. Staff and children dressed in their pyjamas for the day and fundraised tirelessly for such a worthy cause, a grand total of over €1000 was collected on the day . Mairead Ahern (owner of Maynooth Day Nursery) would like to take this opportunity to thank Naas Gardai for issuing the crèche with a permit for collection, Maynooth Post Primary for their most generous contribution and most of all for the sheer generosity of the parents and staff in these economic times. A truly successful day was had by all.



***Beth Long, Clare Martin, Grace Lennon, Siobhan O'Keeffe (Manager)
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***Nicole Hilliard, Clare Martin, and
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Potatoes:

Potatoes may be planted as soon as the ground can be worked in the early spring, but you must use good judgment. Potato plants will not begin to grow until the soil temperature has reached 45 degrees F. The soil should be evenly moist, but not wet or soggy. If the soil is water logged when you dig, not only will you risk "caking" the soil, your seed Potatoes will probably rot before they even get started. Potatoes can tolerate a light frost, but you should provide some frost-protection for the plants when they are young. This can be a loose covering of straw, or a temporary plastic tent. (Be sure to remove or ventilate the plastic on sunny days!) If you plan to store Potatoes through the winter, you can plant a second crop as late as June 15.



Planting :

A week or two before your planned potato planting date, set your seed Potatoes somewhere where they will be exposed to some warmth (between 60 and 70 degrees F.) and lots of light. This will induce them to begin sprouting. A day or two before planting, use a sharp, clean knife to slice the larger seed Potatoes into "seeds". Each seed should be approximately 1 1/2-2inches square, and must contain at least 1 or 2 "eyes" or buds. Smaller Potatoes may be planted whole. In the next day or so, your 'seed' will form a thick callous over the cuts, which will help to prevent it from rotting once planted.

Onions:

- Onions grow best in a loose, well-drained fertile soil with plenty of organic matter. Heavier soils such as clay and silt loams often prevent the full development of the bulb. They grow best when the soil pH is between 6.2 and 6.8. The roots often don't extend more than 6-8inches, so fertilizer (5-10-10) should be applied close to the plant.
- If an onion gets too many hours of daylight, it will begin to bulb before it is very big; if it gets too few hours, it might never even produce a bulb, so planting times may be critical... plant early! The soil should remain reasonably moist, so mulching is advisable.



Peas:

- Peas sown in cold, wet ground will rot off, so make sure the soil is warm. In early spring, cover the soil with polythene before sowing and then protect seedlings with a fleece. Sow shorter varieties in a flat trench, 5cm (12in) deep and 25cm (10in) wide.
- Water the trench first, then sow the seeds 5-7cm (2in) apart in three rows along the bottom of the trench. Backfill the trench with soil and firm the ground gently.
- Many dwarf and semi-leafless varieties can also be sown in small blocks. Stagger seeds 13cm (6in) apart, pushing the seed to a depth of 5cm (2in) into the ground.
- For taller varieties, sow seed in a single row 5-10cm (2-4in) apart, ensuring there's enough space for plant supports. Make a single V-shaped drill, 5cm (2in) deep, water the base of the drill and sow the peas. A second row can be added, as long as it's 30cm (12in) away from the first drill.
- For a succession of peas, sow at two-week intervals.



Lettuce:

Lettuces need plenty of sunlight but can "bolt" (go to seed) if they get too much, so a partially shaded area is best. Dig the plot over thoroughly, get rid of stones and mix in well-rotted manure or compost to help water-retention and bolster nutrients. Rake the soil to create a fine tilth (surface soil that's ready to plant). Use your hoe to form a channel, or "drill", 1cm-1.5cm deep. Mark the course of your drill beforehand with garden twine and stakes to avoid wobbly rows of lettuces. Thinly sow (10-12 seeds over 30cm) the drill, cover with fine soil. Firm, label and water. Space rows 30cm apart. Don't plant all your lettuce seeds at once. Save some for later.



Lettuce seedlings usually begin to appear between 1 and 2 weeks after planting. Once they're large enough to handle, it's time to thin your rows. Get on with this task – lettuces don't respond well to overcrowding. Water the seedlings the day before you intend to begin thinning them out. When thinning, look along the row and choose the strongest seedlings. Gradually remove the rest.

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The Skewbald & Piebald

The skewbald and piebald is defined by its external visible coat colouration and markings and not by its genetic makeup or type. They are therefore distinctive and unique from other "coloured", splash marked, or extended leg marked breeds or types. Aesthetically they would not be one of my favourite breed but they have a very good temperament and because of this they are very popular for younger riders.



Skewbald: Brown & White



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The Connemara pony

The Connemara region in County Galway, where the breed first became recognized as a distinct type, is a very harsh landscape, thus giving rise to a pony breed of hardy, strong individuals. Some believe that the Connemara developed from Scandinavian ponies that the Vikings first brought to Ireland. They are known for their athleticism, versatility and good disposition. Connemaras are strong and sturdy with a short back and sloped, muscular croup. The hindquarters are powerful. The shoulder is sloped and long. Their legs have short, strong cannons and hard feet and a good stride length. The breed makes excellent show ponies. They are hardy and are excellent mounts for children.

For additional strength and stamina, Arabian blood was added in the 1700s. They were also crossed with Hackneys and Thoroughbreds. Too much crossbreeding began to dilute the pony bloodlines, so the Connemara Pony Breeders' Society, founded in 1923, worked to preserve the breed type. The stud book was established in 1926. Today, Connemaras are bred worldwide in Ireland and England, as well as on the European Continent, the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.



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Answer

Since 2007 the registration procedure for marriage is the same whether you are marrying in a registry office or by religious ceremony.

If you wish to get married in Ireland you must give three months notification in person to a Registrar of Marriages. Marriage registration is administered by the Health Service Executive and you can get a list of marriage registrars on their website (www.hse.ie). The Registrar does not have to be the Registrar for the district where you live or where you intend getting married.

You need to make an appointment with the Registrar to give the notification and you have to pay a notification fee of €150. You should arrange the appointment well in advance to ensure the notification is given at least three months before your wedding date. If there are no impediments to your marriage, (you have to sign a form stating this), the Registrar issues you with a Marriage Registration Form (MRF) giving you permission to marry. You should give the MRF to the person who will be solemnising the marriage before the marriage ceremony. Following your marriage ceremony, the completed MRF should be given to a registrar, within one month of the marriage ceremony, for the marriage to be registered.

The person solemnising the marriage must be on the Register of Solemnisers. This lists both marriage registrars and the members of the various religious bodies who have been nominated by the bodies as solemnisers. You can inspect this at your local registration office or on the General Register Office website (www.groireland.ie).

If you plan to get married in a religious ceremony you should contact the church in advance to plan the ceremony. If you plan to get married by civil ceremony and a different Registrar will be solemnising the marriage, you must also contact the Registrar's Office for the district where you intend getting married.

Question

I am from France and have been working in Ireland for nine months. I have just heard that I am to be laid off from my job. I would like to stay here in Ireland and look for work. However I don't qualify for Jobseeker's Benefit because I don't have enough PRSI contributions and I don't qualify for Jobseeker's Allowance because I don't meet the habitual residence condition. Am I eligible for any income support payments while I look for a new job?

Answer

As a European Economic Area (EEA) or Swiss national you are entitled to come to work in Ireland and to bring your family. As an EEA migrant worker you are entitled to the same social and tax advantages as Irish citizens. (If you have moved to look for work but have not found it you do not have this entitlement.) This means that if you lose income because of unemployment or illness, you are entitled to claim a means-tested weekly Supplementary Welfare Allowance (SWA) without having to meet the habitual residence condition.

To be considered an EEA migrant worker, you must have been in genuine employment since coming to Ireland (casual work or work for only a few hours a week do not count). If you are out of work, you must meet other conditions, for example, being registered with FÁS as a jobseeker or taking part in vocational training. If you are out of work through illness you may also qualify for SWA.

If you have been paying contributions to the Irish social insurance system you may also be entitled to claim certain Irish social welfare payments (without meeting the habitual residence condition). These payments are classified as Family Benefits under EU Regulations and include:

- One-Parent Family Payment
- Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)
- Family Income Supplement
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You should contact the Community Welfare Officer in your local health centre to apply for Supplementary Welfare Allowance. Visit losingyourjob.ie for more information on redundancy and job loss.

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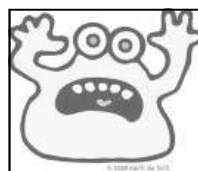


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Question

I am a farmer but my income from farming has reduced a good deal over the past year. Can I get any help?

Answer

You may qualify for Farm Assist. Farm Assist is a means-tested social welfare payment for farmers paid by the Department of Social and Family Affairs. It is similar to Jobseeker's Allowance, but has a different means test. In addition, you do not need to be available for work to qualify.

To qualify you must be a farmer, farming land in the State, aged between 18 and 66 and satisfy a means test. The means test takes account of virtually every form of income but assesses it in different ways and disregards various amounts. Different rules apply to income from farming; other forms of self-employment; income from schemes such as the Rural Environmental Protection Scheme (REPS); income from employment; and income from property and capital.

If you have dependent children, €254 per year for each of the first two dependent children and €381 per year for each subsequent child are deducted from your means from farming and from self-employment. The difference between your assessed weekly means and the appropriate weekly amount of social welfare payment is the amount of Farm Assist payable.

You can keep your Farm Assist payment until you are 66 provided you continue to farm and continue to satisfy the means test. You do not have to visit your local social welfare office or 'sign on' to claim Farm Assist. You apply for Farm Assist by completing the application form Farm 1, which you can get from the Department's website at www.welfare.ie or your Social Welfare Local Office. You send the completed application form with the relevant certificates and documents to your Social Welfare Local Office (SWLO). Contact your SWLO or call the Department of Social and Family Affairs Information line at 1890 66 22 44 for more information.

Question

I've lost my job and have been struggling to keep up with my rent since. What help can I get?

Answer

Rent Supplement is a payment for people living in private rented accommodation who cannot afford to pay the full rent themselves. In general, if your only income is a social welfare or Health Service Executive (HSE) payment, you will qualify for a Rent Supplement. However, if you or your partner is in full-time employment (over 29 hours a week) you do not qualify for this payment.

You may be eligible for Rent Supplement if the accommodation is suitable for your needs, the rent is below the maximum rent level set for your county and you are:

- Assessed in the last 12 months by a local authority as being eligible for and in need of social housing or
- Living in accommodation for homeless people for 6 months (183 days) out of the last 12 months or
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- Living in private rented accommodation for 6 months (183 days) out of the last 12 months

You apply to the Community Welfare Officer (CWO) at your local health centre. The CWO decides if you are eligible for Rent Supplement and calculates the amount you will get. This is worked out to ensure that your weekly income after paying rent does not fall below the Supplementary Welfare Allowance rate (currently €196.00 for people over 25) minus €24. This is because you must pay a contribution of at least €24 towards your rent. You may pay more than €24 because you are also required to contribute any additional assessable means that you have above the Supplementary Welfare Allowance rate towards your rent.

If you are in difficulty with rent arrears a new website from the Citizens Information Board and the Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS), keepingyourhome.ie, provides comprehensive information on the services and entitlements available.

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	RESULT SHEET	
1st Prize	Brendan Bean	37pts
2 nd Prize	Paddy Foy	35pts
3 rd Prize	Ross Tobin	34pts B6
4 th Prize	Tom Coffey	34pts B6
5 th Prize	Norman Kavanagh	34pts B9
6 th Prize	Tim Mullane	34pts B6
7 th Prize	Johnny Thompson	34pts
Front 9	John Carroll	19pts B3
Back 9	Mick Fahy	19pts
Visitors	Francis Reilly	35pts
Nearest the Pin	Marty Maguire	
2's Club	Pat Carr, Garry Moffatt	

The winner on the day was Brendan Bean with a score of 37 Stableford points closely followed by our President Paddy Foy with 35 points. All of the next 5 prize winners had a score of 34 points but new member Ross Tobin was third on a count back, fourth place was Tom Coffey, fifth Norman Kavanagh, sixth Tim Mullane and seventh Johnny Thompson .

A big welcome to all our new members of the society, our next outing is to Mount Wolseley/Carlow on the 21st/22nd May.

For those interested in joining Maynooth Golf Society please contact any committee member.

We would like to thank our sponsors for this outing **Bronagh and Kevin Donovan** for his generous sponsorship of the Eddie Kavanagh Cup.

Next venue : Weekend away Mount Wolsley/Carlow 21/22 May.

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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Tidy Towns welcomes Maynooth's litter pilot

Kildare County Council is to undertake a "pilot project" in Maynooth in regard to the way it deals with litter outside commercial premises. Under the Litter Acts the owner of commercial premises has responsibilities in terms of keeping the immediate area outside the premises free from litter or face a potential fine under the act. Now the council want to change the emphasis to one where they will encourage property owners to do this.

Maynooth Tidy Towns welcomes this initiative because of the unique nature of the town which has a large number of young pedestrians. The presence of the National University of Ireland, Maynooth, brings a larger younger population than any other town in Ireland and while we are not stating that students litter more than anyone else, we feel that the choice of Maynooth is a good one. We believe that most businesses would be happy to clean up outside their premises but perhaps it might be asking too much for them to have to put the litter with their own normal waste, thus meaning that they would have to pay to have the litter they collected taken away.

Proposing the new approach local Councillor, John McGinley pointed out that the council is spending €1.5m annually on litter control and if this initiative is a success it would mean that some of this funding could be used for other purposes that would be more beneficial. County Manager, Michael Malone has asked Kildare's Environmental Awareness Officer to draw up proposals for approval by the council's area committee.

Maynooth Tidy Towns promoted WEEE Ireland collection

If there was anything with a plug on the end of it that you wanted to dispose of safely, well Saturday 17th April was your opportunity. WEEE Ireland supported by Tesco Ireland were making their annual visit to Maynooth and were accepting any household items such as video players, dishwashers, tv's, power tools, kettles, in fact anything that has an electric plug or a battery. If you missed it check out www.recyclefree.ie for more information on other WEEE Ireland collections in Kildare in 2010. Maynooth Tidy Towns published details of the event in local newspapers, KFM Radio and put up leaflets in a number of shops and in next month's Maynooth Newsletter we will publish the details of the quantity of waste that was collected.

Maynooth Tidy Towns Annual Collection 2010.

Will take place from 20th to 23rd May at the church gate and a number of local shops in Maynooth. Please note that all collectors will carry official permits which will be available to check. As usual we greatly appreciate your support and assure you that all the funds collected are spent on our many projects to help maintain and improve Maynooth's environment.

Carton Park Roundabout is complete

Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee members are never put off by a big project and the latest one that they tackled was the revamping of the very busy roundabout at the entrance to Carton Park Shopping complex. The original work was done by a contractor a number of years ago and the area required ongoing maintenance because the verge was a narrow grass strip.

Tidy Towns' member Sean Cushen was project leader and the plan was to maximise the potential of this important focal point as one enters the town from Leixlip. Also it was essential to minimise the maintenance work going forward for this small local committee.

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Nearby the local McDonald's Restaurant Manager, Velemir Bachin who was passing the site everyday also felt that this area needed an upgrade and he approached the Tidy Towns with the offer of support. With the funds secured for the materials the next step was to get the equipment to undertake the work. Regular Maynooth Tidy Towns' supporter Jason Dunne from Dowdstown Developments came up with the mini-digger and van. After an estimated thirty hours of voluntary labour from the committee the job was completed.

The story doesn't end there as McDonald's have promised to help keep the area litter free.



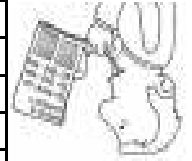
Pictured from left are tidy towns members: Ray Murphy, Paul Croghan, Mattie Callaghan, Elizabeth Callaghan, Eilish Cushen and John Kavanagh

**Paul Croghan
Vice-Chair
Maynooth Tidy Towns**

Puzzles-Sudoku

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

Easy



Solutions

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

Medium

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

Difficult

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

Super-Difficult

3				4	9	7		
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		9				4		
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Difficult

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Super Difficult

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7		8		4		9	2	
	9		6		8			4

Easy

		9			4		3	
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Medium



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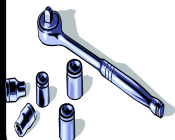
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Tasty Recipes

Warm salad of spring vegetables with griddled lamb

Ingredients:

1 bunch asparagus , trimmed and sliced
140g frozen peas,
140g frozen broad beans,
3 tomatoes
6 tbsp olive oil
1 tbsp coriander seeds
2 tbsp red wine vinegar
handful tarragon leaves
handful mint leaves
6 large lamb chops



Method:

1. Get a bowl of iced water at the ready and bring a large pan of salted water to the boil. Cook the asparagus in the water for 3 mins, then scoop into the iced water with a slotted spoon. Cook the peas for 2 mins, then place in the iced water. Cook the broad beans for another 2 mins, pop into the iced water, then remove them from their skins. Cut a cross in the bottom of each tomato, then blanch in boiling water for about 10 secs before placing in iced water. Peel, quarter and deseed the tomatoes and cut the flesh into small chunks.
2. Heat the oil and coriander seeds gently in a small saucepan, then take off the heat and stir through all the veg and the vinegar. Season with salt and pepper, and stir through the tarragon and mint.
3. Heat a large griddle pan or barbecue. Season the lamb with salt and pepper, and cook for 4 mins on each side for medium, or 6 mins for well done. Serve each lamb chop with the vegetable dressing.

Chicory & orange salad with ginger dressing

Ingredients:	
For the Dressing	For the Salad
2 tsp finely grated fresh root ginger	3 oranges
1 garlic clove , crushed	2 large heads of chicory
1 tsp Dijon mustard	50g bag lettuce
½ tsp finely grated orange zest plus 2 tbsp orange juice	85g bag watercress , large stalks removed
3 tbsp lemon juice	
2 tsp clear honey	
100ml groundnut oil	

Method

- Shake all the dressing ingredients together in a jar. Season and chill.
- Peel and deseed the orange. Cut the segments from the membrane and chill.
- Slice the chicory in half diagonally so you get loose leaves and a solid stalk end. The leaves will be easy to separate, thinly slice the stalks, add the orange, lettuce, and watercress. Chill until needed.
- To serve, toss in the dressing.

Lemon chicken

Ingredients

- 1 large quartered chicken
- 8 slices lemon
- 2 tablespoons black peppercorns
- Juice of 2 lemons
- 3 sprigs of rosemary, leaves removed from stalks
- 6 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 tablespoon of coarse sea salt
- 4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Rocket and parmesan salad to serve
- Method



1. Remove and discard the elastic holding each chicken, turn the chicken over, breast side down, and cut along just to the side of the backbone with a pair of strong kitchen scissors to open out the bird. Cut along the other side of the backbone to neaten that edge. Open out the bird, breast side up and press down onto the bird with the ball of your hand to flatten and butterfly. This process is also known as spatchcock. Wash and pat-dry the birds on kitchen paper. Take two slices of lemon and insert under the skin of each chicken.

2. Next, crush the peppercorns with a pestle and mortar or a bowl and end of a rolling pin will do. Add the rosemary leaves, garlic and sea salt and crush again with the peppercorns, then add the lemon juice and olive oil. Rub all over the chickens, cover and leave to marinate.

3. Cook on the barbeque for 45 minutes, turning occasionally. Make sure your bbq is not too hot as it will only burn the chicken and the inside will be raw! Serve with a rocket and parmesan salad.

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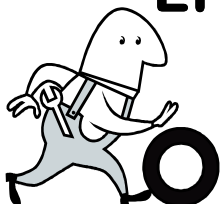
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Maynooth Post Primary School.

Green Schools Energy Flag

On Tuesday March 23rd Maynooth Post Primary School unveiled its new Green School's Energy Flag. This is the second flag the school has been awarded as part of the An Taisce Green School's Programme. It is a great success for the Green School's Committee of Transition Year Students, led by teacher Elaine McKeown. The event included speeches by Transition Year Student, Kevin Peelo. Former members of The Green School's Committee also spoke. Guests included a representative from the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee. Guest of honour was former Mayor of Kildare, local councillor and former Principal of Maynooth Post Primary School Mr. Senan Griffin.

The award of the flag was made based on Energy conservation in the school. A "Turn off the lights" campaign was supported by the formation of a "Shutdown Countdown" for each classroom. This was a five step guide to shutting down the school's power efficiently at the end of each day. In the last year the school has been completely insulated and double glazing has been installed to prevent heat loss. 2920 litres of waste is recycled each week. Regular monitoring of electricity usage and school wide awareness has added to the programme. Four Cherry Blossom trees have also been planted as a way to offset our carbon emissions.



***Johnny Nevin (School Principal),
Elaine McKeown (Teacher).***



***Elaine McKeown, Cllr. Senan Griffin,
Aisling O'Leary, Shona Cagney.***



***Fiona Kelleher, Órla Canning
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***Mattie Callaghan (Maynooth Tidy Towns)
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May Day

The first day of the month of May is known as May Day. It is the time of year when warmer weather begins and flowers and trees start to blossom. It is said to be a time of love and romance. It is when people celebrate the coming of summer with lots of different customs that are expressions of joy and hope after a long winter (and boy did we have a long one this year).

We celebrate our May Day holiday on the first Monday of the month. This Monday is a bank holiday in Ireland, a day off school and work.

Gemstone : Emerald

Flower : Lily of the Valley

Maynooth Post Primary School.

Opening of New Library

The official opening of the Maynooth Post Primary Library took place on Wednesday 24th March . Guest of honour Tom Mc Caughran cut the ribbon. Former RTE security correspondent and currently an Irish Times Journalist and Children's author was an apt guest for a literary event. The school is delighted to now have a fully functioning and lending library. The school would like to thank the staff in the NUI Maynooth Library who assisted with the training of the library staff. The School would also like to thank the Parents Association in particular for all their assistance and funding without which the library would not have been possible.



Áine Ní Chatháin, Mikeala McDonnell.



Tom McCaughran (Author).



***Theresa Murray (Board of Management),
Tom McCaughran (Writer), Cllr. Senan Griffin,
Gerry Quinn (Board of Management),
Johnny Nevin (School Principal).***



***Gráinne Egan (PTA),
Barbara McMahon (Intel Ireland),
Maaria Fagerroes (Library Graduate),
Regina Richardson (NUI Library Maynooth).***



Maynooth Post Primary School.



"Stars in Yer Eyes"

"Schools Stars in Yer Eyes" came to Maynooth Post Primary School on Thursday 25th March. Twelve acts took to the stage, representing students from all years in the school. The talent ranged from Bobby Darren to Cher to current favorites The Saturdays and Lily Allen. An electric atmosphere filled the school assembly hall for the evening. The competition was extremely tight on the night but the audience vote went to Nicole Lambe of 6th year who performed a song from the Broadway musical "Wicked".

Nicole will now represent Maynooth PP in the final of "Stars in Yer Eyes" in the Hazel Hotel, Monasterevin in late April. Also through to final were the Back Street Boys, the hunks from Transition Year.

Well done to all involved and thanks to Ms.O'Connell for all her hard work organising the event.



Chloe Doyle (Leona Lewis).



Jessica Hackett (Cher).

St.Patricks Day Parade.

On March 17th Maynooth Post Primary School participated in the Maynooth Parade for our very first time. We had a fantastic time. Our float was based on our school musical "Joseph". We also had students from sports teams, Green Schools, Science, The Student Council and more. To make the day even better we won a trophy for all our hard work. Well done to Ms O'Connell and her team.

Basketball.

Our Basket ball girls teams have had great success in recent weeks. First Years won the Dublin final in the Tallaght Arena. Well done to Ms. Cushen and Ms. Murphy and their girls.

"Driving Awareness".

There is plenty more planned for the rest of the year. Transition Year students will be attending a "Driving Awareness" day and on April 26th will learn how to sail in Dun Laoighaire Sailing School. They will also be attending a TV Production Day and will have their end of year mystery trip. Sports teams continue to train and compete. Meanwhile there is a real focus on study for all our exam classes. Good luck to all who are preparing for leaving cert and junior cert.



Our National Flag – protocol

Over the last number of weeks, the issue of how to treat our national flag has been mentioned on radio shows and it was raised at the AGM of the Community Council in Maynooth. I was asked to look at the topic and to write an article to help people **with the protocol regarding the flag**. This was made very easy for me as there is a full document on the flag to be found on the Taoiseach's website and this was mentioned on the Joe Duffy show. So that was where my search began. There are a number of topics covered, including the history of the flag, guidelines, design, display, placing and precedence, how and when to hoist and lower the flag, the salute, what to do when it wears out, respect for the flag, when the flag is flown and what not to do. This is followed by 'further advice'.

Proportion	=	2:1
Each colour	=	1/3 width
Colours:		
Green	=	PMS 347
White		
Orange	=	PMS 151

In recent years, flags of different nationalities are flown in strange places – for example in front of apartment complexes abroad to indicate the nationalities who normally stay there. But the Union Jack in particular can be found on swimming trunks, mugs, towels, T-shirts etc. This is now being followed by similar use of the Irish flag. It is a question for us all if we find this use of the flag acceptable at one level but there is no doubt as to the official protocol – these uses are unacceptable and should be avoided.

The 1937 Constitution, article 7 formally recognizes the present National Flag and says: 'The national flag is the tricolour of green, white and orange'. But this was not the original flag that was used during the previous century although it was flown during the 1916 Rising and this is how it became the banner of the new Ireland. It was used from 1922 until its formal recognition. Originally, the flag was a green one with a harp and this went back as far as Eoin Rua Ó Néill in the 1640s. From 1848, the tricolour is mentioned. But the green flag was the one most used until 1916. Until then there were different arrangements of colours as well. The proportions of the flag and the arrangements of the colours are clearly laid out in the protocol as well as the display and where it is placed. No other flag should be placed higher than it, and the national flag should be given the place of honour when shown with others. There are also strict guidelines as to where it should be placed when there are a series of flags involved and only one national flag should be displayed. When displayed on a platform the national flag should be above and behind the speaker's desk. While being carried the national flag should only be dipped to commemorate the dead during memorial ceremonies. When the national anthem is being played, people should face the flag, salute and remain like that until the anthem is over. A worn out flag should not be displayed.

The flag can be used as a lapel button, rosette or part of a table centerpiece. It should be taken down every night and hoisted again in the morning, it should not be left up permanently or overnight. The hours of sunrise and sunset are specified for each period of the year. There are specific times when the flag is flown and it is normal to have it at military post and certain State buildings.

What not to do

The flag should not cover a speaker's desk or be draped over the platform when displayed on a platform. It should never have logos, pictures or letters on it. It should not be draped on cars, trains or boats, it should never be carried flat except when on a coffin, the green should be at the head of the coffin. It should never touch the ground, trail in water or be allowed to catch in trees etc. When the flag is at half-mast – no other flag should be at half-mast.

http://www.taoiseach.gov.ie/eng/Youth_Zone/About_the_Constitution_Flag_Anthem_Harp/National_Flag.html
Hayes-McCoy, G.A., *A history of Irish flags from earliest times* (1979, Dublin).

(Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin)

<p>Further advice may be had from The Protocol Section Department of the Taoiseach Government Buildings Upper Merrion Street Dublin 2 Telephone: (01) 6194000</p>	<p>E-mail: protocol@taoiseach.irlgov.ie Fax: (01) 6789791 This booklet is available on the Government website. ISBN 0-7-76-9101-X</p>
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Further Information from Dr. Bob McCormack at the DARA Community Support Programme on 01 6271484.

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Maynooth Toastmasters

Maynooth Toastmasters continues to meet every second and fourth Monday of the month in the Glenroyal Hotel at 19.45. Please come along and enjoy a great night of fun and enjoyment. Toastmasters is a great way to develop leadership and communication skills, we are always looking for new members and guests can attend for free. For more information please contact 0876821490.

Contact Bryan Collins 087 6821490 or see <http://www.maynoothtoastmasters.com/> for more information"



Maynooth Cycling Campaign

News and Commentary

Bike Week 2010 is fast approaching. It runs from 13th to 20th June. Maynooth Cycling is organising a series of events to mark the week. Full details will shortly be available on our website <http://www.thphys.nuim.ie/cycling/> or on the Bike Week 2010 website <http://www.http://bikeweek.ie/>.



We all know that Ireland is in the midst of a deep recession and that the public coffers are empty. We also know that speeding on the roads is a leading cause of serious accidents. It is also the main reason given by parents for not allowing their children to cycle.

Why does the government not impose **draconian fines** on motorists who show a flagrant disregard for the safety of others, at a time when it has chosen to cut back expenditure on education, hospitals and unemployment benefits?

Targeting speeding motorists would not be a long term strategy – it is hoped that the Irish driving culture of speeding would quickly peak and thereafter decline.

It should be noted that road accident injuries impose a heavy burden on our over-stretched A & E, intensive care, neurology and rehab services. So a dramatic improvement in road safety, as well as avoiding tragedy and improving our quality of life, would supply immediate financial savings to the country.

John Murray (Secretary) Maynooth Cycling Campaign Tel: 0864000881

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

Off to the All Irelands

The Table Tennis Team under 13 Boys

Aisling Coakley Art

The Table Tennis Team Boys under 13 headed off to St. Fiaca's School in Carlow on Sunday 28th March for the Leinster championships.

Maynooth East beat Westmeath's Devlin in the Semi Final 4 to 0 and outclassed Bannow/ Ballymitty from Wexford 4 to 1 in the final.

Well done boys Shane Hurley, Evin McGovern, Donie Mullally and Alex McGovern.

Congratulations to all the team coached by Conor Mullally and managed by Jacqui Mullally. This is a very dedicated team and so dedicated that one of the boys changed his flight going on holidays for Easter, to play in the Leinsters.

Aisling Coakley came out on top in the Kildare Finals winning a gold medal in Art.
Well done Aisling.

Good luck to all in the All Irelands in Athlone in May.



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Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

Away from career responsibilities, new friendships will offer an opportunity to involve yourself in an interesting project. This will help divert your thoughts from earlier problems and frustrations. An older relative will offer some advice you should carefully consider. Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 7, Colour Green.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

Trust in your judgement; don't let other people divert you away from what you feel is the right course of action. Although some relationships will be tense for a wee while, you do have the potential to gain on a grand scale, as long as you stick with your original intentions. Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 2, Colour Blue.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

This year is marked by strong emotional chemistry. You approach your endeavours with passion and embrace what comes. A rush of romance through May and June is followed by a surge of creativity. Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 5, Colour Red.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

If there are young people close by there is some mischief in the air. A youngster is pushing the boundaries and testing your patience with their bad behaviour. The best thing you can do is let everything flow over you without reacting. Your lucky day is Monday, Number 15, Colour Purple.



LEO—July 24—August 23

Organising your time can be a problem when everyone wants a slice of it. On top of this, minor complications in a friend or neighbour's life could knock your own plans into a cocked hat. Your lucky day is Friday, Number 34, Colour Silver.



Virgo—August 24—Sept 23

You have a lot of things in common with the people you're spending the day with. It will be a joy to work with colleagues and staff who are always on your wavelength. The harmony you share makes you wish you and a loved one who have recently fallen out could find a way to get on better. Your lucky day is Wednesday, Number 19, Colour Violet.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

Even if you are a little suspicious about the motives behind an invitation, it is still worth your consideration. It could be to your mutual benefit to listen to what a friend or workmate has to say. Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 22, Colour Cream.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

You might look forward to sharing the company of someone you don't see very often. Sharing old memories will be a positive experience in that it will make you realise how far you have come over the years. Your lucky day is Thursday, Number 27, Colour Midnight Blue.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

A new understanding will buy you some extra time if you are working to a deadline. People in positions of power aren't as unyielding as you expected them to be. Your lucky day is Monday, Number 55, Colour Salmon.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

A friend who owes you a debt wanders into your field of view just when you need them the most. Good luck is meant to be used, so jump on the opportunity and let them help you as only they can. Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 8, Colour White.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

Your impulsive side is making you a little crazy, but not in a scary way. The worst that is likely to happen is that you end up paying more than you should for something you don't really need. Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 16, Colour Petrol Blue.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

Consider higher education. It's about time you investigated some of your more peripheral interests. Now is the time to decide what exactly you want to do. Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 21, Colour Lavender.

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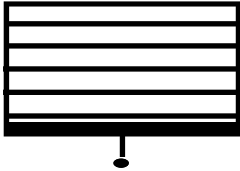


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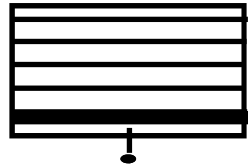
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*In winter I get up at night
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*In summer quite the other way,
I have to go to bed by day.*

*I have to go to bed and see
The birds still hopping on the tree,
Or hear the grown-up people's feet
Still going past me in the street.*

*And does it not seem hard to you,
When all the sky is clear and blue,
And I should like so much to play,
To have to go to bed by day?*

by Robert Louis Stevenson

The Lost Heifer

*When the black herds of the rain were
grazing,
In the gap of the pure cold wind
And the watery hazes of the hazel
Brought her into my mind,
I thought of the last honey by the water
That no hive can find.*

*Brightness was drenching through the
branches
When she wandered again,
Turning sliver out of dark grasses
Where the skylark had lain,
And her voice coming softly over the
meadow
Was the mist becoming rain.*

by Austin Clarke



The Black Lace Fan My Mother Gave Me

*It was the first gift he ever gave
her,
buying it for five five francs
in the Galeries
in pre-war Paris. It was stifling.
A starless drought made the nights stormy.*

*They stayed in the city for the summer.
The met in cafes. She was always early.
He was late. That evening he was later.
They wrapped the fan. He looked at his watch.*

*She looked down the Boulevard des Capucines.
She ordered more coffee. She stood up.
The streets were emptying. The heat was killing.
She thought the distance smelled of rain and
lightning.*

*These are wild roses, appliqued on silk by hand,
darkly picked, stitched boldly, quickly.
The rest is tortoiseshell and has the reticent
clear patience
of its element. It is
a worn-out, underwater bullion and it keeps,
even now, an inference of its violation.
The lace is overcast as if the weather
it opened for and offset had entered it.*

*The past is an empty cafe terrace.
An airless dusk before thunder. A man running.
And no way to know what happened then—
none at all—unless, of course, you improvise:*

*The blackbird on this first sultry morning,
in summer, finding buds, worms, fruit,
feels the heat. Suddenly she puts out her wing—
the whole, full, flirtatious span of it.*

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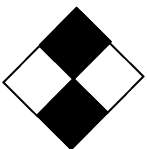
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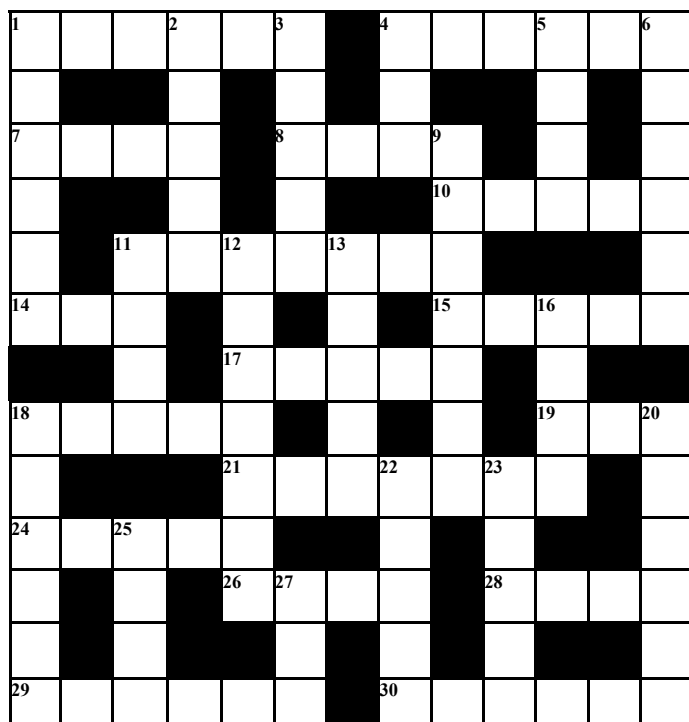
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Across.

1. Not very much (6)
4. Angel (6)
7. Suffer (4)
8. Tatters (4)
10. Perform (5)
11. Fiendish (7)
14. Golf Peg (3)
15. Customary practice (5)
17. Purvey food (5)
18. Scour (5)
19. Mischievous child (3)
21. Spiny anteater (7)
24. Strength (5)
26. Jimmy _ _ _ football presenter (4)
28. Blood vessel (4)
29. Sell (6)
30. Tell (6)

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Down.

1. Capitulate (6)
2. Devour greedily (5)
3. Trunk (5)
4. Tooth (3)
5. Famous acting academy (1. 1. 1. 1.)
6. Baby's shoe (6)
9. Fastened (7)
11. The _ _ _ _ Hunter film (4)
12. Shakespearean tragedy (7)
13. Small groove (5)
16. Continent (4)
18. Cook gently (6)
20. Royal personage (6)
22. Lounger (5)
23. Maritime (5)
25. Horned animal (4)
27. Unwell (3)

Solutions to Crossword No. 87.

Across: 1. Delegation, 8. Useless, 9. Lasso, 10. Sage, 11. Lion, 12. Toe, 14. Afraid, 15. Repair, 18. Tap, 20. Greg, 21. Stan, 23. Alien, 24. Apricot, 25. Remarkable.
Down: 1. Dredger, 2. Leek, 3. Gossip, 4. Talented, 5. Onset, 6. Substantial, 7. Pomegranate, 13. Virginia, 16. Attache, 17. Remark, 19. Price, 22. Grub.



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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Cllr. McGinley Secures Pilot Scheme for Maynooth on Tackling Litter

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of Kildare County Council at it's monthly meeting:

"That this Council writes to all businesses advising them of their obligations under the litter laws and that in the event of non compliance that prosecution will follow."

John's motion got a very good airing at the Council meeting on 9th April with the debate lasting around half an hour. He pointed out that the Council spends €1.5m annually on litter control and that if business people met their obligations under The Litter Laws this money would be available for use elsewhere. If all of the business people adopted the approach that McDonalds have taken with Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee we would be well on the way to solving our chronic litter problem.

Cllr. McGinley proposed that the County Council carry out a Pilot Scheme with the business people in Maynooth, using the carrot rather than the stick approach, to get them to buy in to litter management outside their premises (as they are obliged to do by law). The County Manager agreed to John's proposal and he has asked the Council's Environmental Awareness Officer to draw up proposals for the approval of the Celbridge Area Committee.

Cllr. McGinley Seeks Clean up and Safety Measures for Carton Avenue

Cllr. McGinley asked the Council to remove the suckers from the lime trees and also submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

"That measures be taken to clean up Carton Avenue, Maynooth and that the illegal late night drinking be stopped through occasional patrols by Gardai and the prosecution of offenders."

Council Officials replied as follows:

"A clean up of the litter in Carton Avenue was carried out on 16/17 March and litter will be monitored on an ongoing basis in the future. In addition quotations will be sought as part of the annual tree pruning works to attend to the suckers on the Lime trees. The implementation of this work may have to be done on a phased basis depending on the overall cost of the work and the finance available to carry it out. The matter of antisocial behaviour will be referred to the local Gardai for attention"

Update on Proposals for Allotments in Wonderful Barn and Black Lion Maynooth

Council Officials advised Cllr. John McGinley at the March Area Meeting as follows:

"Allotment holders will be encouraged to use water butts on the site and we will liase with our colleagues in the Environment Department about availability. However water butts alone will not provide all the water needed and

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therefore this will have to be supplemented with a water connection."

Cllr. McGinley stated that owners of allotments at Carton Avenue would be prepared initially to start off without a water supply as it would only be needed in very dry weather.

John further stated that it would not be very difficult to lay a wavin pipe for water along Carton Avenue to the allotments field. Also the cost of setting up allotments in Maynooth would be 10% of the cost of the €65,000 proposed for Leixlip as parking was already available at Maynooth (TESCO across the road is free for three hours).

Cllr. McGinley Gets Safety Improvements for O'Neill Park:

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion to the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council at the request of the Secretary of O'Neill Park Residents Association:

"That double yellow lines be painted at the large concrete projection between O'Neill Park and the bus stop (opposite Tesco) in order to prevent cars from parking there and thereby causing a blind spot for drivers emerging from O'Neill Park."

The Council agreed to John's motion. In order for double yellow lines to be enforceable a drawing of the placement of the yellow lines must be sent to the Garda Commissioner and approval received in writing before any yellow lines can be put in place. John believes that the Gardai will have no problem approving the yellow lines.

Update on Cllr. McGinley's Proposal to Ban HGV from Straffan Village

The results of the traffic count were presented to the members at the March Area Meeting. Michael Kane stated that the movement was 5.2% (300 HGV's per day) and that up to 14% was acceptable. Cllr. McGinley stated that over 300 HGV's per day going through a small village like Straffan was intolerable and that the Council proceed with banning them.

CE 02/03/2010 Draft Maynooth Traffic Management Plan

Council Officials presented the members with a report on the Draft Maynooth Traffic Management Plan. Cllr. McGinley proposed a number changes to the plan

before it goes on public display for 6 weeks. He further asked that Council Officials hold a public meeting in Maynooth so that the public will have a chance to discuss the Plan. He also asked that the Draft Pay Parking By Laws be available at the public meeting. Council Officials stated that without funding from the National Transport Authority the Traffic Management Plan won't go ahead.

Back Lane and Pound Lane Maynooth

The Celbridge Area Committee considered the following motion submitted by Cllr. McGinley at the March meeting:

"That road markings be painted at the entrances to Back Lane and Pound Lane, Maynooth, as they are completely faded at present and that the missing No Entry Sign at the entrance to Back Lane be put back on the pole, in the interest of public safety and law enforcement."

A report from the Transportation Department stated the "No Entry" sign had been replaced and the lining renewed as requested.

Cllr. McGinley stated that only one "No Entry" sign had been replaced. Director Sonya Kavanagh stated she would get the area office to review this.

Traffic signals at junction of Meadowbrook Link Rd/Straffan Rd Maynooth

The Celbridge Area Committee considered the following question submitted by Cllr. McGinley at the March meeting:

"When are the traffic signals going to be installed at the junction of the Meadowbrook Link Road/Straffan Road, Maynooth?"

A report from the Transportation Department stated that unfortunately, there was no funding available for the installation of new traffic signals by Kildare County Council.

Conditions number 41 and 42 of planning register reference 08 / 2174 (GRANTED on 10/08/09) required the developer to signalise the junction of the Meadowbrook Link road and the Straffan Road.

Condition number 22 of An Bord Pleanala decision on planning register reference 08 / 1274 (ABP ref 09.234521) GRANTED on 25/11/09 required the developer to pay a financial contribution to the local authority to improve safety at the Meadowbrook Link Road and the Straffan Road.

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Neither development has commenced as yet Cllr. McGinley stated that he had raised this issue before and requested that the developer be asked to carry out these works.

It was agreed that the developer be asked to carry out the works as required by the planning permission as a matter of urgency.

KILDARE LOCAL AUTHORITIES HOUSING BUDGETS SLASHED BY A FURTHER 46% IN 2010

Deputy Emmet Stagg has reacted angrily to news that a further cut has been imposed in 2010 of 46% in Kildare Local Authority Housing allocations for 2010.

This follows on from a cut of 25% in 2009 stated Deputy Stagg and effectively stalls the Council Housing Programme where we have nearly 4,000 families waiting on housing.

In overall terms covering all of the programmes such as Council Building, the Capital Assistance Scheme, Rental Accommodation Scheme, Improvement works to Housing Stock, the following shows the dramatic fall in allocations to the 3 Kildare Local Authorities:

2008	ALLOCATION	€66,200,000
2009	ALLOCATION	€49,915,000
2010	ALLOCATION	€27,065,000

Deputy Stagg stated that since 2008 the Allocation of funding for Social Housing had been cut by 44% in the State down from €1.5 Billion in 2008 to €852 Million in 2010. Kildare Local Authorities on the other hand had seen a cut imposed of 59%.

The draconian cuts imposed by the Government will severely impact on those unable to provide their own housing accommodation and does nothing to assist workers in the building industry where many completed homes lie idle which could have been acquired for Local Authority Housing at competitive prices thus injecting funding into the building industry. The priorities of this Government remain at the bailing out of the Banks and Developers with no attempt to create employment or deal with the acute housing needs of low income families.

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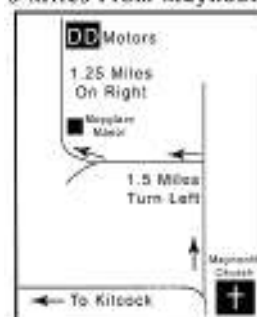
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Some 100,000 jobs supported under Government Employment Subsidy Scheme – Fitzpatrick

Some 100,000 jobs will be supported under the Government's Employment Subsidy Scheme, according to Kildare North Fianna Fail TD and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick as the second round of successful applicants are about to be notified.

Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

"The Employment Subsidy Scheme can be availed by companies employing 10 or more full time staff that can identify a number of full or part time jobs at risk due to the current economic downturn."

"The maximum full time subsidy is €9,100. The maximum part time subsidy is 70% of the full time subsidy €6,370."

"The scheme runs for 52 weeks from the 2nd of November 2009 to the 31st of October 2010."

"Employment subsidies of up to €200 per week per full time employee and €120 per part time employee are available for the first 26 weeks and then on a reducing scale up to a maximum amount of €500,000."

"Companies who are participating in the Scheme must commit to maintaining a multiple of the number of jobs that are covered by the employment subsidies."

"A further 1,213 companies are to be supported under the Employment Subsidy Scheme as part of the second call of the Scheme. This is a very important development and shows that the Government is serious about helping people to stay in work and support employment."

"A total of 1,670 companies, eligible for support, will now benefit from subsidies under the Scheme, which will allow them to keep on staff they otherwise may have had to let go."

"An investment of more than €133 million between last year and this year is being used to sustain the Scheme, to protect vulnerable jobs and to keep people in the work place."

"Companies that have been successful in securing support as part of the second call of the Scheme will be formally notified by Enterprise Ireland in the coming week," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Minister imposes commitment to SMEs as measures to stabilise banking sector outlined – Fitzpatrick

Fianna Fail TD for Kildare North and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed the news that the Minister for Finance is imposing specific lending targets for SMEs on the AIB and Bank of Ireland as the measures to recapitalise the banks and transfer loans to NAMA is announced.

"The provision of credit to viable businesses has been a very serious concern for this Government. Local businesses, particularly SMEs are vital local employers and have an essential role to play in our economic recovery."

"In recent times SMEs have seen their credit dry up and found it increasingly difficult to secure loans from their banks. It is essential that viable businesses are supported and the banks need to lend more."

"As part of his solution to stabilise the banking sector, the Minister for Finance has imposed lending targets on

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AIB and Bank of Ireland. Both banks will have to lend not less than €3 billion each for new or increased credit facilities to SMEs in both 2010 and 2011."

"Both banks will also have to make €20 million each for Seed Capital to Enterprise Ireland supported ventures and will each set up a fund of up to €100 million for Environmental, Clean Energy and Innovation projects."

"The banks will also be required to commit resources to work with Enterprise Ireland and the Irish Banking Federation to develop expertise in modern growth sectors and develop new credit products where cashflow is the basis for lending rather than property."

"AIB and Bank of Ireland need to submit their plans for lending to the Government's Credit Reviewer. These plans need to take into account a geographic and sectoral balance and will be submitted within 6 weeks to ensure a speedy commencement of lending to hard pressed businesses."

"It is only right that banks who will benefit from recapitalisation play their part in supporting SMEs, fuelling the economy and creating employment," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Boost for Kildare farmers with EU approval of Agri-Environment Scheme – Fitzpatrick

There is good news for Kildare farmers as the Government's Agri-Environment Options Scheme (AEOS) has been given EU approval according to local Fianna Fail TD Michael Fitzpatrick.

"The REPS 4 scheme that many Kildare farmers availed of was closed last year on very necessary budgetary grounds."

"I was keen that something should replace the Scheme and the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Brendan Smith TD announced that an alternative scheme would be put in place."

"This alternative scheme which is called the Agri-Environment Options Scheme and it has just received EU approval from the EU Rural Development Management Committee."

"Funding of €50 million for up to 10,000 participants has been approved for the 2010 scheme that will be paid in 2011."

"The new Scheme will focus on the areas of

biodiversity, water management and climate change."

"The Scheme will offer a variety of measures that farmers can choose from provided they complement the environmental profile of their farm. In order to make the Scheme accessible to as many farmers as possible, many of the measures are similar to those covered by REPS."

"Details on the operation of the new Scheme are currently being finalised and it will be launched pending the approval of the EU Commission that is expected within the next few weeks."

"The Minister is keen to make the Scheme as accessible, simple and cost effective for farmers. To this end it is envisioned that it will be possible for applicants to draw-up plans and submit applications without the need for a professional planner in many cases. A simple plan, which should cost significantly less than the cost of a REPS plans will only be required for Natural land and non-Natura Commonage."

"Following the launch of the Scheme it will be open for applications until 15 May 2010 and following eligibility checks, approvals for a 5 year contractual period will be issued."

"I look forward to the commencement of the Scheme and hope that Kildare farmers will be able to benefit. Supporting farm families and the rural economy is a real priority for this Government," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Fitzpatrick encourages proposals for the Labour Market Activation Fund

Fianna Fail TD for Kildare North and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick TD has encouraged local submission of proposals to the Labour Market Activation Fund.

"The Labour Activation Fund has been launched by the Tanaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Mary Coughlan TD."

"The Fund, to which the Government has allocated €20 million, is designed to provide training and upskilling for those who are currently seeking work."

"Any training or education provider in the private, community or voluntary sector can apply and it is targeted towards approximately 3,500 jobseekers."

"These training and education places are in addition

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to the 145,000 places that are currently funded through the Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment."

"The Fund will specifically target those who have become unemployed due to their sector declining such as construction, retail or manufacturing workers. The under 35s and the long-term unemployed will also be targeted."

"There will also be a focus on those who have very low levels of education to allow them to do their Leaving Certificate."

"Losing a job can have a devastating effect and especially when the work environment is changing, it is important that we support people in gaining back their confidence if they have lost it and increase their skills and education to be able to move into a different sector if necessary."

"Any training or education providers can apply to the Labour Market Activation Fund with their proposal. The tenders need to be returned to the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment by Thursday the 8th of April 2010. It is expected that contracts will be awarded by the end of April. Further information can be found at www.etenders.gov.ie."

"This scheme will potentially bring revenue into other training agencies in Kildare. I am pleased that community and voluntary organisations will be able to tender for the work as well as private and public educators as this will increase the training and upskilling options open to local people. I would urge any local organisation or group who think that they might meet the criteria to put forward a proposal to the Fund," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Boost for NUI Maynooth with participation in Competence Centre scheme – Fitzpatrick

Local Fianna Fail TD and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed the inclusion of NUI Maynooth in the Government's Competence Centre scheme.

"The Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment Mary Coughlan TD has announced the NUI Maynooth is to be included in an innovative new scheme that will boost opportunities for innovation, growth and jobs."

"The Competence Centres will be delivered jointly by

Enterprise Ireland and the IDA."

"The Centres will allow clusters of companies in an area to come together to share research and other information that will allow them to grow their businesses, create new products and services. It is hoped that all of these activities will result in the creation more jobs."

"The Centres will be industry led and will aim to meet the needs of local business and enterprises."

"There will be 180 SMEs and multinational companies working in nine Centres, five of which have now been established."

"The five Centres that have been established will cover Bioenergy & Biorefining, IT Innovation, Applied Nanotechnology, Composite Materials and Microelectronics."

"The four additional Centres will concentrate on Manufacturing Productivity, Energy Efficiency, Financial Services and E-learning. These Centres are at different stages of completion."

"Each centre will be based in a University to deliver the research needs."

"Enterprise Ireland has already allocated €32 million for the initial five Centres and anticipates investing a further €24 million over the next five years."

"It is expected that the Competence Centres will not only bring together and share information but will also transfer commercially viable intellectual property in the form of technology licences, create jobs for engineers, scientists and researchers and increase the levels of R&D in Irish companies and overseas companies based here," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Government Innovation Taskforce Report a blueprint for Jobs - Fitzpatrick

The publication of the report of the Government Innovation Taskforce is a further step forward in our efforts to ensure Ireland remains a location for quality jobs according to Kildare North Fianna Fail TD and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"The Taskforce wants Ireland to become a Global Innovation Hub, and believes our transformation into such a location could create up to 250,000 new jobs."

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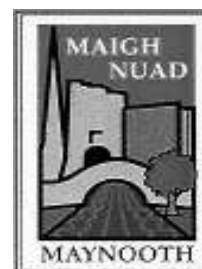
'No one can do everything, but everyone can do something'. With our AGM approaching perhaps now is a good time to consider the above quote. Can we identify one thing we as individuals will do for our group to further enrich it. Generally speaking there is a big gap between what we can do and what we actually do. Now to the present, where there is lots happening. Those of us who unfortunately are staying at home will be eagerly awaiting details and photos of the trip to Áras an Uachtaráin. Hopefully the invitation will be repeated at some future date. Our 'Go for Life' programme has taken off with a rather lively and almost boisterous session. We aim to be trimmed, toned and streamlined, if not for the polka dot bikini at least for the rather chic one-piece. While playing the game of curling, the competitive spirit raised its ugly head again. Helen, can I remind you that it is never nice to gloat over an opponent's misfortune! Don't you believe in Karma?

Of course, we have our very own Dermot O' Neil in Irene. After the harsh weather conditions, listening to her inspirational talk, we could once again, see light at the end of the tunnel! Thank you, Irene.

Meetings for May will be held on Fridays 7th and 21st at 11.00 in the Community Library.
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"The Report contains many interesting recommendations and I would encourage business interests in Kildare to take time to examine them and see what role they can play in the implementation of the plans."

"The document is wide-ranging and much of what is proposed is worthy of serious consideration. Key plans include

- Transforming the seed, angel and venture capital environment in Ireland
- Introducing a European Accelerator Programme to attract the European HQs of fast-growing private US companies
- Encourage overseas entrepreneurs to come to Ireland to start and grow their companies
- Transform our Intellectual Property (IP) arrangements and make Ireland an International Innovation Services Centre (IISC)
- Use Flagship projects, where public procurement will grow clusters of companies, addressing global needs, with innovative products\services for export
- The education system needs to be better connected to the needs of innovative enterprises, including bonus points for high level maths.

"The publication of the report and the priority which the Government has placed upon it sends out a strong message that Ireland remains open for business."

"I would encourage all those involved in the development of the knowledge economy to examine the full report and executive summary which are available on line at www.innovationtaskforce.ie", concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Businesses to benefit from funding and new Credit Review Office – Fitzpatrick

Kildare North Fianna Fail TD and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick, has welcomed the establishment of the Credit Review Office, an independent dedicated centre to ensure that the credit system is operating effectively for small and medium-sized businesses. SME's are businesses with less than 250 employees, turnover of less than €50m, and/or a balance sheet value of less than €43m.

"This office is designed to make sure credit flows to viable businesses that are making valid requests to the banks that are being covered by NAMA."

"We need credit to flow to protect jobs."

"The review process will cover cases where credit is refused, reduced or withdrawn; or where an application to restructure credit facilities or debt is refused. It will cover applications for credit of between €1,000 and €250,000."

"It's very important that as many people as possible are aware that this appeals process is in place for businesses. The banks participating in NAMA (AIB, Bank of Ireland, EBS, Anglo Irish Bank and Irish Nationwide Building Society) have been requested to display information in branches highlighting the office and publicise the Credit Review Office in their correspondence and dealings with their customers. It's very important that the banks do this very quickly."

"As well as having access to this new review process the Minister for Finance Brian Lenihan is imposing strict lending targets on AIB and Bank of Ireland to benefit businesses. Each bank will be required to submit SME lending plans both by geography and sector for 2010 and 2011 to the Department of Finance within six weeks. The two banks will make available not less than €3 billion each for new or increased credit facilities. This will maintain and create jobs in SMEs, which are the engine of our economy."

"More information on the functions of the Credit Review Office is available at www.creditreview.ie and a dedicated helpline is available for queries on 1850 211 789. The office can also be emailed on info@creditreview.ie," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.





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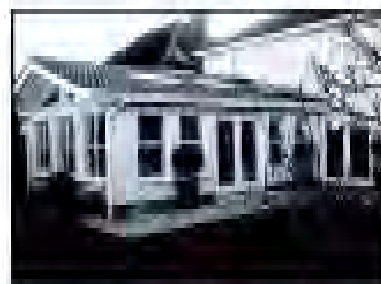


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Kildare Credit Unions get greater freedom to help clients – Minister Brady

Credit Unions in Kildare and throughout the country are to be given more freedom to help people who are under pressure to repay their loans, according to local Fianna Fáil TD and Minister of State at the Department of Health, Áine Brady.

"In recognition of the important role played by credit unions in our communities throughout Kildare and in every county, the Government has decided to loosen the regulations which govern the loans they provide to families and individuals."

"At present each credit union must ensure that only 20% of the loans on their books are for five years or more. However, the Government is now extending that to 30%."

"The move may appear technical but it will allow credit unions to assist people who are facing difficulties in repaying their loans by giving them the space to reduce repayments over a longer period."

"The measure amounts to practical help while at the same time safeguarding the financial future of credit unions so as they can continue to help local people into the future."

"The Government has supported the development needs of credit unions to ensure they continue to provide for the financial, saving and borrowing needs of the communities they serve. Many credit union members are experiencing difficulty in meeting loan repayments due to unfavourable changes in their financial circumstances in the current economic environment."

"Increasing the lending limit for credit unions and formalising arrangements in the area of the rescheduling of loans will facilitate credit unions in their wish to ease the position of these members," concluded Minister Brady.

Good news for Kildare homeowners as flood relief funding awarded – Minister Brady

There is good news for Kildare homeowners as the Government has awarded over €900,000 to Kildare County Council for flood relief according to local Fianna Fáil TD and Minister of State, Áine Brady.

"Late last year, I saw first-hand the devastation to north Kildare homeowners caused by the unprecedented flooding in the area. The difficulties and expense to homeowners and families was compounded by the fear that something similar could happen again."

"In response to this, the Government has awarded funding of over €900,000 to Kildare County Council for flood relief that will concentrate efforts in the areas that are most at risk."

"As a result funding will be allocated to Butterstream in Clane for the construction of flood relief structures, to Ardclough for the construction and replacement of canal and road crossings, to Confeigh in Leixlip for the upgrade of the culvert and to Newtown in Kilcock for construction of an overflow pipeline."

"It is hoped that these measures will reduce the risk to homeowners and others should we experience such bad weather again."

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"The Office of Public Works co-operated closely with Kildare County Council to identify these schemes and I hope that the work begin as soon as possible," concluded Minister Brady.

Flood Relief Programme 2010			
Local Authority	Project Location	Project Details	Funding Allocation €
Kildare County Council	Butterstream, Clane	Construction of flood relief structures	356,142
	Ardclough	Construction / Replacement of canal & road crossings	306,410
	Confey, Leixlip	Upgrade culvert	66,556
	Newtown, Kilcock	Construct overflow pipeline	237,912
			967,020

Intel and NUI Maynooth to cooperate on Government Competence Centre – Minister Brady

North Kildare based multinational Intel is to strengthen their links with NUI Maynooth under Government's Competence Centre scheme according to local Fianna Fail TD and Minister of State, Áine Brady.

"The Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment Mary Coughlan TD has announced a new innovative scheme to bring together business, enterprise and universities into designated Competence Centres."

"The Centres will allow clusters of companies in north Kildare and the wider area to come together to share research and other information that will allow them to grow their businesses, create new products and services."

The Maynooth Centre will be the IT Innovation Centre with the assistance and cooperation of Intel and will be delivered jointly by Enterprise Ireland and the IDA."

"The Maynooth Centre will research and develop tools and approaches that can help companies and public sector organisations to improve their IT investment. The Centre will also focus on green computing by researching ways to reduced the energy used by servers and other IT technology."

"The Centre in Maynooth is one of five Centres that have already been established. The other Centres will

cover Bioenergy & Biorefining, Applied Nanotechnology, Composite Materials and Microelectronics."

"Four additional Centres will be planned and will concentrate on Manufacturing Productivity, Energy Efficiency, Financial Services and E-learning. These Centres are at different stages of completion."

"The Centres will be industry led and will aim to meet the needs of local business and enterprises. It is hoped that all of these activities will result in the creation of more jobs. Intel must be commended for their participation in this project and for their commitment to north Kildare," concluded Minister Brady.

New Working Group on Commercial Rents to address needs of hard pressed retailers – Brady

A new Working Group on Commercial Rents has been established in response to a motion placed before the Fianna Fail Parliamentary Party according to Kildare North Fianna Fail TD and Minister of State Áine Brady.

"A motion was placed before the Fianna Fail Parliamentary Party about the need to address the issue of commercial rates around the country."

"This issue has come to the fore in recent times, particularly with hard pressed retailers who were finding their rents spiralling out of control, forcing many out of business."

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"The Minister for Justice, Dermot Ahern who is responsible for this area brought into law a provision that barred the upward only commercial rent review clause that resulted in hardship for many business owners."

"While this was a welcome move it did not have any effect on current leases and only applied to newly signed leases."

"As a result those who signed leases in recent years had no respite."

"Following the motion to the Parliamentary Party meeting, the Minister for Justice, Dermot Ahern TD confirmed that he is establishing a new Working Group to report to him on the issue of commercial rents and the difficulties being faced by business tenants."

"The Working Group will invite all of the relevant stakeholders to submit their views and I would encourage everyone who can to take part in the process."

"Retailers and other commercial business owners form the heart of any town or village. They are a vital source of local employment and an important part of the local economy so we need to come up with practical measures to support them. I am hopeful that this Working Group will be able to establish some ways of assisting the sector," concluded Minister Brady.

€20 million Labour Market Activation Fund welcomed by Brady

The Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Ms. Mary Coughlan, T.D., informed Local TD and Minister of State at the Department of Health and Children that her Department launched a call for proposals to be funded under the new €20 million Labour Market Activation Fund.

"The Tánaiste has put the €20 million fund in place to stimulate innovation in the provision of training and activation measures for jobseekers. The call for proposals was open to all providers, including those in the public, private, community and voluntary sectors and is targeted at assisting some 3,500 jobseekers this year."

"The establishment of this €20 million Labour Market Activation Fund is about leveraging the market's capacity to deliver substantial training and education

programmes targeting specific priority groups among the unemployed."

"The priority groups the Government have targeted among the unemployed include the low skilled, and those formerly employed in declining sectors – such as construction, retail and manufacturing sectors, with particular emphasis on the under 35s and the long-term unemployed."

"The Government's approach here is two-pronged. Firstly, we want to ensure that unemployed people with low levels of education are given the chance to gain qualifications bringing them up to at least Leaving Certificate level, and thus to instil in them the confidence that they too will be better able to benefit from labour market opportunities as they return. Secondly, we recognise that those with higher-level qualifications need to be assisted to re-skill and prepare themselves for occupations in new and different sectors of the economy, where their skills will be in demand as economic recovery gets underway" concluded Minister Brady.

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Warmer Homes Scheme Available to low-income households in certain areas, where **community-based organisations** provide services such as attic insulation and draught-proofing. The criteria for qualifying can vary in different areas. There may be a small fee. For local provider details contact Sustainable Energy Ireland, www.sei.ie **Freephone: 1800 250 204.**

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The **Mobility Aids Grant Scheme** provides grants for mobility equipment in the home for older people (up to 100% of costs with a maximum of €6,000).
The **Housing Aid for Older People Scheme** provides grants to improve the houses of older people (over 60 generally). Maximum grant is €10,500.
The **Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability** is a means-tested grant to make a house suitable for a person with a disability. Maximum grant is €30,000 (€14,500 for new houses).

Apply to the Housing Department of your local authority for each of these schemes. You may need an Occupational Therapist (OT) to assess your daily living needs in support of your application. The local authority can arrange an OT assessment, or you can employ a private OT. You can recoup up to €200 of the cost as part of the total grant. Contact an OT through the Community Care section of your local health office or through the Association of Occupational Therapists of Ireland (AOTI), Tel: (01) 633 7222, www.aoti.ie **Department of Social and Family Affairs**
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Transition Group

The Transition Group in Maynooth will hold a meeting on Wed. May 12 at 8pm in Room 2 Rowan House North Campus NUIM. We continue to hold meetings every two weeks. We are discussing the setting up of Working Groups on such issues as Food, Energy, Transport, Skills and Reskilling.

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Editorial-June

As we go to print, the College students have finished their exams and have left the town to find work to keep them in education for another year. They also face the threat of College fees being brought back by this government. This will, more than likely, reduce the number of Irish students attending universities and will lead to an increase in the recruitment of international students to fill the void and provide much-needed large fees for the cash-starved third level.

The second-level exams will be just starting at the beginning of June; the Leaving Certificate being one of the greatest causes of stress in Irish homes. We wish them all well with the exams and with the future. It is difficult not to think back to the eighties however, when teachers and lecturers knew that they were educating their students for emigration. There is a similar feeling again and it is increasingly depressing to watch the hundreds of young people sitting in the examination halls; one cannot help but wonder how many of them will be leaving and how soon. Anecdotal evidence implies that thousands have left the country quietly, the 'brain drain' of the eighties is repeating itself and the millions or indeed billions that the Irish taxpayer spent on their education will be of benefit to America, Canada, Australia or some other faraway country. It is easier to travel back and forth these days but that does not solve the problem of the increasing emigration.

The problem of how we have arrived at this point is not for us to solve but as the only university town in the country, we should perhaps be more conscious than others of the type of education that is being offered to all three levels. The strength of those leaving, and those remaining, in the eighties, was their high level of education. Can this be said of students today? There have been discussions on grade inflation and of a move to the 'Boston' model rather than the 'Berlin' model of education and the rumoured plans for third-level in this country do not bode well for a 'first-class' system. We shall see how the new managerial, commercialised model progresses.

June will be the month of sport with both Wimbledon and the World Cup. The party atmosphere that would have taken place if we had qualified will be absent. The streets will not be empty as the whole country supports the green jersey and the much-needed lift will not be given to a country that is virtually punch-drunk from the repeated economic blows that it has received in the past three years. What plague awaits this unlucky country? Locusts?

Finally, a momentous occasion in our neighbouring county cannot go without mention. The ill-conceived M3 motorway, winding its way around the bottom of the Hill of Tara and through the pristine Gabhra Valley, will be opened officially on the 4th June. As everyone knows now, there was a huge campaign against the chosen route. There are two tolls to be paid on the road before the driver arrives at the newly-opened railway station. Various internet sites are already discussing how to avoid the tolls by taking the back roads. It is also worth remembering that if the expected income does not reach the target, the Irish taxpayer, all of us, will have to pay the shortfall.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

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Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Meeting 10 May 2010

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

Gardaí propose a number of traffic safety solutions

Sergeant Gavin Dunphy, An Garda Síochána, Maynooth, discussed suggestions he made in his correspondence with Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin (Secretary) regarding serious concerns about traffic safety at certain locations in the town. He suggested providing a roundabout at the Link Road/Straffan Road junction, to allow safe and adequate opportunity to turn right towards the M4 and the Straffan Road, and that the Community Council should write to Kildare County Council requesting that a feasibility study be done on this proposal.

Sgt. Dunphy made a number of suggestions regarding safety issues associated with the opening and closing times at the Girls Primary School on Convent Lane. He has sent a 'Letter for Parents' to the school, outlining parking regulations that are being ignored by some parents at present, and stating that tickets and on-the-spot fines will be issued to offending motorists. He reminds parents that it is illegal to:

- park on a single yellow line outside the school between 8.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. and 3.30 p.m.
- park or stop at the school entrance
- park on zigzag lines at any time
- park on either side of the road, opposite a continuous white line
- park on double yellow lines
- park wholly or partly on a footpath/grass margin/cycle lane
- park within 5 mtrs of a road junction
- park within 15 mtrs of a pedestrian crossing
- park in an area prohibited by a restricted parking sign
- park obstructing entrance/exit of a premises
- park in a manner that interferes with/endangers/obstructs traffic

Sgt. Dunphy suggests that Carton Retail Park would be a suitable and appropriate parking location for parents if a pedestrian crossing were provided on the Dublin Road. Deirdre Cullen (Lyreen Residents Association) suggested that the present pedestrian crossing on this road, opposite Tesco, is poorly sited as it does not serve the majority of pedestrians, many of whom need to cross to the dentist, the shops nearer the Main Street, or Leinster Park. Furthermore, pedestrians crossing for Tesco tend to cross at a point much closer to the Main Street - a far more natural and convenient route - but have to step into traffic between parked cars. She suggested that the present location of the pedestrian crossing at Tesco is really only convenient for residents of O'Neill Park, and that a re-siting of the crossing point would convenience all pedestrians and facilitate school parents parking at the Retail Park.

Some Community Councillors were of the opinion that, as an interim measure, a school warden could operate a crossing point on the Dublin Road at school opening and closing hours.

Sgt Dunphy also addressed the issue of motorists driving contrary to the one-way system on Back Lane and Pound Lane, and said that the Gardaí would continue to issue on-the-spot fines and caution motorists.

Town Council Status

The meeting discussed correspondence received by Maynooth Community Council from Minister of State Áine Brady TD (Fianna Fáil), passing on a reply she received from Minister for the Environment, John Gormley TD (Green Party), to a question about towns currently seeking Town Council Status. In his reply to Deputy Brady, Mr Gormley commented: 'The matter of town local government is among a broad suite of issues which are being considered by Government in the context of current deliberations on the proposed White Paper on local government.' 51 towns with populations under 10,000 already have such status, while towns such as Maynooth and Celbridge exceed the current 10,000 threshold, are seeking Town Council Status, but have not been granted it. Some Community Councillors were of the opinion that this state of affairs was unconstitutional. Tom McMullon (Vice-Chairperson) pointed out that Maynooth has been seeking Town Council Status for over 20 years.

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Tidy Towns

Mattie Callaghan (Tidy Towns Committee) said that 16 tons of waste electrical goods for recycling had been collected at the recent WEE event at Tesco car park. Tidy Towns volunteers also collected dumped electrical goods from local roadsides that day. M. Callaghan said that the Committee would be making its presentation for the Tidy Towns Competition soon. He pointed out that competition marks awarded to the residential estates in the town have remained static for a few years and asked for a special effort to be made by residents this year. He said that the Tidy Towns Annual Collection would take place from May 20th - May 23rd. Paul Croghan (Tidy Towns Committee) said that this year the committee has worked with owners to clean up and paint derelict sites, and has done a major cutting-back job along the river at Parson Street. It is now looking for support to put up a wildlife-information sign at this site.

Twinning with Canet, France

Colm Ó Cearúil (Chairperson) said that Kildare County Council has agreed to part fund expenses for a delegation to visit the town of Canet in France this summer, to further the twinning project which is still at an exploratory stage. NUIM swimming team will have a training session in Canet, and NUIM/Barnhall rugby team also hopes to visit the town, which has a strong rugby tradition. C. Ó Cearúil said that Maynooth Post Primary School is very interested in pursuing the possibility of student exchanges with Canet for the Transition Year class of 2010-2011.

Community Space

Paul Croghan (PDO) told the meeting that interested groups (such as the Youth Café Committee, An Nuada Players, Castle Keep Art Group, the Local History Group, and others) recently met with County Council personnel to look at the proposed temporary community space and to discuss its potential uses. The Council is now in negotiation with the landlord. Maynooth Community Council has agreed to act as key-holder. P. Croghan said this venture would act as a model for the future development of community space at Tesco, and that he is researching potential management models.

D. Cullen PRO

I. C. A. Notes

New Committee 2010/2011

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Congratulations to Norah McDermott elected Kildare Federation President.

Craft nights continue each Monday night at 8 o'clock in the hall. Irish Dance classes each Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

Upcoming competitions:- Inter-Federation Cup for 2010 Photography "A photo of an animal or a number of animals or birds. No people. 2 categories:- 1 Black & White. 2 Colour. Minimum size 5"X4" Max "8X10". Closing date is Sept 17th.

ICA Trophy for Reporting 2010:- "Report on an ICA centenary event held at Guild, Federation or National level." 500 words.

Muriel Gahan Rose Bowl:- "A Crochet Collar" Closing date Sept 17th. Details of all comps from Cora Walsh.

The June guild meeting will have an International/Irish theme with music and "craic"

Next Federation meeting June 14th in St. Patrick's National School, Newbridge. Next Council Meeting May 26th in Woodlands Hotel, Adare, Co Limerick

Winners of May guild competition (Something-new-from-something-old) 1st Mary Halton, 2nd Betty Farrell, 3rd Mary O'Gorman.

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Answer:

Substantial changes to how contributory State pensions are calculated and when they are paid are planned. The proposed changes will not affect you but they will affect your wife. The age at which people qualify for a State Pension will increase – to 66 in 2014, 67 in 2021 and 68 in 2028. The State Pension (Transition) will be abolished in 2014. This means that your wife will not get a State Pension Transition at 65 in 2015.

Currently to qualify for a State Pension (Contributory and Transition) you must have a minimum of 260 paid PRSI contributions (5 years) over your working life. Your pension is then based on your yearly average of contributions (both paid and credited). Credited contributions can be given when you are ill, unemployed or taking care of someone. You need a minimum yearly average of 20 contributions to qualify for a pension and 48 for a full rate pension.

From 2012 you must have a minimum of 520 paid contributions (10 years) over your working life. Your wife will have 20 years of paid contributions by the time she retires in 2016 so she will meet this requirement. She will qualify for a full pension based on her 20 years' contributions with a yearly average of 48 contributions if she continues to work full time.

This yearly average method for calculating contributions will continue until 2020. After that the system will change to a total contribution system. A minimum of 520 (10 years) paid contributions will give you one-third of the total pension rate. Thirty years contributions will give you a full pension. A maximum of 10 years of credits will be taken into account.

Question:

I was on holiday in Spain in April and I was stuck there for over a week when the volcanic ash grounded planes. Eventually I got home but I spent a lot of money on hotels during the extra week. Now my employer won't pay me for the time off and I am seriously out of pocket. What are my rights?

Answer:

Unfortunately your employer is not obliged to pay you for this unplanned time off work despite the unusual circumstances. You could ask your employer if you can use any remaining annual leave for the extra week although your employer is not obliged to grant this request.

Under EU regulations everyone who was grounded by the volcanic ash and who was flying within the EU or on an EU airline should be given the option of a refund or a re-booking. If you are travelling from outside Europe on an airline based outside the EU these regulations do not apply – so you should check with the airline. Your airline is not obliged to pay you compensation for the delay since it is regarded as being caused by an Act of God. However under EU regulations, if you are waiting for your airline to get you home on a rebooked flight, your airline does have to compensate you for the cost of food and accommodation during the wait (even though the flight cancellation and delay were the result of extraordinary circumstances beyond the control of the airline). If you made your own way back home you are not entitled to be reimbursed for the journey or any food or

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2. It has obtained your personal contact details in the course of a sale to you of a product or service within the last twelve months.

If a person representing a business takes your details when you buy something they should tell you their identity, why they are collecting your contact details, the persons or categories of persons to whom your personal data may be disclosed and any other necessary information to ensure that their use of your data is fair. The business can then contact you only to try and sell you goods and services that are similar to the one you originally bought.

In this case the shop is breaking these rules and is continuing to send you unwanted messages more than twelve months after your initial contact with it. You can formally complain to the Data Protection Commissioner and ask him to investigate. You can do this online at dataprotection.ie or by writing to the Data Protection Commissioner.

If the Commissioner decides to prosecute an offender, you may be asked to give a sworn statement or to appear in court to give evidence.

Question:

I lost my job last year and have been getting Jobseeker's Benefit since. It's coming up to 8 months now and I still can't find work. What happens when my Jobseeker's Benefit runs out?

Answer:

Jobseeker's Benefit is paid for 9 months or a year depending on your PRSI contributions. You should be informed in advance of when your Jobseeker's Benefit payment will expire and given a form to apply for Jobseeker's Allowance. This is a means-tested payment so your assets and income (except for your home) are taken into account. You may not qualify if, for example, you own an asset like an investment property (even if it is not bringing in any income) or if your spouse/partner is working.

In some areas there have been delays in processing applications for Jobseeker's Allowance after Jobseeker's Benefit has expired. If you qualify for the payment it will be backdated to the date you applied. If the delay is very long, you could apply for a Supplementary Welfare Allowance (this is administered by Community Welfare Officers in your local health centre).

If you have used up your entitlement to Jobseeker's Benefit (JB), you may re-qualify by working and paying the appropriate PRSI contributions for at least 13 weeks. If you are working and getting Jobseeker's Benefit, as in the case of systematic short-time workers and some part-time workers, the 13 weeks paid contributions can begin once you have claimed JB for 156 days. You must also meet all the other conditions, including that of a substantial loss of employment before making a new claim. You will find information on the means test and other criteria for Jobseeker's Allowance and Supplementary Welfare Allowance on citizensinformation.ie.

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Pet Corner

Victims of the recession in Ireland



Animal Welfare charities are bracing themselves for a flood of abandoned animals as increasing numbers of owners dump unwanted animals in the face of growing economic recession. Animal Rescue Centres around the country they will tell you the same story. The fear now is that as the economy goes into recession, uncaring owners will make the huge problem with unwanted cats and dogs even worse by simply abandoning their pets. There has been a big increase in the number of pure-bred dogs that are being dumped.

HUNDREDS of unwanted dogs are being sent to Animal Rescue Centers as their owners are emigrating because of the recession. Many pet owners who have set their sights on Australia are refusing to fork out the €4,000 needed to bring their animals abroad. Instead they are leaving them in shelters and rescue centre's which are struggling to cope with the influx of dogs since the recession took hold. They wait until the last minute to phone the rescue centers.

People are downsizing to apartments or renting houses and getting rid of their pets. For the past two or three months now, there's been a steady increase in unwanted and abandoned animals.

According to officers working in societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals horses in particular are being left to fend for themselves. They are now picking up as many horses as dogs. People just can't afford to keep horses anymore. They are leaving them in fields or waste ground.



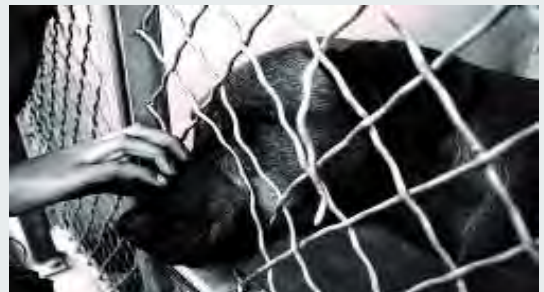
Some use full numbers of Animal Rescue Centre's

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Having a pet can be quite a big commitment. You need to be sure that you will be able to look after it properly and make sure that it gets all the attention that it needs.

What you can do:

- Be sure that you have enough time and energy to look after your chosen pet
- Make sure you know someone who will be able to look after your pet if you go on holiday.
- Find out how expensive having a pet will be. You will need to be able to buy all their food, bedding, pet accessories and insurance.
- Have enough space to look after your pet.
- Make sure that you buy your pet from a reputable dealer, pet shop or animal shelter.
- If you are buying more than one pet find out the sex to make sure they don't breed.
- Register your pet with your local vet.

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Dermot is back with a Splash

Home Care

Dermot Heffernan has opened his new shop "Home Care" in the Glenroyal Centre, in Maynooth. The official opening was Saturday 15th May. His customers were treated to a refreshing glass of wine and refreshments. His first two customers were Mary Ledwith and Marie Murray (pictured below).

Dermot supplies Paints, Wallpaper, Lighting and D.I.Y. accessories, including gardening tools. He has "Fleetwood Every Colour Tinting System", which means any colour you require Dermot can mix to your requirement.

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MAYNOOTH U14S WIN TOURNAMENT

Maynooth picked up their second trophy in as many matches when winning the Damian Brennan tournament in Confey on Sunday, 9 May. They had won the Féile Division 1 Shield two weeks previous. This was a very good game of football in glorious sunshine and enjoyed by all. Maynooth settled well but got few scores and Confey gradually built up a sizeable lead at half time of 1- 8 to 0-4 with Maynooth missing a penalty. Maynooth's rather casual approach changed dramatically after the break and dominating all areas they led comfortably by 3 points in the dying seconds. A fortunate penalty award brought the game into extra time. But Maynooth stayed solid to win deservedly by 2 points. Congratulations to both teams on a very entertaining game.

MAYNOOTH TOP SFC TABLE

Maynooth are top of the senior football championship table after the first two rounds. Two excellent wins against Round Towers and Ellistown have given Maynooth a plus 8 score difference, which leaves them top of the pile with two rounds to play. Read on to see the full table below.

	P	W	L	D	Pts	Diff
Maynooth	2	2	0	0	4	8
Carbury	2	2	0	0	4	7
Sarsfields	2	2	0	0	4	7
St Laurence's	2	2	0	0	4	6
Naas	2	1	1	0	2	5
Moorefield	2	1	1	0	2	4
Kilcock	2	1	1	0	2	1
Allenwood	2	1	0	0	2	1
Leixlip	2	1	1	0	2	-1
Celbridge	2	1	0	0	2	-2
St Kevin's	2	1	0	0	2	-5
Ellistown	2	0	0	1	1	-4
Athy	2	0	0	1	1	-6
Clane	2	0	2	0	0	-6
Suncroft	2	0	1	0	0	-7
Round Towers	2	0	1	0	0	-8

Round 2: Carbury 0-10 Celbridge 0-7; Maynooth 0-11 Ellistown 0-7; Naas 1-11 St Kevin's 0-8; Sarsfields 0-16 Athy 0-10; Leixlip 0-10 Round Towers 0-6; Moorefield 0-15 Suncroft 0-10; Clane 2-10 Kilcock 1-8; St Laurence's 2-4 Allenwood 0-9

U12S TRIUMPH IN GAME OF TWO HALVES

Maynooth 4-9
Celbridge 4-7

On a fine day in Celbridge a strong breeze resulted in a classic game of two halves. Maynooth played with the breeze in the first half but had to depend on tenacious defending from Paul Maguire and Daragh Hurley to break up some early Celbridge attacks. With long balls going over the endline regularly it took Maynooth a few minutes to master the conditions when captain Eoin Donnellan opened the scoring with some fine points.

Maynooth got on top in this part of the game with Niall O Sullivan in particular outstanding at half back. Netman Michael McBrearty's kick-outs were travelling long and Oran Maloney, Sean Ward and Sean Gill and Ruadhan O Giollán were competing for and winning plenty of ball around the middle. Up front Fiachra Murray, Kevin Dunne and Tomás Feeney were linking well at half forward.

Scores from Murray and O Giollan kept the Maynooth moving forward and when Donnellan soloed through for two fine goals followed by an excellent volleyed goal by Niall Kinirons Maynooth looked set fair going in at half time with a 3-6 v 0-2 lead.

Celbridge showed their class in the second half and set about their task in an impressive manner. With Conor Masterson and Ciaran O Shaughnessy taking over at midfield points began to come for the lads in blue. Neil Reynor popped over points from play and frees. Gemma Barry slipped away from her marker and finished a fine move to the net. Conor Masterson worked his way through for a goal. Maynooth had several attacks during this period but these were snuffed out or ended in wides caused by determined Celbridge defending. Half way through the half it was now a two point game, Maynooth 3-6 v 2-7 Celbridge.

A mini-revival for Maynooth was kicked off at this point with Feeney and O Giollan pointing and Dunne netting for the Crom Abus. Celbridge responded with a well taken goal from Masterson and as time ran down Masterson again finished to the net for Celbridge. It was too late for Celbridge as Maynooth clung on for a hard earned win and now go forward to meet Naas in the semi-final. Maynooth 4-9 v Celbridge 4-7.

Maynooth Shamrocks go on to play Naas on May 27. Maynooth have a second u12 team 'Maynooth Crom Abu'

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Maynooth GAA News

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who have qualified for the u12B shield semifinal, also on May 27 against either Naas3 or Celbridge2.

PASCAL ENNIS THE REFEREE



Pascal Ennis

Football chairman Pascal Ennis who stepped in to referee the third team challenge game between Maynooth and Blackhall Gaels on Wednesday night (5 May). Pascal, known for his love of refereeing, produced a solid display without too much controversy.



The Maynooth Team

U13S GO DOWN TO KILL

Maynooth suffered a narrow home defeat to a strong Kill team in their second league match of the season. Maynooth could not make their domination of possession count on the scoreboard losing on a final score of 2-0 to 0-0.

The first half started evenly with Maynooth edging the possession but failing to make the most of their scoring opportunities. Kill on the other hand were more clinical in front of goals, scoring two goals from their limited opportunities. Indeed things could have been even worse for the home team were it not for an excellent save and clearance from goalkeeper Sinead Hever just before half-time.

The second half was pretty much one-way traffic with Maynooth pinning Kill deep inside their own half for almost the entire 25 minutes. Driven on by some excellent play by defenders Anne Ward and Laura Millet Maynooth came to opening their account on a number of occasions. Aoife Greally, Roisin Ni Chonichan and Roisin O'Neill were all unlucky to see fine efforts sail just the wrong side of the upright. While goals were always going to be difficult to score against a physical Kill defence, on another night Maynooth may have picked off enough points to secure victory. However try as they might Maynooth could not find the breakthrough and Kill held on for a hard fought victory.

The team can take great heart from this display and can look forward to the remainder of the league with confidence

Team: S. Hever, A.McMillan, S.Cussen, A. Smith, C Jones, A.Ward, L.Millett, R.O'Neill, L.Millar (1-0), M.Burke (1-1), A.Grealley (0-1) A.Lynch (1-1), E.Murray, K.McCahey. R.Downes, B.Kearney, S.Ni Chonichan-Bhrian, R.NiChonichan-Bhrian, A. Monaghan (1-0), L. Boyle

Repotting Your Potplants

Repotting is an important part of keeping healthy houseplants. The best time of year to repot is in spring, before the new flush of summer growth. Here are signs you need to repot:

- **Roots protruding from the bottom of the pot**
- **The plant stops growing or becomes limp**
- **The plant is root bound**

Remember, however, that many tropical plants like to be slightly under-potted, and unless you need to repot because the soil is exhausted or the plant is suffering, there's no reason to do it early. An over-potted plant will focus on root growth at the expense of new foliage and flowers. Finally, some plants, such as bromeliads, will almost never need to be repotted. If a bromeliad sends out pups, or mini-plants, just cut these off near the base of the mother plant and pot them up separately.

If you decide that a plant does indeed need to be repotted, follow these steps:

1. Remove the plant from the pot. Lightly water the plant, let it dry for an hour or so, and then gently remove the plant from the pot. You can do this by turning the pot over and gently pulling the pot up and away from the root ball. It's not a good idea to yank a plant out of its pot by the stem.

2. Prep the root ball. It's OK to gently loosen the root ball with a finger or a fork, but be careful not to cause any root damage. Cut away dead or rotted roots.

3. Prepare the new pot. In general, you should only repot a plant up one size of pot. In other words, you can move from a four-inch to a six-inch pot, but not a four-inch to an eight-inch pot. This will slow growth. Plastic or ceramic pots are fine, depending on your preference. Add fresh potting soil directly to the pot. Many of us were taught to first add pebbles or some other drainage media to the bottom of the pot first. In reality, however, this reduces the growing area for the roots and actually hastens decline of the potting soil by paradoxically reducing aeration.

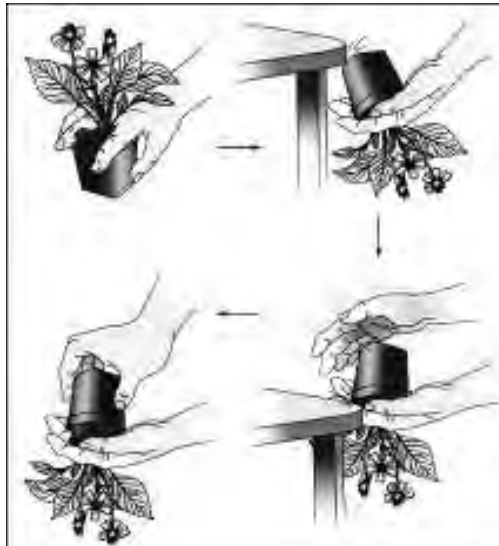


Figure 1: The correct technique for removing a plant from its pot.

4. Planting. Gently set the new plant in its new pot and backfill with soil or compost. One of the main causes of plant collapse is planting too deep. Make sure the newly potted plant isn't planted deeper than it was in the original pot. As you're filling in, press the soil down firmly and tap the pot gently to settle all the dirt.

5. Water. Water thoroughly, and if necessary, add a little more soil to top it off. You should water until liquid seeps from the drainage holes at the bottom of the pot.

If a plant is too large to repot, you can top dress the soil by carefully removing the top few inches of soil and replacing it with new compost.

Finally, a word about fertilizing newly repotted plants. Most store-bought compost mixes have fertilizer included. In general, you shouldn't fertilize newly repotted plants for six weeks. This will reduce the chances of burning the new root growth.

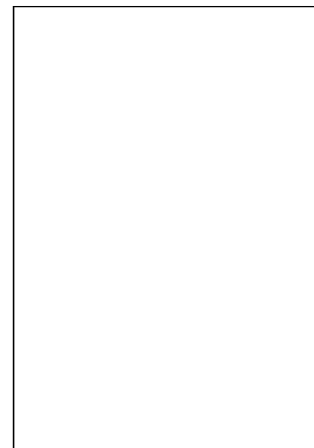


Figure 2: If the root ball is entirely circled by thick roots, slice a portion of roots and soil from the sides and bottom

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Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

You want to be involved with a certain person, although what this person really needs is a caretaker. Take a step back. Is that what you really want? Be mindful of your boundaries. Your lucky day is Monday, Number 27, Colour Blue.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

A friend is more attached to you than you realize and may behave in a possessive or overly sensitive manner. You could find yourself tiptoeing around in order to avoid hurting this person's feelings. Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 12, Colour Red.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

Your plans cannot be carried out alone. There are two other important players on the team. Build their morale and make sure communication lines are open. Your lucky day is Wednesday, Number 15, Colour Green.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

Your emotional and material environments will get a lift -- though you'll have to start the ball rolling with your actions. Tidy up your own loose ends and clutter, and loved ones will follow your lead. Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 25, Colour Dark Blue.



LEO—July 24—August 23

You're so imaginative and filled with visions of your ideal future. Someone from planet Earth will try to bring you back down to the ground this month. Reality is pretty good, too. Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 14, Colour Petrol Blue.



Virgo—August 24—Sept 23

Life is an adventure, not an ordeal -- although sometimes the only way to tell those two apart is by observing the person who is going through it. Your attitude determines the level of fun you can reach. Your lucky day is Friday, Number 29, Colour Lavender.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

A person who means well will throw a wrench in the works. The element of unpredictability will be good for you, and so will the delay this causes. This person's positive intentions will, in the end, produce a happy result. Your lucky day is Thursday, Number 28, Colour Black.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

Your sympathy for someone is so strong that it turns into empathy, and then suddenly you can feel the other person's pain. But it's not really yours to feel. Stay within your own emotional limits. Your lucky day is Wednesday, Number 21, Colour Yellow.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

You'll be inspired to maintain a healthy perspective about the material world and your possessions. People are always more important than "stuff." You'll put the feelings of your loved ones first. Your lucky day is Thursday, Number 24, Colour Pink.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

You'll mix things up. People around you are smiling because they are intrigued. What will you do next? And even when the trick doesn't work out as planned, your banter will be brilliant. Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 18, Colour Brown.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

The roadblocks on the path to romance are not big problems. They're more like a dozen daily habits that don't exactly engender closeness or excitement. Seize playful moments, and make the most of them. Your lucky day is Wednesday, Number 17, Orange.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

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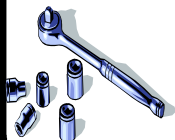
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1 tbsp olive oil
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 75g/2½oz fresh peas
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 50ml double cream, plus 1 tsp extra, to serve
 salt and freshly ground black pepper
 fresh mint sprig, to garnish



Method:

1. Heat the olive oil in a small saucepan over a medium heat. Add the onions and gently fry for three minutes, until softened.
2. Add the peas and stock, bring to the boil, then reduce the heat to simmer for 10 minutes.
3. Add the double cream, salt and pepper and heat through for one minute. Pour into a food processor and blend until smooth.
4. To serve, pour into a bowl and garnish with a swirl of double cream and a sprig of mint.

Slow-cooked lamb with onions & thyme

Ingredients:

half a leg of lamb (about 1.25kg/2lb 12oz)
 1kg onions (about 4 large ones)
 handful of thyme sprigs
 300ml red wine
 large handful parsley



Method:

1. Prepare the lamb. Heat oven to 160C/fan140C/gas 3. Wipe the meat all over and season well. Heat 3 tbsp of olive oil in a large heavy flameproof casserole, add the meat and fry all over on a fairly high heat for about 8 mins, turning until it is evenly well browned. Remove to a plate.
2. Thinly slice the onions. Add to the pan and fry for about 10 mins, until softened and tinged with brown. Add a few of the thyme sprigs and cook for a further minute or so. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Sit the lamb on top of the onions, then add the wine. Cover tightly. Bake for 3 hrs. You can make to this stage up to 2 days in advance, then reheat for 45 mins.
4. To finish off, strip the leaves from 2 thyme sprigs and chop them with the parsley. Scatter over before serving.

Quick Deep Dish Pizza (for Children)

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons All-purpose flour
 1/8 teaspoons Baking powder
 1 dash Salt
 1 teaspoons Margarine
 2 1/4 teaspoons Milk
 1 tablespoons Pizza sauce
 1 1/2 tablespoons Shredded mozzarella cheese



Method:

Stir together flour, baking powder, salt and margarine until dough looks like medium-sized crumbs. Slowly add milk while stirring. Shape dough into a ball and place into a greased pan. Use your fingers to pat the dough evenly over the bottom of the pan, then up the sides. Pour the sauce evenly over the dough, then sprinkle with the cheese. Bake 20 mins. Remove. Makes 1 pizza.

Rhubarb and Strawberry Crumble

Ingredients:

2-4 sticks fresh rhubarb washed and sliced
 1 punnet strawberries, hulls removed, large fruit cut in half
 165g plain flour
 50g brown sugar
 150g rolled oats
 75g butter



Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/Gas 4. Place the rhubarb in a deep pie dish. Toss the strawberries in 1 tablespoon of the flour and add to the rhubarb. Sprinkle over half the sugar.
2. Put the oats and butter and remaining sugar and flour in the processor and pulse until the mixture starts to come together.
3. Spread over the fruit mixture and bake in the preheated oven for 35-40 minutes.

Maynooth Toastmasters

Maynooth Toastmasters continues to meet every second and fourth Monday of the month in the Glenroyal Hotel at 19.45. Please come along and enjoy a great night of fun and enjoyment. Toastmasters is a great way to develop leadership and communication skills, we are always looking for new members and guests can attend for free. For more information please contact 0876821490.

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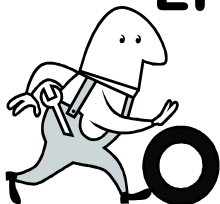
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Maynooth Community Games

Maynooth Community Games held the Annual Swimming Competition on Sunday 25th April 2010:

Results are as follows:

Under 8 Freestyle	EastGirls	1 st Anna Loftus	2 nd Laura Stanley McKenna	
Under 10 Freestyle:		1 st Aisling Doherty	2 nd Martha Gilligan	3 rd Ciara Mahon
Under 10 Backstroke		1 st Aisling Doherty	2 nd Ciara Mahon	3 rd Aine Jennings
Under 12 Freestyle		Joint 1 st Aileen Horgan/Rebecca O' Neill	2 nd Chloe Tracey	
Under 12 Backstroke		1 st Aileen Horgan	2 nd Rebecca O'Neill	
Under 12 Breaststroke		1 st Andrea Green	2 nd Rebecca O'Neill	3 rd Aileen Horgan
Under 14 Freestyle		1 st Aoife Lynch		
Under 14 Backstroke		1 st Aoife Lynch		
Under 14 Breaststroke		1 st Aoife Lynch		
Under 16 Freestyle		1 st Caira Hewson	2 nd Niamh Feeney	
Under 8 Freestyle	East Boys	1 st Cian Barry		
Under 10 Freestyle		1 st Michael O Hara	2 nd Steven Toderic	3 rd Michael O'.Neill
Under 10 Backstroke		1 st Michael O'Hara	2 nd Conor VanDuyvenvoorde	3 rd Steven Toderic
Under 12 Freestyle		1 st Conor Lynch	2 nd Blake VanDuyvenvoorde	3 rd Conor Loftus
Under 12 Backstroke		1 st Conor Lynch	2 nd Nathan McGeaugh	
Under 12 Breaststroke		1 st Conor Lynch	2 nd Blake VanDuyvenvoorde	3 rd Daniel Waldron
Under 10 Freestyle	West Girls	1 st Doireann Hurley		
Under 10 Backstroke		1 st Dorieann Hurley		
Under 12 Freestyle		1 st Lara Nee		
Under 12 Backstroke		1 st Lara Nee		
Under 14 Freestyle		1 st Katie Hurley		
Under 14 Backstroke		1 st Katie Hurley		
Under 14 Breaststroke		1st Katie Hurley		
Under 16 Freestyle		1st Sarah Curran		
Under 10 Freestyle	West Boys	1st Glen Nee		
Under 10 Backstroke		1st Glen Nee		

Well done boys and girls and good luck in the Athy pool on June 12th. Many Thanks to Maynooth college for the use of the pool.
Margaret Houilhan



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Maynooth Community Games

MCG the Annual Athletics Competition on Friday 14 the May in the Lucan GAA .
Results are as follows.

GIRLS			
Under 13 Walking Race	1st Anna Loftus	2nd Ruth Millet	3rd Katie McKimm
Under 16 Marathon	1st Ciara Hewson		
Under 12 800m	1st Katie McKimm		
Under 10 200m	1st Ruth Millet	2nd Emma Gill	3rd Ciara Mahon
Under 14 100m	1st Eleanor Geraghty	2nd Katie Geraghty	
Under 8 80m	1st Aine Caffery	2nd Anna Loftus	3rd Aine Dooley
Under 8 60 m	1st Anna Loftus	2nd Aine Caffrey	3rd Aine Dooley
Under 10 100m	1st Ruth Millet	2nd Emma Gill	3rd Ciara Mahon
Under 12 100m	1st Alison Hastings	2nd Claire Gill	3rd Katie Mc Kimm
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Under 16 1500	1st Conor Muphy		
Under 12 800m	1st Mathew Maloney	2nd Conor Lynch	3rd Daniel Waldron
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Under 8 60m	1st Fionn O' Giollain	2nd Sean Mahon	3rd Cathal Crowley
Under 10 100m	1st Adam Mc Call	2nd Conchur O'Giollain	3rd Conor VanDuyvevoorde
Under 12 100m	1st Mathew Maloney	2nd Blake VanDuyvenvoorde	3rd Cian Durkin
Under 8 80m	1st Fionn O'Giollain	2nd Sean Mahon	3rd Cathal Crowley
Under 14 100m	1st Conor O'Leary		
Under 16 100m	1st Conor Murphy		
Maynooth West			
Under 8 60m	1st Conor Mooney		
Under 8 80m	1st Conor Mooney		
Under 14 Long Puck			
1st Roisin O Neill	2nd Roisin Ni Chonachain-Bhriain	3rd Ruth Millet	4th Saoirse Ni Chonachain - Bhriain

Well done to all the boys and girls and good luck in the Kildare Finals in June 25th/26th in Newbridge. Well done also to the Under 6 boys and girls Jack Daragh, Liam Declan, Conor Bradley, Rion and Ruby, Keep up the practice and see you next year.

Many thanks to the Maynooth GAA for hosting the event and to the man above for the fine day.

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Oscar Winning Performance from Maynooth U.14's.

Maynooth Town F.C vs. St. Joseph's E/W F.C 3 – 2

It was a first cup appearance for this young Maynooth team. From the offset they seemed a little awed by the occasion. St. Joseph's seized the initiative and were dominant from the off. As the first half progressed Maynooth did start to find a foothold but found themselves two down at the interval after two swift goals.

In the second half Maynooth came more into the game. The defence stood strong against the oppositions attack. The Maynooth mid-field moved into top gear and began dominating. The attackers moved forward and gave the opposition major problems.

With fifteen minutes to go, captain Gary Daly produced a tremendous through ball to Lee McGinley, who with a great burst of speed and skill scored a fine goal. The Maynooth team were resurrected. Rhys Connolly battled hard and won a free for Maynooth. From thirty yards out, with a keen eye and deadly accuracy Ronan Gorey drove the ball low and hard into the opposition's goal to bring Maynooth level. The excitement was now at fever pitch. Captain Daly produced another wonderful through ball to Lee McGinley who with deadly precision scored his second and deciding goal. The final few minutes proved to be tense and the Maynooth defence were tested. None more so than Maynooth goalkeeper Francis Ilunga with his high fielding and steady influence.

A wonderful comeback with an Oscar worthy performance to be crowned the inaugural winners of the Brendan McKenna League Cup. Man of the match went to defender Jonathan Agbor. The stars of the day were Francis Ilunga, Val Cotorobai, Colin Faherty, Jonathan Agbor, Daire Byrne, Declan Burke, Jack Connolly, Gary Daly (Capt.), Ronan Gorey, Lee McGinley, Alla Elhadi, Rowan Sutton, Luke Stuart-Mills, Ciaran Browne, Neil Flannery, Rhys Connolly, Maxim Burak, Seoirse Murray and Daniel Ffrench.



Rear Left to Right: Neil Flannery, Maxim Burak, Colin Faherty, Ciaran Browne, Francis Ilunga, Rowan Sutton, Jack Connolly, Jonathan Agbor, Declan Burke.

Front Left to Right: Lee McGinley, Val Cotorobai, Luke Stuart-Mills, Rhys Connolly, Gary Daly, Ronan Gorey.

Absent: Daire Byrne, Seoirse Murray, Daniel Ffrench, Alla Elhadi.

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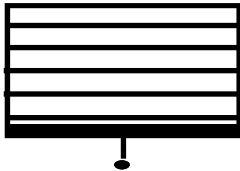


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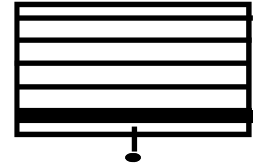
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Maynooth Film For All.

'Rocky Road to Dublin'

To coincide with the Bealtaine Festival, Maynooth Film For All screened Peter Lennon's legendary 'Rocky Road to Dublin' (1968) at NUI Maynooth.

Peter Lennon, a Paris based 'Guardian' journalist in the 1960s, was covering the Dublin Theatre Festival when he began to question his friends claims that issues such as the role of the Catholic Church and state censorship were no longer relevant in modern Irish society.

In May 1968 the film was invited to the Cannes Film Festival. The festival collapsed that year because of student unrest. Rocky Road was taken on by student radicals where it toured Sorbonne faculties and spread across Universities in France, Spain, Switzerland and Belgium.

In 2004 the Irish Film Board funded the restoration of the film and a new film 'The Making of Rocky Road', directed by Paul Duane, Soda Pictures was also produced.



Eddie Coonan, Barry Lyons.



Brenda Brady (KCC.Arts Service), Lorraine Daly (Maynooth Community Library), Rita Edwards (Maynooth Film For All).

Maynooth Transition Group

Maynooth Transition Group continues to meet every two weeks. Our current interests are:

Continued support for the campaign begun by John McGinley to get allotments for Maynooth at the Carton Avenue/The Boreen site. To add your voice send an email to <mailto:swallace@kildarecoco.ie>

We look forward to National Bike Week June 13---20 and to the events planned by The Maynooth Cycle Campaign.

We hope to arrange a Food Event focusing on locally produced food at some point in the Summer.

Our next meeting is on Wed. May 26 at 8pm in Room 2 Rowan House North Campus NUIM.

Contact David Walsh at 6286874 after 7pm.



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Dara Community Support Programme

The Dara Community Support Programme for adults with learning difficulties, led by Dr. Bob McCormack is provided by Dara Residential Services and funded by the HSE. A core focus of the programme is to reach people who are socially isolated and to empower them to develop new friendships, new interests and to explore ways in which they can enjoy rich and rewarding social experiences. There is no fee associated with the support service; participants are expected to meet the costs of travel and expenses.

Further Information from Dr. Bob McCormack at the DARA Community Support Programme on 01 6271484.
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Maynooth Geraldine Cultural Festival

Chairperson, Andrew McMullon and Festival Committee invite all to the launch of Maynooth Festival in Brady's Pub at 9 p.m. Wednesday 23rd June.

**Some of the other Festival events are:
On-going from 23th-27th June**

Wednesday 23rd June

- Presentation to overall Winner of Festival Art Competition (Ongoing all schools closing date Wednesday 9th June) Followed by Children's Table Quiz
St. Mary's BNS 3.30 p.m.

Thursday 24th June:

- A night of light entertainment will take place in the Geraldine Castle with the St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band.
- Irish Dancing with Rita Doyle Dancers & Catherine Maher Dancers

Friday 25th, Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th June

- Maynooth Musical Society in the Geraldine |Castle
- Castle Keep Art Group Exhibition

Sunday 28th June-

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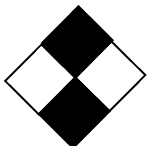
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Damian Butler, Saoirse Butler.



June Diary Planner



Maynooth ICA

Meetings take place every 1st
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in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour
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Maynooth Community Library

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Adult Chess Club Thursday evenings
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Children's Book Club on the first Tuesday of the
month for
children 10-12 years at 3.30p.m.
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Summer Tea-dance
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Sunday 20th June in the GAA Club.

University of Third Age

June's meetings
Friday 4th & 18th at
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New members welcome.
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Maynooth Toastmasters

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Transition Group Maynooth

Next Meeting Wednesday
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Maynooth Festival

Thursday 24th June in the Castle
Rita Doyle Dancers
Catherine Maher Dancers
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Maynooth Musical Society (not to be missed)
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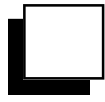
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Maynooth GAA News — Camogie

Intermediate Camogie League

Maynooth too strong for depleted Cappagh side.

Maynooth 2-6 : Cappagh 1-0

In a power packed display played at Moyglare Road Maynooth had a convincing victory over Cappagh played on 15/5/10.

Cappagh were unable to field a full squad of players and so both teams took to the pitch playing 11 a side. An impressive feature of the Maynooth performance was their excellent team play and steely determination through the whole match and when Cappagh were in possession of the sliotar they were put under extreme pressure by the Maynooth ladies.

Maynooth led by 1-2 to 0-0 at half time with midfielder Grainne Hoban getting all her team scores.

The home team were first off the mark in the second half when Anne Comerford latched on to a defence splitting pass from Karen Feehan who excelled all through the match and scored a point. Cappagh created a few good opportunities early in the second half and were rewarded with a goal in the 10th minute thus reducing the margin to 3 points.

This was as close as Cappagh came as for the remainder of the second half Maynooth took complete control in every area of the pitch scoring a further 1-3 in the process with Grainne Hoban getting her second goal and Anne Comerford hitting a further 2 points.

No doubt Maynooth manager Eamon Toomey will be very happy with his side's performance and it will give the team a much needed boost as they go into their next league match against Athy.

Team and Scores

Laura Corcoran

Magaret Farrell

Sarah Greally

Grainne Hoban(2-2)

Nicola O'Hurley

Stephanie Gavin(0-1)

Naomi Devere

Sibhan O'Shea

Karen Feehan

Anne Comerford(0-3)

Terese Doran

Subs: Michelle Doran for Terese Doran, Hannah Stack for Naoimi Devereux
Terese Doran For Stephanie Gavin, Aoife Toomey for Nicola O'Hurley

Congratulations to Maynooth senior players Brid Byrnes, Gillian O' Hurley and Louise Walsh who were prominent members of the Kildare camogie team who won division 3 Final of the Junior League with a one point win over Laois played at Celbridge on 16/5/10.

Maynooth GAA club would like to extend congratulations to Louise Qualter and Helen McMillan who tied for first place in the Kildare camogie skills competition and to Louise who won the play off and will represent Kildare at the Feile later in the year.

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But now your young so stay that way
In a fantasy world cheerful and bright
So make the most of each passing day
And May your life glitter with a guiding light.*



By Patrick Murray.

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Judging in the National Tidy Towns Competition 2010 can take place anytime between 1st June and 31st August. Please play your part in keeping Maynooth tidy and clean so that the town will gain increased points in the competition. The Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee has been busy and here are some images of our work. If you want to join us the contact number is 087 3153189.

Paul Croghan, Vice- Chairperson



Elizabeth Callaghan watering new bedding plants at the M4 entrance to Maynooth



Upgraded approach road feature on the Rathcoffey Road created by Maynooth Tidy Towns



Richard Farrell with his grandson Connor Geraghty and Aidan O'Rourke picking litter on the Kilcock Road



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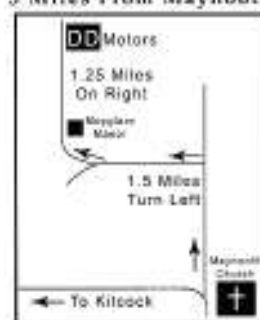
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Father's Day 20th June

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"Any man can be a Father,
but it takes a special person
to be called Dad".

Happy Father's Day

Maynooth Town FC Under 9's League Champions

Under 9 C team after they won the league last weekend.

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The *Maynooth Newsletter* end of an era and a new beginning

The **Maynooth Newsletter** has gone through a few changes over the years in both size and content since its inception in the early 1970s. It fulfilled many important functions in the community during that time. The Newsletter and the office that produced it were a central reference point in the community. The office which produced the Newsletter looked after every aspect of its publication. They sourced and sought advertisements, layout and design were done manually, all articles were typed up, and photographed local events. The office provided valuable training and many of its workers went on to secure rewarding careers. Essentially the present office fulfils a similar role plus dealing with new and emerging technologies.

So yes the newsletter has changed a little over the years, a little more colour, an improved quality publication with more pages. However the rising costs of the production became a concern, and, despite every effort the newsletter was not reaching every home in Maynooth.

A time for change had come about. A more cost effective and efficient circulation solution had to be found. The importance of the Newsletter was never in doubt. After much research and discussion the Maynooth Community Council endorsed a new format for the Newsletter. It will be A3 in size, will have more colour pages. Most importantly for readers and especially for advertisers it will be delivered to 4,000 homes in Maynooth free of charge. Every effort will be made to keep the Newsletter identity and the content will focus on the "the local". The office staff is to be complimented on meeting the challenges that the changeover presents.

In preparation for the new Newsletter there will be no July publication and it is hoped to have the new one out by mid-August.

If you have an interest in local matters, sport, youth matters, arts and culture, history or are involved in a local organisation and would like to inform the community of what is happening or would like to get involved in writing about such we would like to invite you to submit articles for the Newsletter and to consider joining the editorial board.

Susan Durack



University of Third Age



On Wednesday afternoon the 21st May in late spring members of Maynooth U3A travelled to The Phoenix Park to visit Áras an Uachtaráin for a Presidential reception where they were greeted in person by President Mary McAleese, and took in a tour of the State Rooms. Anticipation of the event was justified by the warm hospitality received, not to mention numerous anecdotes which enlivened guests. As we left in high spirits on that day the visit will remain evergreen in our memory. Thanks in no small measure to Mary, and much appreciation for arranging the event.

Meetings for June will be held on Fridays 4th and 18th at 11.00 in the Community Library.

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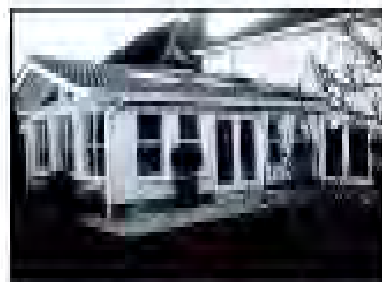


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Parents and Toddler Storytime every Wednesday morning at 10am. Pre-school children aged 2 yrs and up are most welcome!

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Maynooth Post Primary School.

Transition Year Experience

Transition year offers students a break from the traditional "exam-based" curriculum. The focus is on personal Development, maturity, team-building and new experiences. The programme continues to grow each year in Maynooth, over 120 applicants have requested to opt for TY next year.

This year has been packed with activity. Up to €20,000 has been raised in different fund raising projects. Our Involvement in the Pathways Link has received a special Innovation Award (National Prize) from the St. John of God's.

The year came to a conclusion with a special Graduation Ceremony on Monday May 24th in the School Assembly Hall.

The subjects studied by this year's group were:

Irish, English, Maths, S.E.S., Home Economics, Religion, Spanish/French/German, Drama, History, Psychology, Design and Communication Graphics, Personal Effectiveness, Engineering, Music, Computers, Art, Work Experience, Guidance, Japanese, P.E., S.P.H.E., Business.

Assessments were based on project type work, the interest and enthusiasm of students were taken into account rather than the usual test-based assessment. A major part of TY is allowing for new experiences and learning outside of the classroom. Some of the activities which added to this were:

Pathways—Working with a local centre for people with learning difficulties. Many of the students helped out in the Pathways Centre and with P.E. and horse riding.

School Musical — Joseph and his amazing technicolour dreamcoat.

School Tour Abroad—Switzerland.

Irish Dancing—Céili Mor.

TV3 Appearance.

St. Vincent De Paul.

Santa Cycle—Dublin to Cork.

Facts about June



According to the Georgian calendar, which is used over most of the world today, June is the sixth month. On the Roman calendar, it was considered the fourth month and had only 29 days. Julius Caesar gave the month 30 days in 46 B.C., when he reformed the Roman calendar.

Spring ends and summer begins around June 20, 21, or 22 in the Northern Hemisphere. It's the time that the flowers are beautiful. It is especially the month for roses. In the Southern hemisphere, winter begins during June, and it brings cold, rainy weather to this part of the world.

The birthstone for June is Pearl.

Pearls are formed when a mollusc covers a foreign object within its body (a grain of sand or tiny pebble) with layers of nacre. In nature pearls vary in colour and can be creamy-white, lilac-pink, peach-pink, grey and black

Traditionally, pearls are believed to bring purity, faith, innocence, wisdom, and sincerity to the wearer.



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Cllr. John McGinley

Dublin Bus to Extend Services to Moyglare Road and Meadowbrook Areas

For some time now Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have been seeking the extension of bus services to the Meadowbrook and Moyglare Road areas.

As part of the Dublin Bus Network Review Dublin Bus intend to extend the 66 to Meadowbrook and the 67 to Moyglare Road from July of this year. No schedule of the services is available at present.

In order to ensure that there are no "banana skins" Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

"That the measures necessary to enable the extension of the 67 bus to Moyglare Road (as announced by Dublin Bus on 26 April) and the 66 bus to Beaufield/Meadowbrook area, be put in place as soon as possible."

Moving the terminus from the junction of the Straffan Road/Meadowbrook Link Road will of course facilitate the provision of a roundabout, as previously proposed by Cllr. McGinley, at this dangerous junction.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Double Yellow Lines at Charter House on Convent Lane, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley has sent the following letter to Kildare County Council:

"Convent Lane, Maynooth, has been turned in to a one way road as cars are now parking on the east side (Charter House side) as well as the west side (where residents have always parked). This causes daily chaos and creates safety risks for motorists, school children and other pedestrians.

In the proposed Maynooth parking By Laws, Drawing LAYOUT D, calls for double yellow lines on the east side from Charter House to Cross Lane. As it will be some time before the Parking By Laws are in place I'm asking that these double yellow lines be put in place now in the interest of public safety."

Broken Public Lights at Farrell Bridge, Parson Street

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

"That the broken lights on Farrell Bridge, Parson Street, be removed or repaired as requested by Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee."

These lights are regularly broken by vandals and it is very expensive to repair them as the parts have to be sourced in Germany. It is a pity that we have to give in to vandals but, unless we can find "vandal proof" lights it looks as if the broken ones will have to be removed. John would welcome any advice from members of the public.

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Kildare County Council / Maynooth Cycling

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS for COUNTY KILDARE

Pre-Bike Week

- 2nd June Celbridge Library
 'Bicycle Culture 1.0' (until 21st June)
 Exhibition of Cycling Historical Photographs
- 6-13th June Free Bike Checks - BikeWorX Celbridge
 -BiketraX Maynooth

Bike Week

- Sunday 13th June Family Cycle (20 km) - Maynooth to Kilcock
 Depart 2:30pm Car Park opp RC Church
- Tuesday 15th June Film 'Three Cycling Cities' – DCTV
 8:00pm in Glenroyal Hotel followed by tea/coffee & discussion – Organised by
 Maynooth Cycling
- Wednesday 16th June National 'BIKE TO WORK' Day
- Sunday 20th June Maynooth-Celbridge Historical Tour
 Tour of Castletown House and visit to Country Market Depart 2:30pm Maynooth
 Square

'FAMILY CYCLE' AND 'HISTORICAL TOUR' ORGANISED BY MAYNOOTH CYCLING IN
 CONJUNCTION WITH KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL AND AN GARDA SIOCHANA

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Cllr. McGinley Questions the Extraordinary Costs for Pay Parking

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

"That an explanation be given as to why it is considered to be money well spent by paying a contractor €213,395.48 to police Pay Parking in Celbridge in 2009 as well as €34,343.63 for machine maintenance."

Cllr. McGinley Welcomes the Repair of Speed Cushions at Gael Scoil, Maynooth and Straffan

Cllr. McGinley has thanked Council staff for acting speedily to his motion to have these speed cushions repaired. The work has also been carried out to a satisfactory quality.

Cllr. McGinley Secures Changes to the Draft County Development Plan

Cllr. McGinley secured a number of changes to the Draft County Development Plan including:

- ◆ Increased Minimum Floor and storage areas for area's for houses and apartments.
- ◆ New requirement that each house shall have adequate screened storage for at least 3 wheelie bins.
- ◆ To strongly enforce the provisions of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 by prosecuting offenders.
- ◆ That the use of "White Light" Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFL) shall be the standard lighting for all new residential estates

Update on Allotments

Cllr. John McGinley got the following update from the Council's Simon Wallace on the 28th April:

"Further to my email of the 15th April 2010 regarding the allotments in the Wonderful Barn the uptake of the allotments is still slow. The number of applications received so far is 40. Intel had approached KCC a number of months ago regarding proposals that they were investigating

the development of an allotment scheme and asked if a partnership arrangement might be possible. We initially had indicated this might not be possible given the anticipated take up of allotments. However due to the less than anticipated take up and our need to off set the costs involved in establishing the scheme we are offering the company 20 plots for allocation to their employees. This leaves 28 plots for further allocation. The plots will be charged to Intel at the same rates as the other allotment applicants."

Cllr. John McGinley has again pointed out that he believes that there would a significant demand for allotments at the Carton Avenue/The Boreen site in Maynooth.

If you are interested in an allotment in Maynooth please support John in his campaign by making your interested known to Simon Wallace at swallace@kildarecoco.ie

John also believes that owners of allotments at Carton Avenue would be prepared initially to start off without a water supply as it would only be needed in very dry weather.

John further stated that it would not be very difficult to lay a wavin pipe for water along Carton Avenue to the allotments field. Also the cost of setting up allotments in Maynooth would be 10% of the cost of the €65,000 proposed for Leixlip as parking was already available at Maynooth (TESCO across the road is free for three hours).

STAGG`S MOTION AT LABOUR CONFERENCE RE-AFFIRMS LABOUR`S OPPOSITION TO WATER CHARGES

Addressing the Labour Party Conference in Galway on a Motion put forward by Kildare North Constituency Council of the Labour Party Deputy Emmet Stagg outlined the Party`s opposition to the re-introduction of domestic water charges.

'Charges for services – essential services at the point of delivery are a regressive form of taxation. They are Unfair, they penalise and punish unfairly those who can least afford to pay. They benefit those who can best afford to pay. Water is the very essence of life. Without it we cannot live and it is therefore not to be compared with telephones or electricity or gas as some advocates of the charges will argue. And what about the Polluter Must Pay Argument? Well as an

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animal of the Human Species I must drink water to live and that does not make me a polluter. Of course our essential services must be paid for – Health – Education – Social Housing – and a wholesome supply of drinking water to every home for every one of our citizens. All of these must be paid for – and as Socialists and Social Democrats how do we propose they should be funded? We have argued long and hard that essential services should be funded by a fair taxation system, with those who can best afford it paying most and those who can least afford it paying least and those who can not afford to pay nothing. We believe that a fair taxation system would include taxes on all incomes above an exempt floor regardless of the source. We believe that the rich and super rich who have dodged and dived and used their friends in Government to avoid paying their share must now be made pay. We believe that those who hide their wealth in property and off shore accounts must now be made to pay by the introduction of a realistic and effective Wealth Tax. I would like to congratulate Pat Rabbitte and Joan Burton for their dogged campaign in pursuit of the so called Tax Exiles. So Comrades it is clear that there is no need to introduce regressive taxes for essential services. There are ample means available through a fair taxation system to fund them. I recommend the North Kildare Motion to Conference that is in accord with long standing Labour Policy and I support the Motion put forward by the Mulhuddart Branch that is part of this composite'.

The Motion was carried unanimously and Mandates the Labour Party that in the event of the Fianna Fail-Green Coalition introducing domestic water charges, the Labour Party when next in Government will prioritise legislation abolishing water charges and that this commitment to abolish charges will be a key objective for the Labour Party in the lead up to the next General Election.

Last Monday April 19th we again saw Minister Gormley stating that the FF/Green Government fully intended to proceed with the reintroduction of water charges.

Following Minister Gormley's further comments on the issue Deputy Emmet Stagg wants to make it very clear to the people of Kildare that should Gormley succeed, Labour in Government will abolish domestic water charges.

NEW MAYNOOTH AMBULANCE BASE TO BE OPERATIONAL IN MAY

Deputy Emmet Stagg again contacted the National

Ambulance Service in relation to the opening of the New Maynooth Ambulance Base in the Maynooth Business Campus just off the M4.

The National Ambulance Service has now advised Deputy Stagg that the budgetary constraints which delayed the project since mid 2008 have now been overcome and expressed confidence that the ambulance base at Maynooth Business Park will be operational no later than the end of May 2010.

Welcoming the news Deputy Stagg stated that the new facility will provide better facilities for Paramedics working with the Ambulance Service and because of its location just off the M4 will provide quicker access to all parts of Maynooth, Celbridge, Leixlip, Clane, Straffan and Kilcock which are served from Maynooth.

Whilst the opening is 2 years behind schedule at least now we will have a State of the Art facility for one of our most important Public Services concluded Deputy Stagg.

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The Month of June

*"Wisteria woke me this morning,
And there was all June in the garden;
I felt them, early, warning
Lest I miss any part of the day.*

*Straight I walked to the trellis vine.
Wisteria touched a lifted nostril:
Feelings of beauty diffused, to entwine
My spirit with June's own aura."*

By Ann McGough



Party Political-Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

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Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

Funding of €47,000 for Kildare to tackle litter and raise awareness

Kildare north Fianna Fail TD Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed funding of €47,000 for Kildare County Council to assist with anti-litter schemes and to raise awareness of the damaging effects of littering.

"The funding comes from the Department of the Environment. Kildare County Council will receive €20,000 for their 2010 Anti-Litter Support Grant to aid with cleaning up litter around our localities. There will be a particular focus on the cleaning of key scenic, rural and visitor areas during the peak season from May to September."

"In addition to this Kildare County Council will receive €27,000 for Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Awareness. This funding recognises the importance of education and the role that personal responsibility and awareness plays in keeping our county clean."

"A litter free Kildare not only enhances the environment for local people but it is also vital for tourism. If we are to encourage tourists to our localities it is important that the best possible first impression is made."

"I look forward to seeing the positive effects of this funding," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

National Solidarity Bond good for savers and the country

The National Solidarity Bond that has been announced by the Minister for Finance, Brian Lenihan TD is good for savers and for the country according to Kildare North Fianna Fail TD Michael Fitzpatrick.

"The Minister has launched the National Solidarity Bond which he announced in his Budget 2010 speech."

"The Bond is a new and innovative way of saving that will benefit the saver and the country."

"The money saved by those taking out the bond will help to fund the capital investment programme and

develop important and necessary infrastructure which will in turn help to create employment."

"The Bond encourages savers to keep their money on deposit for a long period of time. At the end of 5 years 15% of gross interest can be earned. This increases to 29% for 7 years and 50% at the end of 10 years."

"The minimum amount for investment is €500 and the maximum is €250,000 for an individual or €500,000 from two joint investors."

"Those who do not have the money to invest now can save €25 euro on a regular basis which will be automatically invested in the Bond when the savings accumulate to €500."

"There are no charges or commissions for the National Solidarity Bond meaning that the saver really does get all of the benefit."

"Funds can be taken out of the bond at anytime should the need arise but then the interest cannot be paid out."

"The National Solidarity Bond will be available for purchase in all Post Offices from Tuesday the 4th of May."

"Any further detail can be obtained from the website, www.statesavings.ie, or by telephoning the lo-call number 1850 30 50 60."

"This is a really innovative savings product. The interest rates should prove to be an incentive for people but there is also the added benefit of knowing that you are contributing the economic recovery of the country."

"I am delighted that the Minister has moved so decisively on the issue and made the Bond so attractive to savers," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

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Local schools to benefit from works under Summer Works Scheme

The Department of Education and Science's Summer Works Scheme will see 47 Kildare schools benefit from minor repair works during the summer break, according to local Fianna Fáil TD Michael Fitzpatrick. Among the schools to benefit is Maynooth BNS.

The annual scheme involved a variety of works, including repairs and refurbishment of roofs and toilets, electrical and mechanical work and improvements to the external environment of the school.

Welcoming the announcement by his colleague, the Tánaiste and Minister for Education and Skills Mary Coughlan TD, Deputy Fitzpatrick said that it is important that the Government continues to prioritise investment in schools and education.

"It is vital, despite the constraints on the public finances that we continue to invest in schools."

"Creating a positive physical environment for pupils helps to enhance their learning and it is important that we continue to invest in schools."

"Education is a priority for the Government and this record level of investment in improving our schools' infrastructure and will not only improve the learning environment for thousands of students, but it will also stimulate economic activity by generating work for trades people across the country".

"In total this year almost €579 million will be invested in school building infrastructure under the school building and modernisation programme."

"The Summer Works Scheme involves a range of minor works including repairs to windows, roofs and toilets, electrical and mechanical works, and improvements to the external environment of schools."

"Students and teachers can look forward to returning to these schools in September with the works completed."

"Local schools that are benefiting from the work will be contacted by the Department shortly for details on how to proceed," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.



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Áine Brady T.D.

47 Kildare Schools, including Maynooth BNS, to benefit from the Summer Works Scheme says Brady

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady, has been informed by her colleague the Tánaiste and Minister for Education and Skills, that 47 schools in County Kildare will benefit under the Summer Works Scheme announced by the Department today.

'The Summer Works Scheme covers projects in school buildings such as gas, electrical and mechanical works, roof replacements and repairs, window replacement, toilet upgrades, structural improvements and access works.'

'In addition to providing an improved teaching environment for teachers and pupils in our primary and post primary schools, the summer works scheme will also provide much needed local employment in the construction sector.'

'In total €122m will be spent nationally, which is a record level of investment and has the potential to generate work for over 4,000 trades people across the country during this summer.'

'Local Maynooth schools to benefit from the scheme include, Scoil Naoimh Mhuire NS in Donadea, Rathcoffey NS, Maynooth BNS, Straffan NS, San Carlos in Leixlip, Scoil Eoin Phoil, Green Lane; Aghards NS in Celbridge.'

'Great credit is due to the Board of Managements for their work in preparing the applications for the summer works schemes and I will continue to work with all concerned to improve our local school infrastructure.' concluded Minister Brady.

Improved Bus Service for Maynooth Commuters says Brady

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady, has been informed by Dublin Bus that it has plans to improve its level of service for Maynooth Bus Commuters.

'Dublin Bus has informed me that Route 67 will now be extended to Moylgare Road and Route 66 will be extended to serve Beafield and Meadowbrook area.'

'Dublin Bus Management has also informed my that all 66's and 67's will be extended in the city to Wilton Terrace (Leeson St) which will give a full 7 day access across the central business district.'

'Route number 67a will no longer be used. The proposed new terminus for Route 67 will be at Moylgare Hall in Maynooth and will operate to Leeson Street Bridge (Wilton Terrace) via Moylgare Road, Maynooth Village, Straffan Road, Celbridge Road, Celbridge, Lucan Village and Chapelizod to the City Centre.' stated Minister Brady

'Route 66 will still operate from Straffan Road Railway Bridge, Maynooth via the Meadowbrook area and Main Street, Maynooth and will be extended to Leeson Street Bridge (Wilton Terrace).'

'Since getting elected, I have continued to raise the level of service for our Bus Commuters and am delighted to see these improvements been implemented from July of this year. Dublin Bus have planned an information session at Superquinn Shopping Centre, Lucan, Friday May 14th, 2.00pm - 8.00pm.' concluded Minister Brady.

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Party Political—Áine Brady T.D.

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Additional Accommodation approved for Maynooth Post Primary School says Brady

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady, has been informed by the Tanaiste and Minister for Education that her Department has approved the purchase of Temporary Additional Accommodation for the Maynooth Post Primary School.

'The Minister has informed me that she has approved the purchase of the temporary accommodation for the school. The approval has been granted to the school under the Temporary Accommodation 2010 Scheme, and the Department will contact the school in the coming days in relation to this development.' concluded Minister Brady.

Kildare secures significant Investment in Wastewater Treatment plants says Brady

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady, has welcomed the announcement by the Minister for the Environment that the Osberstown Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade and Lower Liffey Valley Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade have been included in the schemes to start construction under the Water Services Investment Programme 2010-2012.

'€22m has been allocated for the Osberstown Waste Water Treatment Plant and €17.5m has been allocated to for the Lower Liffey Valley Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade.'

'This commitment comes on top of significant investment in Wastewater Treatment Facilities in recent years and will meet current demands for such facilities and will enable future sustainable developments to take place in the County.'

'I want to congratulate Kildare Co Co for the professional approach they adopted in securing this necessary funding from the Department of the Environment. In recent months, I have met with Minister Gormley to highlight the importance of securing this investment for the county. I am delighted that the county has been successful in securing this funding and I look forward to work commencing on both projects as soon as possible.' concluded Minister Brady.

Safe investment opportunity available under the Government's National Solidarity Bond – Minister Brady

The National Solidarity Bond will be available to purchase from May 4th and represents a safe opportunity for people invest sums from €500 to €250,000 according to local Fianna Fáil TD and Minister of State, Áine Brady.

"The National Solidarity Bond was announced by the Minister for Finance Brian Lenihan TD in the Budget last December and it will be available to purchase from post offices from May 4th."

"The Bond is a national savings product. People can invest sums of between €500 and €250,000 which will be used by the State to help stimulate economic recovery through investment in capital projects around the country."

"While the minimum investment amount it €500, people can make regular savings of €25 which will be automatically invested in the Bond when it accumulates to €500."

"In this way people can invest money with the guarantee of a safe and healthy return, while at the same time helping to support the economy and to create jobs around the country."

"The Bond will be managed by the National Treasury Management Agency and will provide a return on investment of 50 per cent gross over 10 years. After tax the net return will still be a very rewarding 47.5 per cent."

"The longer a person leaves their money invested in the Bond, the better the return will be. There are no fees, charges or sales commission attached and investors can have their money back at any time without penalty."

The return percentages are as follows:

- ◆ At the end of 5 years you will earn 15 per cent gross.
- ◆ At the end of 7 years you will earn 29 per cent gross.
- ◆ At the end of 10 years you will earn 50 per cent gross.

"This is an innovative way for the Government to raise funds to invest in stimulating the economy,

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while at the same time providing a safe investment opportunity for ordinary people,” concluded Minister Brady.

For further details on the National Solidarity Bond people can call 1850 30 50 60, check www.statesavings.ie, or email service@statesavings.ie.

Funding boost for Kildare heritage sites – Minister Brady

Three Kildare heritage sites are to receive a welcome funding boost under the Civic Structures Conservation Grants Scheme according to local Fianna Fail TD and Minister of State, Áine Brady.

“The grants are designed to ensure the preservation of heritage structures and The Wonderful Barn Complex in Leixlip will receive €30,000; Sean Chill Donaghcumper on the Dublin Road in Celbridge will get €7,815 and the Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels in Sallins will receive €15,310.”

“I have lobbied the Minister for the Environment regarding the The Wonderful Barn Complex, Sean Chill and St. Michael and All Angels as I feel very strongly in the importance of protecting and preserving these sites.”

“This funding and the preservation of these sites not only benefits the local communities but also helps to attract visitors to the area which has a positive knock-on effect for local businesses.”

“I would like to commend those groups and volunteers who work so hard locally to preserve these and other sites. Their commitment and dedication benefits us all,” concluded Minister Brady.

€166k approved for 26 Kildare Voluntary and Community Groups says Brady.

Over €160,000 is being allocated to 26 voluntary and community groups in Kildare which provide a wide range of marriage, child and bereavement counselling services and supports according to Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady.

‘A wide variety of organisations in Kildare, from counselling bodies to schools operating Rainbows groups for children, to locally-based bereavement support groups, receiving funding to support their communities and families in these difficult times.’

stated Minister Brady.

‘Groups, such as Rainbows in Maynooth and Celbridge, Kildare Youth Services and Kildare Suicide Services in Naas are typical of the groups that will benefit from the funding.’

“The services which are supported by these grants promote stable family relationships and the wellbeing of individuals, children and society in general. I want to encourage people to avail of these professional supports which are available in their own communities to help them through these difficult times and also I want to compliment those involved in providing these services locally.”, said Minister Brady.

Consumer Rights Air Travel Q&A

What rights do I have if my flight is delayed or cancelled?

You have significant rights and entitlements under EU Law. However the range of these rights depends on the reason for the cancellation or the delay.

What rights do I have if my flight is cancelled because of an extraordinary event such as volcanic ash?

If your flight is cancelled with no prior notice, you are entitled to:

Be informed of your legal rights by the airline

Access to telephone, fax, telex or other forms of communication

A refund or an alternative flight to your destination subject to availability

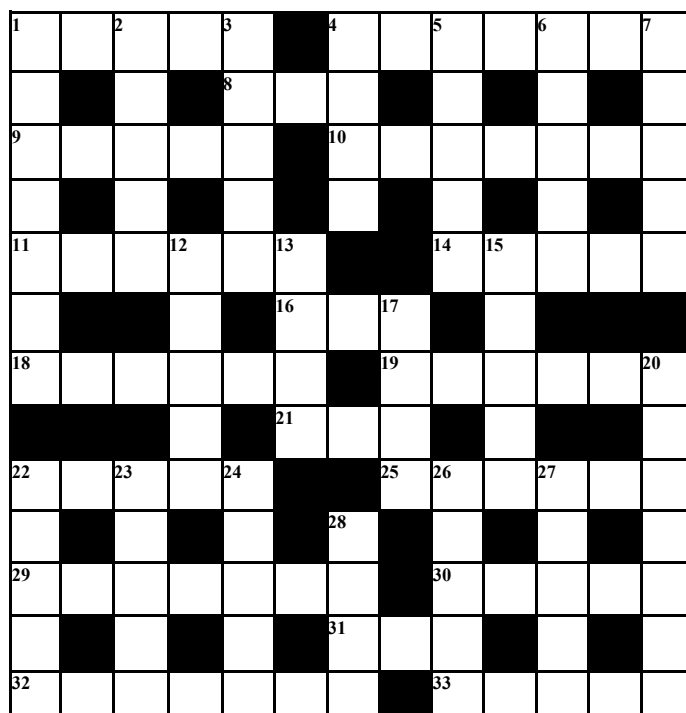
Food, refreshments and accommodation offered by the airline free of charge (if necessary and in reasonable relation to the waiting time) while waiting on an alternative flight.

If your journey involves connecting flights, and if the purpose of your journey is now pointless thanks to a delay, the airline must reimburse you for parts of the journey already made. You are also be entitled to a return flight to your original point of departure.

You are advised to keep all keep all receipts of the accommodation and food costs that you incur. You can then send these to your airline.

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Crossword No. 89



Entries in before: 16th June 2010

Name: _____

Address: _____

Across.

1. Constant watch (5)
4. Harmed (7)
8. Mature (3)
9. Wild rose (5)
10. Zeal (7)
11. Lost (6)
14. Convenient (5)
16. Subside (3)
18. Lunge (6)
19. Not anchored (6)
21. Lovejoy actor, _ _ _ (3)
22. Strength (5)
25. Jeopardy (6)
29. Continent (7)
30. Attracted (5)
31. Sporting stick (3)
32. Greatest (7)
33. Side-step (5)

Down.

1. Throbbing with energy (7)
2. Self-reproach (5)
3. Young insect (5)
4. Dexterous (4)
5. Parade (5)
6. Complain (5)
7. Irish county (5)
12. Cosmetic powder (5)
13. Abominable snowman (4)
15. Protective garment (5)
17. Troupe (4)
20. Actor, _ _ _ Stamp (7)
22. Schemes (5)
23. Pup (5)
24. Muster (5)
26. Supplementary (5)
27. Sentry (5)
28. Confront (4)

Solutions to Crossword No. 88

Across: 1. Slight, 4. Cherub, 7. Bear, 8. Rags, 10. Enact, 11. Demonic, 14. Tee, 15. Usage, 17. Cater, 18. Scrub, 19. Imp, 21. Echidna, 24. Might, 26. Hill, 28. Vein, 29. Retail, 30. Relate

Down: 1. Submit, 2. Gorge, 3. Torso, 4. Cog 5. RADA, 6. Bootee, 9. Secured, 11. Deer, 12. Macbeth, 13. Notch, 16. Asia, 18. Simmer, 20. Prince, 22. Idler, 23. Naval, 25. Goat, 27. III

Doodle Box

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What rights do I have if my flight is delayed because of an extraordinary event such as volcanic ash?

If your flight is delayed for certain prescribed timeframes (i.e. at least 2 hours for short haul flights and 3 hours for medium haul flights), you are entitled to:

Be informed of your legal entitlements by the airline

A rescheduled flight or reimbursement

Food and refreshments in reasonable relation to the waiting time

Two phone calls, telex or fax messages, or emails

Accommodation if a stay of one or more nights becomes necessary

Transport between the airport and place of accommodation.

If the flight delay is at least five hours and the purpose of your journey is no longer attainable, the airline must offer to reimburse you for the part of the journey you have already made. In addition you have the right to a return flight to the original point of departure where relevant.

This right to reimbursement only applies where you decide not to travel as a result of the delay - it is not possible to travel and also claim reimbursement under the EU rules.

Am I entitled to compensation if disruption is caused by an extraordinary event such as volcanic ash?

You are not entitled to compensation in a case such as this where the event is outside the control of the airline. However you are entitled to a reimbursement of expenses and/or the refund of the cost of an unused flight.

Who can avail of these rights?

All passengers departing from EU and European Economic Area (Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) airports and all passengers departing from outside of the EU/EEA but arriving at an EU/EEA airport on an EU/EEA licensed carrier (unless they have already received compensation or assistance in that third country).

What happens if I make my own travel arrangements?

If you make your own travel arrangements you are effectively breaking your contract with the airline and releasing it from its legal duty of care. You risk losing your right to be reimbursed for expenses incurred.

Where can I get more information about my rights?

Click on the Commission for Aviation Regulation's website www.aviationreg.ie or the National Consumer Agency's website www.consumerconnect.ie.

Where other options are available to me?

Some travel insurance policies will pay out if a journey or holiday is cancelled owing to flight problems. However, this depends on the terms and conditions, so it is worth checking these in your policy.

If you booked using a credit card you should contact your credit card provider to see if you are entitled to claim.

If the flight is part of a package holiday, you have stronger protection under package holidays regulations. Operators must refund customers for the whole holiday if trips are cancelled and they cannot get you to your destination.

Where can I get up to date information current flight restrictions?

For regular updates on flight restrictions click Irish Aviation Authority's website www.iaa.ie or the Department of Transport's website. You should also keep in touch with your airline or your travel agency.

Is there a general number I can call if I am in difficulty?

If you are in "genuine need" you should contact the Consular Crisis Centre (+353 1 408 2999) which has been set up by the Department of Foreign Affairs. The Centre is manned until 8.00 pm every evening this week. It can provide "information and reassurance" but won't make travel arrangements for you.

What should I do if I am running low on prescription drugs?

You should ask for help in a pharmacy. With the pharmacists' agreement, you can ask your GP to fax through a copy of the prescription.

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What should I do if I have no money?

Ask a relative or friend to transfer money through the normal commercial companies. The local Irish mission can also advise in this area

What if my visa is about to expire?

Contact your local Irish mission or your travel agent.

What are the contact details of the various transport services?

Ryanair

www.ryanair.ie.

Ph: +44 871 246 0000 AND +353 818 30 30 30 Lines open from 7am to 8pm

Aer Lingus

www.aerlingus.ie

Ph: 0818 365000 / 0818 365044 (from Ireland) AND 0871 718 5000 / 0871 718 2020 (from Northern Ireland/UK)

Air France (Ireland)

www.airfrance.ie

Ph: 01 605 0383

DELTA (Ireland)

www.delta.com

Ph: 01-4073165

Bus Eireann

www.buseireann.ie

Ph: 01 8366111

Stenaline

www.stenaline.ie

Ph: 01 204 7777

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Ph: From Ireland: 0818 300 400

From UK: 08717 300 400

From France: +33 1 70 72 03 26

P&O Ferries

www.poirishsea.com

01 4073434

Useful Numbers for our Older People in Maynooth

Citizens Information Board Head Office

George's Quay House
43 Townsend St
Dublin 2

Tel +353 1 605 9000

Fax +353 1 605 9099

Local Offices

Maynooth offices – 01 6285477

Johnstownbridge (BRED Centre) – 045 41099

Naas - 045 879489

e info@ciboard.ie

www.citizensinformationboard.ie

Free Travel Pass: Free Travel Section, Social Welfare Services, College Road, Sligo.
Lo-call: 1 890 500 000.

Passports: If you are aged 65 or over, there is no fee for the issue of a 10-year passport. This applies to all Irish citizens, wherever they live. **Recorded information (24-hour service): (01) 6797600 or Lo-call 1890 426 800**

Security for older people: A revised **Scheme of Community Support for Older People** will be introduced in 2010. Details will be available from the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, Teeling Street, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo. Tel: **(01) 647 3000 or (071) 918 6700.** www.pobail.ie

Aids and appliances The **Assist Ireland website and helpline**, provided by the Citizens Information Board, gives **information on assistive technology and a directory of products available from Irish suppliers.** **Lo-call: 1 890 277 478; SMS (text): 086 383 7644 Website:** www.assistireland.ie
Email: support@assistireland.ie

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Warmer Homes Scheme Available to low-income households in certain areas, where **community-based organisations** provide services such as attic insulation and draught-proofing. The criteria for qualifying can vary in different areas. There may be a small fee. For local provider details contact Sustainable Energy Ireland, www.sei.ie **Freephone: 1800 250 204.**

Home Energy Saving Scheme Grants to homeowners for insulation of roofs and/or walls; installation of high-efficiency boilers; upgrade of heating controls; Building Energy Rating (BER).
Apply to Sustainable Energy Ireland, www.sei.ie
Lo-call: 1850 927 000

Greener Homes Scheme Grants for homeowners for installation of new renewable energy heating systems. Maximum grant is €3,500. **Lo-call: 1850 734 734**

Grants for home improvements/adaptations

The **Mobility Aids Grant Scheme** provides grants for mobility equipment in the home for older people (up to 100% of costs with a maximum of €6,000).

The **Housing Aid for Older People Scheme** provides grants to improve the houses of older people (over 60 generally). Maximum grant is €10,500.

The **Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability** is a means-tested grant to make a house suitable for a person with a disability. Maximum grant is €30,000 (€14,500 for new houses).

Apply to the Housing Department of your local authority for each of these schemes. You may need an Occupational Therapist (OT) to assess your daily living needs in support of your application. The local authority can arrange an OT assessment, or you can employ a private OT. You can recoup up to €200 of the cost as part of the total grant. Contact an OT through the Community Care section of your local health office or through the Association of Occupational Therapists of Ireland (AOTI), Tel: (01) 633 7222, www.aoti.ie **Department of Social and Family Affairs**

Lo-call (Information line): 1890 66 22 44

Lo-call (Leaflet line): 1890 20 23 25 www.welfare.ie
Kildare Co Co – 045 980706

Health Service Executive (HSE) – Local Health Centre Offices

CallSave: 1 850 24 1850: www.hse.ie

Naas General HSE Office: (045) 880400

Celbridge (01) 6303100

Leixlip (01) 6244931

Kilcock (01) 6287270

Maynooth (01) 6106130

Clane (045) 868625

Johnstownbridge 046-9541181(046) 9541181

Naas (045) 873261

Kill (045) 877011

Rathcoole (01) 4589979

Age Action Ireland Ltd.

30-31 Lower Camden Street, Dublin 2

Tel (01) 475 6989

e-mail info@ageandopportunity.ie www.ageaction.ie

Carers' Association

National Office, Market Square, Tullamore, Co. Offaly

Tel: 057 932 2920 **Freephone** 1800 240 724

Local Office: Newbridge (045) 444012

e-mail Info@carersireland.com www.carersireland.com

Money Advice and Budgeting Services: (MABS)

Tel. 1 890 283 438

The Revenue Commissioners

www.revenue.ie

Sustainable Energy Ireland

www.sei.ie

Assist Ireland

www.assistireland.ie

Naas Rugby Football Club Win Under 13 Leinster Final



**Leo McAtamney, of Leinster Park,
Maynooth with his grandson
David McAtamney having won the Under 13
Leinster Final for Naas Rugby Football Club
against Navan Rugby Football Club. The game
was played in Maynooth College on Thursday
29th April 2010**

Children's Colouring Competition

June
2010



Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____

LAST MONTH'S WINNERS

Age: 3—5: Ruairí Jordan, Hortland

Age 6—7: Tara Crawford, Rathcoffey North

Age 7 & Over : Orlaith Elliott, cooligmartin

Prize for each age group to be collected at:
Maynooth Community Council Office , Unit 5 Tesco Shopping Centre, Maynooth,



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Local Useful Telephone Numbers

Name	Details	Telephone No.
A.C.R.A	National Association of Resident Associations Contact Michael Quinn, 3 Laurence Avenue, Maynooth	6285258
ADULT CEILI AND SET DANCING	Contact: Rita Doyle	086-2862475/ 6286169
AN NUADA PLAYERS	Contact: Terry Nealon	086-8068068
BRIDGE CLUB	Contact: Joan Howard Williams	6289239
CASTLE COMMITTEE	Contact Tony Bean Sec. Gerald & Joan Howard Williams, Carton Demense	087-949459
CASTLE KEEP ART GROUP	Contact: Susan Durack	6289349
CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE		6285477
COMMUNITY GAMES	Contact: Joe Geraghty Margaret Houlihan	087-6181235 087-2054854
CONRADH na GAEILGE	Contact: Colm Ó Cearúil	086-1762212
DENTIST	Dr. G.B. Glass Dr. G.A. O'Reilly Dr. J.G. Merrick	6289284 6286318 6286318
DOCTORS	DR. D. Gaffney DR. D. Nolan DR. C.D. O'Rourke DR. J. Corish DR. N. Wilson DR. M. Cowhey	6291169 6285943 6285210 6292556 5052135 6289044
FAS OFFICE		6290556
FLOWER CLUB	Contact: Moira Baxter, Applewood, Laraghbryan ,Maynooth	6289102
FOLK GROUP	Contact: Elaine Bean	087-9704912
G.A.A. CLUB	Maynooth G.A.A. Club Contact : Contact: Hilary McCabe Secretary	6285020 087-2998803
GARDA STATION		6291413/6286234
GATEWAY WRITER GROUP	Contact : Kate Dempsey	086-8583316
GOLF	Maynooth Golf Society Contact: Martin Maguire	086-2215738
HEALTH CENTRE		6285415
I.C.A.	Contact: Norah Mc Dermot	6244695
KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL		045-980200
LARAGHBRYAN CEMETRY COMMITTEE	Contact: Breda Holmes, Barrogstown, Maynooth Sec. Helen Johnson	6289757
LIONS CLUB	Contact: Freddie Melia,	6289555
MAHER SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING	Contact : Catherine Maher	6285739 087-8222740
MARTIAL TAEKWON-DO	Contact: Stephen Doyle	087-6986491

Local Useful Telephone Numbers

MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY	Contact: Rita Edwards	087-6387687
MAYNOOTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION	Contact: Brid Feely	087-2052649
MAYNOOTH FAIR TRADE	Contact: Secretary	087-2476516
MAYNOOTH MUSICAL SOCIETY	Contact:	
MAYNOOTH PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC & LEINSTER CLINIC		6290895
MORTALITY SOCIETY	Contact: Paddy Nolan	6286312
NEWSLETTER DIARY (If you want to highlight or Advertise your FUTURE EVENT)	Contact: Irene or Brian	6285922 maynoothcc@eircom.net
NORTH KILDARE JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB	North Kildare Club	6103909 6287243
PARISH	Fr. Paul Coyle Fr. Liam Rigney Parish Office	6290553 6286220 6293018
POST OFFICE		6286259
MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY	Librarian: Bernadette Gilligan	6285530
ROYAL CANAL AMENITY AND RESTORATION GROUP	Office Contact: Matt Kennedy, 83 Maynooth Park Maynooth	6290980 6286463
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DePAUL		01 8550022
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Community Council & Newsletter Staff

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Maynooth assesses twinning potential with French town

Maynooth Community Council Twinning Sub-committee is seeking exchange proposals from the community as part of an assessment of the potential for a formal twinning agreement with Canet-en-Roussillon, a town in southern France.

Maynooth Community Council representatives travelled to Canet -en-Roussillon in June on the return visit following the visit of the French delegation to Maynooth last October. Eddie Tobin (Chairperson) and Paul Croghan, members of the community council twinning sub-committee were in Canet -en-Roussillon to assess the potential for a sustainable twinning arrangement between the two areas.

Representatives from Canet-en-Roussillon contacted Maynooth Community Council in 2009 having selected Maynooth as a potential twinning partner. Following the visit to Maynooth the delegation recommended to their local authority that they wanted to investigate the potential for a formal twinning. Both towns are now working together to assess wider community interest in the proposal. This would be the first formal twinning for either town.

The initial assessment will be based on the potential interest for educational, sport and cultural exchanges, but any ideas that come forward will be considered. Already there has been direct communication between schools in both towns and a number of local organisations have expressed an interest in the twinning. During the assessment visits the delegations met with local groups in the areas of interest.

Facilities in Canet-en-Roussillon are particularly

favourable for sporting groups and the French side are also looking at preferential prices for visitors from Maynooth to access facilities when visiting.

Both towns are similar in size in terms of population except that in the summer period there is a significant influx of tourists to the French town because of its location and its 9km of beach. The area is very accessible to Maynooth visitors as it is served by three airports, Carcassonne as well as Girona and Barcelona in Spain. If you have an idea that you think could be part of a twinning arrangement please e-mail, maynoothcc@eircom.net



Paul Croghan and Eddie Tobin presenting Bernard Dupont (Mayor of Canet-en-Roussillon) with the framed Maynooth Crest on behalf of the people of Maynooth .



Catalan Dancers: Part of the formal reception for the Maynooth representatives

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Get More Active this Summer at Curves Maynooth

Whether you want to be in great shape for your holidays, your friends wedding or you just want to feel better in yourself, Curves suits all ages. Whether you are interested in exercise to lose weight, tone your muscles or relieve stress, Curves can help you establish a routine that will enable you to reach your health and fitness goals.

The Curves workout consists of 30 minutes of exercise three times a week. The facility uses easy-to-learn hydraulic resistance machines that have no weight stacks to change or manage and are specifically designed for women. It includes all five components of a complete exercise programme: warm-up, strength training, cardio, cool down, and stretching.

New members can experience a six week fitness trial at Curves for just €49 and see how well Curves can work for them. They can fully experience the Curves workout and weight management classes at a low cost before making a long-term commitment. It's that simple: six weeks for just €49. Isn't good health worth it? In addition, if residents work out three times per week during their trial period, they can convert their trial membership to a full membership at no additional cost.



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Editorial

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the new-look *Maynooth Newsletter*. This is a historic edition of the publication as it appears for the first time in newspaper format. It is now free and will be delivered free to the houses in the Maynooth area. It was not a decision taken lightly to change from the magazine format to this more modern and more colourful presentation.

This decision has been a long time in the planning and it seems only right to express some words of gratitude. We do not often mention those behind the scenes in the production of the *Newsletter* but this seems an appropriate time. Maynooth Community Council sponsors an Employment Project that is situated now in Unit 5 of the Tesco Shopping Centre. One of the main aims and work projects is the production of the Newsletter. The work is directed by the Editorial Board, mostly but not all members of the Council. They all give their time in a voluntary, unpaid capacity but the physical work, the layout of articles, the advertisements etc. is carried out by the project workers who come from the ranks of the unemployed.

We would like to give recognition to the Editorial Board, the community councillors who are involved in running the office itself as well as the supervisor, the acting supervisor and the hard-working participants who have brought about this transformation. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank those who have continued to send in reports, to write articles and to contribute to the *Newsletter* over the years. Please continue to do so in the knowledge that your readership will be bigger than ever.

When the Community Council began sponsoring Community Employment Schemes, as they were called, in the dark eighties little did those of us who were involved then ever imagine that those dark days of unemployment would return to our little island once again. And that it would be worse. The Council will continue to sponsor such projects and to fulfil the requirements of its constitution – to help or to provide employment.

The Council and the town of Maynooth, like all other communities in the country in these deeply troubled times, need the participation of all of you – those who make up that very community. There is now the need, and the opportunity, for a serious involvement in volunteerism, whether this is at Council level or at *Newsletter* level. Write for the *Newsletter*, send in reports of your clubs and societies, send us photographs, invite our participants to cover your events, you all have stories to tell or writings that you might want to see published. They will now reach all the people in the town, ten thousand people. We welcome the renewed involvement of the Students Union president with the

In the month of August in the year 1166 Diarmait Mac Murrough, king of Leinster, sailed from Ireland to find Henry 11, King of England, and ask for his help in regaining his throne. Henry 11 was ruler of a vast empire including England and much of France, and he himself had little time for Ireland. But he gave Diarmait permission to look for help from his subjects in England and Wales. It was among the Norman lords in Wales that Diarmait found helpers, and Maurice Fitzgerald, half Norman, half Welsh, the son of Gerald Fitzwalter and the famous Welsh princess Nesta, was one of the leaders of the Norman expeditions that came to Ireland, ostensibly to help Mac Murrough but determined to gain their reward in Irish lands. Maurice came 806 years ago, in 1169, but we have a description of him left by the chronicler Giraldus Cambrensis, Gerald of Wales, who was himself a grandson of the princess Nesta and so a relation of the Fitzgeralds. According to Giraldus, Maurice was a man “with a face sun-burnt and well-looking, of middle height; a man well modelled in mind and body..... a man of few words, but full of weight, having more of the heart than of the mouth, more of reason than of volubility, more wisdom than eloquence.”

It was this Maurice who was granted the first Fitzgerald lands in Kildare. The modern county did not then exist as it was the Normans themselves who introduced counties to Ireland. In Maurice’s day the area that would form the future county of Kildare was divided among four main tribal kingdoms. In 1176 he was granted part of Úi Fáeláin, the territory ruled by the O’Byrnes, which included the manor of Maynooth. What the

Council and we hope that this will lead to an increased interest in the *Newsletter* among the large and growing student population in the town. Volunteerism is one way of combating the feelings that accompany unemployment. There are dozens of societies and groups that need you and your expertise. Get involved in your resident’s association, become a member of the Council, have your voice heard at a local level, write for the *Newsletter*, get involved in the Tidy Towns, Community Games ... the list is endless.

We hope that you enjoy the new layout, some will be sad to see the old magazine format disappear but this is an opportunity to form our own newspaper and your opportunity to get involved. Ring the office 6285922, call to the unit, or email us at maynoothcc@eircom.net

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

MAYNOOTH CASTLE

Norman lords were granted they had to hold by force and their characteristic policy was to build strong stone castles at strategic points. Maynooth Castle was one of these, and it was probably built or commenced in the late twelfth century and added to in the early thirteenth. The first Maurice Fitzgerald died in 1177 which would have given him little time to build and complete a huge castle of stone. What the arriving Normans usually first built were the earth and wood structures known as “mote-and baileys.” The mote was a high mound of earth on top of which was built a wooden house or tower. Attached to the mote was the bailey, an entrenched area or court at a lower level, and both mote and bailey were surrounded by a deep fosse or ditch. These were quick and relatively easy to build, could use natural features and were an effective defence.

Maurice’s son Gerald Fitzmaurice became the first Baron Offaly, the family having acquired lands there also. He died in 1205 and was succeeded by his son, the second Baron Offaly and the second Maurice Fitzgerald, who died in 1257. The building of Maynooth Castle may have spanned the lives of these first three Geraldines, and there were further additions later. The chequered history of the Kildare Fitzgeralds during the next 500 years took a heavy toll, and it is no longer possible to see the castle as it was in its heyday, though most of what is left dates from the late twelfth or early thirteenth century and has outlasted the later additions. The massive keep still stands alone in the grounds where it was originally enclosed by a wall called a “curtain” which included the existing entrance gate and the turret tower in the north east corner.

H.G. Leask, the authority on Irish



castles, identifies four main groups of Irish castles built during the period 1180 to 1310, the great period of expansion of the Anglo-Norman lordship in Ireland and the most important period of what he calls Irish “military architecture.” Maynooth belongs to Group A, castles with rectangular great towers, or keeps, either isolated and free-standing, as the keep at Maynooth, inside an enclosure or ward surrounded by a curtain wall, or those where the keep itself formed part of the outer defences. To Group A also belong the castles at Carrickfergus, Trim and Adare. Group B comprises castles with round cylindrical keeps, as Dundrum and Nenagh. To Group C belong castles with rectangular keeps with a circular tower at each corner of the keep itself, as Carlow and Ferns, while Group D comprises castles with no keep and with the curtain enclosing a rectangular area, as Dublin, Limerick and Kilkenny. The different types overlap chronologically but the general trend seems to have been from the keep castle with curtain walls to the keepless fortress.

Mary Cullen

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DID YOU KNOW

Maynooth Town Crest

The need for a new town crest was identified in 2001 when it was proposed to erect new street signage and incorporate a town crest.

Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum in association with Maynooth Community Council organised a competition to find a suitable crest for the town. The competition was advertised in "The Maynooth Newsletter" in May 2000.

Representatives drawn from the Community Council (Susan Durack), Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum (Padraig O'Murchu) and Maynooth Action Strategy (Paul Croghan) evaluated the entries. Kevin Freeney, an artist living in Parson Street in Maynooth designed the winning entry for a prize of £100. Kevin now lives in Co.Wexford.

Maynooth Community Council approved the adoption of a new town crest and Kildare County Council agreed to use it in the new street signage.

The crest incorporates a spire, castle and book, along with an oak tree, water and a bridge:

The spire symbolises the Christian origins of the town, which find representation today in the Catholic seminary and the parish churches of St Mary's.

The castle represents the Fitzgerald connection with the town.

The book is a symbol for learning and represents not only the college but also other centres of learning in Maynooth.

The oak tree symbolises Cill Dara, Co. Kildare. Oak symbols also signify antiquity and strength and in the Celtic tradition Druids were said to be keepers of the Celtic religion which was famous for its sacred groves.

The water signifies birth and renewal and in Celtic tradition, rivers were sources of mythical power. The water under the bridge signifies the passage of time and can also signify the Joan Slade and Lyreen River, both of which flow by the castle.

The blue background signifies loyalty and truth, whereas the white symbolises peace and sincerity.

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Maynooth GAA News

**Intermediate
Camogie Shield
Final
Kill 1-4
Maynooth 0-5**



Maynooth's intermediate camogie team narrowly lost out to Kill in their Shield League Final on Monday night (26 July) in Johnstownbridge. In the end a Kill goal proved the telling score as Maynooth went down by two points, 1-4 to 0-5.

The Intermediate camogie shield final will be remembered as one of the most exciting and competitive matches so far this year with Kill just shading it at the final whistle by two points. Both teams were evenly matched in the first half with the defences holding firm. Kill were first to score in the 8th minute with a pointed free from the 45. Maynooth centre back Siobhan O'Shea levelled matters three minutes later with a superb point from a 40-yard free. The first and only goal of the match fell to kill in the 15th minute and there was an element of luck about it . The Maynooth defence seemed to have cleared their lines but the ball deflected off one of the Kill corner-forwards and

crept into the corner of the net. For the remainder of the first half both teams added a further point with Maynooth centre-forward Tanya McGrath on the scoresheet following superb interplay between Nicola O'Hurley, Karen Feehan and Nikki Carew. At half-time Kill led by three points on a scoreline of 1-2 to 0-2. If the first half was exiting, the second half was worth the admission fee alone. Both teams had goalscoring chances and on two occasions the width of the crossbar prevented green flags being raised. By the 50th minute Maynooth had reduced the margin to a single point with further points from Siobhan O'Shea. In fairness the Kill defence were very effective and while Maynooth created a number of good scoring chances and midfielder Sarah Grealley was very unlucky when her powerful goal bound shot from the 21 yard line hit the underside of the crossbar and eventually was cleared to safety, it was Kill who held on for victory. The Maynooth girls can hold their heads high despite this defeat and look forward with optimism to the start of the championship campaign on 11 August against Moorefield.

MAYNOOTH: Laura Corcoran; Naomi Devereux, Margaret Farrell, Hannah Stack; Terese Doran, Siobhan O'Shea 0-4, Stephanie Gavin; Sarah Grealley, Karen Feehan; Yvonne O'Shea, Tanya McGrath 0-1, Michelle Doran; Nicki Carew, Nicola O'Hurley, Roisin Hoban. Subs: Tara Fagan for Roisin Hoban; Jenny O' Dwyer for Michelle Doran; Kerrie Faherty for Stephanie Gavin; Eimear Connolly for Yvonne O'Shea; Eimear Sinnott and Rachel O'Neill (not used).

SFL Division 1 Round 14 Maynooth 1-9 St Kevin's 0-9

Maynooth are up to sixth in Division 1 of the Senior Football League followed their latest win at home to St Kevin's on Sunday (25 July). Paddy Comerford's first half goal paved the way for Maynooth, who eventually won by three points after a frustrating game. The Crom Abú have just one more game left in the campaign away to Rathangan on Saturday (31 July) at 6pm. Maynooth struggled to victory at home to St Kevin's on Sunday (25 July) but Paddy Comerford's first half volley gave them a goal that proved the difference.

In a low-scoring first half, Comerford's goal gave Maynooth the lead,

1-4 to 0-4, and it was the Crom Abú who looked the most threatening even though the saints found the target first.

Full-forward Johnny Fitzharris clipped over two nice frees in the first five minutes to give an under-strength Kevin's side the ideal start.

Maynooth took over after ten minutes, a Pierre Ennis free the first of three straight scores and after Fitzharris levelled for Kevin's, Maynooth struck the killer blow.

An excellent move down the right saw Maynooth's pace and movement cut the Kevin's defence apart and when Pierre Ennis helped the ball across the edge of the square Paddy Comerford arrived with a perfectly-timed shot to crash a half-volley into the roof of the net.

With a quarter of an hour to go Karl Ennis got his first point after a fruitless search for a score in the previous 45 minutes, and with Maynooth taking a four point advantage it looked to be too much for Kevin's. Instead Maynooth decided to play possession football in their own half-back line and the tactic back-fired as some sloppy passing

almost saw Kevin's steal in for a shot at a goal.

With just two minutes to go the margin was back to two points following Fitzharris' fifth score and a point from wing-back Martin Sheridan.

Ennis the county man was on hand in the final minute to secure victory with a pointed free.

MAYNOOTH: Francis Farrell; Paul Cashin, Colin O'Neill, Joe Brennan; Joe Geary, Niall Byrne, Alan McAndrew; Mickey Bennett, Conor Canning; Karl Ennis 0-2 (1f), Cillian Carr, John McAndrew; Niall Naughton 0-2, Pierre Ennis 0-3 (1f), Paddy Comerford 1-1. Subs: Sean Kennedy for Geary, h/t; Andrew O'Regan for Naughton, 41; Adam Gunn for Brennan, 48; Paul Flood for Farrell, 48.

MFC A ROUND 1 MAYNOOTH 1-19 ST LAURENCE'S 0-3

Maynooth made light work of a tame challenge from St Laurence's in the first round of this year's Minor A Football Championship at Raheens on Monday night (19 July). Martin O'Connor was the star of the show for a high-scoring Maynooth and he broke Larries' hearts by scoring 1-8 in all, enough to comfortably account for the losers on its own.

It was a one-sided affair from start to finish and the losers could only register one point in the opening half as Maynooth amassed 12 points.

O'Connor led the way at corner-forward, hitting some pinpoint frees from distance, while county minor captain John Comerford showed that his radar was just as good as the forwards, with four points to his name. Together with Kildare minor keeper, Mark Donnellan,

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who partnered him in the winners' midfield, they suffocated the Larries and not even the move of the Larries county minor, Padraig Fogarty, from centre-forward to midfield could halt Maynooth's march.

With a 0-12 to 0-1 lead at the interval, the game was over as a contest but Maynooth continued to drive forward and their victory was capped off by a well taken goal from Martin O'Connor in the third quarter.

At the opposite end Neil Delaney was thwarting the Larries at every turn, making a string of fine saves in the final quarter as the losers struggled to find the target.

After TJ Kavanagh scored a rare point for Laurence's, Maynooth finished the game in style with three successive points from Andy Fox, Martin O'Connor and Sean O'Connor.

MAYNOOTH: Neil Delaney; Hughie Flaherty, Cian Egan, Garvan Dowling; James Walsh, Shane Delaney 0-1, Shane Hawthorne 0-1; John C'omerford 0-4, Mark D'onnellan 0-1; Cian Kearney, Sean O'Connor 0-1, Philly Murphy 0-1; Andy Fox 0-2, Mark Travers, Martin O'Connor 1-8 (0-4fs). Subs: Conor Nolan for Dowling, 50; Conor Saults for Travers, 50; David Murray for Fox, 52; Conor Davin for D'onnellan, 52.

U14 HL Division 1 Final
NAAS 5-10
MAYNOOTH 3-3

Maynooth's under-14 hurlers reached

another final on Sunday when they lined out in the Division 1 League final having played in the A Féile final earlier this year when they lost out to Naas and it was the county town side who got the better of them again but not before a brave fight from the Crom Abú side. Naas blasted their way to the Division 1 title with an impressive 11-point win over Maynooth on Sunday.

Jack Sheridan's excellent goal scoring skills and the accuracy of Eoin O'Heir's frees were the main reasons for Naas' latest success in the county grounds. An Eoin O'Heir free opened the scoring after the first minute he added his second point moments later and Naas went into a three point lead in the 8th minute after Conor Dowling's well struck shot went over the bar. Maynooth wiped out the Naas lead in the 10th minute when Peadar Óg Murray scored his first goal of the day. Seamus O'Shea pointed to put the Crom Abú in front briefly but Naas levelled once again with another O'Heir free as the county town dominated the remainder of the half with.

Paddy O'Brien raised a green flag after huge assistance from Eoin O'Heir's 65 and Jack Sheridan netted two goals as pulled seven points clear at the break, 3-4 to 1-3.

Naas started the second half with a scoring spree, showing Maynooth no mercy. O'Heir pointed another long range free in the opening seconds and following that the Maynooth goal was bombarded with shots as the Naas players attacked.

The pressure paid off with goals from midfielder Richie Fleming and Jack Sheridan, who netted his third in the 45th minute.

Naas added three more points to their

tally before the end as they ran out easy winners.

MAYNOOTH: Fergal Stack; Patrick O'Connor, Sean Kearney, Andrew Kelliher; John Ormond, Cillian Madden, Stephen Nolan; Seamus O'Shea 1-3 (0-2fs), Matthew Melia; Fiachra Murray, Peadar Óg Murray 2-0, Joseph Millett; Paul Maguire, Phillip Miller, Michael McBrearty. Sub: Ross Kavnagh for Millett.

Junior Bs dream of league glory

After a frightful season in 2009 when Maynooth wondered if they'd ever win again, Gillick's gallant soldiers have battled their way to the summit of Division 6 but no one has yet dared to join them at the top of that mountain. Their latest victory came against the backdrop of wild weather and wild antics - notably all those who had got stuck in the Punchestown mud at Oxegen. Gillick was able to breathe new life into his weay men - the promise of praise at half-time accompanied by some fresh cups of coffee - were enough to keep them smiling through the first half. Tonight Gillick didn't need to delve into his memory bank of wise words. His men cruised through the second half, even Alan Geoghegan found the target, giving Gillick the ace he couldn't find up his sleeve. Geoghegan's goal sent Maynooth on their way to a 1-9 to 1-3 win against a Nurney side that have gone AWOL for most of this competition - their results looking more like the form of a horse that keeps falling, although in their case they usually couldn't find the starting gates. Gillick isn't worried. All that remains to

be seen is whether Clogherinkoe or Celbridge will join them on Mount Olympus.

"Bring it on," said Maynooth's version of Zeus. "We've fought like warriors, we've men that look like Spartans, we will not yield now - even if the referee doesn't know the difference between a goal and a free out."

Club lotto

As part of the ongoing Pitch Development Programme at Moyglare Hall, the Club Lotto is currently being re-organised. Our Lotto is an essential part of Club income. This re-organisation is necessary to facilitate the enlargement of the lotto base. It will ensure the Club can secure and repay the finance necessary to undertake this substantial development project. The next lotto draw will take place during the week ending 25th July 2010.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

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

Progress with Youth Café plans

Hugh Gallagher (Chairperson Youth Café Committee) updated the meeting on progress with the Youth Café project. He reported that he had viewed the proposed temporary community space at Manor Mills which, if it became available, could be used by other groups as well. He thought that the site was suitable for a Youth Café start-up, as it had internet access, a kitchen and a ‘quiet room’ space. He had met with a representative of Kildare Youth Services (KYS), for advice on best practice for setting up a Youth Café. He said that the Café committee would affiliate to KYS, which would provide public liability insurance and help with planning the Café set-up. 12-15 adult volunteers would be needed for KYS training, and he was seeking volunteers.

Hugh Gallagher said that there would be two youth streams in the Café: 12-15 year olds and 16-18/19 year olds. He planned to run a competition, aimed at young people, to publicise the Café project in September/October and would be looking for sponsorship from local businesses. He also hoped to join the Maynooth Community Council sub-committee that will be working on forward planning for the use, design and layout of the future community space at Tesco. He was making contact with other Youth Cafés in the area, such as those in Leixlip and Lucan. Councillor John McGinley (Labour) said that the Manor Mills site had not yet been secured and there was a need to look for other suitable sites as a fall-back. He also said that it seemed that the promised rebuild of the old Tesco building, which would eventually provide community space, would not be going ahead for the foreseeable future.

Tidy Towns

Paul Croghan (Tidy Towns Committee) reported that the committee were out on clean-up duty very frequently at present and would meet every Tuesday evening at 7.00 p.m. at the car park near the Glenroyal Hotel for the next 10 weeks. The committee would appreciate assistance from other volunteers. The next session would concentrate on tidying up Main Street. Flowers had been painted on the window hoardings of Tobin’s site on Main Street, and expensive new planters had been placed on the Straffan Road. The river at Parson Street had been cleaned up and a wildlife sign erected. The meeting was told that Carton Court Residents had been contacted by Kingsbry Residents regarding co-operative planting of fruit trees in the area, and that the Tidy Towns Committee had been in contact with the Transition Towns Group about this idea.

Paul Croghan said that the re-instatements following the sewerage works were disappointingly slow, and unfortunately not finished to the standard anticipated. Furthermore, the bollards had not been replaced at the Green and consequently cars were being driven in. It was not acceptable to leave the situation as it is. He hoped the current problems would be resolved and said there was quite a lot of frustration locally over the re-instatement works. Deirdre Cullen (Lyreen Residents Association) pointed out that the Green was overlooked by the homes of many town-centre residents, and that it was not fair to leave it in such a poor state for months on end. She said that residents were disappointed to see the Green and the other locations left in such a condition, particularly after they had negotiated with the County Council on the re-instatement plan and agreed on a scheme.

Scouts help with Senior Citizens’ holiday

Josie Moore (Senior Citizens Committee) said the Bealtaine Festival had gone very well, and that the next Tea Dance would take place the following Sunday. Two coaches would be travelling for an outing to Kilquade Garden Festival in July, and in August the senior citizens would be going for a holiday to Cardistown House. After this there would be a break till September.

Peter Garrad (Scouts) said that the Scouts would be helping with unloading buses for the Senior Citizens Committee at Cardistown.

Twinning Committee to visit Canet, France

Eddie Tobin (Twinning Committee) said the return visit to Canet in France would take place the following weekend. This would be an exploratory meeting, with a view to reporting back to Maynooth Community Council and progressing the twinning process if the Council wants to do so. The focus of the visit would be on education, sports, culture, and tourism. The Committee was hoping to make contact with the local schools in Canet to discuss the possibility of student exchanges with Maynooth Post Primary School. The NUIM swimming and rugby clubs were also involved, as these are the main sports in Canet. The Canet Summer Festival would coincide with the trip, so it was a good time to visit. Paul Croghan and Eddie Tobin would represent Maynooth Community Council.

Other local matters

Submission to Draft County Plan: Deirdre Cullen (PRO) said the Maynooth Community Council Planning and Development sub-committee was working on a submission to the Draft Kildare County Plan and that the deadline was 28 June 2010.

Community Council Planning Policy Document:

Colm Ó Cearúil (Chairperson) said that, following recent requests for support regarding matters arising from specific planning applications, it was clear that a Maynooth Community Council ‘planning-policy guideline document’ was needed. Deirdre Cullen said it was important that the Community Council had a clear and consistent way of dealing with such matters. John McGinley said that a document on this issue had been put together when Hugh Gallagher was MCC chairperson. Colm Ó Cearúil said he would ask the Planning and Development sub-committee to produce a draft policy document for presentation to MCC, and Hugh Gallagher said he would come to a meeting and inform the sub-committee about the content of the previously compiled document. Tom McMullon (Vice-chairperson) said it would be helpful if representatives of the Residents Associations came more often to MCC meetings to keep the Community Council informed on local matters.

NUIM: Paul Croghan said that Prof. John Hughes was leaving his position as President of NUIM. Prof. Hughes had helped make Maynooth the first Fair Trade university in Ireland and he wished him well.

Overgrown bushes: Tom McMullon said there were still overgrown bushes causing a problem on Moyglare Road.

Absentee landlords: In response to a query about absentee landlords neglecting their Maynooth properties, Cllr. John McGinley said the appropriate body to contact was KCC Housing Department.

Proposed new traffic lights on Dublin Road: John McGinley said that the Maynooth Traffic Management Plan would be published soon and would include a proposal for new pedestrian traffic lights from the Dublin Road/Doctors Lane junction to the Carton Avenue Gates area.

Community Council Report
D. Cullen PRO



Standing Up for Animals



For many years I worked in the media. As a journalist with a national, daily newspaper, I enjoyed a high profile life involving parties and red carpet events. When I moved into TV and radio, the buzz of being recognized in the local supermarket was a great boost to my self esteem. However I gave it all up to save lives. Animals' lives.

Now I work with the Dublin SPCA. Or, as your Nana might have called us, "the dogs' and cats' home." Nestled at the foothills of the Dublin Mountains is Ireland's oldest and largest animal rescue shelter, the DSPCA. I'm an Education Officer and my job is to educate children and young adults in order to try and end the cruel and inhumane treatment of animals. As a Society, we play a leading role in raising the public's awareness by providing a free comprehensive service in animal welfare education; because, in our opinion, education is the best possible insurance against cruelty. Established in 1840, this year sees us celebrate a landmark 170 years rescuing, treating, rehabilitating and re-homing cruelly treated, abused and badly injured creatures; making us proud to profess our mantra, *Standing up for Animals...* all animals, great and small.

Open to the public 7 days a week, this unique facility is currently in the grip of a major self sustainability project. We're supported by a dedicated team of 32 staff and a network of fabulous volunteers who work tirelessly to help the thousands of animals coming through our doors each year.

If you've visited our shelter, then you'll have seen our staff in action. But do you know, by learning to recognize the signs of animal cruelty, you too can crack down on the abusive treatment of God's creatures in your own community?

Yep, it all begins with you, the public! Be aware of the animals in your area and keep your eyes and ears open. However, recognizing cruelty is not easy. An animal may appear timid, fearful or aggressive for other reasons and the best way to tell whether a pet is being abused is to examine him and his surroundings. So, what defines animal cruelty? Animal Cruelty occurs when someone intentionally injures or harms an animal or when someone willfully deprives an

animal of food, water or necessary medical care.

In order to help you, I've set out *some* of the signs and symptoms we see in many of the cases we investigate.

Physical Signs:

- Collar so tight it causes a wound or has become embedded in the animal's neck.
- Open wounds or signs of multiple healed wounds or ongoing injuries or illnesses left untreated.
- Fur infested with fleas, ticks or other parasites.
- Weakness, limping or inability to stand or walk normally
- Visible signs of confusion or extreme drowsiness
- Heavy discharge from eyes or nose
- Owner striking or otherwise physically abusing the animal

Environmental signs:

- Animals tied up alone for long periods of time without adequate food or water – or with food or water that is unsanitary.
- Animals kept outside without access to adequate shelter.
- Animals kept in an area littered with faeces, rubbish, broken glass or other harmful objects
- Animals housed in kennels/cages too small to allow them stand, turn around or make normal movements.

If you're concerned about the welfare of an animal, please contact us at **01-4994700** or ring the Gardai. It will help us greatly if you provide as much information as possible because this will go a long way toward assisting the investigating officer. If it helps, write down what you've seen, the date of the incident and who was involved. Remember, *you* can make a difference to an animal's life.

For more information log onto www.dspca.ie or email miriam.kerins@dspca.ie.

And remember, don't forget to look out for my regular column. © Miriam Kerins, Education Officer, Dublin SPCA



Guided Tours of Maynooth Castle

Guided Tours on demand
Venue: Maynooth Castle
Cost: Free
Organiser: Maynooth Castle
Email: Maynoothcastle@opw.ie
Telephone: 01 6286744
Date: Saturday 21st—Sunday 29th
Time: 10.00 a.m.—5.00 p.m.

Remembering Eoghan O'Growney's 'Simple Lessons in Irish'
 A walk and talk to the Celtic mausoleum of Fr. Eoghan O'Growney (1863—1899), stopping near the College's 'Ghost Room' en route. Meath native Eoghan (Eugene) O'Growney, co-founder of the Gaelic League, became a cultural inspiration for the Irish revolution.
Venue: Main Entrance, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.
Cost: Free
Organiser: Maynooth Local History Group
Name: Declan O'Connor
Email: kilvic@eircom.net
Telephone: 01 6286043
Date: Sunday 22nd
Time: 3.30p.m.—4.30 p.m.

Calling All Fitzgeralds!
A 'walk and talk' in their famous town to remember the Fitzgeralds' contribution to Ireland's history, heritage and politics. You're a Fitzgerald? Fitzgerald is in your family tree? Maynooth invites you to celebrate your heritage, meet kin and network. See contact details for further info.

Venue: Maynooth, St. Mary's (C.O.I.) and Carton House
Cost: Free
Organiser: Maynooth Local History Group
Name: Declan O'Connor
Telephone: 01 6286043
Date: Saturday 28th
Time: 2.30—4.30 p.m.

Royal Canal Walk From Maynooth Harbour To 14th Lock
3.5 Km walk from Maynooth Harbour to 14th lock, including a talk on the history of the Royal canal.
Venue: Maynooth Harbour, Maynooth
Cost: Free
Organiser: Royal Canal Amenity Group, Maynooth
Name: Matthew Kennedy
Telephone: 087 7991194
Date: Saturday 21st
Time: 2.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m.

Carton House And The Fitzgerald's Conference, 29th—30th August 2010
 Further details will be made available in the coming weeks. Please see <http://historicalirishhouses.ie/> and www.cartonhouse.com
Venue: Carton House, Maynooth, Co. Kildare
Cost: Admission fee to be confirmed
Organiser: Centre for the Study of Historic Irish House and Estates (CSHIHE) and Carton House, Maynooth
Name: Patrick Cosgrove
Email: patrick.j.cosgrove@nuim.ie
Telephone: 01 7086959
Date: Sunday 29th
Time: 10.00 a.m.—8.00 p.m.

Rathcoffey Historical Trail: Bus Tour
 Local historic locations in Rathcoffey area will be explored, commencing at Rathcoffey GAA with local guide. Tickets are limited and must be booked in advance. All tickets will be allocated on a first come/first served basis. Further information from Mairead Byrne (Tel. 087 2239410).
Venue: Rathcoffey GAA, Donadea
Cost: €5 Adult, €2 Child
Organiser: Rathcoffey Historical Group
Name: Mairead Byrne
Email: maireadcbyrne@gmail.com
Date: Saturday 28th
Time: 12.00 a.m.—2.30 p.m.

Events for Under 12's
A Fighting and feasting Frenzy!
 A Fantastic Children's Themed Tour Of Medieval Life. Two tours a day at 11.00 and 13.00. Regular guided tours on demand during the week as usual. On events planned, ring for more information.
Venue: Maynooth Castle, Maynooth
Cost: Free
Organiser: maynoothcastle@opw.ie
Telephone: 01 6286744
Dates: Saturday 21st, Sunday 22nd, Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th

Children's Coat of Arms Workshop
Recreate your family's Coat of Arms or design a new one using traditional colours and symbols.
Saturday 21st.
Time: 11.30 a.m.—1.00 p.m.
Venue: Maynooth Castle, Maynooth, Co. Kildare
Admission: Free
Suitable for children from ages 5 to 12 years
For further information phone 01—6286744 or email maynoothcastle@opw.ie

Maynooth Author's New Book

Maynooth author, Joe Buckley, has recently published his fifth novel for young adults. This one published by Galway publishers Wordsonthestreet, is called Techcorp and is set in a future Ireland where things have changed a bit. First of all the Spire in O'Connell Street is gone rusty, because the tide from the rising ocean swirls around it twice a day. Then most of the rest of the country has gone back to a wild state where isolated communities live in walled villages and where wild dogs and Bounty Hunters roam.

On the Dublin Mountains, though, there's a walled city called Techcorp. It's got all the mod cons plus a nuclear power station, but the dudes that run it like to control what everybody thinks, and does. If you're born in Techcorp, you never get out.

At least that's what everyone believes til three teenagers decide they want out, for good. When the big storm hits the city. Mase, the narrator, Andre and their friend the girl Jan, make a break for it. The rest of the story is about what happens.

Joe Buckley has recently retired from his position as Head of English in Salesian College, Celbridge. He has taught at Primary and Secondary level in Canada and Ireland. A keen sportsman all his life, Joe fished and hunted big game in Canada before returning to Ireland in the seventies where he turned his hand to rugby and canoeing. Today, boating, Sunday morning tennis and playing the fiddle with 'Push for Porter' are his chief recreations when he is not writing. Joe lives in Maynooth with his wife, Marion. He has three sons: Niall, Mark and Stephen.

Joe's previous novels (published by Wolfhound Press) are Run Donny Run; Donny in London, Donny goes for goal and Firebolt.

What readers have said about Techcorp:

'There is plenty of action and humour and the plot twist is incredibly effective.'
'...there really isn't a dull moment!'

We have a signed copy of this book to give to the first two correct entries drawn (see questions below)

Question 1: Who created Discworld?

Question 2: In which book did Bilbo Baggins first appear?

Answer 1:

Answer 2:

Name:

Address

Phone:

Answers to: Maynooth Newsletter Unit 5 Tesco Shopping Centre, Maynooth

Answers must be received by the:

3rd September 2010



Joe Buckley

September Gardening Tips

General

Keep deadheading, watering and feeding hanging baskets and planted containers to maintain them in good condition through to autumn.

Continue plantings of spring flowering bulbs - Freesias, Daffodils, Tulips.

Prune climbing and rambling roses which will not repeat flower once flowers have finished.

If you have roses which you know produce colourful hips, do not prune these now as the hips will provide autumn colour and food for the birds.

Start cutting back the foliage and stems of flowering perennials which have already started to die back.

Give evergreen hedges a final trim.

Lavenders and Hebes can be given a tidy up by lightly trimming.

Prune wisteria and pyracantha after flowering.

Make sure early flowering autumn / winter shrubs such as camellias and rhododendrons are well watered now as flower bud development is underway.

Start preparing ground that is to be grassed over in the autumn. Spray out any weeds with Roundup and dig over the ground.

Start topping up bird feeders and putting food out on tables.

As the weather gets colder, empty pots and baskets of summer bedding and replace with winter interest plants, such as winter pansies and small evergreen plants, to provide colour through till spring. Move any tender perennials you

want to keep into the greenhouse for winter.

Give roses a final deadheading when the blooms have faded.

-Buy and plant spring-flowering bulbs, such as daffodils and tulips, making sure they are planted at the right depth.

Autumn is an ideal time to plant new trees, shrubs and perennials.

Sow hardy annuals now.

Tidy borders by cutting down any perennials that are past their best. Fruit & Veg Checklist

Pick fresh herbs for drying
Pick gooseberries, currants, strawberries and other fruits as they ripen
Support heavily laden branches on plums, apples and pears with wooden props
Water fruit to increase yields then cover the soil with a mulch, such as grass cuttings, to conserve the moisture
Water strawberry runners, cutting them from the parent plant when well rooted
Sow dwarf French beans for a late crop
Prune out fruited canes of raspberries
Spray gooseberries against sawfly attack and to prevent powdery mildew
Sow vegetables such as endive, lettuces and salad leaves, rocket, beetroot, radishes, spring cabbages, kohlrabi, Swiss chard, winter spinach, Oriental greens, chicory move fallen leaves.



What to look for in the gardening centre:
Cistus, Hebe, Hypericum, Osmanthus, Potentilla.
Spring flowering bulbs to plant now - anemones, daffodils, jonquils, tulips, freesias.

Maynooth Community Library

Free computer workshops taking place in Maynooth Library in conjunction with Fas. Application forms available in library. Phone: 01 6285530 e-mail maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie.

Autumn Workshops Coming Soon to Maynooth Library

We are delighted to announce a series of Saturday Sessions starting in September 2010.

Baby Massage: The first series is set of Baby Massage Classes (up to 9 months) which will run for 4 weeks commencing Saturday 4th September from 11.00am - 12.15pm. Alice Flynn will host these workshops, entry is free to library members. Places are limited and booking is essential. Essentials Oils and handouts are provided at the classes. Phone: 01 6285530.

Maynooth Community Library
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<http://www.kildare.ie/library/maynooth>

The Argentinean Team Training in Maynooth



Argentina's footballers goalkeeper Mariano Andujar(L), Eber Banega (C) and Angel Di Maria arrive for a practice session at the Carton House Hotel in Maynooth on August 10, 2010. Argentina played Ireland in a friendly match on August 11.



Argentina's Lionel Messi (C) passes the ball during team training at the Carlton House resort in Maynooth August 10, 2010, ahead of their international soccer friendly match against Ireland.

Tips for Your Child Starting School

Pre Schoolers

Some preschoolers may have trouble eating or sleeping and melt down on the way to or home from school. Some may be angry at their parents for sending them to school and have trouble sleeping on Sunday nights. This phase is normal as kids are adjusting to a lot of new experiences, and usually short-lived, but if it continues you should consult with your school. Whatever your child's age, that first day at school is a huge milestone and it's easy for them to become anxious about new routines and social situations.

Preschoolers are often worried about practical issues such as, "When are you coming back? Where is the bathroom? What if I can't open my lunchbox? What if I don't want to nap?" Plan to stay around the classroom for a while for the first few days to help with any transition issues, if you can. If your child doesn't want you to go, look for something you know your child likes to do. Young kids often like physical materials like play dough that they can work with their hands. Turn to the teacher or guidance counsellor for assistance if your preschooler won't let you leave. Many preschool teachers have been dealing with separation issues for years, and if you picked the right school, you are leaving your child in good hands. You can often call later to check on your child.



Practice School Routines

"Preschool may be the first time your child is exposed to a lot of rules. You can help the adjustment by 'practicing' these rules. The practice might mean simply reviewing them, or it can be a giggly game

of making up and breaking silly rules ('No stealing my pillows!...Hey, you stole my pillow!...You're in big trouble now...(giggly chase)...I'm going to have to sit on you. Don't squish them!...Now you better not steal my pillows again.')

This game helps relieve the tension that can come from the idea of a structured school environment."

First and Second Class

The initial transition is usually a little easier for students in these classes because they know the school and its routines. However, they may have some initial separation problems, like missing Mam or missing their friends from last year's



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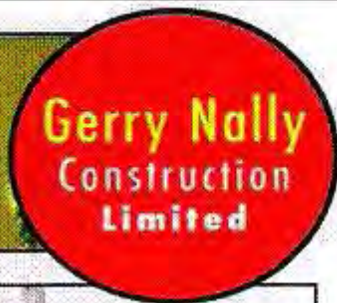
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The DANCE Academy

The Royal Academy of Dance

The Royal Academy of Dance is an international teacher education and awarding body for Classical Ballet, established in 1920 with the aim of developing and maintaining the highest possible standard of teaching. This remains its objective.

The Dance Academy is a family business, run by Sadhbh Ó Dúnláing. Last May pupils from Bray and Mount Merrion aged 4 to 26 were able to showcase their talent at The Pavilion Theatre Dun Laoighre for two sold out performances of Sleeping Beauty in the schools bi-annual ballet production. The principal students were then kind enough to travel to Newbridge Arts Centre Co. Kildare to participate with the students from Edenderry & Maynooth. In total the three performances raised €4000 for Temple Street Childrens Hospital, The Genee International Dance Competition & the Red Cross. Congratulations and huge thanks to all who helped and took part.

The Dance Academy has been operating successfully in Bray, Maynooth and Mount Merrion for a number of decades and most recently in Edenderry. Sadhbh personally teaches every single pupil and she hopes to welcome you back in September for another exam year.

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Home Cooking

Dublin Coddle

Ingredients:

- 1 pound bacon slices
- 2 pounds pork sausage links, bacon fat or oil
- 2 large onions, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic
- 4 large potatoes, thickly sliced
- 2 carrots, thickly sliced
- 1 large bunch of fresh herbs, tied with string or in a cheesecloth bag
- black pepper
- apple cider
- fresh parsley, chopped, for garnish



Preparation:

Lightly fry bacon in skillet until crisp; drain. Crumble the bacon and place in a large pot. Pour off most of the bacon grease. Brown sausage in the skillet. Remove and add to the pot with bacon. Soften sliced onions and whole garlic cloves in skillet over medium-low heat, then add to pot along with potatoes and carrots. Bury the bunch or bag of herbs in the middle of the mixture. Sprinkle with pepper. Cover with cider. Cook 1 1/2 hours over medium-low heat; do not boil. Garnish with chopped parsley. Serves 6.

Jam Tarts

Ingredients

- 225g/8oz Plain Flour
- 125g/4oz Butter (room temperature)
- 25g/1oz Caster Sugar
- 1 Egg (beaten)
- 4 Tablespoons Water (approx.)
- Jam (Raspberry, Apricot, Lemon Curd)



Method

Preheat oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas 6. Lightly grease a bun tin. Put the flour and sugar into a bowl, rub in the butter until mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Add the egg and sufficient water to mix to a soft dough. Turn onto a floured board and gently roll on the flour. Roll out dough to 3mm/one eighth of an inch. Cut into rounds with a 7½cms/3” cutter. Place the rounds in the bun tin and prick well with a fork. Put into preheated oven for 10 minutes, remove from oven and place a teaspoon of your favourite jam into each. Return to the oven for a further 10 to 15 minutes until pastry is golden brown.



Remove from oven and allow to stand for about 5 mins.

Quick Summer Pudding

Ingredients

- 300g/10½oz mixed frozen fruits, de-frosted
- 1 large punnet of strawberries, tops removed and halved if large
- (4 whole fruits reserved for garnish)
- 5 tbsp caster sugar
- 5g fresh Basil, chopped
- 10 slices good white bread, crusts removed
- 1 jar raspberry sauce
- For the Garnish**
- 4 whole strawberries
- 4 sprigs of mint
- icing sugar
- You will need only 6 slices for one large pudding



Preparation method

- 1.Lightly oil 4 teacups or one large bowl (1.2l/2pt) and line with cling film.
- 2.Mix together the defrosted fruits, fresh strawberries, basil and sugar.
- 3.Pour half of the raspberry sauce into a shallow dish.
- 4.Cut the bread to form a small circle for the base, slices for the sides and a larger circle for the top. To line the mould - dip the bread on one side in the sauce and place in the mould, dipped side against the mould. Make sure the pieces overlap to securely encase the filling.
- 5.Fill the centre with the fruit mixture and press down well, top with the last slice of bread.
- 6.Remove the pudding from the mould and place on a plate. Pour over the remaining sauce and garnish with the fresh strawberries and sprigs of mint. Dust with icing sugar and serve.

HOLIDAY RESERVATIONS ON - LINE

What makes planning a vacation easier than being able to book everything from plane flights to restaurant reservations, all from the comfort of your own home? Hotel reservations, flights, and car rentals can all be booked online. The convenience of using the internet to make online reservations has made the world of travel plans



Before booking your vacation, make sure to do your research. If you are smart you will want to get yourself the best deals possible. In order to do this you will have to research and compare prices from airlines, hotels, rental car companies and other businesses online. The internet makes this easily done with just a few clicks of the mouse. When you set up your account with whatever company you are making your travel plans with, you will likely need a username and password. Make sure you select a username that you will be able to remember and a password that is both unique but easy to remember for you. It is important that others are not able to guess your password, in order to keep your credit card information secure

If you are planning on taking future trips it might be a good idea to store your password with the website you are using. That way you can come back to the website and have all your credit card information ready for you when you are ready to plan other vacations. This makes the vacation planning process even easier.

Make sure you read the fine print on any travel websites. On some websites that sell airline tickets, prices can be deceiving because tickets are typically advertised at the prices prior to tax being applied. Since tax on airline tickets usually raises the price somewhat significantly, it is important to take note of the fact that the price you see first may not be the price you pay in the end.

Hotels and sometimes airlines often offer discount rates for early online reservations. It is important for you to look into these possible discounts and take advantage of them if they are available. Some hotels might offer more of a discount than others, which is something to take into consideration if you are booking online and looking to save money. If you do decide to make your reservations online, be sure to make them early. Some hotels and airlines have a cut off date after which online reservations cannot be made. For example, some travel companies like airlines and hotels do not accept online reservations made less than two or three days before the date the reservations are being made for.

To avoid any online scams make sure that the website you are using is reputable and legitimate. Do not use a website you have never heard of before, stick to the more popular travel sites such as Expedia.com which books flights, hotel reservations and car rental. Perhaps talk to friend, family or other people you know and trust who you know have booked vacations online in the past. Ask them what website they used to book their trip and find out whether they were satisfied or not.

Perhaps the most important thing to do when making reservations online is to print out everything. The website will provide you with a web receipt or email receipt following your purchase. It is important to keep a copy of these receipts in case there are any problems with the reservations once you get to the airport or hotel.

Make sure you receive some kind of email confirmation after your order. Almost all websites that sell products, including airline tickets and hotel reservations, send email confirmation to customers after they make their purchase. If you do not receive an email, something may be wrong and you might want to check into it.

If booking online makes you a little uneasy then it might be a good idea to call and confirm your reservations either a few days after you have made them or a few days prior to your trip. Providing a phone operator with the confirmation number given to you upon purchase and possibly a little more information, the operator will be able to confirm your reservations.



Paints And Pencils Pre-School

Hi allow me to introduce myself.
My name is Aideen and I am opening a pre-school in September this year. The pre-school will be in my home with the class numbers small in size.

I am a fully qualified Montessori teacher and I have been working locally in this area for the past two years. I have grown up in Maynooth and my children are attending the Gaelscoil.

Some of the activities at school will include arts and crafts, music and baking.

I will be holding an open/parents night in August for anybody who may wish to visit the premises and indeed meet myself. If any of you are interested in attending or even just giving me a ring please feel free to do so.

If you would like your child to attend a new pre-school in a home environment which will be full of fun and enjoyment with learning thrown in as well then I look forward to hearing from you.

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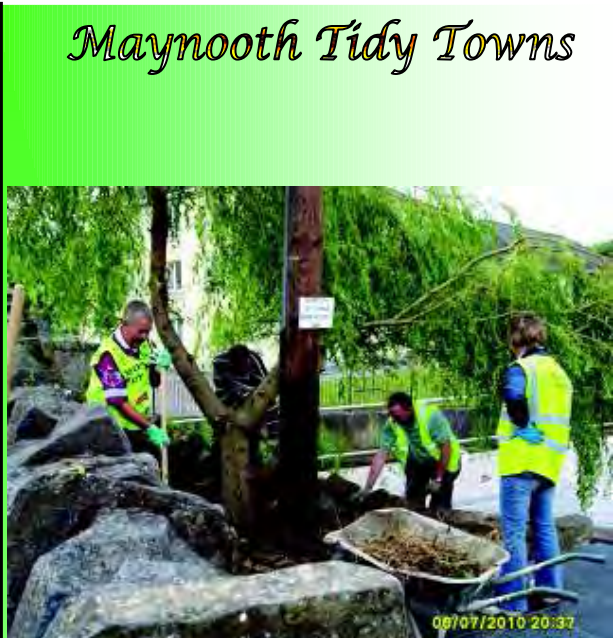


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Rosie O’ Sullivan began selling fresh and seasonal fruit & vegetables in Maynooth in 2006 and has her own organic farm outside Kinnegad. Some Maynooth residents may remember her organic box scheme which she operated in Maynooth in the late 1990s. She also sells her organic eggs from her own hens.

Mary and Austin of Morrin O’Rourke Farm Foods joined Rosie the following year. They produce a range of organic meat and vegetable based pies, using beef and lamb from their farm outside Kilcock alongside breads and sweet pies.

Adrienne joined the market two years ago and sells a large and quite diverse range. She sells a wide variety of organic dried goods ranging from pasta

and rice to dried fruits and soya products whilst also stocking toiletries, environmentally friendly detergents and other products.

Gill joined earlier this year and produces a range of cakes and bakes. These include tea brack, banana bread but most popular at the moment is her lemon drizzle cake. She also makes cupcakes, cookies, brownies, whoopie pies, custard tarts etc.

Robert is the newest recruit to the market selling a wide variety of plants. Every Saturday there is a fabulous array of colourful flower baskets and window boxes alongside assorted house plants, herbs and salad baskets. Baskets, tubs and graveside planters can also be made to order.

The market currently has very loyal and supportive customers but needs more to make it sustainable and a part of Maynooth life for many years to come. The current producers would welcome a few more to the market so please drop down on a Saturday morning if you have any suggestions.



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Presentation Girls Primary School.

Girls School Maynooth Launch their Music CD

With sun in the sky and music in the air we were delighted to welcome TV 3's Anna Daly, Ireland AM's Presenter and 2010 "TV Now Award Winner", to launch our school CD "GNS Melodies". The CD was produced by the girls of the Presentation Girls School Maynooth as part of a school fundraising initiative developed by Enterprise Ireland.

The Presentation Girls School Maynooth which has 470 students, recently benefited from an Enterprise Ireland initiative which focuses on the promotion of enterprise and innovation at primary school level sowing the seeds of business and enterprise and developing skill sets in this area amongst students.

This fantastic CD comprises of 13 tracks sung by pupils from Junior Infants to 6th class in addition to traditional music preformed by the school's Grúpa Cheoil. Teachers, parents and students alike have been mesmerised and entertained by this wonderful creative endeavour! CDs are available to purchase from the school office and all proceeds go towards school funds. The Girls School Maynooth certainly has TALENT!

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6th Class Pupils of Presentation Girls Primary School with Anne Daly (TV3).

Maynooth Tidy Towns

"Best Estates" and "Shop Front" Competitions 2010

Maynooth Tidy Towns has organised these competitions each year since 1993. While the rules used have changed a number of times, these competitions continue to keep the interest of active residents associations and many local businesses that look forward to the results each year. The bad news is that the 2010 judging has already taken place so it is too late to impress the judge for this year. The competitions are judged independently for Maynooth Tidy Towns and each year the judge provides a lot of information to us. The secret (just between us) is that the judge rewards efforts made in the year of judging as distinct from the overall condition of the premises or estate.

Prize-winners will be announced as part of our Annual Award Ceremony (usually held in October) and is sponsored by the Glenroyal Hotel & Leisure Centre. The evening is widely advertised and is open to all to attend. After the official ceremony there are usually some refreshments and an opportunity to meet with others. In fact, planning your work for the 2011 competitions should begin on that night.

National Tidy Towns Competition results due out in early September

From a male tidy town's volunteers perspective, awaiting the first Monday in September and being expectant fathers have some similar emotions, awaiting the results of how Maynooth performed in the National Tidy Towns Competition each year. The judging can take place anytime between June 1st and 31st August and the tidy towns volunteers keep up the effort up until and beyond these dates. In fact work normally begins before St. Patrick's Day with new project being devised and delivered before the maintenance period in the summer. By the time you read your next "Maynooth Newsletter" the wait will be over and the details will be made available.

Thank you for the kind comments about the hanging baskets and flower beds

Every summer since 2003, Maynooth has been blazing in colour from the flowers in the hanging baskets in the town centre. The baskets were donated to Tidy Towns after the local Special Olympics committee erected them for that special event that year. Each year since Maynooth Tidy Towns has arranged the planting and maintenance of the baskets, thanks to local businesses for the financial support to do this work. Again this year the baskets and the flower beds have been planted up and are being maintained and the tidy towns committee appreciate the many positive comments that they have received.

Maynooth Tidy Towns loses our wheels

Being a tidy town's volunteer often means that you need to use your own car as part of the work and then for bigger jobs the committee hire in transport to move waste or bring materials to a project. Then to our surprise two years ago an offer from Maynooth businessman, Jason Dunne (Dowdstown Developments) to give us the use of a pick-up truck meant that we now had transport for our work. The truck was made available to us whenever we needed it and it became a regular sight at tidy towns work sites.

Unfortunately, the van is no longer in use in Maynooth and consequently no longer available to tidy towns. We would like to sincerely thank Jason for the use of the van for the past two years as it made us more effective in our work and avoided the need to use our private cars. The use of Jason's van was a different kind of support that we had not received before and we thank him for his patience and kindness to us and his willingness to facilitate us whenever we asked.

Super Valu Maynooth increase support to local tidy town's effort

As sponsors of the National Tidy Towns Annual Competition, Super Valu has a major interest in the competition. Locally in Maynooth, Eddie Casey's Super Valu is a significant supporter of the Tidy Towns Committee work. As well as providing bedding plants for our St. Patrick's Day float and plants for some of our flower beds each year, Eddie and his team went further this year. The Tidy Towns Committee spends a significant



amount of money on tools and equipment and this year we were delighted to accept some tools and equipment supplied free to us by Super Valu in Maynooth.

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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

GOVERNMENT INACTION ON UNEMPLOYMENT DEPLORABLE

Following the publication of the Live Register figures for June, 2010 by the CSO which shows that 18,708 people in Kildare are signing on, Deputy Emmet Stagg has described the Governments inaction on cutting unemployment as deplorable.

The numbers of people signing on in Co. Kildare has risen from 5,411 people in May, 2007 to 18,708 people at the end of June 2010. That's a 246% increase whilst Nationally the number has increased by 194%. Co. Kildare is been hit harder than the rest of the Country and North Kildare has been particularly hit badly with the numbers signing on increasing by 315% since May, 2007 at the Maynooth Labour Exchange. The Government stated Deputy Stagg does not have a plan to get people back to work and seem intent on simply allowing this economic and social problem to fester.

Deputy Stagg stated that we needed to build confidence in our people and get them back spending in the economy. The best way to build confidence was to see unemployment reducing. If we can do this then there is a real chance that the Country can recover from the serious economic crisis that we are in at present. Reducing unemployment would send a message to people that the worst is over and that we have turned the corner economically.

The Labour Party has proposed the following measures to help Job Protection and Job Creation:

The establishment of a Strategic Investment Bank which would use €2 Billion from the National Pension Reserve Fund to support commercial investments of up to €20 Billion in critical infrastructure projects and innovative start-ups and Small and Medium Enterprises.

A major school building programme to take 40,000 children out of prefabs and put them into proper classrooms. Increase investment in National House Insulation Programme. Renationalisation of Eircom to provide a suitable vehicle for immediate roll out of Broadband Nationwide. Measures, including Tax Breaks, to assist employers to take people off the live register. Significant investment in education and training places for those losing jobs and those going straight from school into unemployment.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that the Labour Party in Government would be pro-active in stimulating the Economy to reduce unemployment.

APPROVAL TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR NEW GAELSCOIL Uí FHIAICH ISSUES

Deputy Emmet Stagg has again questioned the Tanaiste and Minister for Education and Skills in relation to the awarding of the contract for the building of the permanent school for Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich in Maynooth.

The Tanaiste has now advised Deputy Stagg that her Department recently authorised the Board of Management of the School to issue a letter of acceptance to the preferred bidder and to arrange for

the contract to be signed.

Welcoming the news Deputy Stagg congratulated the teachers and parents at the school on their success. The pupils will now have a State of the Art modern 16 classroom building and hopefully the new school will be ready for the new school year in September 2011.

STAGG AGAIN RAISES PHASE 3C OF NAAS GENERAL HOSPITAL WITH HARNEY

Deputy Emmet Stagg has again raised with the Minister for Health the position in relation to the inclusion of Phase 3C of Naas General Hospital in the HSE Revised Capital Programme 2010 to 2014.

In her most recent response to Deputy Stagg the Minister advised that consideration by the HSE of its Draft Capital Plan 2010 to 2014 was at an advanced stage and when concluded it would be subject to the consent of both herself and the Minister for Finance.

Commenting on the Ministers response Deputy Stagg stated that the review of the Capital Programme for 2010 to 2014 has effectively been ongoing since Budget 2009 but it appeared we were now nearing a conclusion. Whilst we await the outcome of the review we had on average 11 patients on trolleys each day last week in Naas General Hospital, with 18 on trolleys on Monday July 5th.

Phase 3C of Naas General Hospital includes the provision of 2 additional 31 bed wards at the Hospital, Enhanced Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy services and the building of a new catering department to provide facilities for 255 patients and 800 staff. Tenders were invited for the €28 Million project in October 2007 and a Preferred Contractor was recommended but then the Government pulled the plug on the project.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would continue to pressurise the Government on this critical issue of importance to the Health and Care of

Kildare people.

MCGINLEY DEMANDS REJECTION OF KILCOCK ROAD PLANS

At the Celbridge Area Committee Meeting yesterday Cllr. John McGinley called for the National Transport Authority's (NTA) Pilot Cycle Scheme for the Kilcock Road, Maynooth to be rejected.

John stated that the NTA proposal to spend €1m on this pilot cycle scheme is senseless i.e. there are very few cyclists on this road as students who cycle use the Parson Street entrance to NUIM and creating a bus lane on this few hundred metres is ironic at a time when Dublin Bus are doing away with the 66 service to Kilcock.

John's main annoyance is that if the scheme is put in place it will result in traffic chaos in Maynooth. This will arise as a result of the plans for the junction at the Church i.e. :

Removal of the left turn filter lane from Mill Street to the Kilcock Road which will result in a build up of traffic back to Main Street. Likewise the removal of the left turn filter lane from Kilcock Road to Moyglare Road will result in a build up of traffic on the Kilcock Road.

John also stated that the Planning Conditions imposed on NUIM recently for the new Library will enhance safety on the Kilcock Road and that the proposed spend of €1m on the cycle plans is a complete waste of money.

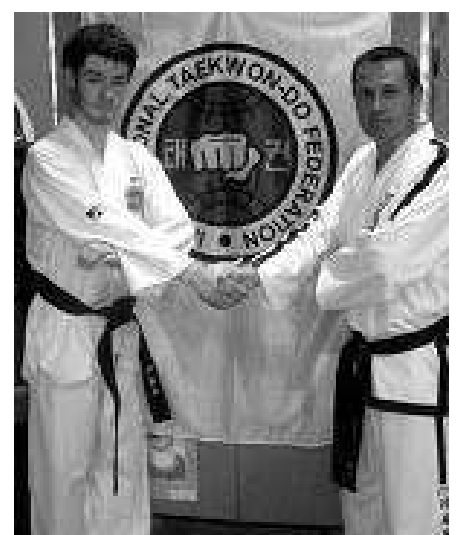
Residents of Maynooth can help Cllr. McGinley put a halt to this madness by objecting to Kildare County Council. Submissions must be made in writing before the 10th August and should be headed as follows:

"Traffic Management improvement on Kilcock Road (R148) adjacent to NUIM Maynooth" and address to: Senior Executive Officer, Transport & Public Safety, Kildare County Council, Devoy Park, Naas.

Maynooth Taekwon-Do School

Maynooth Taekwon-Do School (RITA) are celebrating their latest Black Belt. Ciaran Hickey was promoted to 1st Degree Black Belt at the recent International Instructors Course. Ciaran had to perform in front of Senior Master Phelan, Senior Master Barrett, Master Howard and Master Jacob plus an audience including 6th, 5th and 4th Degrees. He overcame his nerves to pass the grading and get promoted to the coveted Black Belt rank.

His Instructor Mr Stephen Doyle 6th Degree presented him with the Black Belt during training to a round of applause from the rest of the Maynooth students.



Maynooth Golf Society

Result Sheet

Outing To Rathcore GC

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Next venue: Shay Moore Cup at Athlone Golf Club
21st August Tee-time 9.30-11.00

Maynooth Golf Society outing to Rathcore Golf Club on Saturday 24th July was played in good weather conditions on this well maintained and difficult course. 32 members played for the Joe Murray Memorial Cup at Rathcore. The winner was Brendan Leigh with a score of 35 points, Barry Farrell was 2nd with 34 points, and Tommy Campbell was 3rd with 32 points all other results are listed above. Derek Murray who sponsored this outing presented the prizes and the memorial cup in honour of his late father Joe Murray in Caulfield's that evening to a large number of the society's members and friends. We would like to thank Derek and the Murray family for their sponsorship and continued support of the golf society. Thanks also to all who attended this outing, our next outing is the Shay Moore Cup at Athlone Golf Club on Saturday 21st August tee-time 9.30-11.00am

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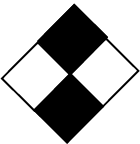
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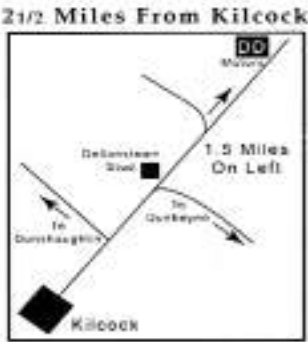


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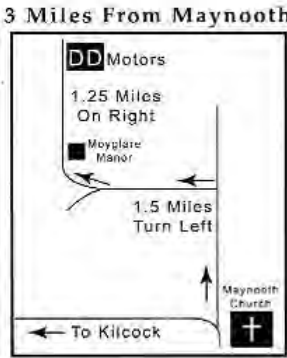
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Carmel Reilly.

When a young person passes away it sends shock waves through a community, not least because of the impact on our lives but we are saddened by the untimeliness and unfairness of such a tragedy, and rightly so. However if like Carmel Reilly one lives to be ninety nine years of age the impact is lessened by the passing of time. So those of us who knew Carmel for at least part of her life, and the impact she had on us, must not allow the moment to pass.

Carmel spent her life caring for others, not only in her career as a nurse but also in this community. I joined the Red Cross as a teenager and it was from this organisation that the Senior Citizens Committee was born. Carmel was a founding member of our committee which took place in May 1965. Having been first put through our paces in First Aid by Dr. John Cullen we were then passed over to Carmel to be trained in home nursing. She knew back then how important it was to be able to care for an older person in their own home. The many excellent carers we have today will appreciate that concept. A fact that the powers that be in 2010 have still to get their heads around.

Carmel, together with the other members, continued to work quietly building the committee while meeting the needs of our older people. During the sixties and seventies their needs were different than they are today. Older people were more isolated then and visiting was an integral part of members work, and this Carmel did with generosity and enthusiasm. For example, when most of us were concentrating on the trappings and trimmings of Christmas morning, Carmel and others were quietly visiting those older people who needed them most.

Having contributed so much to our committee Carmel then, in latter years, enjoyed the activities of the club, which she so richly deserved. She loved a good card game, the trips, the holidays, in fact Carmel loved life and lived it to the full. That said she never forgot the importance of what we did and continued to advise us accordingly. Carmel was an example to all of us and I feel privileged to have known her. Those who did not know her cannot remember those who did cannot forget.

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Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People & People with a Disability.

Michael Fitzpatrick T.D. for Kildare North is urging qualifying applicants to apply for grants under the following Housing & Mobility Grant Schemes.

The 2010 allocation to Kildare County Council for Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes for Older People and People with a Disability increased by €1.880m

Housing Aid for Older People Scheme: This scheme provides grants of up to **€10,500** to assist older people living in poor housing conditions to have necessary repairs or improvements carried out.

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability: This scheme provides grants of up to **€30,000**. The grant assists people with a disability to have necessary adaptations, repairs or improvement works carried out in order to make their accommodation more suitable for their needs and to facilitate the continued occupancy of their own homes.

Mobility Aids Grant Scheme: This scheme is available to fast track grants of up to **€6,000** to cover a basic suite of works to address the mobility problems, primarily but not necessarily associated with ageing, of a member of a household.

The allocation to Kildare County Council for these works in 2010 amounts to €3.750m.

Application forms available from Kildare County Council or my office- Town Hall Lane, Naas.

Government announces extra €55m investment in start-up firms.

The number of high-potential start-up (HPSU) firms the Government

supports through investment will rise to 100 within six years after an extra €55 million was set aside to give early-stage entrepreneurs capital to get their businesses off the ground, according to the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Innovation, Batt O’Keeffe TD.

The Government expects the number of new HPSUs generated by supports from its indigenous job creation agency, Enterprise Ireland, to rise from 70 this year to 100 by 2016 following the extra €55 million funding injection.

In welcoming this news, Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick who is a member of the Enterprise, Trade & Innovation Committee, added that last year, “Enterprise Ireland supported 73 HPSUs, with the same number forecast for this year. Supporting promising entrepreneurs is a key priority for this Government. I would urge entrepreneurs in Kildare with a business idea to contact Enterprise Ireland’s high-potential start-up unit. “

Enterprise Ireland’s annual budget for the

HPSUs is €22 million. But over the next six years, the Government will allocate another €55 million to the agency to ramp up the number of HPSUs. That will bring the total Government investment in HPSUs to €187 million between 2011 and 2016.


Each year, Enterprise Ireland gives between 200 and 250 potential entrepreneurs feasibility grants of about €15,000 after evaluating their business ideas. The 73 HPSUs supported last year projected that they will create more than 1,000 Irish jobs within the immediate three-year period following Government support.

“It is Government policy to support Irish early-stage entrepreneurs with increased funding so that we can drive export-led growth in the domestic economy, create jobs and generate investor confidence. The extra €55 million the Government has committed to HPSUs over the next six years demonstrates our commitment to driving a new culture of entrepreneurship

in Ireland. In addition to the immediate job creation potential, many of these HPSUs will continue to grow and generate significant numbers of high-quality new Irish jobs over many years,” said Deputy Fitzpatrick

Separately, the Government has allocated €6 million to a programme called **Lean Business**, run by Enterprise Ireland, which aims to make up to 400 firms more competitive by grant-aiding cost reduction and productivity projects. Check out their website on www.enterprise-ireland.com


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Maynooth selected for €1m investment in Showcase Cycle Facilities says Brady

€1m has been allocated by the National Transport Authority to improve the facilities for cyclists and public transport users on the Kilcock Road in Maynooth according to Local TD and Minister of State Aine Brady.

'The National Transport Authority (NTA) has identified Maynooth, as one of a small number of pilot projects to develop best practice schemes, to showcase the new approach to designing of cycling facilities in the country.'

'Over the last number of years, NUI Maynooth have prepared plans to design a new entrance to the North Campus. Detailed discussion have now taken place between NUI Maynooth, the NTA and Kildare County Council which now form the basis for this exciting project for Maynooth.' stated Minister Brady.

'The main aspects to the project include, the narrowing of the current carriageway from Laraghbryan Cemetery to the Junction of the Moyglare Road, to a 2-way streetscape (8m wide). This will allow safer on-carriageway cycling opportunities. The footpaths will be widened and improved public lighting will be provided. Landscaping of areas which was a formerly asphalted carriageway is also included in the project plans.'


'It is also proposed to remove the current pedestrian over bridge. A bus lane and signalised "bus gate" facility is also proposed, and this will be the first stretch of bus lane construction within County Kildare, giving the opportunity to improve the Bus Service to/from Maynooth.'

'Overall, this is an exciting opportunity for Maynooth, offering safer access to local schools and the College, improved Bus Service and better facilities for cyclists. I want to congratulate all those involved and I hope that construction will start in September or October of this year after all relevant approvals have been given.' concluded Minister Brady.


Improved Bus Service for Maynooth Commuters says Brady

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady, has been informed by Dublin Bus that it has plans to improve its level of service for Maynooth Bus Commuters.

'Dublin Bus has informed me that Route 67 will now be extended to Moylgare Road and Route 66 will be extended to serve Beaufield and



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both projects as soon as possible.' concluded Minister Brady.

Minister Brady urges Kildare students to apply early for grants

Kildare Fianna Fáil TD and Minister of State, Áine Brady has urged local students to make an early application for grants.

"The details have just been announced for the student maintenance grant

schemes for the coming academic year and I would encourage students to get their applications in early."

"This year's student maintenance grant schemes have undergone a number of changes to make the application process easier and to ensure that students receive their grant on time."

"The positive changes will mean that students can apply earlier for their grant; the grant application form is now more user-friendly and can be downloaded from www.studentfinance.ie; and advance payments will be made to awarding authorities to allow prompt payment to students."

"The income limits for maintenance grants and payment of the student services charge will remain unchanged despite the downward trend in average earnings. Those parents or guardians with fewer than four dependent children can earn up to €51,380 without having to pay the student service charge."

"For families on low incomes, the annual income threshold for students getting the higher special rate of maintenance grant is being increased from €22,308 to €22,703 ensuring that students from families on the lowest incomes and in receipt of an eligible long-term social protection payment will continue to qualify for maximum rates of grant."

"All CAO applicants will be contacted directly to encourage early grant application. As almost two out of every five students qualify for some sort of financial support I would encourage students and their families to explore all of the options," concluded Minister Brady.

Meadowbrook area.'

'Dublin Bus Management has also informed my that all 66's and 67's will be extended in the city to Wilton Terrace (Leeson St) which will give a full 7 day access across the central business district.'

'Route number 67a will no longer be used. The proposed new terminus for Route 67 will be at Moyglare Hall in Maynooth and will operate to Leeson Street Bridge (Wilton Terrace) via Moyglare Road, Maynooth Village, Straffan Road, Celbridge Road, Celbridge, Lucan Village and Chapelizod to the City Centre.' stated Minister Brady

'Route 66 will still operate from Straffan Road Railway Bridge, Maynooth via the Meadowbrook area and Main Street, Maynooth and will be extended to Leeson Street Bridge (Wilton Terrace).'

'Since getting elected, I have continued to raise the level of service for our Bus Commuters and am delighted to see these improvements been implemented from July of this year. Dublin Bus have planned an information session at Superquinn Shopping Centre, Lucan, Friday May 14th, 2.00pm - 8.00pm.' concluded Minister Brady.

Additional Accommodation approved for Maynooth Post Primary School says Brady

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady, has been informed by the Tanaiste and Minister for Education that her Department has approved the purchase of Temporary Additional Accommodation for the Maynooth Post Primary School.

'The Minister has informed me that she

has approved the purchase of the temporary accommodation for the school. The approval has been granted to the school under the Temporary Accommodation 2010 Scheme, and the Department will contact the school in the coming days in relation to this development.' concluded Minister Brady.

Kildare secures significant Investment in Wastewater Treatment plants says Brady

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady, has welcomed the announcement by the Minister for the Environment that the Osberstown Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade and Lower Liffey Valley Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade have been included in the schemes to start construction under the Water Services Investment Programme 2010-2012.

'€22m has been allocated for the Osberstown Waste Water Treatment Plant and €17.5m has been allocated to for the Lower Liffey Valley Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade.'

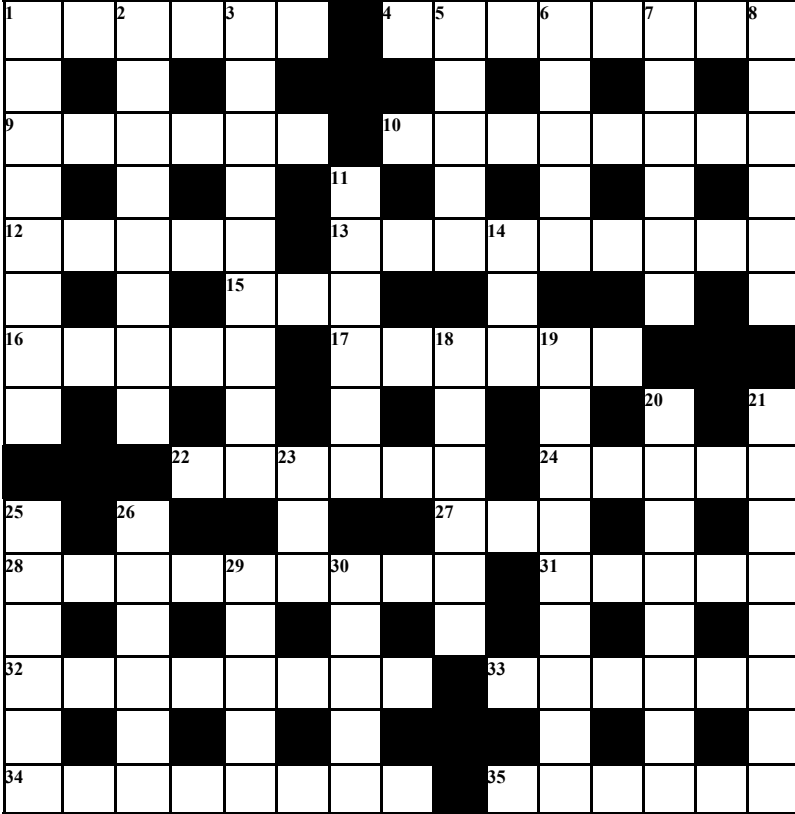
'This commitment comes on top of significant investment in Wastewater Treatment Facilities in recent years and will meet current demands for such facilities and will enable future sustainable developments to take place in the County.'

'I want to congratulate Kildare Co Co for the professional approach they adopted in securing this necessary funding from the Department of the Environment. In recent months, I have met with Minister Gormley to highlight the importance of securing this investment for the county. I am delighted that the county has been successful in securing this funding and I look forward to work commencing on

August 2010 Crossword

Across.

- 1. Stand up to (6)
- 4. Fastened together (8)
- 9. Spectres, wraiths (6)
- 10. In a resentful manner (8)
- 12. Straight edge for drawing lines (5)
- 13. Fondness, tenderness (9)
- 15. Goal, object (3)
- 16. Happening, occurrence (5)
- 17. Hairy growths (6)
- 22. Toward land from the sea (6)
- 24. Piece of cutlery (5)
- 27. Groove or furrow (3)
- 28. Cleansing, purifying (9)
- 31. To the time that (5)
- 32. Not a member of a group (8)
- 33. On a ship, train or plane (6)
- 34. Person holding official authorisation (8)
- 35. Fully developed animals (6)



Down.

- 1. Considered or deemed to be (8)
- 2. Take burden onto this joint (8)
- 3. Soaks (9)
- 5. Robber (5)
- 6. Room at the top (5)
- 7. Showing extreme courage (6)
- 8. Remove the moisture (6)
- 11. Tall woody plant (6)
- 14. Organ of hearing (3)
- 18. Precis, synopsis (6)
- 19. Changed the set arrangement or made uneasy (9)
- 20. Loft a lob in this game (8)
- 21. Considers as part of something (8)
- 23. Belonging to a female (3)
- 25. Round shape formed by a series of concentric circles (6)
- 26. Inactive, motionless (6)
- 29. Foreign (5)
- 30. In that place (5)

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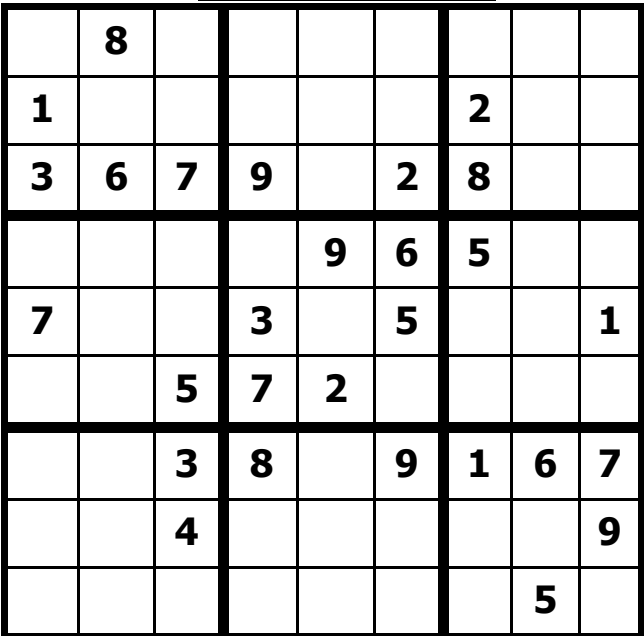
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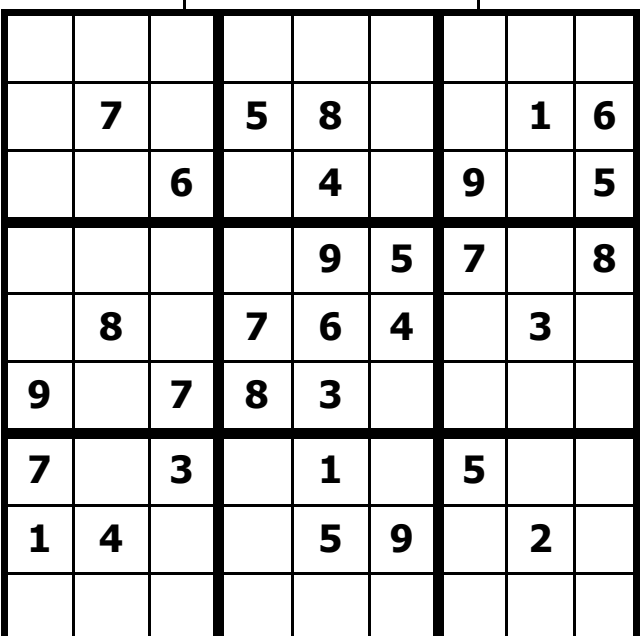
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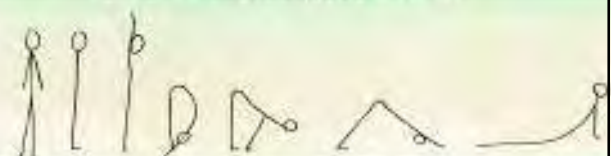
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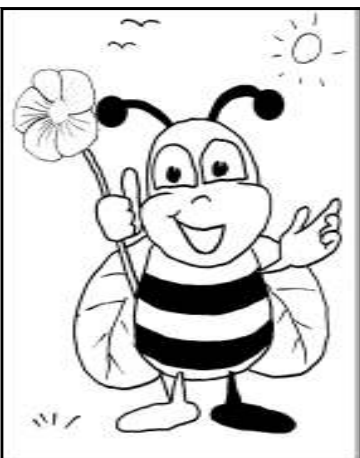
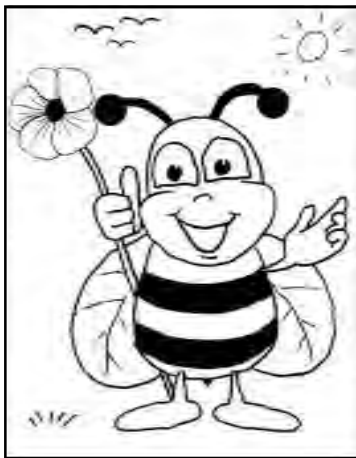
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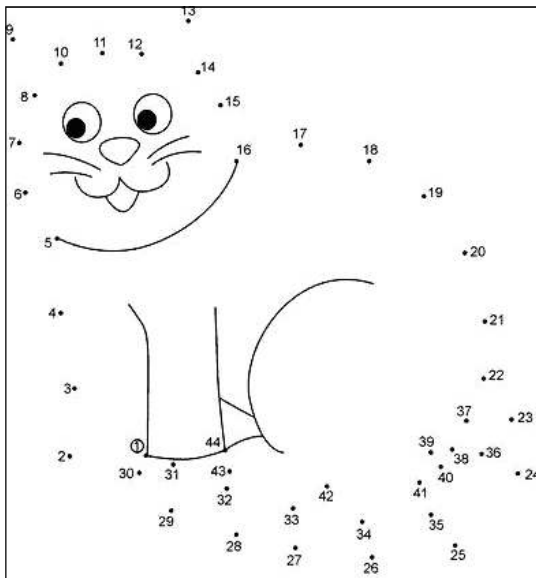
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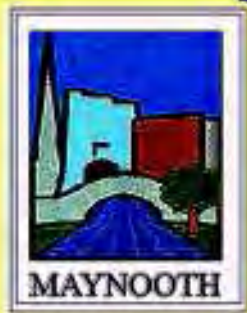
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L/R Declan O'Connor, Hilda Dunne, Maurice Fitzgerald (Duke of Leinster) Colm Ó Cearúil (Cathaoirleach, Maynooth Community Council) and Fiona Fitzgerald (Duchess of Leinster), Céad Míle Fáilte to the Fitzgeralds back to Maynooth.

The event commenced at 2.30pm on Saturday 28th August 2010 at St. Mary's (COI), Parsons Street, Maynooth. This was the third successive year that the Group organised this event. Attendance was approximately 35, a disappointing fall from an estimated 100 in 2009.

Maurice Fitzgerald, the Duke of Leinster, was in attendance with his wife Fiona. Seamus Cullen, a group member, gave a history of the Church and some of its very unique features and afterwards Maurice Fitzgerald laid a wreath at the base of the tower in memory of his ancestors. A respectful minute's silence followed.

The walk then proceeded into St. Patrick's College to the nearby "Silken" Thomas Yew Tree. Matt Kennedy, a group member, gave a brief talk about "Silken" Thomas Fitzgerald, who as a young man, went into open rebellion against King Henry VIII. Matt pointed out that "Silken" Thomas was now a largely forgotten figure in Irish History and that his life and achievements

deserved a review and rehabilitation. Councillor Shane Fitzgerald from Leixlip placed a commemorative wreath at the tree and tied a yellow ribbon to it. Local legend is that "Silken" Thomas, in some free artistic and quality time, played his lute under this tree.

The walk proceeded down Main Street where certain buildings and memorials associated with the Fitzgerald Family were pointed out, including Williams Bridge (in Mill Street), the Leinster Arms, Caulfields Pub (formerly the Geraldine Arms) and the 1798 Memorial at the head of Carton Avenue.

Proceeding through Carton Avenue and into Carton Demesne, the group assembled at the private cemetery of the Fitzgerald Family where Seamus Cullen spoke about a number of the Fitzgerald family who were interred there. Maurice Fitzgerald then gave a brief address in reply, thanking the attendees. There was a sad and poignant moment when the Duke and the

Duchess recalled the tragic death of their only son in a Road Traffic Accident in Ireland and he said it was their intention to plant a Memorial Tree in the Cemetery. The assistant Editor of the Kildare Archaeological Journal, Eamon Kane gave a bi-lingual address and presented Maurice Fitzgerald with a current copy of its Journal. Eamon pointed out that he remembered meeting Maurice Fitzgerald when he (Maurice Fitzgerald) was a young boy living in Kilkea Castle.

The event took approximately 2 hours, the rain threatened but held off and interesting conversation followed over cups of tea and coffee in Carton House.

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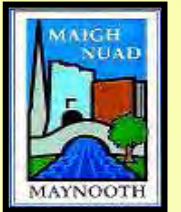


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Editorial

September is always the month of new beginnings, particularly in Maynooth as all the schools return to education but here the University students also arrive or return to the College. This makes Maynooth quite unique in Ireland, the only small town to boast not one but two Universities. This year there are more students than ever before entering the third-level institutions and Maynooth is no exception. The state of the economy means that more and more people consider full-time education as the only way to get a decent job. There will be a greater strain on the creaking facilities in all Universities; the funding was inadequate in boom times and now the cuts are becoming obvious as tutors disappear and the retiring staff are not replaced in most cases. The question of how Universities should be funded will raise the issue of fees again and this debate will surely rage during the next number of years. There are additional facilities at the National University of Ireland Maynooth this year as a further new building is unveiled and there are plans in place for the new library. Even so, there are hardly enough lecture theatres for the incoming students. This September is also a month of endings as the present President, Dr John Hughes, leaves for Bangor University in Wales. His place will be taken temporarily by Dr Tom Collins and he takes office on 1st October.

The issue of funding arises in the case of FÁS also, with the money for training being questioned by the EU. The Community Council has funded projects since its inception, through good and bad times, and the present newspaper is produced by such a project. We would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate these project workers and supervisors who work so hard for the Council and for the *Newsletter*.

The last week of August was Heritage Week and there seems to be an upsurge of interest in cultural and heritage events. There was a very varied programme of events all over the country with the Heritage Council funding some of these.

Here in Maynooth, the Castle and the Fitzgerald family were the focus of events as can be seen from the story feature on our front page. In the neighbouring country of Meath, the third Feis Teamhra (Festival of Tara) took place beside the Interpretative Centre on the Hill of Tara. This is also featured in the paper this month. Perhaps the economic downturn has changed people's priorities and focused attention on what is really important to us and indeed what we are really good at – creative writing, music, singing and culture in general. One of those who epitomized for many what it was to be Irish was Mick Lally aka Miley in Glenroe. His sad passing this week cannot go unmentioned. He began his acting career while a student in NUI

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Stone-built castles like that at Maynooth were a novel feature on the Irish landscape in the late twelfth and early thirteenth centuries. Giraldus Cambrensis, the contemporary historian of the Normans in Ireland, tells us that the Irish “pay no regard to castles, but use the woods as their strongholds and the marshes as their entrenchments”. He also noted that the Irish were at a disadvantage because they went “naked” into battle against the heavily armoured Norman knights. (By this he meant simply that the Irish wore no armour - not no clothes!) For the Normans the castle was a key factor in both their military and their settlement policy. When they occupied a new territory they built a castle at the best available position for defence, in the case of Maynooth at the junction of two streams. Then, around the castle and under its protection, the Norman dominated community could develop.

But all this was in the future when Maurice Fitzgerald came to Maynooth in 1176. Maynooth, in Irish Magh Nuadha, Maigh Nuad or Má Nuad, “the plain of Nuadha”, was part of the tribal kingdom of the O’Byrnes called Uí Fáeláin, or, by the invaders, Offelan. Uí Fáeláin means “the descendants of Fáelán”, an eighth century ruler of the clan who became over-king of all Leinster. The name O’Byrne, or Uí Briúin, “the descendants of Brión”, comes from another member of the dynasty, who lived in the fifth century and his name survives today in the townland of Laraghbryan, a mile and a half from the town of Maynooth on the road to Kilcock. Laraghbryan, Láithreach Briúin, means the place or area or sanctuary of Brión or the Uí Briúin. The position of Offelan/Uí Fáeláin and its relation to the fourteenth-century county of Kildare can be seen on the accompanying maps. It was one of a number of sub-kingdoms competing for dominance and the title of king of

Leinster. Uí Fáeláin, whose territory was east and west of the Liffey around Naas and northern Kildare, had produced several kings of Leinster, one of whom, Máel Mórda, fell fighting with his Norse allies against Brian Boru at the battle of Clontarf in 1014. But at the time of the Normans arrival the king of Leinster was Diarmait MacMurrough of Uí Chennselaig in south Leinster, whose capital was at Ferns. Dublin at this period was a Norse town ruled by a Norse king.

In an interesting article in the *Irish Ecclesiastical Record* for February 1940, “Maynooth Parish Church Centenary (1840-1940)”, the V. Rev. Michael T. MacSweeney P.P. traces references in the Irish annals to the Maynooth area in pre-Norman times. These annals are the great records of Irish history compiled by the monks in some of the larger monasteries, often incorporating material from earlier annals, now lost, of smaller monasteries. The annals set out in the form of a calendar, year by year over the centuries, the events which the compilers thought worthy of record. Unfortunately, they seldom thought it worth noting the doings of anybody except kings, abbots, bishops and the powerful, so we cannot hope to learn from them anything of the lives of the ordinary people of the Maynooth area. But they do give some interesting references to the area. The Book of Leinster tells us that the Nuadha who gave his name to Maynooth was Nuadha Neacht, king of Ireland around 110 B.C., and that he was an ancestor of the famous Finn, the leader of the Fianna. Fr. MacSweeney also discusses the possibility that the site of the ruined church and graveyard at Donaghmore/ Domnach Mór, or Grangewilliam, just to the east of present day Maynooth may have been a resting place for St. Patrick on one of his journeys.

The clearest and most unambiguous references to the Maynooth area in the annals are to the monastery of

Láithreach Briúin or Laraghbryan. The references are brief and scattered but they cover a period of five hundred years before the coming of the Normans. They begin with the tantalisingly brief report for the year A.D. 656 that a cow appeared at Láithreach Briúin “which calved four calves” No explanation is given of the importance of this phenomenon which made it worth its place among the battles and deaths of the great of that year, and Fr MacSweeney speculates that it may have been a copying error. For A.D. 766 the death of Glaindibur the abbot of Láithreach Briúin is recorded; for the year 856 that of “Cormac, scribe and bishop”, and for 901 the death of another abbot, “Fogartach, son of Flann.”

Finally there is a last sad double entry in the Annals of the Four Masters. For both 1036 and 1040 the annalist reports that Láithreach Briúin was burned and plundered by the men of Meath. The eleventh century was one of particularly fierce struggle for the high kingship of Ireland. This involved most parts of the country at various times, and the map shows how vulnerable Láithreach Briúin, in Uí Faéláin at the very north of the province of Leinster, must have been to raiders from Meath which was then a separate province.

Mary Cullen



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Galway before joining the Irish language theatre, *An Taibhdhearc*, and then joining Garry Hynes and Marie Mullen to form Druid. The accolades that flowed into all the media over the last number of days demonstrate the love and the appreciation that people felt for this man. His humanity, intelligence, sense of fairness, his love of books, his love of the Irish language, his extraordinary eloquence in both languages touched the entire country, particularly through his roles on television. He did not look down on soap opera and he proved this again in the past two years when he worked with *Ros na Rún*. We have a lot to learn from Mick – particularly to build positively on where we excel.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Music to our ears

Generations of Maynooth people have been members of St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band and it continues to be an important asset to the town. The first reliable evidence of a band in Maynooth can be traced back to the late 18th century (1796) when it was recorded that a band led a parade of dignitaries through the town on the way to the laying of the foundation stone for new buildings in the college which was founded the previous year in 1795.

However, in the mid 19th century there appears to have been two competing bands in Maynooth "Mahon's Band" and "Bagnet's Band" and there are stories told of both bands playing up and down the town vying for recognition.

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band has performed at several important historic events including the funerals of Daniel O'Connell, the great Irish Liberator (1847) and Charles Stuart Parnell (1891) as well as religious events in Dublin's Phoenix Park, the Eucharistic Conference (1932) and the visit of Pope John Paul in 1979.

Public Transport

Have you noticed how the paving on the footpath outside "Mantra" in Main Street has curved lines unlike any other part of the footpaths which were replaced as part of the town streetscape upgrade in the late 1990's following the opening of the M4 Motorway in 1995?

The reason for the curved paving is to mark the original line of the footpath which dates back to the early 19th century when the original building was a coaching house. The coaching house was served by the regular Bianconi horse drawn carriage service and the footpath was curved in to allow the carriages to pull in. The Bianconi service survived in many areas until it was replaced by the railways.

Sport

With the recent success of Kildare GAA football in reaching the Senior Football Semi-Final and particular interest with two players from Maynooth (Paul & Karl) involved and three local girls playing for the county in Junior Camogie there were many club flags evident around the town. Did you know that the now familiar black and white were not the original Maynooth colours? Maynooth GAA Club colours were originally green and orange. They were changed to black and white in 1889 to commemorate the death of Tommy Cullen, a nephew of Cardinal Cullen at a match in Monasterevin.

Maynooth's Spire

Did you know that Maynooth's most famous landmark, the spire was completed in 1902? It is the tallest spire in the Republic. It got something of a bad press in some quarters when it was first built being described as a "dagger through the heart of Ireland". It was funded by diocesan collection with the levy for each diocese based on the number of free places it enjoyed at the college for its seminarians. For the Millennium (2000) the local community came together and with the agreement of St. Patrick's College and financial support from local business the spire was illuminated. At night it can now be easily identified from several high points in every direction outside Maynooth. Keep an eye out to see if you can see it.

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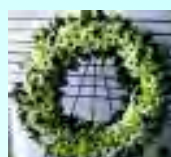
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Tidy Towns Competition 2010

Adjudication Report

Centre:	Maynooth	Ref:	377
County:	Kildare	Mark:	275
Category:	F	Date(s):	June 2010

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2010
Overall Development Approach	50	44
The Built Environment	50	36
Landscaping	50	42
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	29
Litter Control	50	30
Waste Minimisation	20	11
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets, and Back Areas	50	32
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	400	275

Overall Development Approach:

Maynooth is welcome to the 2010 National TidyTowns Competition. Thank you for your submission which was helpful in adjudication, particularly your map. It is good to note your coordinated and integrated approach to your TidyTowns activities and the participation of all town stake-holders in the TidyTowns Competition and in particular well done on the support from the business community. We note your communication activities which appear to be most effective in raising awareness of the work of the TidyTowns group. Well done on the liaison officer who maintains a close contact with the Green Schools committees in the three primary schools and the post-primary school. This will make an important contribution to the success of TidyTowns in Maynooth in the years to come. Finally, your endeavours to build good relations between the 6,500 student population and the local community are commendable and congratulations on the outcome of the letter emailed to students regarding their impact on the town during Rag Week. We wish you success in the implementation of your five year rolling work plan 2010-2015.

The Built Environment:

Maynooth features an attractive layout and street pattern with interesting laneways and enjoys high visual amenity in terms of its streetscape in the town centre. Business premises are for the most part maintained to a high standard and indeed there are some very attractive properties, the Fitzgerald, the Roost Bar and Lounge Restaurant being one example. Avoid canopies and awnings like those featured on the Moulin Rouge premises. Congratulations on work achieved to date under this category in the competition. Encourage shop owners to pay attention to their window display, particularly in respect of the positioning of posters and other signs as these can spoil an otherwise good shopfront. Be cognisant also of the streetscape at night in respect of window displays and the negative impact of security shutters. Maynooth enjoys an excellent heritage in terms of its built environment and there is strong commitment to its protection.

Landscaping:

The gracious visual amenity value of the trees along Main Street has been noted in previous reports; your adjudicator this year respectfully suggests that you maintain the boles of trees clear of growth to highlight their profile as a feature. Yet again the overall presentation and maintenance of your hard landscaped Market Square is noted. Container flower displays and flowerbeds, have been admired at numerous locations around the town. Perhaps the plinth to the road edge to the GAA club premises could feature container flower displays also. The feasibility of greening the overpass on the entrance to the town from the Kilcock road might be explored to soften its visual impact.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The wildflower displays along the verges on the Moyglare entrance to the town looked wonderful at the time of adjudication, perhaps the roadside edge of the verge could be maintained neatly trimmed to give it greater definition. The same

suggestion applies for verges along the entrance from the Kilcock approach road. The Laraghbyrne Cemetery is neatly maintained and access here is good. The canal amenity area / harbour was being enjoyed at the time of our visit by fishing enthusiasts as well as families with young children feeding the ducks; your fishing return policy is noted. We wish you every success with your reinstatement plans for The Green and small Pound Parks which will include wildlife areas and hopefully funding will be secured for your new wildlife signage. It is anticipated that your meeting with Waterways Ireland and FAS regarding the island and the Canal Harbour will be fruitful. Your flagship project for 2010 on the banks of the Joan Slade river is commendable and no doubt you will get all the support that you need from volunteers for its maintenance.

Litter Control:

Litter control appears to be strong in Maynooth however some was noted at the Budgies Pet Shop premises and some on Charter School Road, amounts were not significant but worth noting nonetheless. The problem of the stolen litter bin lids is unusual and we note your commitment to replacing these. The TidyTowns school liaison person, which is new role in 2010 and involves litter pick as part of an adopt an area initiative, is commendable and well done to all the children who are involved, well done also to the Junior TidyTowns members. Your other initiatives such as the mobile phone text system and the encouragement to business owners to take responsibility for the area outside of their premises are noted as is the provision of new bins.

Waste Minimisation:

Congratulations to the Maynooth Post-Primary School on the achievement of their second Green Flag for waste minimisation; the proposed report on waste minimisation activities at the university will provide the necessary information to motivate other town stake-holders to review their waste processes. Well done on the sixteen tons of electrical waste which was recycled in Naas through the school websites and other media. Your pilot project with SuperValu Maynooth should become a permanent and significant part of recycling in Maynooth and the medical aids initiative working with the Jack and Jill Foundation is unusual and most fruitfull.

Tidiness:

Your initiative regarding advertisement hoardings is noted and we wish you every success with site and property owners in relation to these. Hopefully the extra large advertisement hoarding on the gable of the Avenue Café premises will be one of the ones that will be removed. Wirescape in Maynooth is not particularly visually obtrusive and what does exist is hidden by the foliage of the trees along Main Street. Lanes and side areas in general look well and no doubt the few undeveloped sites will be either developed in the short term future or successfully screened. Weed control is quite good.

Residential Areas:

A number of boundary walls to dwellings along the Moyglare road were in need of improvement. The charming terrace of single storey dwellings along Charter School Lane are being nicely maintained and the presentation of Pebble Hill and Carton Square on Charter School Road is admirable. The feasibility of providing more planting to the apartments over the shopping centre might be investigated as these have quite a high profile when viewed from the Kilcock road together with the overpass bridge, both present a harsh visual impact. Well done on the annual awards which make an important contribution to the overall appearance of residential areas within Maynooth.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Road and footpath surfaces are quite good throughout the town and on approach roads and your representations to Kildare County Council to have cycle lanes freshly delineated are applauded. Street furniture overall is well presented with just a few items in need of cleaning and street nameplates were both numerous and in good condition; a few litter bins were in need of washing. Your representations to Kildare County Council to resurface back lanes and repair kerbing are noted and we look forward to the completion of the project to name roundabouts and bridges in the town. Good luck also on your lighting and signage initiative as part of reinstatement works for the Small Pound and the The Green.

General Impression:

Well done on yet another fine presentation, congratulations on projects achieved to date and the best of luck regarding future projects, particularly those that involve undeveloped sites and derelict properties and thank you for a fine submission in 2010.

Maynooth GAA News

MAYNOOTH GAA NOTES

ALL-IRELAND WINNERS

Well done to the Kildare camogie team who were crowned All-Ireland Junior A Camogie Champions at the end of August when they beat Armagh in the final in Ashbourne.

Three players from Maynooth lined out on the team – Brid Byrnes in goals and Gillian O'Hurley at right half-back while Louise Walsh came on as a late substitute, scoring a crucial goal that helped the Lilies win by 3-10 to 2-8.

U12 CAMOGIE BLITZ

Maynooth's under-12 camogie enjoyed a very successful weekend at the Dublin blitz organised by Naomh Brid in August. Representing Kildare against the leading clubs from other counties, Maynooth fielded two teams, in itself a wonderful achievement. The Group A team topped their group with a 100 per cent record following comprehensive victories over Lucan Sarsfields, Ballinasloe and Ballinteer. In the semi-final the girls met a strong, physical Castletown-Geoghegan (Westmeath) team and despite leading at half-time, could not hold out for victory, losing to a goal scored in the closing stages. The Group B team had some difficult matches in the group stages but saved their best for last,

narrowly losing to a much older Ballinteer team in the shield semi-final. The eventual winners of the blitz were Lucan Sarsfields (Cup) and Ballinteer (Shield). Congratulations to all the girls involved in what was a great day.

U13 GIRLS FOOTBALL

Girls under-13 football training has resumed. Training is on Friday nights 7 - 8.30pm in the GAA club.

The girls will play in Division 2 of the Autumn League along with Ballykelly, Cappagh, Castledermot, Na Fianna and Naas.

First match is at home to Naas on Wednesday, 8 September at 6.30pm

UNDERAGE TRAINING

Under-8, Under-7 and Under-6 hurling training resumed from Saturday, 28 August (kids born since 2003). Training is held from 10-11am in GAA Club every Saturday. All newcomers are welcome and we have a small number of hurleys and helmets for use by beginners. Please contact one of the coaches if you have any questions.

U10 FOOTBALLERS

Maynooth under-10 footballers won the annual Sallins GAA football blitz on Saturday, 21 August 2010. A fine performance with some well scored points and cracking goals, saw Crom

Abu top their group with full points seeing the boys into a well-deserved semi final against JK Brackens GAA club from Templemore in Co Tipperary. A thrilling game and excellent defence saw Maynooth win this semi by two points and a place in the final against Athlone GAA club. The final was a low scoring game which demonstrated the quality of the two sides. A point won the game for Maynooth, however credit must be given to an important block by the Maynooth full backs denying Athlone a very late equaliser. The "never give up" attitude of the Maynooth boys coupled with an enjoyment of the game led to a great day of for all.

A big thanks to Sallins GAA for an excellent day out and a very well run event.

MAYNOOTH: Eoin Harrington, Conor Lynch, Cian Burke-O'Neill, Eoin Franklin, James Heaver, Cathal McCabe, Alex Kelly, David Bonass, Adam Doherty, Daniel Waldron, James Wallace, Janis Berzens, Conor Loftus, Daire Whelan. Mentors : Seán Waldron, Des Lynch and Colm Kelly.

DAWN OF A NEW ERA

It has taken years of hard work to get this far - and there are plenty of years of hard work ahead - but Maynooth GAA club turned the page on a new era in the

club's history when work began on new, state of the art facilities at Moyglare Hall. The diggers rolled in two weeks ago as site clearance work began in preparation for the installation of 5 new all-weather pitches. This is a joint development between Maynooth GAA and Maynooth Post Primary School.

The job is being undertaken by Dar Golf, a specialist pitch contractor with 37 years experience in Pitch Development and maintenance. When completed there will (including the existing pitch) be 3 full size and 3 juvenile pitches on site. The works being undertaken will also include an all weather walking/Jogging path. Stay posted to the club website for news on the development as the club moves onwards and upwards.

MAYNOOTH INTERMEDIATE COMOGIE team started off their championship campaign with victory over Leixlip played on 30/8/10.

Maynooth dominated the first half and had scored 3 points within the first 10 minutes with Elaine McNamara. Samantha Ward and Tanya McGrath getting on the score board. Hesitancy in the Leixlip defence in the 14th minute of the first half was seized upon by Maynooth corner forward Samantha Ward who struck an unstoppable shot

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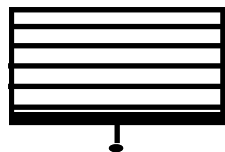
to the net. Further points from county player Louise Walsh and Elaine McAuliffe in the last 10 minutes left the score at half time.

Maynooth 1-5 : Leixlip 0-0

The Leixlip side improved their performance dramatically in the second half and by the 24th minute of the second half had reduced the margin to 3 points, scoring 2-3 in this period while Maynooth had tagged on a further 4 points with a brace from Elaine McAuliffe and Louise Walsh. The winners defence played very solidly in the remaining 6 minutes of the game and a pointed free from Louise Walsh 2 minutes from the end gave Maynooth the cushion they needed to hold out for victory.

Maynooth go on to play Sarsfields in their next match and if successful will reach the final of this championship. A positive feature of this performance is the fact that 5 of the forwards scored and manager Pat Comerford will be encouraged by this aspect of

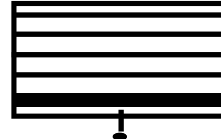
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Maynooth GAA News - continued

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the match, while the return from injury by Siobhan McCourt will have given the team a much needed boost

Final Score Maynooth 1-10 : Leixlip 2-3

Maynooth (team + scores)

Brid Byrnes:, Anne Comerford:,
Aisling Farrell:, Michelle Gillick:, Sharon
Malone:, Gillian O Hurley:, Louise Doran:, Siobhan
Mccourt:, Karen Lynch:, Elaine McAuliffe:
(0-3), Louise Walsh: (0-4), Tanya McGrath: (0-1),
Samantha Ward: (1-1), Eimear Connolly:,
Elaine McNamara: (0-1).
Sub. Annemarie Farrell for Louise Doran

MINOR FOOTBALL

MFC A QUARTER-FINAL

ATHY 1-15

MAYNOOTH 1-7

Maynooth's minors bowed out of the championship at the quarter-final stage for the third year running - and for the third time against Athy - as the reigning champions overpowered the Crom Abú in the final ten minutes. It was a brave fight from Maynooth, who were level with 11 minutes to go but the winners hit 1-6 in the closing quarter to seal their place in the semi-finals.

Athy powered their way into the semi-finals of this year's minor championship but the defending champions had their work cut out for most of the game.

The south Kildare side were on the back foot after just two minutes when Maynooth's full-forward Conor Davin pounced in front of goal to find the net after a brilliant break from midfield involving Martin O'Connor and Josh Gunne. Davin, who's just out of the under-14 ranks, showed great strength to hold off his marker before clipping his shot in off the left post. Three minutes later Mark Donnellan added a point to complete the ideal start for Maynooth, who knew they

were up against a formidable force in the shape of the three-in-a-row chasing Athy.

Boasting two county players in midfield - the elegant Liam McGovern and the powerful Kevin Feeley it wasn't long before they recovered the lost ground and by the ninth minute they had two points on the board courtesy of McGovern and another county minor, Niall Kelly.

A typically lung-bursting run from John Comerford yielded another Maynooth point as they kept their noses in front but they were reeled in by the 21st minute when Feeley pointed a free. McGovern kicked Athy in front two minutes later but it was level at the break (1-4 to 0-7) when Niall Kelly and Comerford traded points.

The resumption brought stalemate for eight minutes until McGovern finally opened the second half scoring with a fine point off his weaker right foot but it was all square again with 11 minutes remaining as Maynooth continued to frustrate their opponents.

While Athy were wasteful in front of goal in the first half - kicking eight wides - it was Maynooth's turn to miss in the second period. Although only four shots went wide, they coughed up possession on numerous occasions during the course of promising attacks. Twice their forwards could have fisted over simple points but elected to hunt for goals instead - a policy that yielded nothing but frustration.

When Athy finally took control, they did so in style. In the space of two minutes they kicked over four points, two from the irrepressible Niall Kelly, and in a flash they were four clear, 0-13 to 1-6. After two more points put the game to bed, Michael Keogh added the coup de grace with a well-taken goal in the 57th minute.

All Maynooth's hard work had been undone in six minutes - a sign of just how good Athy can be when they get going. Their three-in-a-row ambitions look in safe hands.



Maynooth Under 10 Football Team



Maynooth Under 10 with the Sallins GAA Trophy

T.A.D.D.A - Does your child have an interest in performing?

Founded this summer by Sharon Sexton, the Theatre Arts Dance and Drama Academy aims to provide fun and exciting new classes in dance, drama, singing and musical theatre for the children of Maynooth. The classes cater for boys and girls aged 3 - 16 and give the students the opportunity to learn new skills, make friends, gain confidence, perform and have lots of fun in a creative environment.

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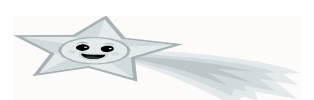
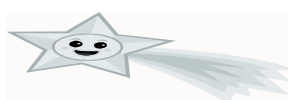
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Information for senior citizens

For many of us, the prospect of retirement from work provides an opportunity to seek fresh directions and new challenges. You may, for example, be thinking of taking up a different area of paid or voluntary work, learning some new skills, embarking on some travel or just spending more time on a favourite hobby or pastime.

Planning for your retirement will give you the best chance of maximising your time, adjusting to this lifestyle change and help you budget for the type of financial security you would like during retirement. People in Ireland today are living longer, healthier lives so it's important to plan in advance for this new phase in life.

Lifestyle changes

For most of us, the transition (or move) from work to retirement takes place on a specified date and is not negotiable. In other words, you retire from work when you reach a particular age or another date that is set out in your contract of employment. Other people may be in a position to gradually ease into retirement by reducing their workload or doing part-time work. The following information outlines the various issues that may arise as you make the change from work to retirement and provides information that may help you to make a smooth transition. A number of organisations throughout the country provide pre-retirement courses which may help you to prepare for retirement. Active retirement is a concept which has become increasingly popular in Ireland and there are a range of [active retirement organisations](#) which promote education and leisure activities for retired people.

Working in retirement

Some retired people may simply have retired from one occupation. For that reason, you may regard retirement as a job change rather than a total withdrawal from the labour market. Retiring from work therefore may simply signal a career change. Most legislation dealing with the protection of employees in Ireland does not have an upper age limit. This means that if you are [working in retirement](#), then you have the same employment rights as everyone else. If you decide to work part-time, you can find out about [employment rights of part-time workers](#).

Retirement age

Despite the misconception, there is no single retirement age in Ireland, although 65 is generally regarded as the age most people retire at. There are upper age limits that restrict entry for various activities, such as entry to some professions.

Most contracts of employment have a mandatory retirement age - the age at which you must retire. The usual retirement age in contracts of employment is 65. Many employment contracts, however, make provision for early retirement from age 60, (or in some cases, from age 55). Most also make provision for early retirement on health grounds.

The Employment Equality Acts provide for [age equality in employment](#) but they do not prevent the setting of different ages for retirement. If you opt for [early retirement](#), you may need to take various steps to ensure that you maintain your entitlement to [social welfare pensions](#).

Income supports while retired

Before you decide to retire from work, you may need to know what income supports are available. If you are a farmer, you may need to know about the [Farm Retirement Scheme](#) which aims to encourage farmers to pass on their land to younger farmers.

If you are taking early retirement, you may consider yourself unemployed rather than retired and you may need information on benefits for unemployed people. If you are made redundant you may be entitled to a [statutory redundancy lump sum](#). If you retire early, for whatever reason, you may be entitled to [Jobseeker's Benefit](#) and subsequently, to [Jobseeker's Allowance](#). You may also be eligible for a range of [back to work](#) and [back to education](#) schemes.

Pensions

There are various types of pension available. You may have contributed to a pension scheme during your working life, in which case you will get an [occupational pension](#) or have a [personal pension](#) arrangement. You need to deal directly with the pension provider to find out exactly what benefits your pension gives you.

If you made sufficient PRSI contributions during your working life and you retire at 65 you may be entitled to the [State Pension \(Transition\)](#). At 66, you may be entitled to the [State Pension \(Contributory\)](#). If you have not made sufficient PRSI contributions, you can apply for a [State Pension \(Non-Contributory\)](#), which is means-tested. You may also be entitled to [Free Travel](#) and to the [Household Benefits Package](#).

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LETTER TO OUR READERS

This is just a note to remind you all that the **Newsletter** exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any organisation or indeed from individuals with something to say or suggest. We hope you continue to enjoy your monthly read and keep us informed of your activities.

Garden Tips September

It might be just at the last days of summer but still the sun shines and we can have some very pleasant days. These are especially good if you have lots to do in the garden!

However what we do need though is some decent downpours of rain as the ground is very dry some late summer flowering shrubs look a little thirsty. Make sure you are not neglecting to water your plants in borders and in tubs, troughs and hanging baskets.

Topical Tips

Sow sweet peas as they will be quite happy going through the winter and if sown now will give earlier flowering next year. Just find a dry sheltered spot and sow in shallow drill for best results and try the double varieties which in my view have the best perfume.

Give conifer hedges a last light trim before autumn sets in and add a slow release granular fertilizer at the base of the hedge to give a good boost of energy for a thicker hedge next year. Conifer hedges will dry out very quickly in the warm days at present so make sure the ground is kept moist near the root area.

Now is the time to buy spring flowering bulbs. The garden centres are full of them and they are now at their best as the suppliers have only just released the new stock.

Dig over the border area to be planted and plant the bulbs at least three times their own depth into the ground, the same being for bulbs to go in pots or troughs. Firm in the bulbs and cover with light layer of compost or leaf mould to keep the moisture in.

September is a great time to plant trees, shrubs, bulbs, perennials and grass seed. Plants that are planted in the autumn enjoy cooler temperatures and ideal growing conditions that allow roots ample time to grow into the surrounding soil. Use starter plant fertilizer mix when planting.

Plants and trees that provide colour in the month of September include Cotoneaster, Viburnums, Hypericum, Hydrangeas, Potentilla, Pyracantha and Butterfly Bush.

Do not prune Azaleas, Rhododendrons and other spring flowering shrubs because they have already set their buds for next year's blooms. If you feel these shrubs do need to be pruned, however, you can prune them now, but you will sacrifice next spring's flowers.

Time to feed your plants with a good quality, slow release plant food made for perennials and flowering shrubs and trees that contains slow-release nitrogen, sulphate of potash, iron and other micro nutrients for overall plant growth and development.

Feed evergreens (Hollies, Boxwoods and Yews) and deciduous trees (Maples, Oaks and Ash) with a tree & shrub food. This product contains slow-release nitrogen, sulphate of potash, iron and other micro nutrients for overall plant growth and development.

Spring blooming bulbs are best to plant in October. Plant Iris, Tulips, Crocus, Daffodils and many others for glorious colour next spring.

Pruning Lavender

It takes about three years for a Lavender to reach full size. Plants should be pruned **every year** immediately after bloom. **Pruning** should not be confused with harvesting. Pruning is necessary to extend the life of the plant. Lavender flower wand stems are usually a bright green while Lavender leaves are grey. Cut back not only the flower stem, but also about a third of the grey-leaved stems as well. If the plant has been neglected, it can be cut back further, but avoid pruning back so far that only woody stems with no leaves are showing. A plant pruned into the wood may push out latent (sleeping) buds or it may die.

Drying Hydrangeas Naturally

The blooms on these beautiful shrubs are magnificent this year despite the harsh winter conditions we experienced. Years ago when there was a very heavy late frost all the buds on my hydrangeas were literally scorched with the frost and not a bloom was to be seen that year—very disappointing!

Leave blooms on the shrub until late summer. Toward the end of the summer the petals will begin to age and take on a vintage look. If left on the shrub a while longer, many blooms will pick up interesting shades of burgundy and pink. One can cut the blooms, strip off the leaves, arrange them in a vase, with or without water, and leave them to dry. It is not necessary to



hang hydrangeas up side down to dry unless the stems are very thin and weak.

- To retain extremely natural hydrangea colour, use Silica Gel to dry fresh blooms.



Decorating with Hydrangeas at Christmas

Much as I am loath to mention the “C” word so soon, stunning Christmas tree ornaments, wreaths, and arrangements can be made with Hydrangeas. Leave bloom heads natural or spray them gold or silver or (believe it or not) red.

I have found that “gaudy” red blooms can make some of the most stunning displays. In arrangements, combine with fresh ivy, berries and holly. On the tree, one can use a gold bow with each hydrangea head.

Hanging Baskets in the Autumn

There is no reason why you cannot have hanging baskets over the Autumn/Winter period. Winter displays can be quite alluring although they are subtler. Last year I planted up some herbs in the basket and the different coloured foliage was very attractive and it also smelt divine!

Winter baskets are low maintenance they only need occasional watering unless weather is unseasonably dry.

Before planting think about the type of compost to use i.e. if planting heathers use ericaceous compost. Any compost used should be free draining. When planting, remember plants grow more slowly in winter so plant closer together or buy larger ones. Winter baskets, especially those containing winter flowering plants should be planted as early as possible as plants will not grow much in the winter and so won't initiate flower buds.

Containers

Here's a list of some of the popular plants that are available for containers, all of them can be planted out into the garden when it's time to put in summer flowering plants, or alternatively leave them where they are and they will come back next year.

Violas. Very colourful and very hardy plants. This year we can see even more varieties in the shops.

Winter Pansies. There are loads of different colours available. Make sure they are sturdy plants and not too leggy, plant them a bit deeper to stop them wobbling around in the wind. With pansies and violas they will flower a lot longer if you deadhead them regularly. Save the seeds and plant them out in spring.

Trailing Ivy. Both plain and variegated ones look good. This plant brings shape to a container and fills them out.

Dwarf conifers. Dark or light green, take your pick.

Primulas and polyanthus. Both will give colour in spring and will spread nicely in the garden for next year. Again there are loads of colours available.



Herbs. Buy small plug plants if you can get them, they will soon fill out and provide plenty of foliage.

Heathers. I have found the winter flowering ones grow really well in baskets; they will flower well into the spring too.

Pet Corner

The Bionic Cat

Oscar the cat may have lost one of his nine lives, but his new prosthetic paws make him the world's first bionic cat.

After losing his two rear paws in a nasty encounter with a combine harvester last October, the black cat with green eyes was outfitted with metallic pegs that link the ankle to the foot and mimic the way deer antlers grow through skin.

Oscar is now back on his feet and hopping over hurdles like tissue paper rolls.



After Oscar's farming accident, which happened when the 2½ year-old-cat was lazing in the sun in the British Channel Isles, his owners, Kate and Mike Nolan, took him to their local veterinarian. In turn, the vet referred Oscar to Dr. Noel Fitzpatrick, a neuro-orthopedic surgeon in Easing, 35 miles southwest of London.

Together with biomedical engineering experts, Fitzpatrick gave Oscar two metal prosthetic implants that are a bit wobbly, to imitate a cat's natural walk. But first, he covered the brown implants with black tape to match Oscar's fur.

Fitzpatrick said he and biomedical engineers designed the artificial paws so that they would be fused to the bone and skin. "That allows this implant to work as a seesaw on the bottom of the animal's limbs to give him (an) effectively normal gait", he said. "Oscar can now run and jump about as cats should do."

The veterinarians then inserted the peg-like implants by drilling them into Oscar's ankle bones in his rear legs. The metal implants are attached to the bone where Oscar lost his paws and were coated with a substance that helps bone cells grow directly over them. The cat's own skin then grew over the end of the peg to form a natural seal to prevent infections.

After rehabilitation training that taught Oscar how to walk again, the cat was on all four feet in less than four months. Oscar's owners said they hoped his new paws would also further the technology for developing artificial limbs for humans.



Watch Out for The Harvest Mite

Harvest mites are pests that will bother every kind of mammal known to man. Your dog is especially susceptible to them though. These bugs are small and difficult to detect. They are about the size of a pin head. They land on the skin and begin their "harvesting". When they begin to harvest, it is likely the dog will begin to scratch incessantly at the affected area.

The signs that your dog might have harvest mites are as follows: Small red lumps forming on the skin, scratching or biting at infected area, crust on the bumps and sometimes oozing. If your dog is showing any of these signs, it is important to get treatment for him right away.

8th Kildare Scouts

This is an update to let you know what we have been up to over the summer. The Scouts in Maynooth started by having another family fun day in the harbour field as part of the Geraldine festival. We would like to thank the public for attending in such large numbers.

Our aim was to let the community know about scouting in Maynooth, see some of our skills and take part in some of the activities. The Scouts ran a cake stall and there was also a raffle. The prizes were donated by local businesses. All the junior members and Scouters had a job on the day! Tents were set up to look like a typical Scout camp. Some of the tents had activities such as kite making, colouring and the disgusting tent (you had to put your hands in various basins which contained an object hidden in things like maggots, beans). As usual the burgers and tea went down a treat.

A Leonardo bridge took centre stage. There was a TeePee and a large circular German tent as well as regular Scout tents. We were delighted to welcome the many dignitaries who paid us a visit too. The day also gave us a chance to outline the current situation in relation to our plans for a new Den in the harbour field, our Den will also be available for use within our community for other groups.

July - To finish the year for the Beavers and Cubs there was a trip organised to Rathbeggan lakes. The day was full of fishing, pedal boats and lots of water! The highlight of the day was definitely the enormous water fight at the end where the leaders were the main target.

July - The annual Scout camp was to Portlick Scout Centre which was on the beautiful eastern shore of Lough Ree. They have 5 acres of grassland and purpose built camping facilities. The Scouts took part in various activities such as archery, hiking, canoeing, bowling, a zip wire and raft building. They tried crate staking (standing on crates, building them up as high as you can go while standing on them). This was an exciting action packed trip.

August - The annual venturers camp was very exciting. The challenge set was to cross Co. Clare and get to Lahinch in 4 days. They were split into two teams and they had to work together to complete numerous mini challenges along the way. The trip got off to a shaky start when the bus arrived in Maynooth full. Fortunately another one came along and off they went.

Day One - The blue team started in Kilcolgan and made their way to Kinvara where they spent the night in the grounds of a castle! The Green team started in Ardahan and met a friendly farmer who provided them with water and a spot to camp.

Day Two - The Blue team covered a mammoth 37 kms to make it to a wood near Lisdoonvarna. The Green team covered a modest (!) 27 kms and made it to another farm. This time in Corofin next to a lake.

Day Three - Last day of the trip and both teams were getting closer to their destination, Lahinch. The Blue team camped the third night in the grounds of a hostel so managed to get clothes dried. 17 kms left for the last day. The Green team stayed yet again with a local farmer who gave them tea and somewhere to stay. The Green team have 8 kms for the last day. The leaders had a great time too, driving around, finding the teams and being tourists for a few days.

August - The Phoenix Challenge.

One weekend in August Scout patrols from all over the country took part in a national challenge, known as The Phoenix Challenge. A Patrol from Maynooth Scouts qualified to participate having come in first place in the Cill Dara county prequalifiers earlier in the year. The Scouts had been training very hard over the last few months. They met every Sunday on top of their usual weekly meetings. This was to make sure that every aspect of their craft and teamwork was perfected. We are delighted to say that all their hard work paid off. The Maynooth Scouts achieved Silver Standard. Congratulations to all the Scouts and not forgetting the leaders who put them through their paces. Over the weekend the team worked together to set up the site, cook their own food, kept a daily log and partook in different activities such as raft building, puzzle solving etc.

Sunday 29th August - In preparation for the new Scouting year there was a training weekend in the beautiful Glendale Lodge in the Wicklow mountains. Leaders had a chance to catch up with one another and also it was a chance to refresh their skills and also learn new skills. One of the funniest parts was pitching tents while blindfolded.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 087 6200182.
Cynthia.

University of the Third Age

This being the silly season a lot of our members are on holidays. However, we are not entirely bereft. The craft classes are continuing. We owe thanks to the Dept. of Housing Community and Culture in Kildare County Council for providing funding for us. On the 15th July we had the first of our flower arranging classes given by Imelda Desmond, one of our own, in the ICA hall.

We learned how to prepare a container with oasis and the proper way to prepare the flowers and insert them in the oasis. There is more to this than meets the eye! Our second class with Imelda was on the 23rd July. We had a talk on how to prepare various flowers for arranging, how to decorate a table for a party or Christmas or whatever. We learned how to cover containers with leaves and fill with flowers. Then we had to do our own arrangements.

The grand finale was a photo was taken of all our efforts surrounded by us! Art classes were given by Elizabeth Pringle on 30th July and 6th August in the ICA hall, We were given a prepared canvas and a still life arrangement of dead sunflowers to paint with acrylic paint. Can't say any of us are budding van Goghs. I have to say the fun was trying to describe what each of our efforts looked like.

A number of us visited Ballindoolin Gardens near Edenderry. An enjoyable outing and all said the gardens were worth seeing. Last Thursday we visited Larch Hill Arcadian Gardens near Kilcock. The place has a very interesting history. It is said that a man by the name of Watson lived there in the early 1800s who believed in the transmigration of souls and he maintained that he would return as a fox, so he build a fox covert that he could escape into if the hounds got too near for comfort. It is there to be seen to this day. The gardens are beautiful. The best of all was a visit to Coolcarigan House and gardens. We were met on arrival with tea and scones, then Robert the owner gave us a tour of the house with an account of its history, then we were left to wander and enjoy the really wonderful gardens.

Nola Campbell gave me a letter from the Irish Heart Foundation saying that World Heart Day is on Sunday September 26th. There is a World Heart Day 5k Walk in the Phoenix Park on that day which is guaranteed to be a fun, family day, all are welcome. For further information ring Grainne Kennedy 01 668500.

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The Dance Academy has been operating successfully in Bray, Maynooth and Mount Merrion for a number of decades and most recently in Edenderry. Sadhbh personally teaches every single pupil and she hopes to welcome you back in September for another exam year.

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2 fillets of Fish
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4 potatoes
1 onion
1 large egg (or 2
small eggs)
½ teaspoon parsley
salt and pepper to taste
Flour for coating
Oil for frying.



Method:

1. Cook the fish by boiling it. Once the fish is cooked, drain and remove the skins, debone and flake the fish and place into a dish.
2. Boil the potatoes. Mash the cooked potatoes and add to the fish.
3. Chop the onion finely and add to the fish mixture with the parsley, salt and pepper.
4. Add the beaten egg and stir till well blended.
5. Take tablespoonfuls of mixture and roll in the flour.
6. Heat the oil and fry the fishcakes till browned on both sides.

Turkey Meatballs in Tomato & Fennel Sauce

Ingredients

400g turkey mince
25g fresh white
breadcrumbs
2 garlic cloves ,
crushed
2 tbsp olive oil
1 onion, chopped
1 carrot, diced
1 tsp fennel seeds
400g can chopped tomatoes
1 tbsp tomato purée
400g spaghetti, cooked, to serve



Method

1. Put the mince in a mixing bowl with the breadcrumbs and half the garlic. Season and mix well to combine. Using your hands, shape the mixture into 12 balls, then chill for 10 mins.
2. Meanwhile, heat 1 tbsp oil in a pan. Add the onion, carrot and remaining garlic. Cook for 5-6 mins until softened. Add the fennel seeds and cook for a few secs. Tip in the tomatoes with half a can of water, then stir in the tomato purée. Season and simmer for 15 mins until thickened. Using an electric hand blender, whizz until roughly smooth.
3. Meanwhile, heat the remaining oil in a non-stick frying pan and fry the meatballs for 8-10 mins until cooked through.

Transfer to the sauce and simmer until piping hot. Serve with spaghetti.

Minestrone In Minutes

Ingredients:

hot vegetable
stock
400g tin chopped
tomatoes
100g thin spaghetti, broken into short
lengths
350g frozen mixed vegetables
4 tbsp pesto
drizzle of olive oil
coarsely grated parmesan-style cheese,
to serve.



Method:

1. Bring the stock to the boil with the tomatoes, then add the spaghetti and cook for 6 mins or until done. A few minutes before the pasta is ready, add the vegetables and bring back to the boil. Simmer for 2 mins until everything is cooked.
2. Serve in bowls drizzled with pesto and oil, sprinkled with parmesan.

Brown Bread (the easy way)

Ingredients:

450 g/1lb coarse
wholemeal
2 level teaspoons
bread soda
25g / 1oz pinhead Oatmeal
4 tablespoons Demerara sugar
100g packet chopped walnuts
(optional)
50g / 2oz margarine
1 teaspoon Treacle
400ml Guinness.



Method :

1. Preheat oven to 190°C/ 375°F/ Gas 5
2. Lightly grease a 2lb loaf tin.
3. Put margarine and treacle into a saucepan over low heat and allow the margarine to melt.
4. Meanwhile, put the wholemeal, pinhead, sugar and chopped walnuts into a bowl. Sieve in the breadsoda and mix well.
5. When the margarine has melted. Add the Guinness and stir.
6. Add the liquid to the dry ingredients and mix well. Transfer mixture to prepared tin and bake for about 40 to 50 minutes until risen and when tapped underneath has a hollow sound.
7. Wrap in a clean tea towel and allow to cool.



Cake Recipe

Old fashioned Chocolate Cake

Ingredients

200g plain flour
200g caster sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon of bicarbonate soda
40g of best quality cocoa
175g of soft unsalted butter
2 large eggs
2 teaspoon real vanilla extract
150 ml of sour cream.
Frosting
75g unsalted butter
175g best dark chocolate, broken into
small pieces
300g icing sugar
1 teaspoon golden syrup (or light corn
syrup)
125 ml sour cream
1 teaspoon real vanilla extract
Sugar flowers optional.
Cake

Method :

1. Take everything out of the fridge so that all the ingredients can come to room temperature.
2. Preheat oven to gas mark 4/ 180°C and line and butter two 20 cm sandwich tins with removable bases.
3. Now all you have to do put all the cake ingredients— flour, sugar ,baking powder, and bicarbonate soda, Cocoa , butter, eggs, vanilla and sour cream, - into a food processor and process until you have a smooth thick batter. If you want to go the long way around just mix the flour, sugar and leavening agents in a large bowl and beat in the soft butter until you have a combined and creamy mixture. Now whisk together the cocoa, sour cream, vanilla and eggs and beat this into your bowl if mixture.
4. Divide this batter, using a rubber spatula to help you scrape and spread into the prepared tins and bake until a cake tester, or thin skewer, comes out clean which should be about 35 minutes but it is wise to start checking at 25 minutes. Also . It might make sense to switch the two cakes tins around In the oven halfway through cooking .
5. Remove the cake in their tins, to a wire rack and let cool for 10 minutes before turning out their tins.
Don't worry about any cracks as they easily to covered by the icing later.

Frosting

1. To make this icing melt the butter and chocolate in a good sized bowl either in the microwave or suspended over a pan of simmering water . Go slowly, either way, you don't want any burning.

2. While the chocolate and butter are cooling a little, sieve the icing sugar into another bowl. Or easier put the icing sugar into the food processor and blitz. This is by far the least tedious way of removing lumps.
3. Add the golden syrup to the cooled chocolate mixture, followed by the sour cream and vanilla and then when all this is combined whisk in the icing sugar. Or just pour the mixture down the funnel of the food processor onto the icing sugar with the motor running.
4. When you 're done you may need a little boiling water— say a teaspoon or so— or indeed some more
Icing sugar. It depends in whether you need the icing to be runnier or thicker, or indeed it may be right . As it is. It should be liquid enough to coat easy and thick enough not to drop of.

5. Choose your cake stand or plate and cut out four strips of baking parchment to form a square outline. On it. (this stops the icing running on the plate) . Then set one of the cakes , uppermost (ie. Slightly Domed) side down.
6. Spoon about a third of the icing on to the centre of the cake half and spread with a knife or spatula until you cover the top of it evenly. Sit the other cake on the top normal way up, pressing gently to sandwich the two of them together.
7. spoon another third of the icing sugar onto the top of the cake and spread it in a swirl, textured way (though you can go for a smooth finish if you prefer, and have the patience). Spread the sides of the cake with remaining of the icing and leave a few minutes till set. Then carefully pull away the paper strips.
8. I love to do the top of this with sugar pansies—and you must admit, they do look enchanting - but there really is no need to make a shopping expedition out of it, or indeed nothing we do.



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A Turn at Tara – the Third Feis Teamhra

This was the third such event on the Hill of Tara. This year the artists performed outdoors in the shaded shadow of the Interpretative Centre. Singer Susan McKeown and Pulitzer prize-winning poet, Paul Muldoon, organized this event again and they were the movers behind the original idea in 2007. Both were involved in the campaign to move the M3 away from Tara's Gabhra Valley. Paul Muldoon was Master of Ceremonies introducing each act with his light hearted humorous manner and these included none other than Seamus Heaney. He was joined by Michael Longley who told the audience that the nation has been taken over and wounded by tar and concrete and we are suffering from cultural Alzheimers. Susan McKeown an Irishwoman living in New York sang to the accompaniment of Aidan Brennan, one of the songs was about the rivers of Ireland. Laoise Kelly, one of Ireland's foremost young harpers, played Planxty Wilkinson by Carolan. The Wilkinsons still live at Baronstown in Meath. Paul himself read from his own latest collection and the novelist Colm Toibin read a contemporary account of the Daniel O Connell Monster Meeting at Tara where he protested against the unjust Union to a crowd of at least of 750,000 who had gathered there in support. He acted the part and got the crowd to fill in the cheers as necessary! Seamus Heaney recited translations of some Old Irish poems and Mad Sweeney's Praise of the Trees. It was a wonderful day, and the sun shone on Tara for the entire event. Paul has promised that there will be a fourth Feis Teamhra. (Sponsored by the Heritage Council)



Laoise Kelly



Seamus Heaney



Colm Tóibín



Seamus Heaney & Michael Longley



Susan McKeown & Aidan Brennan



Paul Muldoon



Michael Longley

Open Week At GUI National Golf Academy

The GUI National Golf Academy, located in Carton Demesne just off the Maynooth to Dunboyne Road, is holding an Open Week from Friday 24th September to Thursday 30th September inclusive.

The facility, which opened to the public in 2006, boasts a magnificent Driving Range, Putting Green and Short Game Practice Area, all of which are open to the public and available to all.

To mark the staging of the Ryder Cup, in which no fewer than five Irishmen will be involved in, the Open Week will allow those who want to see the facilities for themselves to come along and see, the world class set up that is the GUI National Golf Academy.

Speaking about the Open Week, Alan Kelly, who manages the facility was very upbeat about it. "This is a wonderful opportunity for the people of Maynooth and surrounding areas to call in to the Academy, and see for themselves the quality of the range, putting greens and short game area".

"You never know who you will bump into at the Academy. In the past 12 months, we have had Peter Lawrie, Shane Lowry, Paul McGinley and Padraig Harrington at the Academy, along with a special visit from Rory McIlroy early in the season who spent some time using the Short Game Area."

As part of the Open Week, members of the public will be able to use the Driving Range free of charge, and at set times, use the putting greens and short game area. There are a host of activities arranged, including Ladies Lessons, Complete Beginners Classes (with clubs provided), Flop Shot Competitions, Nearest the Pin Competitions and Longest Drive Competitions.

With prizes supplied by Titleist, there are lots of ProV1 golf balls to be won, along with one Vokey Wedge per day!

The schedule of events is as follows:

TIMETABLE OF EVENTS -

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Friday 24th September

9am – 9pm Free Range Balls & Putting Green

11am Ladies Lesson Hour
Join in a group of up to ten ladies for a golf lesson
All Abilities Welcome - Pre Registrations Only on 01 5054040

2pm Short Game Seminar
Demonstration of Short Game Technique
All Abilities Welcome (no under 18s) - Pre Registrations Only on 01 5054040

5pm Long Drive Competition

All Abilities Welcome - No Pre Registration Required

Saturday 25th September

9am – 4pm Free Range Balls & Putting Green

9am – 2pm Short Game Area – Open to All
All Abilities Welcome (no under 18s)
Pre Registrations Only on 01 5054040
Limited to 10 people per hour & 1 hour per person

12pm Long Drive Competition
All Abilities Welcome, No Pre-Registration Required

2pm Nearest the Pin Competition
All Abilities Welcome, No Pre-Registration Required

Sunday 26th September

9am – 4pm Free Range Balls & Putting Green

9am – 2pm Short Game Area – Open to All
All Abilities Welcome (no under 18s)
Pre Registrations Only on 01 5054040
Limited to 10 people per hour & 1 hour per person

11am Long Drive Competition
All Abilities Welcome - No Pre Registration Required

1pm Nearest the Pin Competition
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3pm Children's Putting Competition
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Monday 27th September

9am – 9pm Free Range Balls

9am – 1pm Short Game Area – Open to All
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Limited to 10 people per hour & 1 hour per person

10am Ladies Lesson Hour
Join in a group of up to ten ladies for a golf lesson
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12pm Nearest the Pin Competition
All Abilities Welcome - No Pre Registration Required

2pm Short Game Seminar
Demonstration of Short Game Technique All Abilities Welcome (no under 18s) Pre Registrations Only on 01 5054040

5pm Long Drive Competition
All Abilities Welcome - No Pre Registration Required

7pm Adult Beginners Class
Absolute Beginners – Clubs Provided
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8pm Beat the Pro Chipping Challenge
All Abilities Welcome - No Pre Registration Required

Tuesday 28th September

9am – 9pm Free Range Balls & Short Game Area

10am Ladies Lesson Hour
Join in a group of up to ten ladies for a golf lesson
All Abilities Welcome - Pre Registrations Only on 01 5054040

12pm Long Bunker Shot Competition
All Abilities Welcome - No Pre Registration Required

2pm Putting Clinic
Join in a group of up to ten for a putting lesson
All Abilities Welcome (no under 18s)
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5pm Long Drive Competition
All Abilities Welcome - No Pre Registration Required

7pm Adult Beginners Class
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Wednesday 29th September

9am – 9pm Free Range Balls

10am Ladies Lesson Hour
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2pm Putting Clinic
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4pm Flop Shot Competition
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7pm Adult Beginners Class
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Thursday 30th September

9am – 9pm Free Range Balls

10am Adult Beginners Class
Absolute Beginners – Clubs Provided - Pre Registrations Only on 01 5054040

12pm Nearest the Pin Competition
All Abilities Welcome - No Pre Registration Required

2pm How to Warm Up & The Pre Shot Routine
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4pm Long Drive Competition
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Result Sheet

Athlone Golf Club

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Shay Moore Memorial Cup Sponsored by The Moore Family

1st Prize	Terry Moore	37ptsB9
2 nd Prize	Norman Kavanagh	37pts
3 rd Prize	John Saults	33pts
4 th Prize	Kevin Loftus	32ptsB6
5 th Prize	Eamon Murphy	32pts
6 th Prize	Barry Farrell	31ptsB6
7 th Prize	Tom Coffey	31pts
Front 9	Mick Flynn Snr.	16pts
Back 9	Brendan Leigh	15pts
Visitors	Brendan Coffey Jnr.	38pts
	Maura Moore	35pts
Nearest the Pin	Joe Moore	
2's	Not won	

The Shay Moore Memorial Cup was played for at Athlone Golf Club on 21st August. 36 members and visitors played this superb 18-hole parkland course situated by the shores of Lough Ree. Its tree-lined fairways and undulating terrain make it a true test of golf. For the first time in many years it was dry and warm for most of the day, which made the event all the more enjoyable for all who took part.

The winner with a score of 37 points was Terry Moore closely followed after a count back by Norman Kavanagh also on a score of 37 points. Third place was John Saults with 33points.

This was Terry's 3rd time in a row to win the cup dedicated to his late brother Shay which is a great achievement, in his acceptance speech he said he was delighted to win the cup again and like Kilkenny hurlers he was now going for 4 & 5 in a row.

The Cup and prizes were presented in Brady's to all of the prize winners by our captain Tom Flatley. We would like to thank the Moore family for there sponsorship and their attendance at this annual event.

Our next outing is Paddy Foy's Presidents Prize on Saturday 11th September

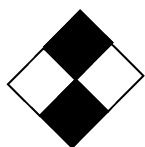
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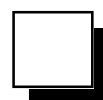
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McGINLEY CALLS FOR REDUCTION OF PETROL PRICES IN MAYNOOTH

Cllr. John McGinley has today called for a reduction of petrol prices in Maynooth.

All three stations in the town, ESSO, Maxol and TESCO have unleaded petrol at €132.9 per litre. This price is 3c dearer than petrol in Dublin. Up until quite recently petrol in Maynooth was cheaper than Dublin. When TESCO first started selling petrol in the town there was competitive pricing. Why have they now all got the high price?

It is Cllr. McGinley's view that motorists are being hit from all angles without having to pay over the top for petrol. John also finds it extraordinary that all three stations in Maynooth charge the same high price. What happened to competition?

John also checked the prices at stations in Leixlip and Celbridge and in both towns there is competition with prices comparable to Dublin prices. Interestingly, the price at Maxol in Maynooth is 2c dearer than the price at the Maxol stations in Leixlip and Celbridge.

Cllr. McGinley demands an end to the rip off of drivers in Maynooth and calls for the re-introduction of competitive pricing in the town.

The "High Road" at Old Greenfield

Cllr. John McGinley sent the following E mail to the Council Planning Department on 2 August: "Has any progress been made on resolving this very serious problem". How could the Developer, High Degree, be granted Planning Permission for 14 houses at the same location on 1st July 2010? I would have thought that under the Planning laws the Council could have refused planning until he rectified the errors under 06/424.

"If I don't get a positive response soon I will have to send in a further motion to the Area Committee."

As John has not got a satisfactory response he has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

"That increased measures be taken to get the Developer, High Degree, to rectify the problems arising from the "High Road" constructed in Old Greenfield, Maynooth, under Planning Permission Ref: 06/424

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following Question for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee:

What steps are being taken to provide additional public car parking spaces in Maynooth now that Hibernian Auto-parks have been refused permission for their

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proposed car park for 132 cars at The Harbour?

Daft Proposals of the NRA for Kilcock Road, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has made the following submission to the Council on the daft proposals of the National Transport Authority (NTA) for Kilcock Road:

"The NTA proposal to spend €1m on this pilot cycle scheme is senseless. There are very few cyclists on this road as students who cycle use the Parson Street entrance to NUIM. Creating a bus lane on this few hundred metres is laughable at a time when Dublin Bus are doing away with the 66 service to Kilcock. It is also worth noting that there are only eight houses on the Kilcock Road from Laraghbryan cemetery to the Moyglare Road junction at the Church.

It would make much greater sense to spend the money on a similar pilot scheme for Moyglare Road where there is a Primary School and Secondary School with 1,600 pupils and an entrance to the north campus of NUIM and student accommodation. There are also 700+ houses.

My main complaint is that if the scheme is put in place it will result in traffic chaos in Maynooth. This will arise as a result of the plans for the junction at the Church i.e.

Removal of the left turn filter lane from Mill Street to the Kilcock Road will result in a build up of traffic back to Main Street. The traffic turning on to the Kilcock Road is going to NUIM North campus, Dunnes Stores, ALDI as well as Kilcock direction.

Likewise the removal of the left turn filter lane from Kilcock Road to Moyglare Road will result in a build up of traffic on the Kilcock Road.

Finally I would like to point out that the Planning Conditions imposed on NUIM recently for the new Library will enhance safety on the Kilcock Road and that the proposed spend of €1m on the cycle plans on this road is a complete waste of money".

Proposed Extension of the 67 Bus to Moyglare Hall

Cllr. John McGinley advised residents of the Moyglare area of the plans of Dublin Bus to extend the service as far as Moyglare Hall and he asked for feedback. As he expected most residents of Moyglare Hall are opposed to the bus turning at The Walk in the middle of the estate. John advised Gareth Quinn, Area Manager of Dublin Bus that the residents wanted the turning point to be at the pull in bays on the entrance road instead. Mr. Quinn E mailed his staff on the 29 July as follows:

"Please see the email below from Cllr John McGinley in Maynooth".

As you can see the residents of Moyglare are opposed to having the new 67 terminus in the middle of their estate.

Can you please contact KCC and arrange for one of the "inlets" to be extended to cater for the turning of our buses. I suggest the outbound inlet should be extended

30m into the estate thus enabling 2 buses to layover and then move off on their time, turning into the opposite inlet and picking up our customers.

I met Donal Hodgins (KCC) out there and he knows what is needed if you could just organise and sign off on it. If you need to meet me out there just give me a call.

Regards,

Gareth Quinn

Area Manager, West

"Phibsboro, Conyngham Road & Ringsend Garages"

Cllr. McGinley Again Seeks Noise Abatement Measures for the M4

The Council agreed to Cllr. John McGinley following motion at its last monthly meeting:

"That the NRA be asked again for their proposals for the introduction of noise abatement measures on the M4, specifically, when will they be laying a low noise surface from Leixlip Bridge to the Meath border and the erection of noise barriers where there are houses at Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock?"

STAGG CALLS FOR ADDITIONAL STAFFING AT CELBRIDGE HEALTH CENTRE TO CLEAR BACKLOG OF MEDICAL CARD APPLICATIONS

Deputy Emmet Stagg has called on the Minister for Health to investigate the serious delays in issuing Medical Cards at Celbridge Health Centre and to provide additional staffing in the Medical Card Section to clear the backlog which has arisen.

The Staff in the Medical Card Section stated Deputy Stagg are working under serious pressure and in some instances applications have not been dealt with within 4 to 5 months. If the situation is to be corrected then additional staff will have to be assigned to the office. Once the backlog is cleared and the time for dealing with cases is back to acceptable levels, then the additional staff can be reassigned back to their former posts.

Deputy Stagg stated that it was unacceptable that people who are entitled to a Medical Card should be denied same for so long because HSE Management cannot allocate resources as required. In fact the HSE were denying people their entitlements under the Law of the Land and he expressed the hope that this system was not in place simply to save money. People on Social Welfare and Low Incomes cannot afford to go to a Doctor unless they have a Medical Card so they will inevitably have to suffer on with illnesses, a situation which is simply unacceptable.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he awaited the response from the Minister for Health.

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STAGG ADDRESSES DIAL MANAGEMENT COMPANY REGULATION BILL

Deputy Emmet Stagg spoke in the Dail on Thursday July 8th during the Second Stage Debate on the Multi Units Development Bill 2009, a Bill which outlines rules governing the operation of Management Companies.

In his address Deputy Stagg welcomed the Bill and the fact that with agreement with the opposition the Government had agreed to conclude Second Stage on July 8th allowing the Committee Stage of the Bill to proceed during the Dail recess.

Whilst accepting that the drafting of the Bill was complex, Deputy Stagg stated that the gestation period of some 6 years was extraordinarily lengthy but he indicated that the Bill was an honest attempt to deal with the problems for families arising from unregulated management companies.

Referring to problems he encountered with Management Companies in North Kildare Deputy Stagg stated that the main problem he encountered was their imposition in traditional housing estates although he had come across a Management Company in an apartment complex in Clane in which the company and agent were directly under the control of the developer and residents were effectively excluded from the decisions that affected them. In relation to traditional housing estates the first to start the rot in the 1990's was Sean Dunne's company Mountbrook who required homebuyers to sign up to a Management Company when purchasing their homes in St. Raphaels Manor in Celbridge. The only service provided is grass cutting which was the responsibility of the developer in any case. Subsequently the Planning and Development Act 2000 allowed for the imposition of a condition of planning permission establishing Management Companies and in Kildare a raft of Management Companies were imposed on homeowners with in the case of a traditional housing estate in Straffan the condition read as follows: *'Each individual property owner shall be a party to the management company agreement and this agreement shall be registered as a burden on the individual property folios in the Land Registry upon the sale of each unit'*

The imposition of such conditions in an unregulated area gave developers the power to impose whatever charges they liked on young families with heavy mortgages and hive off their responsibilities until their housing estates were taken in charge by the Council. The effect of the decision was to create a new form of Ground Rent with young, debt burdened families left to the tender mercies of the developers.

Deputy Stagg called for the Planning and Development Act to be amended to prevent a continuation of the setting up of Management Companies in Traditional Housing Estates. He stated that there was no need for them and that Residents Associations charge a modest fee, get the job done and build up a sense of community in new estates.

The urgency of passing the Bill was because young families were being ripped off and because of the close relationship between developers, Management Companies and their agents. Where developers have gone into liquidation the Management Company and Agents have disappeared also leaving the burden of unpaid fees on the title to houses. As a result the householder cannot get clear title and cannot sell the property.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg expressed the hope that when the Bill is passed next Autumn that it would give authority to residents over their own affairs and remove the power of developers and their agents.

September Diary Planner



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New processing of Medical Cards by the Health Service Executive

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick T.D. has been informed by the Minister Mary Harney T.D. Minister for Health and Children of the new processing format for Medical Cards.

Under the Health Service Executive's (HSE) 2009 service Plan, it was agreed that the processing of medical card applications would be centralised and transferred to the Executive's Primary Care Reimbursement Service in Dublin. The process commenced in January 2009 when the Primary Care Reimbursement Service took over the processing of all medical card applications for persons aged 70 or over. The second phase commenced in September 2009 with the transfer of the case load from two local health offices in Dublin.

To date the new central office has launched a number of new customer focused initiatives to ensure a high standard of customer service;

- Applications for medical cards are being processed in 15 days (where all relevant information has been furnished to the HSE) – down from the current 12 to 16 weeks;
- The central office has issued 121,468 Medical Cards since January 2009;
- Staff in Local Health Offices will have more time and resources to meet pressing front line service need, i.e. Primary Care Team support;
- A new call triage telephone system, which provides customer focused information and call routing, as well as other services to support clients who have enquiries about medical cards or their application or review has been put in place;
- At the new website – www.medicalcard.ie – any person who has applied through national central office – currently 29% of all application nationwide – can now view the status of their medical card application or review online, using a unique reference number which is provided to each applicant immediately on application receipt;
- A new review process for Medical Card holders aged 70 years and over has been introduced in the Central Office Primary Care Reimbursement Service. A simplified declaration process has replaced the more onerous application/review form;
- All HSE Local Health Offices now have, for the first time, full visibility of the national database of Medical Card clients, including historic records. This allows them to track the current status of applications and review being dealt with by the central office and answer queries locally in respect of current clients, new applicants or review clients. Also, doctors have access to weekly updates of their panel listings – more than 75% of Doctors currently use this service;
- The Central office has now launched a new online facility that will enable people, anywhere in the country, to apply for a medical card online.

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- Provides immediate confirmation of eligibility under the income guidelines.
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The HSE has advised that 85% of review cases, where the required information was supplied, were completed within 20 days and 95% within 30 days. The HSE has no control over delays where relevant information is not provided but it has confirmed that when the required information is received, the review is processed without further delay.

The HSE has also advised that the transfer of the case load from the two local health offices included a backlog of some 6,500 cases. These were dealt with as a matter of urgency by the primary care reimbursement service. The HSE intends to transfer the processing of all new medical / GP visit card applications and new reviews / renewals from the other local health offices to the primary care reimbursement service later this year. Any applications / reviews received before the date of transfer will be dealt with by the relevant local health office.

The local health offices will also continue to deal with queries of a general nature about the medical card scheme and will provide any assistance with the application process. The decision to centralise the medical card application and review process to the public and realise overall savings (approximately €10 million per year) through the great usage of shared services. This decision is in line with the Government policy 'Transforming Public Service' Programme announced by the Taoiseach in November 2008.

New Community Library in Kilcock

Following representations Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick T.D. has been informed by the Kildare Library & Out Services that contracts have been exchanged and signed for a property, located on School Street, Kilcock. The developer is currently completing the internal library specification works to include stud wall partitioning, ceiling, flooring, welfare facilities, accessible entrance,

and accessible toilets, mechanical and electrical provisions.

The library service capital project team will then progress the fit out and stocking of the new library. This will involve the integration of stock from the old library to the new.

The anticipated delivery date will be circa June 2011. Kildare Library Service envisages that this date will be deliverable.

New Initiatives for Facilitating SME access to Public Procurement

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick T.D. has been informed by Minister for Finance, Brian Lenihan T.D. that new Initiatives for facilitating access to Public Procurement by SMEs are being implemented. Public procurement can be an important source of business for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and Government wishes to ensure that such firms are not hindered in competing for contracts that they could perform effectively.

The Minister for Finance, together with his colleagues Minister of State Mansergh (who has responsibility for the National Procurement Service) and Minister of State Calleary (who has responsibility for Transforming Public Services) has had his Department develop new guidance for all public bodies which will improve the access of small businesses to public contract opportunities. Deputy Fitzpatrick who is a member of the Enterprise, Trade & Innovation Committee welcomes these new guidelines saying that "in making tendering for public contracts easier, the new guidance will make public purchasing more accessible to small businesses while still securing optimal value for taxpayers' money".

The clear message is that public bodies are required to run their tendering processes for public contracts in a manner that facilitates increased participation by SMEs, while continuing to ensure that all public sector purchasing is carried out in a manner that is legal, transparent, and secures optimal value for money for the taxpayer.

The new guidance issued by the Department of Finance is to be used by all public sector purchasers. It sets out policy and measures to facilitate small and medium

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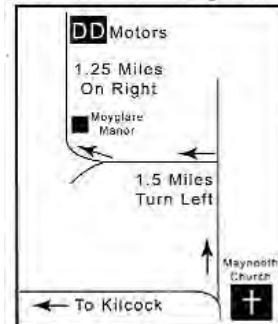
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sized enterprises (SMEs) in competing for public contracts and focuses on further opening up opportunities to bid for State business; simplifying and streamlining the public procurement process; and reducing the administrative burden on businesses who want to tender for public contracts.

The guidelines outline measures such as use of frameworks that enable SME participation, dividing contracts in smaller lots where feasible, appropriate advertising, possibilities for innovation etc.

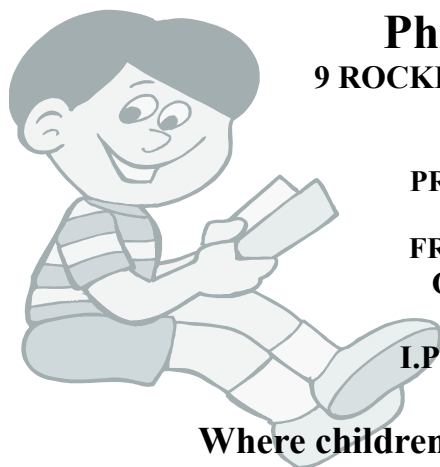
A few of the specific measures set out in the guidelines include –

The threshold for advertising for all supplies and general services contracts on the Government's public procurement website www.etenders.gov.ie being reduced from €50,000 to €25,000. As before, contracting authorities are encouraged to advertise contracts of lower value also where this would be useful.

The "pre-qualification" process is no longer necessary. Under the new guidelines, all advertised contracts up to €250,000 for works and €125,000 for supplies and general services must now be open to all potential tenderers without a prequalification process.

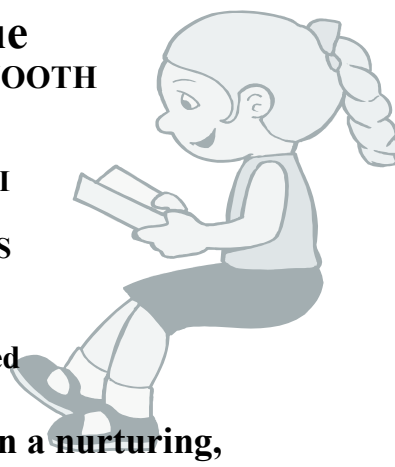
The guidelines now prohibit public bodies from using arrangements which involve potential tenderers having to pay so as to access competitions for public contracts, as this would represent a particular problem for SMEs.

Under the new guidelines, much of the documentary evidence of a tenderer's capacity to undertake a project will no longer be sought by the contracting authority early on in the tendering process. Instead, tenderers will be asked to declare that they have the necessary capacity to undertake the contract, and to confirm that they can produce the necessary documentation when requested. This will reduce the amount of paperwork involved in submitting tenders, considerably easing the administrative burden on businesses bidding for public contracts.



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Additional Funding for Maynooth Boy's National School approved says Brady

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady, has been informed by the Minister for Education that additional funding has been provided to complete the extension to the Maynooth Boy's National School and this is in addition to the funding already allocated for the summer works.

"The additional funding for the Maynooth Boys National School is in relation to the extra costs associated with the site works. Over the last year or so, I have made repeated representations to both the current and the previous Minister for Education to provide resources to improve the school facilities at Maynooth BNS. stated Minister Brady.

"I am delighted with this news and following on from recent positive news in connection with the new school for Ardclough, the new Gael Scoil for Maynooth, the extension to the Maynooth Post Primary School, three extra classrooms for Aghards in Celbridge, the extension to Scoil Choca Naofa in Kilcock, we are making significant progress in improving the school facilities in North Kildare."

"I will continue to work with all concerned to ensure that we make further progress and great credit is due to the Principals, Boards of Management and the Parents who have worked hard to ensure that these investments were secured," concluded Minister Brady.

Approval given for New Library at NUI Maynooth says Brady

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady, has been informed by the Minister for Education that NUI Maynooth have received approval to go to tender for the construction of a new Library at the college.

"I welcome this approval for the construction of the new Library in Maynooth and I understand that up to 100 people will be employed during the construction phase of the project, and I hope that local people will be employed in the building of this new facility."


"As a local TD and Minister, I fully appreciate the importance of NUI Maynooth, as a significant local employer, as an educator of students and also as a knowledge provider to local Industries. In recent years, the college has managed a successful transformation from a purely academic institution to a modern and relevant source of knowledge and support to companies like Intel."

"NUI Maynooth plays a vital role to the local economy, and it is important that we invest in NUI Maynooth so that it can be an effective educational provider. I congratulate the college for their work in preparing the relevant documentation for this approval. Once the tenders have been received and considered by the Department, the project should proceed without delay as Kildare Co. Co. have already granted planning permission early this year." concluded Minister Brady.

Comprehensive Flood Alleviation Capital Programme in Place for Kildare says Brady

A Comprehensive Flood Alleviation Capital Programme is in place for the county of Kildare according to local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady TD following a recent meeting between the Minister for the OPW, Dr. Martin Mansergh, Officials from the OPW and Kildare Co. Co. Officials, at her request.

"Earlier this year, I requested that Minister Mansergh




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view the flood alleviation schemes that were approved to minimise the risk of future flooding in the area. We met with the council officials last week to get an overview of the capital programme and then made site visits to many of the areas affected by flooding in recent times. I am anxious that focus is maintained on all the projects until they are completed."

"Works in Leixlip at the Rye Water and Shileachan Rivers have been completed last year. The works, costing €2.5m, are paying dividends as Leixlip was not affected by flooding last November. Works at the Toni River in Celbridge was also completed in 2009 to minimise the risk of future flooding in Vanessa Lawns."

"Part 8 of the planning process has been cleared by the council, last week, to enable the €500k flood relief works to begin at Butterstream in Clane. The €1.5m Flood Relief Works at Johnstown commenced last month and Sallins Phase 2 works, which includes the augmentation of the existing culvert below the railway line and the regrading of the existing Canal feeder channel upstream of the Railway, are planned to begin in coming weeks. In total €1.1m has been allocated to Flood Relief works for Sallins." stated Minister Brady.

"Flood Relief Works at Confey and at Newtown will also commence in the coming weeks. Later in the year, Flood Relief Works at Ardclough will also begin."

"Great credit is due to the council management for their professional and partnership approach that they have adopted with all the stakeholders. They were one of the few councils in the country that had a dedicated section for Flood Alleviation Works in place and have demonstrated through their work with other agencies, including the OPW, Waterways Ireland, ESB and CIE, that significant progress has been made to minimise the risk of future flooding in the area."

"Flood Alleviation in Kildare is a significant Engineering challenge, given the predominantly flat topography and the number of waterways flowing through the county. However, considering the works already completed and works planned for the next two years, an investment of €10m in total, this will give greater comfort to Kildare Residents in the future." concluded Minister Brady.

Minister Brady encouraged by Expert Group report on mortgage arrears

Kildare North Fianna Fáil TD and Minister of State, Áine Brady has welcomed the publication of the interim report of the Expert Group on Mortgages and Personal Debt chaired by Hugh Cooney. Over 40% of homes in Ireland have mortgages on them and the commuter belt of north Kildare this number is even higher.

"In recent time I have heard devastating stories from constituents about how loss of work, reductions in pay and hours has impacted their ability to pay their mortgage."

"This Expert Group report is an encouraging start in responding to those homeowners have fallen behind in their mortgage repayments."

"I am hopeful that the recommendations can be identified by Mr. Cooney can be implemented without delay which should help to alleviate the pressure on families in mortgage arrears."

"The Expert Group has recommended that lenders cease to charge Penalty Interest or Arrears Charges to borrowers who are taking part in an Arrears Resolution Process and that the code of conduct on mortgage arrears is amended and extended. In addition, it is recommended that a mortgage arrears and resolution process and framework be developed. The Department of Social Protection is also urged to make amendments to their existing Mortgage Interest Supplement Scheme."

"The Expert Group has reported that the Financial Regulator has committed to consult with lenders regarding the recommendations and I am hopeful that they will adopt them."

"This is only the start for the Expert Group who will now move to evaluate all proposals they received. They will also look at practices in other jurisdictions and examine how it could be applied to Ireland. The Group will report again at the end of September."

"The protection of the family home must be prioritised. Where families engage with their lender every support must be given to them in their bid to retain their home. I am encouraged by this report and look forward to the implementation of the recommendations by lenders," concluded Minister Brady.

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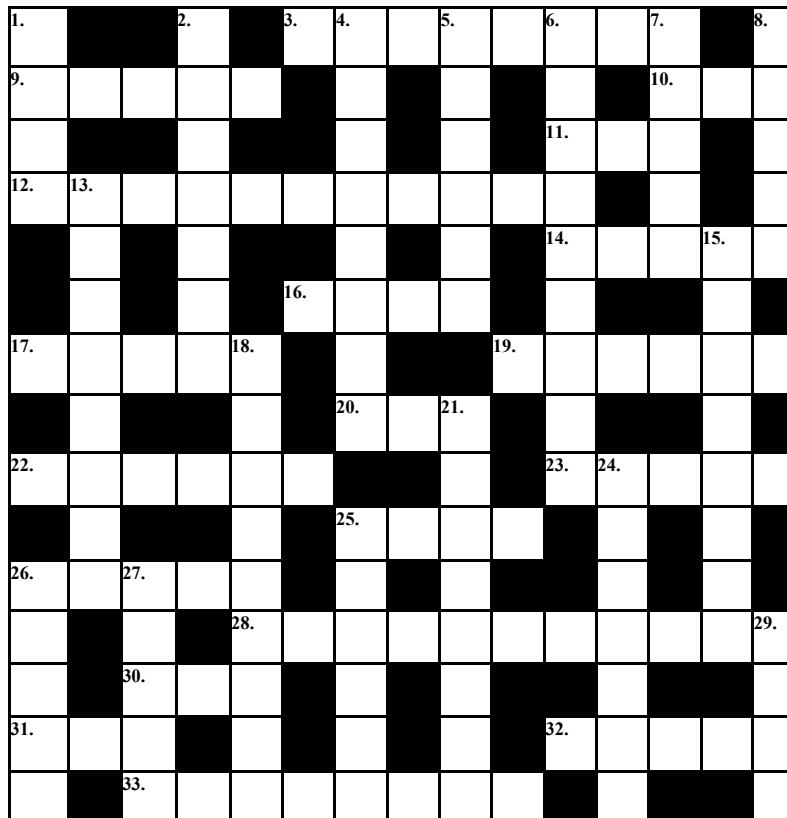


Junior Infants (Girls Primary School).

August 2010 Crossword No. 384

Across.

3. Extremely hot (5, 3)
9. Participant (5)
10. Large island in the Channel (3)
11. Pull laboriously (3)
12. Basic (11)
14. Paddled (5)
16. Back of the neck (4)
17. Crawl (5)
19. Act properly (6)
20. A failure (3)
22. Hovers (6)
23. Sound (5)
25. Speech defect (4)
26. Set apart as sacred (5)
28. Not qualified (11)
30. Impair (8)
31. Young bear (3)
32. Arranges in groups (5)
33. Superficial (4,4)



Down.

1. One of two equal parts (4)
2. Farewell (4-3)
4. One's native land (8)
5. Grow feet (6)
6. Evening of October 31 (9)
7. Large Cat (5)
8. Weapon (5)
13. Portable weather protection (6)
15. Visualise (8)
18. Medley (3-6)
21. Space between two objects (9)
24. Outward movement (7)
25. Neither gas nor solid (6)
26. Trail (5)
27. Explosive weapons (6)
29. Partial darkness (5)
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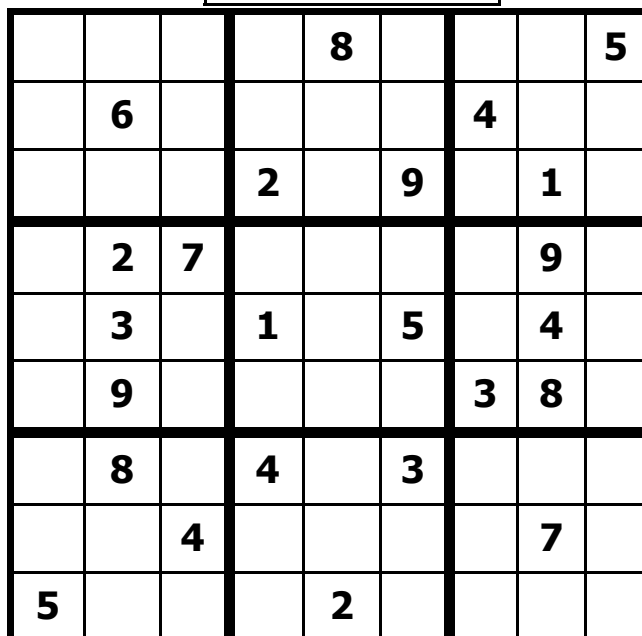
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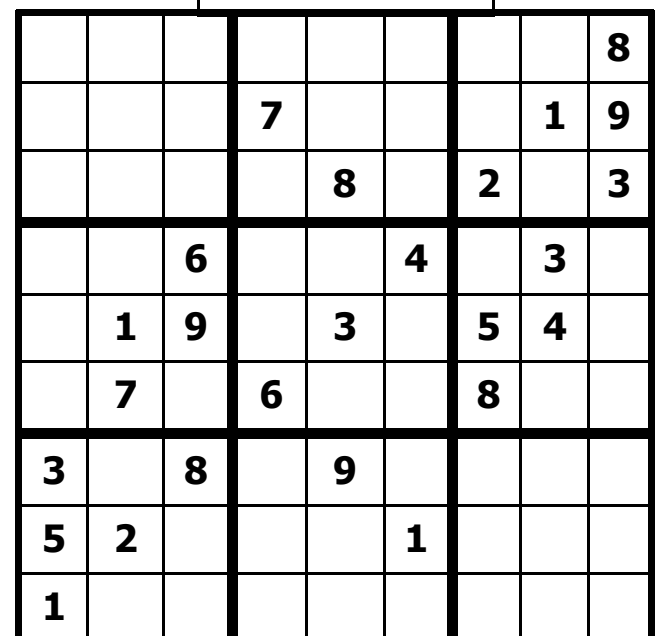
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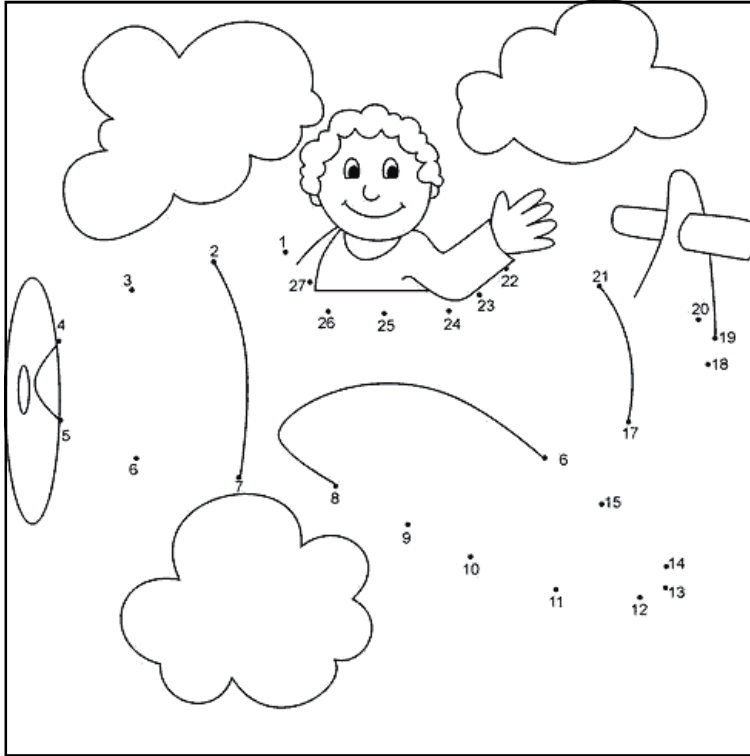
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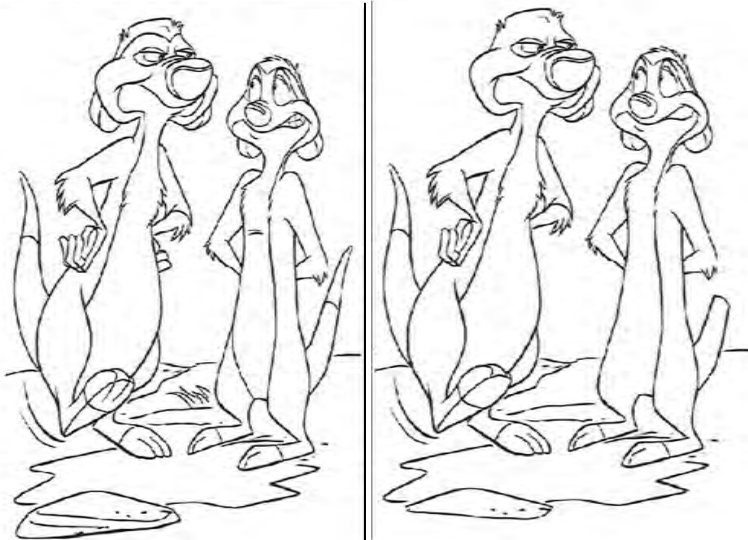
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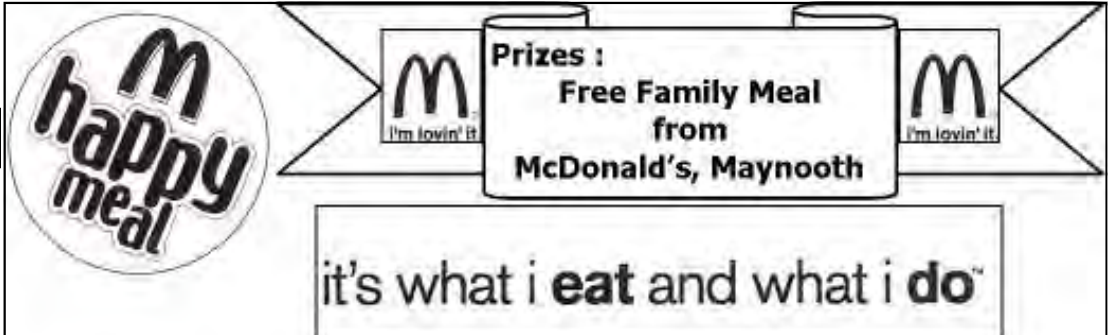
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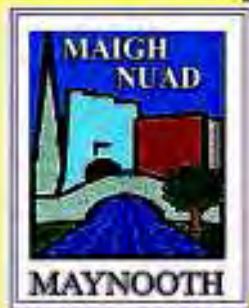
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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Kildare Mayor challenges Maynooth to double tidy town's volunteers in 2011

Speaking at the Annual Maynooth Tidy Towns Awards presented on October 6th last, Mayor of County Kildare, Cllr. Brendan Weld called on more people to get involved in tidy towns in the town. He said that the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee members are working away quietly and are achieving excellent results. "I know that you are just five marks behind Naas and one mark behind Newbridge so as a Kildare town you are well up there when compared with some of the other larger towns in the county. I understand that the number of volunteers available to your committee is less than twenty people. What I am wondering is what kind of success would you have if you were able to double the number of volunteers overnight? I know that you get support from some businesses and this is welcomed. However, I would urge more people to get involved in Maynooth Tidy Towns and help this committee to make Maynooth the highest scoring town in Co. Kildare in the National Tidy Towns Competition in 2011"

As guest of honour at the awards night, Mayor Weld praised the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee for the way that they awarded local efforts, stating what is particularly nice about presenting local awards is that although the Tidy Towns Committee members are all volunteers you are rewarding other volunteers for their contribution to improving the local environment. "I would encourage both businesses and residents associations to strive to win one of these awards. I understand that the winners are rewarded for being most improved in the year so why not make a real effort for next year". (see list of winners inside)

Maynooth Tidy Towns seeks return of missing information panel

On Wednesday night October 6th the information board erected during the summer on the bank of the Joan Slade River in Parsons Street went missing. The board showed the wildlife in the river and was part of a project to rehabilitate that section of the river beside St. Mary's Church of Ireland. Maynooth Tidy Towns would appreciate it if the board could be returned. See picture and if you come across the panel anywhere or have any information text or call 087 3153189.



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EDITORIAL

The past month has probably been one of the most dramatic that ever occurred in recent Irish history. Whether people have come to terms with the enormity of the figures that were thrown around on 'Black Thursday' is questionable; it is nearly impossible to imagine what €50bn actually is. One of the red tops bore the headline 'Ireland R.I.P.' on a tombstone and it is difficult not to agree with their judgment. As young, and not so young people, leave the country in their thousands, it leaves less of us to bear the burden of the terrible legacy of the last 10 banking years. It is very difficult to accept that those of us who fought our way through the last recession that we are to fight our way through another one – and one that could have been avoided. When you measure this against the monumental waste that is still taking place at all levels in the Government as outlined by the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General – it is enough to make your blood boil. There seems to be no end to this waste either.

One of the solutions that the Government proposes is to encourage thousands of international students to come to Ireland to study. This is why the Tánaiste Mary Coughlan was visiting America when Fine Gael refused to pair her in the Dáil. The aim is to grow the number of students in higher education by 12,000 or 50% in five years. It is claimed to bring €1.2bn into the economy. Although the main target for the students coming to Ireland is to learn English, others will be attending Irish universities. But our schools and universities are already hugely under-funded, they were never properly funded during the boom years and they can hardly cope with the indigenous students never mind cope with all these extra people pouring in the doors.

Our near neighbours Britain are also cutting back and the new Conservative government has already targetted Child Benefit in the past week. Here, the government will have to raise taxes and consider property tax, water charges as well as savage cuts to all our services. But how can taking more billions out of an already stunned economy do any good? Surely, this will stop even more people from spending? We are saving more than ever as everyone fears for their future and their income. Looking at the number of quangos in the country and the salaries being paid to some of those in charge, would it not make more sense to look at these first?

There is the possibility of Ireland following Greece and being taken over by the IMF. That is unimaginable but by this time next year this may well happen. We have lost our sovereignty already in the sense that the EU are dictating what must be done economically. The fact that we are being pilloried abroad is not helping our image at present. There is a very serious need for us to look at how we got to where we are. There are those who would use the phrase 'we are where we are' and that we should just look forward. But have we learned the lessons of what occurred? Listening to some of the politicians, it would appear that they want the Celtic Tiger years back again. That bogus wealth was built on quicksand and smoke and the building sector should never return to the level they were at during the middle of the decade. Perhaps we should be a little less ambitious, a little less arrogant. Our track record in self-governance is not good to put it mildly. We have a lot to learn from what happened over the last fifteen years; will we learn? I wonder.

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Answer

There are a range of free courses available for jobseekers who want to improve their skills or to retrain. Some are provided by local or community-based organisations and others are provided by FÁS – the National Training and Development Authority. Many Vocational Education Committee (VEC) courses are free.

To apply for a place on a FÁS training course, you must first register with your local FÁS Employment Services Office. You will be interviewed in order to identify the course that will best suit your needs. You can search online for FÁS training courses at fas.ie. Your local FÁS Employment Services Office can also give you information on other courses in your area. The Labour Market Activation Fund supports education and training courses for unemployed people – especially people who are less skilled, who have worked in construction, retail and manufacturing, who are aged under 35 or who are long-term unemployed. The courses are run by a number of VECs, Institutes of Technology and other organisations. You must have been getting an unemployment payment for 3 months before starting the course. Visit qualifax.ie for a list of courses available.

If you plan to go on an approved short-term or part-time training course you can keep your welfare payment while you are doing the course for as long as you would normally be entitled to it (for example 9 or 12 months for Jobseeker's Benefit).

If you would like to go on a longer or full-time course there are a range of options including the Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) and the Back-to-Education Allowance (which includes a Part-time Education Option).

Question

My wife and I have worked together on our farm all our lives. I have been paying Class S stamps for most of my working life. We are now reaching pension age and are wondering about our rights to a pension?

Answer

If you have paid Class S PRSI contributions for most of your working life you will probably be eligible for a State Pension (Contributory) when you reach 66. You can then claim for your wife as a qualified adult on your pension – however any income she has will be taken into account. If your wife was a partner in your business she may be able to qualify for a non-means tested contributory State Pension in her own right.

If, in practice, you and your wife were farming in a partnership but did not claim to be in a partnership when making tax and PRSI returns you can claim partnership status retrospectively. Each case is investigated by the Department of Social Protection under the spouses' partnership criteria. If you wish to claim partnership retrospectively you will need to make sure that you have adequate supporting documentation for the relevant years. When you work with your spouse in a business partnership, you must make tax returns under the Revenue self-assessment system (for self-employed people). These tax returns must show the partnership income of each spouse so that PRSI contributions can be calculated accurately. Your first step should be to

contact the Revenue Commissioners to register your farm partnership so your wife can begin paying Class S stamps.

If a Social Welfare Inspector from the Scope Section of the Department of Social Protection decides that a partnership existed* your wife can pay her Class S contributions retrospectively for the relevant years (if you each had an income of at least €3,174 each year). It is important to remember that even if a partnership existed and your wife pays any outstanding social insurance contributions this does not entitle her to a pension at age 66 unless she meets all the other criteria.

You should check the full eligibility conditions for benefits and pensions on welfare.ie before deciding whether to apply for retrospective partnership status. Your local Citizens Information Centre can help you work out whether you may qualify for a pension.

*If the deciding officer decides that a partnership did not exist you may appeal the decision to the Social Welfare Appeals Office.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

I have recently separated from my wife. She has custody of our three children and they will be staying with me at weekends and for school holidays. She works full-time but we have agreed that I will pay additional maintenance to support the children. What tax reliefs can I claim?

Answer

Maintenance payments that are made for the benefit of children are ignored for tax purposes. This means that you cannot claim the maintenance payments as a deduction against your tax and your wife does not pay tax on the payments since you have already paid tax on this income. (Note that maintenance payments to support a former spouse are treated differently for tax purposes.)

However both you and your wife are entitled to claim a One-Parent Family Tax Credit in addition to your normal personal tax credits. The credit is currently (2010) €1,830. This tax credit is available to a widowed, separated, deserted or unmarried parent who is not living together with a partner. You can claim this tax credit for any child that you support (including an adopted child or a step child). The credit remains the same regardless of the number of children. The child must live with you for some part of the tax year and be under 18 at the beginning of the tax year (or over 18 and in full-time education or any age if they became permanently disabled while under 21 or while in full-time education).

Both parents may claim One-Parent Family Tax Credit if they both meet all the conditions. Anyone who is eligible for a One-Parent Family Tax Credit is also entitled to an increase in the standard rate tax band. This means that in 2010 you can earn up to €40,400 a year before you have to pay tax at the top rate of 41%.

Question

I was seriously assaulted recently and have not been able to work as a result of my injuries. Is there any compensation available for injuries I have suffered as a victim of crime?

Answer

As a victim of crime you may be entitled to compensation. There are 2 types of compensation. In some cases, a court may decide that an offender must pay compensation to you. This may be one of a number of conditions that the court has imposed on the offender so that he or she can avoid a prison sentence. The court may ask the Probation and Welfare Service to supervise

the payment of the compensation.

If you were injured as a result of a crime, you may be entitled to compensation by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal. The Scheme of Compensation for Personal Injuries Criminally Inflicted pays compensation for expenses and losses suffered as a direct result of a violent crime or trying to assist in preventing a crime or saving a human life. The scheme covers expenses and bills (including loss of earnings). It doesn't compensate you for pain and suffering. When deciding the amount of the award, the tribunal will take into account any compensation paid by or on behalf of the person who assaulted you.

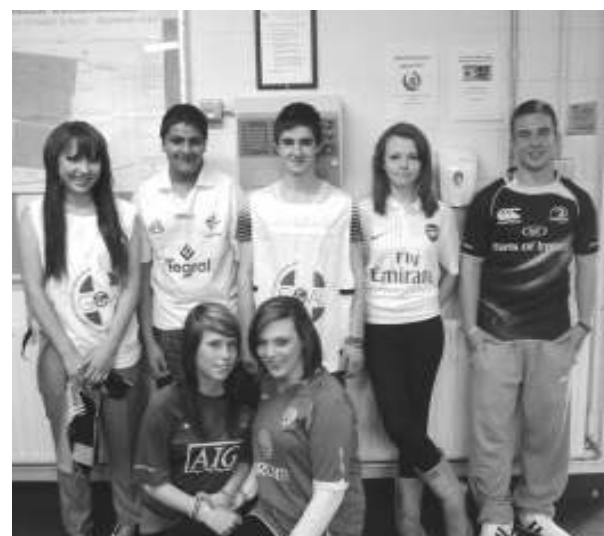
The injured person (or their immediate family if they have died) can claim compensation under the scheme. If someone has been looking after you and are out of pocket as a result of your injuries, they may also claim compensation. The time limit for making a claim is 3 months (unless the person assaulted has died as a result of their injuries). The crime should be reported to the Gardaí as soon as possible since the tribunal will look for a Garda report on the crime.

Compensation is not paid if: you were living with the assailant as part of the same household when you suffered the injury; the loss is less than €63.49; you do not give reasonable assistance to the tribunal; or your injury is the result of a traffic offence, unless there was a deliberate attempt to run you down.

You can get an application form from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal, 13 Lower Hatch Street, Dublin 2, Tel: (01) 661 0604, criminalinjuries@justice.ie.

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A Focal Point of Local History

As well as the foundations at Laraghbryan and Donaghmore we have a record of another monastery in the area, at Taghadoe, 2¼ miles south of Maynooth and also in the old territory of Uí Fáeláin or Offelan. The Annals of the Four Masters refer to Taghadoe under the year 765 when they record that “Folachtach of Teac Tuac, abbot of Cluain mic Nois, died.” One explanation offered for the meaning of Teac Tuac is “the house of St. Tua”, who is identified as Ultan Tua or Ultan the Silent, who was also connected with the neighbouring monastery of Clane. This is the meaning adopted by Lord Walter FitzGerald, one of the leading authorities on the history of the county, writing in the *Journal of the County Kildare Archaeological Society*, vol. i, no. 2, 1893. Father Mac Sweeney in his article in the *Irish Ecclesiastical Record* (quoted in the last newsletter) opts for an alternative explanation and suggests that the name may refer to a family or clan rather than to an individual. In this interpretation the name would mean “the house of Tuathal” and would refer to the O’Toole family and he points to the neighbouring townland of Toolestown in support. This is plausible since monasteries were often named after the clan who founded or supported them, as Laraghbryan itself was. The O’Toole territory was Uí Muiredaig, or Omurethy, lying to the south of Uí Fáeláin. The clan name was Uí Muiredaig, “the descendants of Muiredach”, a king of Leinster who died in 755. They and the Uí Fáeláin were related, and both traced their descent from Dúnlán, king of Leinster circa 241 A.D, and from him came the original clan name of Uí Dúnláinge. The Uí Dúnláinge split into three branches in the eighth century, the Uí Dúnhada in Mag Laigen, the plain of Leinster between the Liffey and the Wicklow mountains, the Uí Fáeláin on the east and west of the Liffey in North Kildare, and the Uí Muiredaig to the south between the Barrow and the Wicklow mountains.

When surnames began to be used by the Irish clans around the eleventh century, each of our families adopted the names of earlier kings of the dynasty, the Uí Fáeláin taking that of Brión and becoming “O’Byrnes” and the Uí Muiredaig that of Tuathal, another king of Leinster, and becoming “O’Tooles”.

While the annals give us little detail of the role of our monasteries in the lives of the people of the Maynooth area it seems likely that they supplied whatever pastoral care the people enjoyed. This was because the Christian Church in Ireland had developed in a unique way. Early in its life, not long after the time of St. Patrick, monastic life became very popular, and the number of monasteries mushroomed, reaching more than 800 by the end of the sixth century. The ruling clans founded or patronised monasteries and often supplied their abbots from within the clan itself. The abbots, thus linked with politically powerful, gradually usurped the administrative role of the bishops, while the place of the diocese as the unit of administration was taken over by the territories of the monastic *paruchia*, a group or family of monasteries all tracing their foundations back to a single saintly founder. Despite all the efforts of reformers this situation persisted until the twelfth century, and Professor P. J. Corish writing on “The Christian Mission” in *A History of Irish Catholicism* concludes that by the eleventh century the non-monastic pastoral clergy had disappeared and what pastoral care there was, was supplied by the monasteries.

The larger monasteries were the nearest approach to the modern town developed by Gaelic Ireland before the coming of the Normans. The towns of Dublin, Wexford, Waterford, Cork and Limerick were originally coastal strong-points established by the Viking invaders in the ninth century and which developed into commercial centres. Within the monastic settlements diversified crafts and trades developed. The inhabitants supplied all their own needs in food, clothing, building, tools, vehicles, books, sacred vessels, etc. In them were created illuminated manuscripts like the Book of Kells, that remain among the chief glories of Irish culture, and from them went out the great stream of Irish monks to Britain and the continent. The monastic settlement was usually enclosed by a circular stone or earthen bank, surrounded by an outer ditch. Inside stood the church or oratory made of wood or wattle and daub, and around it were the cells or huts of the monks, usually made of wickerwork. There would also be a guest-house and refectory, and, in the case of a larger monastery, a school and scriptorium. In those parts of the country where stone was more readily available than wood, the buildings would be of stone. Not every monastery was wealthy enough to support a scriptorium, and the fact that the Annals of the Four Masters record the death at Laraghbryan in 856 of Cormac, “bishop and scribe”, may indicate that it was a settlement of some importance.

(As well as the sources mentioned in the text, this article drew on information in Donncha Ó Corráin, *Ireland before the Normans*, in the Gill History of Ireland series, and Máire and Liam de Paor, *Early Christian Ireland*.)

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Seventeen of our members travelled to the Lake District and enjoyed a wonderful five days. The tour covered most of this most beautiful part of England. Staying at the historic Best Western Hotel, Cumbria we set off each day travelling over Cumbrian Hills and Fells. Carlisle was our first stop and from there we took a train along the Cumbrian mountains passing the highest railway station in the U.K., to Settle. Another trip took us up the Kirkstone Pass, to a restaurant 2000ft. above sea level in the Pennines, so many interesting sights and amazing scenery. Great weather enhanced our experience. At Grassmere we visited Wordsworth's cottage and reminisced about long ago school days as we read Wordsworth's poetry at Dove Cottage, his home. Another trip took us to Bowness, a little town on Lake Windermere. This was Beatrix Potter country where Peter Rabbit originated. This was followed by a boat trip on the lake where Donald Campbell broke his own speed record. Finally we took a short trip across the border to Gretna Green and found an amazingly pretty little hamlet. Needless to say shopping was availed of where possible. We arrived home, tired but very happy.

During August we had a visit from Adrian Boyle. She gave us an account of the forthcoming conference being held in the Davenport Hotel, Dublin. It is being held to celebrate UN International Day of Older Persons and is one of Age Action's key contributions to Positive Ageing Week. The keynote speech will be delivered by Minister Michael Martin. U3A have been invited to make a dramatic presentation conveying the message "The Poor Can't Pay". Under the tutelage of Kate, our drama teacher, our members are very busy rehearsing and will perform on Friday Oct. 1st, Break a leg! We were invited to participate in a 'Flashmob' highlighting National Day of Volunteering, also on Oct. 1st. Margaret Houlihan very kindly came along and demonstrated the dance routine to great enthusiasm. Sporting designer T-shirts, at the signal, coats off, dance begins, to the entertainment of the public in the Manor Mills. Margaret, sorry to hear of your accident and we wish you a speedy recovery. Fifteen members are booked to go to the dinner and cabaret at the Burlington Hotel in Dublin. Those who were there last year gave it the thumbs up.

Pat Tuite, one of our own and a gifted musician gave us a short talk on music in general. She kindly agreed to give lessons on the keyboard to those interested, but, of course you must have a keyboard.

**Meetings for October will be held on
Fridays 15th and 29th at 11:00 in
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Help Support Action Breast Cancer With Curves Maynooth



Curves members in Maynooth are being urged to support Action Breast Cancer, a programme of the Irish Cancer Society, by donating their old and unwanted bras to help raise funds for the charity.

Curves, located in Maynooth Business Campus, has installed a bra bank for both member and non-members to donate unwanted bras. For every each kilo of bras deposited, 1.10 Euros will be donated to Action Breast Cancer.

Last year Curves clubs across Ireland collectively raised over 7,000 Euros for the worthwhile charity through numerous fundraising events- they intend to do the same this year, and hope to better this great total.

This year Curves Maynooth wants to make an even bigger contribution to Action Breast Cancer so it would be great if all local women could raid their underwear drawers and lend their support to this fantastic cause.

Jim O' Malley, Corporate Partnership Manager at the Irish Cancer Society said: "We're really excited about working with Curves for another year and are incredibly grateful to all the staff and members at Curves Maynooth for their support. With their help we will be able to raise awareness of breast cancer in the local community while getting a step closer to achieving our mission of beating breast cancer."

The women-only gym, located on Maynooth Business Campus will also waive the 114 Euros joining fee for new members during the month of October in return for a donation to Action Breast Cancer.

As a women-only gym, Curves understand the importance of supporting the vital work carried out by Action Breast Cancer in Ireland.

For more information on the charity please visit <http://www.cancer.ie/action>.

For more information on Curves, call 01 6291000 or visit www.curves.ie.

October—a month where some days are warmed by the last rays of summer and other days which are cold and wet. It is a very busy month planting, planning for next year and helping our wildlife guests prepare for the coming winter.

October is the last month to give us bees and butterflies. Red admirals feed on the fallen fruits and drink nectar from the flowers of the Michaelmas daisies, sedums and the last of the buddleia before they hibernate. Other butterflies such as painted lady will migrate south before the cold season arrives. The abundance of natural food for birds, such as seeds or fruits, mean they take less off our bird table. It is a good time for us to store some of these natural goodies to put out later in the year. Winter bird visitors begin to arrive such as green finches and thrushes but they may stay in the fields until the true winter weather comes.



1. Even if you don't have a big garden, you can create your own small habitat using either a window box, old bath or sink, or even an old chimney pot.
2. First of all try, where possible to plant native trees, shrubs and wild flowers. Only choose ornamental varieties, such as Buddleia the butterfly bush, if they benefit wildlife.
3. Start a compost heap from garden rubbish. Use the compost instead of artificial fertilisers. Avoid sprays used to control pests and weeds which may kill insects which are good for the garden. **Never** use peat because extracting it destroys peat bogs.
4. Don't be too tidy. Long grass, thick hedges and piles of leaves provide shelter for lots of birds, insects and small mammals. Windfall fruit is a

valuable autumn food supply.

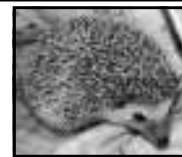
5. Create a wild corner in your garden. Nettles are good for butterflies to lay their eggs on because the leaves provide food for their caterpillars. Brambles support many insects and the berries are food for birds and small mammals.
6. Never dig up plants from the wild as this is illegal. Don't collect seed from wild plants. Only buy them from a good garden centre which sells native stock, grown in peat-free compost. The aim of wildlife gardening is to create more habitats, not reduce them.
7. Don't disturb nesting birds. If you do you'll trample nearby plants making it obvious to predators. Provide food and water for birds all year round. But during early summer, when young birds are being fed, place whole peanuts in a peanut feeder.

Gardening tips for the month

- ◆ Cut the lawn for the last time.
- ◆ Split and divide herbaceous plants.
- ◆ Weed the herbaceous border and mulch. Remove diseased plants or parts of plants.
- ◆ Prune shrubs.
- ◆ Take hard wood cuttings.
- ◆ Sow tree and shrub seeds.
- ◆ Check tree stakes before the winter storms.
- ◆ Remove dead leaves from the pond.
- ◆ Remove excess vegetation from the pond. Take out about a third and leave on the bank side for creatures to crawl back in.
- ◆ Plant spring flowering bulbs.

Wildlife Gardening Tips for October

- ◆ If you are having a bonfire check underneath for hedgehogs before lighting it.
- ◆ Clean out nest boxes.
- ◆ Store, dry or freeze a variety of seeds, fruits, berries and apples to give to birds in colder months.!



Create a bird feeding station

1. Find an area of the garden, not far from the house but near to shrubs.. The area must be 2m away from the shrubs to be away from lurking predators.
2. Purchase or build a small bird table for scraps of food from the kitchen. Hang feeders from table. Position a tray on the ground for water drinking and bathing.
3. Provide a variety of hanging food sources:
 - ◆ Shelled peanuts in a net feeder for tits and sparrows
 - ◆ Sunflower seeds in a seed feeder
 - ◆ Fresh coconut in their shells.

Use the bird table for scraps including bacon rind, breadcrumbs, mixed dried fruits, cooked spaghetti or rice, soaked bread, cooked meat and fruit. Buy meal worms to put out.

Place some of the food on the ground for ground feeding birds. Put out only in the morning to deter rodents.

Only put out enough food to be eaten in one day and have a regular routine of cleaning the bird table feeders and water bowl. Always remove mouldy or uneaten food to prevent the transmission of salmonella.

Pet Corner

Keeping Gerbils as Pets

- Gerbils are easy to care for compared to many other pets.
- Gerbils do not smell as other rodents do. Gerbils are desert creatures. Therefore, they drink little and do not produce as much waste as other rodents.
- Because gerbils do not smell as much or produce as much waste, gerbils need a tank cleaning about every 2 weeks.
- Most gerbils do not bite. If a young gerbil nibbles, it is a habit easily broken.
- Gerbils are very inquisitive, playful, and fun to watch.
- Gerbils do not sleep all day and play all night. Instead, they have many sleep/wake cycles throughout the day and night.



What You will Need

- a glass tank (at least 5 gallons per gerbil)
- bedding
- a water bottle
- gerbil food
- a mesh wheel or a covered, gerbil-safe wheel
- cardboard tubes
- a secure wire mesh lid and lid clamps

Day to Day Responsibilities for your Gerbil

- Check your gerbils' food dish every day to make sure that there is enough to eat.
- Tap the end of the water bottle every day to make sure it dispenses water easily. Although gerbils' bodies process food in

such a way that they can live longer than most animals without water, gerbils are happier if they have easy access to water. A sick gerbil gets dehydrated easily. If the water bottle has leaked, clean the tank immediately. Large amounts of damp bedding can lead to mould which can be toxic to gerbils.

- Clean your gerbils' tank about every two weeks. Some people clean tanks every week, others every three weeks. Some types of bedding require more frequent tank cleanings. Follow your nose and your instincts when deciding what cleaning schedule is right for your gerbils.
- Interact with your gerbils every day. If it is possible to take them out of the tank to a gerbil-safe area for playtime, this is wonderful for your gerbils. If you do not have such an area, make sure your gerbils can hop onto your hand, crawl up your arm, and eat food out of your hand every day. This keeps them tame, entertained, and happy. It is also fun for you!!

Remember to keep all domestic animals indoors when the fireworks start. Keep your pet in a quiet and safe place on Halloween.

EXHIBITION

John Henry Newman and a Maynooth connection

On 8 October 1845 John Henry Newman, a leading theologian and later first rector of the Catholic University of Ireland, wrote to Charles William Russell, Professor of Ecclesiastical History in Maynooth College to tell him that he was about to be received into the Catholic Church. It was a turning point in his life. He was to write afterwards in the history of his religious opinions, *Apologia pro Vita Sua*, (1864), that Dr Russell 'had, perhaps, more to do with my conversion than anyone else.' Newman had been an influential force in the Church of England and was to be one in the Catholic Church, and in the field of education.

This pivotal letter which is now preserved in the Maynooth College Archives, is on exhibition in the Russell Library which was designed by Augustus Welby Pugin and completed in 1861. The Library houses other Newman letters and associated material, together with the splendid mahogany book cases with gilded ornament which were Newman's own when he was rector of the Catholic University on St Stephen's Green in Dublin.

John Henry Newman was beatified on 19 September 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI and is commemorated in the Church of England liturgical calendar (11 August) and the catholic calendar (9 October).

The letter is on display in the Russell Library, on the South Campus,

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LETTER TO OUR READERS

This is just a note to remind you all that the **Newsletter** exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any organisation or indeed from individuals with something to say or suggest. We hope you continue to enjoy your monthly read and keep us informed of your activities.

October Diary Planner



Maynooth I.C.A.

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.
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October's meetings Friday 15th and 29th at 11.00 a.m. in the Community Library.
New Member welcome
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If you would like your event for November put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter
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Baking for Halloween

Halloween Brack

Ingredients:

- 225g / 8oz Self Raising Flour
- 375g / 13oz Mixed Dried Fruit (Sultanas, Raisins, Cherries, Peel)
- 300ml / 1/2 pint Cold Tea
- 125g / 4oz Brown Sugar
- 125g / 4oz Mixed Chopped Nuts
- 1 Egg (beaten)
- Good pinch Mixed Spice
- Ring or other Charms



Method:

- Place fruit and tea in bowl and leave to soak overnight.
- Add sugar, nuts, egg, flour and mixed spice and mix well.
- Transfer to a greased and base lined 900g/2lb loaf tin.
- Bake in a pre-heated oven 170°C/325°F/Gas 3 for approx. one hour or until risen and firm to the touch.
- Cool on a wire tray. When cold, wrap in greaseproof paper and keep for two days before cutting.

Halloween Cupcakes

Ingredients:

- 175g/6oz/6 tablespoons Self Raising Flour
- 125g/4oz/4 tablespoons Caster Sugar
- 125g/4oz Margarine (half a block)
- 2 Eggs
- 2 tablespoons Cold Water



Method:

- Preheat oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas 6.
- Put bun paper cases into bun tray.
- Put flour, sugar, margarine, eggs and water into a bowl. Beat all ingredients together with an electric mixer or wooden spoon until the mixture is smooth.
- Put heaped teaspoons of mixture into each bun case.
- Place in the oven on the top shelf and bake for about 15 minutes until golden.
- Cool on a wire tray. When cold, decorate.

Decoration:

Make some glaze icing and pipe into a web on the cupcake!

Nutty toffee apples

Ingredients:

- 6 eating apples
- 6 small wooden ice lolly sticks
- 225g/8oz granulated sugar
- 110ml/4fl oz water
- 30g/1oz butter



- 2 tbsp golden syrup
- 4 tbsp finely chopped mixed nuts.

method:

Push the wooden sticks halfway into the apples at the stalk end.
Dissolve the sugar and water in a thick-bottomed pan over a gentle heat.
Add the butter and syrup to the mixture and bring to the boil. Continue to boil, without stirring, until the toffee reaches 290C (use a sugar thermometer to measure this).
Remove the pan from the heat and gently stir in the nuts.
Carefully dip each apple into the toffee, making sure each apple is well coated, and set aside to harden on a baking tray lined with non-stick parchment.

Halloween biscuits

Ingredients:

- 100g/3½oz unsalted butter, softened at room temperature
- 100g/3½oz caster sugar
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 275g/10oz plain flour
- 1 tsp vanilla extract



To decorate
400g/14oz icing sugar
3-4 tbsp water
2-3 drops food colourings

Method:

- Preheat the oven to 190C/375F/Gas 5. Line a baking tray with greaseproof paper.
- Beat the butter and sugar together in a bowl until combined.
- Beat in the egg and vanilla extract, a little at a time, until well combined.
- Stir in the flour until the mixture comes together as a dough.
- Roll the dough out on a lightly floured work surface to a thickness of 1cm/½in.
- Using Halloween-style biscuit cutters, cut biscuits out of the dough and carefully place onto the baking tray.
- Bake the biscuits for 8-10 minutes, or until pale golden-brown. Set aside to harden for 5 minutes, then cool on a wire rack.
- For the icing, sift the icing sugar into a large mixing bowl and stir in enough water to create a smooth mixture. Stir in the food colouring.
- Carefully spread the icing onto the biscuits using a knife and set aside until the icing hardens.





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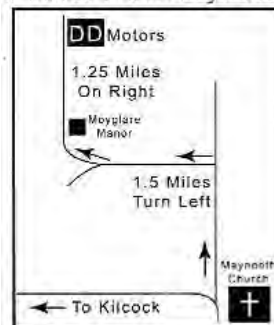
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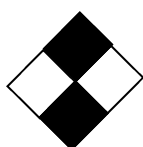
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National Day of Volunteering.

October 1st was the National Day of Volunteering and this year it coincided with the UN International Day of Older People.

Volunteer Centres Ireland celebrated the day by organising a number of 'flashmob' events which took place across the country including Maynooth to draw attention to the significant contribution older people make as volunteers in our society.

A flashmob is when a group of people (10-15 or more) suddenly start to dance in the same way in a public place to a piece of music for a short period of time (5-10 minutes). Whilst the events seem to come out of nowhere, of course they are organised in advance.

Volunteer Centres Ireland worked with a choreographer who created a simple dance movement that embodies the message set to an upbeat song.



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Maura Wilcox, Kathleen Roberts.



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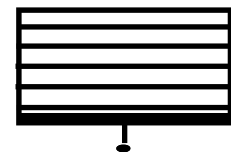
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In respect to Kildare approval has been given for the following scheme(s).

Voluntary Body	Address of Project	No. of Units
KARE	Clane	4
Saint John of God Trust Ireland	Celbridge, Kildare	5
Circle Housing Association	Leixlip, Kildare	5

In welcoming this news, Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick said “ This is a practical, immediate and value-for-money approach to delivering urgently needed accommodation to meet a variety of special housing needs, including the long-term accommodation needs of persons currently housed in emergency and temporary homeless accommodation and who wish to progress to mainstream housing, older people requiring sheltered housing and persons with a disability who are capable of independent living in settings where low level tenancy and care supports are available. The objective is to deliver a responsive and flexible system of housing supports that takes into account a diversity of housing need but with particular focus on persons exiting homelessness, older people and people with a disability. The €60million investment will greatly assist in delivering on the commitments in the Programme for Government to enhance the range of housing supports and services available to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in our society.

Government appoints top-level group to draw up plan for research priorities **‘Intel’s Jim O’Hara to spearhead push for target areas that will create “smart” jobs’**

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed this high-level group led by one of Ireland’s top industrialists which has begun work on a five-year prioritisation plan for Government investment in research and ‘smart’ jobs.

The research prioritisation steering group, which will be headed by Intel Ireland’s general manager, Jim O’Hara, will identify up to 20 target areas on which the Government should focus its allocation of public funding for research and development over five years.

Minister O’Keeffe, who appointed the steering group, has asked that work be completed within 12 months with an action plan for each priority area setting out specific goals over five years and he wants the group to focus on areas that will yield the best return for taxpayers’ investment in research and, ultimately, create high-quality jobs. This steering group draws on national and international expertise in the private and public sectors and the experience of other countries in drawing up similar plans, said Deputy Fitzpatrick.

This year, the Government is investing €598 million on academic and commercially focused research and development spread across all Government departments and agencies.

The project will take a year to complete and identify between 10 and 20 priority areas following extensive consultation.

New jobs focus should be good for Kildare – Fitzpatrick

Kildare North Fianna Fáil TD and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed the new plans outlined by An Taoiseach, Brian Cowen TD for job creation and protection.

“The new plans should have a positive impact on jobs and investment throughout Kildare and the rest of the country.”

“The new strategy follows a high level meeting between the Taoiseach and the heads of the State’s economic development, training and education agencies including the IDA, Enterprise Ireland, FÁS, Tourism Ireland Bord Bia and the Higher Education Authority. An Taoiseach outlined to them that jobs were top of the Government agenda and discussed means of helping the unemployed and ways to protect and create jobs in the future.”

“This is the first in a number of steps that will be taken this autumn which will help improve the jobs situation throughout Kildare and the rest of the country. Over the course of the coming weeks and months the Government is making an extra commitment to improving job and investment prospects.”

“The second part of the plan will be implemented when the Taoiseach launches ‘Trading and Investing in a Smart Economy’ in the coming days. This is a new action plan for growth in trade, tourism and investment.”

“The Taoiseach has also asked all the Government Departments to prepare plans by next month to look at reducing the cost of doing business in Ireland including to increase international competitiveness and assist job creation.”

“Additionally the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Innovation, Batt O’Keeffe TD will launch ‘Making it Happen’ a new integrated strategy for enterprise growth in Ireland shortly in conjunction with Forfás. There will also be a new strategy for higher education considered over the coming weeks, which is important given the strong links between higher education and job creation.”

“I am encouraged by An Taoiseach’s view that Ireland is still a successful country with huge potential for the

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future. We still have far more people at work than we did ten years ago and our people are highly-skilled and very well educated by international standards.”

“All these actions by the Government should have an impact on the jobs market throughout Kildare and the rest of the country as they are implemented. It is clear that job creation and job retention is going to be the major focus of the Government in the next few months and I believe that we will start to see the benefits of this approach in the near future,” concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Kildare Schools Receive High Speed Broadband

Communications Minister Eamon Ryan today announced that the €13 million Broadband to Schools Scheme has delivered 100 megabit high speed fibre and wireless broadband to 78 second level schools nationwide.

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“The Renewed Programme for Government sets out that the Scheme will extend to all second-level schools nationwide in the next two years. Ireland is one the first countries in the world to deliver such a programme on a national level. The jobs of the future are in the digital economy and our children need to be confident and comfortable in the use of technology. Broadband of this capacity and quality will allow them to see and learn things in school that my generation could have only dreamed of.” said Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick.

With this Scheme, we are creating the digital citizens - the writers, the inventors and the businesspeople – of the future. I believe the provision of 100 megabits broadband will transform education in Ireland and place our children at the forefront of the digital revolution. "

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Maynooth Community Council's submission to the Draft Kildare County Plan 2011-2017 – an overview

A 'core objective' of the Draft Kildare County Plan 2011-2017 is to consolidate development within the existing urban footprint of the metropolitan towns of Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge and Kilcock, prioritising development of brown field sites along 'enhanced public transport corridors' to the city, linked to 'well designed urban environments'. Maynooth Community Council acknowledges the principles behind this objective, but has concerns over some of the policies suggested for achieving it. In our submission, we identified aspects of the Plan that – in the absence of additional planning input – we felt had the potential to negatively impact on Maynooth, and we outlined some amendments that we believed should be made. The main points in our submission are summarised below.

Population Targets, Zoning, Transport, and Collinstown

Clarity on population targets

Our submission posed questions about the high population target for Maynooth, and about how this target related to projections for the other metropolitan towns and the proposed town centre at Collinstown, Leixlip. We felt that there was lack of clarity on overall population targets. The Draft County Plan targets a population of 68,263 for the metropolitan-towns area by 2017, while the target for the area in the Draft Regional Planning Guidelines seems to be larger.¹ The Leixlip population target of 21,326 for 2017 includes Collinstown in its figure, but in the current economic climate Collinstown may not be developed within the timeframe of this County Plan. What would happen to the Collinstown allocation in that case? We asked for greater clarity on targets in the finalised County Plan, since zoning decisions and infrastructure provision will rest on these figures.

Zoning

The Draft Plan states that the four metropolitan towns in north-east Kildare have insufficient zoned land to cater for the target population allocation. Specifically it states that Maynooth has an under-supply of zoned land, and that it is the Council's policy to zone additional lands to meet population targets. We noted that Maynooth already has zoned but undeveloped land for almost 1,300 housing units and asked, in the interest of proper planning and maintaining the coherence of Maynooth's urban footprint, that the finalised Plan contain a policy that no further land will be zoned until the existing capacity has been fully utilised.

Lack of detail on provision of matching infrastructure

A population increase of over 5,000 is targeted for Maynooth by 2017 – an increase of approximately 50% on the current population of the town. In the absence of matching infrastructural development this has the potential to negatively impact on the quality of life of the existing community. Public transport, roads, social amenities, and schools would become greatly over-stretched. We pointed out that the Blacklion ring road had not yet been provided, and that the commuter train service to Maynooth was at close to maximum capacity. We also noted that Maynooth had no community centre, inadequate public car parking, no properly developed and maintained public parks, no internal public transport, inadequate pedestrian and cycle routes, and no theatre or cinema. We asked that the finalised County Plan contain detailed policies outlining how such a radical population increase would be matched by infrastructural and amenity provisions.

Transport capacity and commuter parking

The Maynooth train service is close to maximum

capacity. Further capacity increase is limited at peak times and, even if provided, must facilitate passenger growth along the entire West Dublin rail corridor. The opening of the Dunboyne line in 2010 will impact on Irish Rail's capacity to provide additional rolling stock. Also the capacity of Connolly Station to take more trains is limited due to signalling and platform space – so the dependence on rail to facilitate movement of additional commuters is dependent on factors outside the control of Kildare County Council. We believe that this should be acknowledged in the County Plan and that commuter-dependent developments should only be phased in line with the expansion of public transport services. We also believe that the demand for commuter parking needs to be specifically addressed on a wider scale than at present – otherwise it will result in commuters continuing to park in residential areas around Maynooth.

Local transport links

We believe that greater interconnectivity is needed between Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge and Kilcock, and we asked that the County Plan outline the public transport links required, and contain the objective of providing safe cycle lanes between the towns.

Potential impact of the Collinstown plan

The Collinstown Local Area Plan is integral to the Draft Plan's objectives for the metropolitan towns. It targets Collinstown as the 'major town centre' in north-east Kildare, linking Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth, and matching the retail capacity of Liffey Valley, Blanchardstown and Dundrum shopping centres. The Collinstown Plan appears to raise a number of important issues that have not been addressed in the Draft Plan:

Civic functions and potential for diversion of resources

We welcome the Draft Plan's policy to implement the Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan, and note that this plan aims to locate some key civic functions in Maynooth. This objective may conflict or overlap with the apparent strategy to locate 'civic' functions in Collinstown. We noted that Maynooth and Celbridge have long-standing applications lodged for town council status. Collinstown is also envisaged as providing amenities currently absent in the area such as cinema, swimming pool and theatre, diverting scarce public resources away from development of the existing town centres. We noted in our submission that long-expressed local aspirations and expectations might be superseded by the Collinstown plan.

Retail dilution

Large additional retail capacity at Collinstown would have the potential to further undermine the viability of current retail businesses in the existing town centres, which may well also have to compete with a new development at Donaghcomper, Celbridge. Meanwhile, most of the units in the already-developed Tesco Shopping Centre in Maynooth are empty. We believe that the metropolitan-towns area, which is so close to the Liffey Valley Shopping Centre, Blanchardstown, and the city centre, is in danger of becoming vastly 'over shopped'. We believe that the concept of 'retail leakage' from a county, used in the Draft Plan, is weak – shoppers and workers move quite freely across county boundaries and will continue to do so.

Detailed overall plan for metropolitan area including Collinstown

In the light of the observations above, we asked that a detailed Development Plan for north-east Kildare be produced in consultation with the communities of Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge and Kilcock to take account of the Collinstown plan. We noted that Local Area Plans, while essential in themselves, cannot substitute for an overall plan with the required level of coordination and integration.

Heritage, Landscape and Tourism Issues

Tourism should get more emphasis in Maynooth economic strategy

Maynooth is a heritage town containing many nationally and internationally important architectural features: a unique planned main street; Carton Avenue and Carton house and demesne; Maynooth Castle; St Patrick's College's Pugin buildings and attractive campus; the Royal Canal harbour. As such it is a tourism destination in its own right and this should be acknowledged in the County Plan. The local hotels and conference facilities should be recognised as significant visitor facilities with the potential to bring large numbers of visitors into the area.

Carton-Castletown link

The Carton-Castletown link should be developed as a key heritage attraction for international and national tourism in the north-east-Kildare area. Carton has been called 'Ireland's Versailles': the house and demesne were developed by one of the most historically prominent families in Ireland, with access to wealth and resources inconceivable today. It is closely associated with the FitzGerald's town residence, Leinster House, with Maynooth Castle, and with Castletown, to which it is linked by planned vistas through 'Connolly's Folly'. We asked that the County Plan recognise the unique tourism potential of Carton-Castletown as a tourist destination.

Carton demesne is open to public for walking

Much of Carton demesne with its wildlife and exceptional built and landscape heritage is open to the public for walking, and together with the impressive vistas along Carton Avenue, provides a unique walking amenity in north-east Kildare. This fact is not acknowledged in the Draft Plan and we request that it be added to the County Plan, and taken account of in tourism and walking-route planning in our area.

Protection of views over Carton wall

The Draft Plan mistakenly states that there are no views of Carton demesne over the estate walls. This error has serious implications in terms of the preservation of historic vistas, and we ask that it be corrected in the finalised County Plan as a matter of urgency. The greater part of the southern aspect of the Carton demesne landscape has been visible to, and loved by, thousands of travellers on the 66 bus route for more than 70 years, and by train travellers for a century and a half. Recent dense planting inside Carton wall will obscure these long established views within a few years if not appropriately thinned out in good time. Preservation of these views is of vital importance to the people of Maynooth and should be stipulated in the County Plan.

Designation of landscape of north-east Kildare

The Draft County Plan designates north-east Kildare as an area of low landscape sensitivity, describing it as the 'Most Robust' area environmentally, with a concentration of high capacity public transport routes, low density of ecological and landscape designations and high concentrations of serviced land.

We noted in our submission that, in fact, north-east Kildare contains some of the most scenic parts of the Liffey Valley. It also contains the Rye Water valley and tributaries, Carton and Castletown demesnes, stud farms with wide road-side verges, green belts, irreplaceable vistas of farmland, canal banks and environs. The combination of stone built heritage and rich farmland has given this landscape its unique and essentially eighteenth century character. There are also numerous national monuments and historic buildings

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requiring the preservation of their landscape context.

To the tens of thousands of people who live in our area, the afore-mentioned features of the landscape are treasured and irreplaceable aspects of the place we live. We do not accept that our area has a 'low sensitivity landscape' and requested that the County Plan list and acknowledge the great number of irreplaceable aspects of our local landscape that must be protected.

Other heritage issues

- We asked that the finalised County Plan update the Record of Protected Structures as it pertains to Maynooth, extending it to include all remaining heritage stone walls in the town, vernacular dwellings and streetscapes, and all the permanent buildings on the campus of St Patrick's College.
- We also asked that views of the Chapel spire of St Patrick's College, Maynooth – at c.173 ft one of the tallest in the country and a prominent landmark in Maynooth – be included for preservation the finalised Plan.
- We asked that the County Plan contain the objective of providing written statements to accompany Architectural Conservation Area maps: a written statement is needed to accompany the Maynooth ACA map, setting out detailed guidelines for preserving the integrity of the historic town centre.
- We requested that the Rye River and its tributaries be included for protection due to their importance in terms of landscape and amenity value.
- We asked that the County Plan include a stipulation that permission will not be granted for any development on flood plains, and that where possible, flood plains should be restored.
- Town centre gardens are an important biodiversity and environmental resource. We asked that developments in town centres should be required to provide some permeable green space – that each town centre have a quota and a plan as to where the green space will be retained with a view to creating the corridors which are essential for biodiversity.
- We suggested that County Kildare needs a proper Parks Department. The north-east Kildare towns have become urban areas with large populations, and require attractive, multi-use, well-maintained green spaces. Across the county boundary in Lucan, the local authority provides park services, such as railed and gated parks with planting, flower beds, seating, shelters, and water features in the tradition of the Dublin City parks. We said that a similar service is needed for the metropolitan towns.
- We noted that the opportunity to create linear parks along riverbanks in towns such as Maynooth, and to retain or create public access to the riverbank, needs to be taken up before such lands are lost to private development. We ask that a policy of extending public access to the Rye river bank in Maynooth town centre by developing a 'linear park' be adopted in the County Plan as a matter of urgency.

¹ The Draft Regional Planning Guidelines target a population of 234,422 in Co. Kildare by 2016, with 35% i.e. 82,0477, allocated to the metropolitan-towns area.

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT Sub-committee

Maynooth Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Meeting 13 September 2010

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

Youth Café Premises

Hugh Gallagher (Chairperson Youth Café Committee) reported that the plan to rent premises for the Youth Café project at Manor Mills had fallen through, and that the main focus now was to find an alternative somewhere in the town centre as soon as possible, perhaps on the Main Street.

New format *Maynooth Newsletter* seeking more local material

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin (Secretary MCC) said that the new format *Maynooth Newsletter* was working very well and was being delivered to houses around the town. She thanked Paul Croghan (PDO MCC), and Brian Curtis and the Maynooth Community Council office staff, for their hard work on the project. She also said that the *Newsletter* was seeking additional community-news content and would welcome material from the various local organisations.

Local History Group

Hilda Dunne (Maynooth Local History Group) told the meeting that the group had been active over the summer with a tour of St. Patrick's College, which included a visit to the O'Growney memorial, and a 'FitzGerald Walk' to the graveyard in Carton Demesne. The present Duke of Leinster, Maurice FitzGerald, attended, and local historian Seamus Cullen gave a talk. The group's next talk will be given by Ruth Sweetman on the subject of 'The O'Rahilly', and will take place on November 16th at the Glenroyal Hotel.

Recycling Centre for North Kildare

In response to a question from the floor, Cllr. John McGinley (Labour) told the community councillors that a major recycling centre for North Kildare is planned and that it would be located opposite the Salesian College on the Celbridge to Maynooth road.

An Nuada Players annual pantomime

Gabriel Martin (Leinster Park Residents Association) told the meeting that An Nuada Players hoped to stage a pantomime, 'Aladdin', before Christmas, on the first two weekends of December.

Student behaviour

Tom McMullon (Vice-chairperson MCC) said that NUIM students were now returning to college and he raised the issue of students holding late night parties in rented houses on Maynooth estates, and causing a noise nuisance to other residents. He himself had been the victim of a riotous party that weekend. A great many houses in Maynooth were rented out to students by landlords who did not live nearby. He said that the NUIM authorities needed to take some responsibility for student behaviour in the town, but that writing to the college had not to date produced very much action on this problem.

MCC submission to Draft County Plan

Deirdre Cullen (Planning and Development Sub-committee) told the meeting that the sub-committee had sent a submission to Kildare County Council concerning the Draft County Plan. The submission posed questions about the very high population targets for Maynooth and the other metropolitan North Kildare towns, and about how these targets related to projections for the proposed new town centre at Collinstown, Leixlip. It drew attention to the shortage of infrastructure in the area to match the population targets. It pointed out that the Blacklion ring road had not yet been provided, and that the commuter train service to Maynooth was at close to maximum capacity. It also noted that Maynooth had no community centre, inadequate public car parking, no properly developed and maintained public parks, no internal public transport, inadequate pedestrian

and cycle routes, and no theatre or cinema.

Senior Citizens Committee seeks new volunteers

Josie Moore (Senior Citizens Committee) said that the committee had recommenced its activities after the summer break and that its programme would include a morning club, tea dances, coach trips and annual holidays. The committee needs new volunteers and J. Moore asked people interested in helping out to contact Joan Lennon (628 6012). She said that the committee's main fundraising event, the annual sale of work, would take place this autumn at the Aula Maxima, St. Patrick's College.

University of the Third Age

A member of Maynooth U3A told the meeting that the group's membership was growing, but that it was difficult to find a suitable premises in which to hold their meetings. Colm O'Cearúil (Chairperson MCC) suggested that the group use the space above Maynooth Community Council's offices, which was often free during the daytime at present.

Maynooth Scouts

Peter Garrad (Scouts) told the meeting that the Maynooth Patrol had represented Co. Kildare in the Phoenix Challenge this summer, and had won a silver trophy. He said that there was now a waiting list to join the Maynooth Scouts. They were still using the facilities at Maynooth Post Primary School for their activities, and were in pre-planning consultation with Kildare County Council about their plans to develop the Geraldine Hall as their new centre.

New NUIM Volunteers Outreach Group

Liz Murray (NUIM Students Union) told the meeting that the Students Union had set up a new outreach group aimed at tackling the stigma associated with mental health problems and at promoting more positive attitudes to talking about such problems. L. Murray said that the group's ethos was based on the principle that 'no matter what the problem is, we can talk about it'. The group hopes to engage with local schools with a view to setting up workshops and projects where young people could feel free to talk about mental health and suicide concerns. The group is composed of volunteers from NUIM, and is in contact with groups such as Headstrong and Inspire Ireland. It hopes to launch the new project in schools in Maynooth in early October. D. Cullen (North East Kildare Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention Group) welcomed this initiative and suggested that the student group might make contact with the Mental Health Promotion Group to explore the possibility of future collaboration.

Mental Health Promotion Group

D. Cullen told the meeting that the HSE-organised Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention Group for North East Kildare, of which Maynooth Community Council is a member, had run two very successful evenings of talks for parents before the summer. The talks covered the topics of safe social-networking, coping with exam stress, bullying, and substance abuse. The group is now looking into ways of making the papers presented at these sessions available to a greater number of parents. She told the meeting that Kildare Youth Services (a member of the Mental Health Promotion Group) has organised a theatre workshop project called 'Headspace' – a pilot project for young people in Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge, and Kilcock, aimed at facilitating teenagers in addressing and exploring mental-health-related topics. There had been good uptake of workshop places in Leixlip and Celbridge, and KYS was hoping to get the project going in Maynooth now that the schools are open for the new academic year. D. Cullen also told the meeting that the Mental Health Promotion Group is involved in the Headstrong Learning Network. As part of this association, it will be participating in research into the effectiveness of the mental health facilities currently available to young people in North East Kildare and other linked HSE areas. Groups from Tallaght and Dun Laoghaire will also be involved in this research project.

D. Cullen. P.R.O.

Cllr. Catherine Murphy**Mobile 087-2696450****Email murphycatherine1@eircom.net****Address 46 Leixlip Park, Leixlip, Co. Kildare.****Web <http://kildare.ie/CatherineMurphy/>****Cllr. Catherine Murphy****Dublin Bus Network Review, including providing service to Moyglare Hall, stalled because Council not provided with funds.**

Following the network review by Dublin Bus which a number of route changes were identified such as extending the 66 service to Moyglare Hall; re routing the 66 Leixlip services into the Easton Road Area; amalgamating the 67 and 67A both of which will terminate at Moyglare Road, Maynooth. These changes cannot be made until road adjustments are carried out, i.e. some ramps on Moyglare Road and Accommodation Road are not bus friendly also left turn from Easton Road to Accommodation Road would need to be altered. These changes cost money and Kildare County Council has not been provided with funds to do the work so they are all on hold. At the last Celbridge Area Meeting (which includes Celbridge, Leixlip, Maynooth, (Straffan) I sought an update on dialogue between Dublin Bus and the council on road modifications in response to the network review? Following is the very disappointing report

Report: *The Council does not have any finance available to implement traffic management schemes to facilitate changes to the Dublin Bus network. The bus company is aware of this constraint and unless funding is made available from an external source, including Dublin Bus, then there will be no update on the implementation process.*

The National Transportation Authority were recently given responsibility for

overseeing public transport services, it is to their budget Kildare will look for funding. I asked that a meeting is arranged with them as a matter of urgency and this was agreed to at the meeting.

National Transportation Authority to spend €1m on Kilcock Road "pilot" cycle scheme. This is the wrong priority – Murphy

The scheme is the brainchild of the National Transportation Authority and covers the area between Laraghbryan Cemetery and the Moyglare Road junction. The broad proposal is to narrow the carriageway and install bus/cycle lanes, take away the left turning lane from Kilcock Road onto Moyglare Road (for a period of up to 6 months). Included in the scheme is a pelican crossing on Moyglare Road near the schools this element will cost in the region of €35,000 however the overall scheme will cost almost €1m.

At a time of economic crisis I believe with the limited funds we have available they should be spent on measures that are essential rather than pilot projects. For example the Council will complete the Traffic Management Plan for Maynooth in October and the public will be asked to comment on it, there is little point in doing this

exercise if there are no funds to carry out the necessary works. A similar plan was completed for Celbridge in 2007 no funds have been forthcoming from the National Transportation Authority to implement the recommendations.

I believe this is not the way to spend taxpayer's money; yes the crossing is needed on Moyglare Road as are the changes to the ramps in order to extend the bus service to Moyglare Hall. I have already stated this could be done with the Councilors' Discretionary Funds to which I would be happy to contribute. I believe this is a trophy project for the National Transportation Authority and they are setting priorities with taxpayer's money when they should be responding to needs. If the Council was allocated the €1m many traffic management issues affecting pedestrian's cyclists and motorists could be addressed to the benefit of all. The County Council passed this scheme 28th September I was the only member of the Celbridge Area Committee not to support it.

Taking in charge of Castledawson - some progress

As Newtown Hall estate was unlikely to be completed and taken in charge for some time, Building Control Section would contact the developer of Newtown Hall with a view to taking in charge the pumping station in advance of the remainder of the estate. I asked if the developer had been contacted in relation to this matter and received the following report.

Report: *Building Control Section met with the developer of Newtown Hall on 8/9/10. He stated that he had no objection to KCC taking pump station in charge in advance of the remainder of the Newtown Hall estate. He is to provide 'As Constructed Drawings' of foul sewer from Castledawson to pump station and rising main from pump station to public sewer. Water Services Section will inspect the pump station and prepare a list of any*

outstanding works required.

The developer pointed out that he did not own the main access road in the estate. When he purchased the site, the vendor retained ownership of the main access road. Consent of this person will be required if the pump station, the rising main and of foul sewer from Castledawson is to be taken in charge. Building Control has established the identity of this person and will be in contact with him. I have sought an update on that issue for next months meeting.

Large increase in applications and public service embargo will delay payment of Student Grants

Cllr Catherine Murphy has expressed concerns about the inevitable delay in processing student grants. Details of the "Higher Education Grant Scheme", which is administered by Local Authorities and VEC's on an agency basis on behalf of the Department of Education, were notified in late May or early June. This year there were a number of significant changes, these have added to what is already a complex scheme. The complexity of the scheme means more time is required to process individual application's, this has happened at a time when numbers seeking grants has grown considerably. This is also occurring at a time when staff numbers have reduced because of the public service embargo.

The initial delight when a college place is offered and accepted, often turns into months of unnecessary worry and needless struggle. Students and in most cases their parents, are being put in an impossible position, with most students commencing their courses without having the necessary confirmation of grant approval, this might then take months to arrive. On the other hand many Local Authorities/VEC's are struggling to process the huge number of applications within a very limited time period. The same staff often have to deal with queries at the counter, answer phones, emails etc. The only obvious solution is for a relaxation of the public service embargo, in order to employ staff, on a temporary basis, to deal with these applications.

The second thing that must change is the way the scheme is administered. Kildare County Council wrote to the Minister for Education earlier this year, they sought a change whereby the grant scheme is notified to them at the beginning of the year, if that occurred it would allow time for staff training and processing of applications could be done over a much longer period, with only the final details, such as course acceptances, being required to complete the process.

Finally the Department of Education needs to consider how the scheme can be simplified in order to reduce the time taken to process each application. Cllr Murphy concludes.

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Party Political-Labour News

Cllr. McGinley submits motion on the Refusal to Grant permission for a cinema complex at Maynooth Road, Celbridge.

In addition to lodging observations in support of the appeal by Longport Development Ltd. to An Bord Pleanála against the decision by Kildare Co. Council to refuse planning permission for a Cinema Complex at Crodaun, Celbridge, Cllr John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

"Further to the decision of the Council on the application for a multiplex cinema facility in Celbridge (File 09/1273) that the policy under which it was refused be reviewed, namely, that the objective in another Local Area Plan, namely Collinstown, could prevent or supersede the development of such a facility in Celbridge in perpetuity."

The "High Road" at Old Greenfield

Cllr. McGinley motion:

"That increased measures be taken to rectify the problems arising from the 'High Road' constructed in Old Greenfield, Maynooth, under planning permission ref: 06/424"

Got the following response from Council officials:

"A meeting was held on 4th March 2010, which was attended by Martin Ryan (Executive Planner) and Adrian Barrett (Executive Engineer, Transportation Dept.) on behalf of Kildare County Council. In attendance on behalf of High Degree Construction were Larry Holton, Dan Reilly and Ed Horan. It was agreed at the meeting that High Degree Construction Ltd would revert to Adrian Barrett with a more comprehensive response to the issues raised in the Warning Letter dated 11th January 2010. No response has been submitted to date."

Cllr. McGinley pointed out that it is completely unacceptable that the Planning Department did not get back to the developer for the last 6 months and he asked that they do so immediately.

Lack of Public Car Parking Facilities in Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley question:

"What steps are being taken to provide additional public car parking spaces in Maynooth now that Hibernian Autoparks have been refused permission for their proposed car park for 132 cars at The Harbour?"

Got the following response from Council Officials at the September Area Meeting:

"Improvements in the provision of car



Emmet Stagg T.D.

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parking services, including the introduction of paid parking services will form part of the Maynooth Town Traffic Management Plan, to be brought to Public Consultation in October 2010. The scheme is due to include observations made as part of the consultation process for the R148 Kilcock Road Scheme. No available lands for public off street car parking have been identified within the town to date."

John pointed out that the extension of the public car park at Supervalu should be pursued as a first priority. Hibernian Autoparks have appealed the Refusal at the Harbour to An Bord Pleanála.

National Transport Authority's Proposals for Kilcock Road are Amended:

The National Transport Authority's (NTA) Plans for Kilcock Road were approved at the Council Meeting on 27 September following acceptance of amendments submitted by Cllr. John McGinley and members of the public.

The two main amendments are:

1. The left turning filter lane from Mill Street to Kilcock Road will remain open. In the Council's words:

"With reference to point 2 on page 24 of the Manager's Report (September 2010), it is proposed to amend the scheme to retain a left turn lane from Mill Street onto Kilcock Road. The existing free-flow lane, controlled by a "flashing-amber" signal will be amended geometrically to improve the alignment of the existing cycletrack on Mill Street approaching the Moyglare Road junction and to allow for a shorter crossing time for pedestrians at this junction. Traffic will continue to be permitted to use this left turn lane at all times. This amendment is to facilitate improved safety measures for pedestrians and cyclists whilst mitigating against a back up of stationary traffic from this junction through the town centre, thereby increasing the risk to vulnerable road users elsewhere in the town."

2. The closure of the left turning lane from Kilcock Road to Moyglare Road will be monitored to check on the impact on traffic movements. In the



Cllr. John McGinley

Council's words:

"An additional item (number 9) is to be included on page 25 of the Manager's Report, proposing to close the left turn lane from Kilcock Road onto Moyglare Road, as a temporary measure for a duration of 6 months. This will allow the monitoring process of the pilot project to confirm (or not) that the deletion of this lane will not have a significant effect on traffic safety and blocking back from this junction through the adjoining junction at the entrance to the Manor Mills Shopping Centre. Should there be no demonstrative impact on traffic flows then the measure will be made permanent."

At the Council meeting on 27 September Cllr. McGinley was given an assurance that the re-opening of the left filter lane from Kilcock Road to Moyglare Road would not have to wait six months if there was obvious problems from Day One.

John would like to thank the members of the public for their support, particularly those who sent in submissions.

As a follow on from this the Maynooth Town Traffic Management Plan is being brought to Public Consultation in October. Funding for the implementation will be sought from the NTA and as the Council's Director of Services stated at the meeting it was important to show that we could work with the NTA and not jeopardize future funding.

Cllr. McGinley Submits motion on Public Open Space at Leinster Park, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee:

"That the Council seeks a Court Injunction to force the removal of the Unauthorised Development on the public open space at Leinster Park, Maynooth, which is preventing the use of the open space by residents of the estate and preventing the County Council from taking the estate in charge."

STAGG CRITICAL OF SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY SERVICE FOR CHILDREN – OVER 2,000 AWAITING ASSISTANCE

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Health in relation to the number of children in Kildare awaiting assessment for Speech and Language Therapy, the numbers awaiting therapy following assessment, and the waiting times involved.

The HSE responding to Deputy Stagg on behalf of the Minister has provided alarming figures as at 30th June this year which show that 470 children in Kildare are awaiting actual therapy following assessment whilst 1,588 children in Kildare are awaiting assessment.

The breakdown of the numbers and waiting times are as follows:

AWAITING THERAPY – TOTAL 470 CHILDREN

Number of Children on Priority Waiting List stood at 103 with waiting time for therapy 4 to 6 weeks.

Number of Children on General Waiting List stood at 367 with waiting time for therapy 4 to 6 months.

AWAITING ASSESSMENT – TOTAL 1,588 CHILDREN

WAITING TIME OF CHILDREN	NO.
Up to 4 months	379
4 months to 8 months	326
8 months to 12 months	421
12 months to 18 months	383
18 months to 24 months	79

Commenting on the figures Deputy Stagg stated that the Speech and Language Service for Children was in disarray in Kildare and the Government don't appear concerned. Early intervention is critical for these children in their developmental years and International Studies have shown that for every €1 spent on early intervention you save €7 at a later stage. Children who do not receive appropriate timely therapy can suffer from emotional, psychological, social and educational disadvantage.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he intended to raise the issue further in the Dail and that he would be calling for the recruitment of additional Speech and Language Therapists for the service in Kildare.



Maynooth GAA News

A JOURNEY WORTH WAITING FOR

At 2am the rain knocked on his window and asked him if he was still serious. Pacing the floor in the hallway Eamon O'Flaherty thought about the heroes of 1916. There wouldn't be a plaque to commemorate them in the town square if they'd decided the weather was too bad to march into Dublin the night before the Easter Rising.

O'Flaherty, yet to be commemorated by plaque or statue (though no doubt the good people of Longford will see sense some day), looked into his heart and decided that if winning All-Ireland Finals was no easy business then getting to them could hardly be any easier. By 6am his fears still hadn't subsided but Niall Gillick had the croissants cooking in the Twist oven - there was a smell of hope in the air.

By 6.45am the rain had cleared and although daylight hadn't broken through, a line of luminous yellow bibs brightened the dark corners outside Twist. In the warm cafe the Ennis brothers stifled yawns as Paul Flood necked his latte - no one would have known these men had helped Maynooth qualify for a senior football championship quarter-final for the first time in living memory the night before. Even Mick Gillick wore a smile for the first time in living memory. As the caffeine flowed the lights flashed outside - Mattie Callaghan and his camera had arrived. Then it was the turn of Fr Liam Rigney to bless the congregation. After Mattie had recorded the group on celluloid for posterity, it was time to depart.

Mick O'Riordan led the way, looking fitter and fresher than men half his age, but still proud that he was three times the age of the average walker. Ann Delaney powered down the canal, the mucky inclines from Clonsilla to Castleknock no deterrent even as the men trailing behind got stuck in the mud. Mutser complained about his blisters and Dermot Canning felt the chill on his ears as the branches stole his woolly hat.

In the battle of the chairmans, football supremo Pascal Ennis charged into the lead only for hurling maestro Aidan Sinnott to reel him with a mile to spare - while jogging backwards.

At noon the group set sail for Drumcondra and Croke Park, marching en masse through the throngs of All-Ireland supporters. Mick Cotter shouldered his canoe down Clonliffe Avenue and the Down fans wondered if they were seeing things or was that really a 'man with a boat?'

It was only when they faced Mattie's camera again outside the Hogan Stand that the rain returned but O'Flaherty had no worries now. His work, and the work of 80 brave walkers, was done for now. Before a ball had been kicked. Mick O'Riordan, 73 years young, got ready to watch his Rebels claim an All-Ireland football crown after 20 years and 16 miles. The destination would be nothing without the journey

Brendan Coffey
Maynooth GAA Club PRO

U12 CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS

Maynooth 4-0
Naas 0-3

Congratulations to our u-12 camogie team who captured the Division 1 county championship after a battling performance against a strong Naas team in Kilcock on Sunday morning. Goals from Roisin Forde, Aoife Lynch, Roisin O'Neill and Aoife Walsh were enough to bring the title back to Maynooth for the first time in the club's history.

Maynooth u-12 camogie followed on from the success of the senior teams last weekend with a battling performance against a strong and talented Naas team on Sunday morning to bring home the Division 1 title. Played in ideal conditions Maynooth started the faster of the two teams and opened the scoring after just 5 minutes. A fine delivery by Bronagh Kearney found the unmarked Roisin Forde on the edge of the square and Forde made no mistake driving the ball to the back of the Naas net. Maynooth continued to control the game but determined tackling by their opponents meant that the girls struggled to get into their usual rhythm. Maynooth knew they would have to match the battling qualities of their opponents if they were to get anything out of this game and every one of the girls lifted their game accordingly. Roisin O'Neill and Laoise Millar went toe to toe with their midfield opponents to ensure a constant supply of balls for the Maynooth forwards, while the half forward line of Roisin NiChoinichan, Aoife Lynch and Katie Merrick showed wonderful combinations of skill and tenacity to keep Naas pinned back. This pressure was rewarded when a free from O'Neill found Lynch 10 yards out from the Naas goal. Despite being under tremendous pressure Lynch somehow managed to lift the ball, evade her tacklers before handpassing the ball to the back of the net to give Maynooth a two goal lead after 10 minutes. Maynooth continued to press but were unable to add to the score. Instead it was Naas who got the final score of the half when a well struck 45 sailed over the bar to the leave the half-time score Maynooth 2-0 Naas 0-1.

Any thoughts that a 5 point lead would be sufficient to see Maynooth home were soon banished as Naas started the second half very strongly. This pressure was rewarded when two further frees from their fine centre back cut the deficit to just 3 points with 10 minutes remaining. The momentum was clearly with Naas at this stage and only some wonderful defending by half-backs Anne Ward, Laura Millet and Catherine Bristow kept Maynooth's lead intact. Spurred on by the defensive display Maynooth lifted their game again and following good pressure from Kearney the Naas full back was forced to turn the ball behind her own end line. The resulting 45 metre from O'Neill had too much power for the Naas keeper to deal and she could only watch as the ball flew into the back of the net to restore Maynooth's two goal cushion. Despite this setback Naas pushed forward in search of a score that would bring them back into the game. That it didn't come is only down to some wonderful defending by keeper Sinead Hever and her full back line of Aoife Smith, Catherine Jones and Sinead Monaghan.

With Naas pushing forward the Maynooth forward line were finally afforded the space needed to display their range of skills, and what a display it was. A long clearance from Millet, found Aoife Walsh 20 metres out with her back to goal. In one movement Walsh lifted the ball, turned her defender and drove and unstoppable shot to the roof of the net. It was always

going to take something special to see off this Naas team and Walsh's strike left them with too much ground to make up with only two minutes remaining. Despite their best efforts Naas were unable to breach the Maynooth backline in the time remaining and the final whistle was greeted with scenes of jubilation as Maynooth celebrated a deserved and hard fought victory.

Captain Sinead Hever accepted the cup on behalf of the entire Maynooth squad. Maynooth worked with a panel of over 30 players during the year and while not everyone was involved on Sunday, every single member of the squad played their part throughout the year in bringing about this fantastic victory. The girls celebrated in fine style showing off the cup as the team travelled up the Moyglare road and into the clubhouse to a roar of carhorns and screams.

Maynooth panel: S. Hever, A. Smith, C Jones, S.Monaghan, A.Ward, L.Millet, C. Bristow, R. O'Neill (1-0), L.Millar, R.NiChonichan-Bhrian, A. Lynch (1-0), K.Merrick, R.Forde (1-0), B.Kearney, A.Walsh (1-0), A. Monaghan, E.Coyle, A-M Howard, L. Boyle, C. Condren, T.Ganly, A.Ennis, S.Doyle, A.Hafdioui, B.Boylan, M.Hogan, M.Cowhey, E.McCourt, M.Doran

LADIES UNLUCKY AT SEVENS

The Maynooth Ladies had an enjoyable outing at the All Ireland Sevens in Naomh Mearnóg on Saturday. Now they started under a major handicap as a Kildare Camogie Final in which Maynooth were involved clashed so the dual players were out and a very young team set out for the 9am registration deadline.

The team was made up of Rachel Tallon, Zoe Dunbar, Sinead Murray, Eilis Ni Chorcora, Sarah Quinn, T Dolan, Michelle Carey, Clodagh Bradley, Jenny Moore, Ellen Sweeney, Roisin Kearney and Michelle O'Connor.

In game 1 Maynooth had an 0 – 8 to 1 – 3 lead going into the finals seconds only to see Arklow Geraldines stitch a goal with the last kick. They then lost out to Glenamaddy/Williamstown, again by that heart-breaking one point margin 1 – 6 to 0 – 8. Having got into the swing of things Maynooth then had a great win over Tyrone side Galbally Pearses, 2- 8 to 0 – 5 but lost out in the last game to a strong Cappawhite (Tipperary). Some very young girls involved but they got the experience and in the Managers words “a great day had by all”.

MAYNOOTH'S CAMOGIE QUEENS

It was victory on the double for Maynooth's camogie queens in Clane on Saturday (25 September) when they claimed the junior B and intermediate championship titles after wins against Moorefield (junior) and Leixlip (intermediate). Mags Farrell and Gillian O'Hurley, the respective captains, collected the cups after tense battles in both games but Maynooth showed great heart and courage to come out on the winning side. After three Maynooth players helped Kildare to an All-Ireland title earlier this month it marks a bumper year for Maynooth camogie. Well done to all.

Brendan Coffey
Maynooth GAA Club PRO

Funds Allocated to Maynooth Boys National School for IT Facilities says Brady

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady, has confirmed that Maynooth Boys National School has been allocated €15k to enhance the IT Facilities at the school.

"I welcome this allocation, and taken together with the recently completed extension to the Boys school, the completed extension to the Maynooth Girls National School, the completed extension to the Maynooth Post Primary School and the approval to build a new 16 Classroom at Maynooth Gaelscoil Uí Fhiach, will substantially enhance the teaching environment and improve the Educational Infrastructure for the community in Maynooth."

"Last week, we received confirmation that Straffan NS has approval for 4 additional mainstream classrooms and improved ancillary accommodation, the €2.5m 11 classroom extension to Scoil Choca Naofa in Kilcock is currently underway, a number of weeks ago we received confirmation that approval was given to build a new school at Ardclough. In May, the Department of Education approved a grant for the provision of three additional classrooms to Clane Secondary School which allows the school to purchase temporary accommodation or to build a permanent structure."

"I will continue to work with all the Boards of Management, Principals and Parents Associations to build on the progress already achieved," concluded Minister Brady.

Major step forward for Competence Centre at NUI Maynooth – Brady

A major step forward has been taken for the planned Competence Centre at NUI Maynooth that will help to create local jobs according to local Fianna Fáil Minister of State, Aine Brady.

"I am delighted that Martin Delaney who has 25 years experience in the information technology industry has just been appointed as a technology leader at NUI Maynooth to provide guidance and support in the area of IT."

"In recent months the Government announced the establishment of Competence Centres to link business and academia to produce new products. The focus will be on marketable products that will in turn grow industry and help to create and safeguard jobs."

"The Government's Competence Centre programme is a joint initiative between the job creation agencies, Enterprise Ireland and IDA Ireland."

"The Government is supporting the Competence Centre Programme with extra funding of over €37 million over the next 6 years."



Áine Brady, Fianna Fáil T.D.

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"It is vital that every practical support is given to the creation of high quality, sustainable jobs and it is evident that bringing academia and industry together will be of great assistance."

"The appointment of Martin Delaney along with five others based at different academic institutions will enhance the work of the Competence Centres and I am confident that we will see very positive results," concluded Minister of State Brady.

New Support Booklet Launched for Cancer Patients says Brady

Local TD and Minister of State at the Department of Health, Aine Brady, has welcomed the publication, by the Irish Cancer Society, of a Social Welfare Support Guide to assist cancer patients in finding out what benefits they are entitled to and the best approach to adopt to secure their entitlements.

"The Irish Cancer Society recently published a report entitled the Financial Impact of Cancer Diagnosis which details the heavy financial burden that a cancer diagnosis places on a patient."

"Notwithstanding the significant progress achieved to date in relation to Cancer Care, Cancer patients are often out of work for long period and must pay for expensive medications. Many patients do not know what state aid they are entitled to, and this Practical Guide is designed to give a clear understanding of financial benefits available."

The Guide gives a comprehensive information about Social Welfare supports for cancer patients. A copy of the Booklet can be obtained by ringing the National Cancer Helpline 1 800 200 700 or e-mail helpline@irishcancer.ie or contacting me at my constituency office or e-mail me at aine.brady@oireachtas.ie concluded Minister Brady.

Flood Relief Works continue as Maintenance Works on the Morrell River edges towards completion says Brady

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine

Brady, has been informed by Kildare Co. Co. that Maintenance Works on the River Morrell will be completed within the next week. These works are part of Kildare Co Co's plan to minimise the risk of future flooding in the county.

"Maintenance works on the river Morrell have been on-going in recent months and it is expected that these works will be completed in the coming week."

"The Tenders for the Butterstream Flood Relief Works are currently being considered by Kildare Co Co and works will begin shortly, Works at Johnstown are on-going, Part 8 on Sallins Phase 2 Works are due for decision at September's Council meeting and it is hoped that works will begin before the end of the year. Newtown Flood Relief Works are projected to start within the next couple of weeks."

"Works in Leixlip at the Rye Water and Shileachan Rivers were completed last year. The works, costing €2.5m, are paying dividends as Leixlip was not affected by flooding last November. Works at the Toni River in Celbridge was also completed in 2009 to minimise the risk of future flooding in Vanessa Lawns and Sallins Flood Relief Works Phase 1 was completed earlier this year."

"Earlier this year, I requested the Minister for the OPW, Martin Mansergh TD, to view the flood alleviation schemes that were approved to minimise the risk of future flooding in the area. These site visits, between council officials, public representatives, and OPW staff, took place in July. I am anxious that focus is maintained on all the approved flood relief projects until they are completed," concluded Minister Brady.

Economy – Report from Liam Aylward MEP – European Parliament

Highlights of the session on the Economy are outlined below and full details of the issues that I have been

involved in can be found on my website: www.liamaylward.com. You can also log on to my Facebook page for the latest updates on what's happening in the European Parliament.

Le Meas,
Liam Aylward MEP

Bankers' bonuses capped and cut

- MEPs voted on a number of economic measures. They called for financial supervision package and adopted a resolution on banking crisis management.
- They voted on the salaries of directors of listed companies and policies in the financial services sector. Caps will be imposed on upfront cash bonuses and at least half of any bonus will have to be paid in shares.
- MEPs also toughened rules on the capital reserves that banks must hold to guard against any risks from their trading activities and from their exposure to highly complex securities.

Combating Youth Unemployment

- The economic crisis has hit young people hard and youth unemployment is a very serious problem in many European countries.
- MEPs supported the introduction of a European youth guarantee, which will ensure that young persons are not unemployed for longer than four months. After four months they should be offered training, education, up-skilling or a real job.
- Contributing to the debate Liam Aylward stated that "Young people often face discrimination on the grounds of their age when entering the labour market and I strongly welcome the provisions in this report for promoting youth access to the labour market, in particular outlining a framework for the creation of more and better jobs by encouraging employers to invest in young people."

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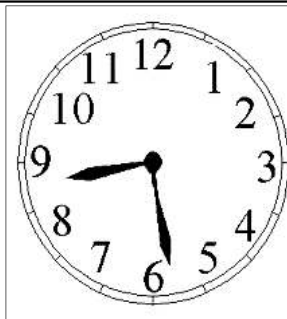
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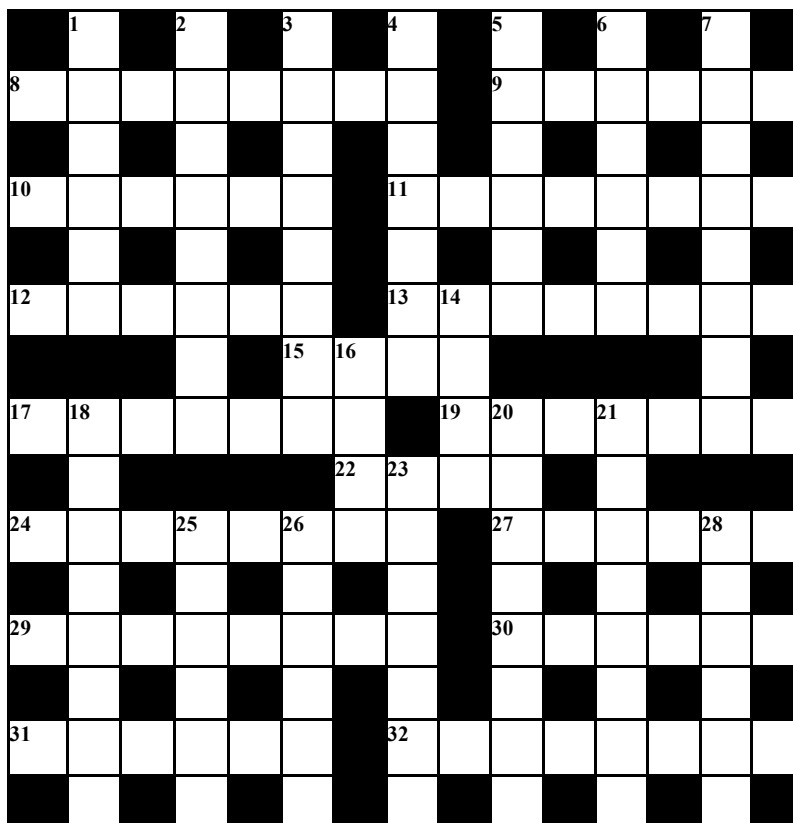
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October 2010 Crossword—No: 385

ACROSS

8. Express discontent (8)
 9. Spain and Portugal (6)
 10. Curved closed line (6)
 11. Not derived or copied from anything else (8)
 12. Make a rush at (6)
 13. In the direction of the Orient (8)
 15. Titled Peer (4)
 17. Milk substitute for babies (7)
 19. Died by submersion (7)
 22. Hurry, surge (4)
 24. Unable to relax or be still (8)
 27. Once every 365 days (6)
 29. Showing gratitude (8)
 30. Sincere, upright (6)
 31. Progression through working life (6)
 32. Cutting implement (8)



DOWN

1. Make smooth and glossy (6)
 2. Crumpets can provide the full array of colours (8)
 3. Goodbye and good luck (8)
 4. Expose, unveil (7)
 5. Musical half notes (6)
 6. Critique, appraisal (6)
 7. Differ, take issue (8)
 14. Appends (4)
 16. Implements of propulsion on water (4)
 18. Operating cost (8)
 20. Rich myth strangely recurs at regular intervals (8)
 21. Flaw, failing (8)
 23. Having no purpose (7)
 25. Took care of (6)
 26. Exertion, elbow grease (6)
 28. Brightness from reflected light (6)

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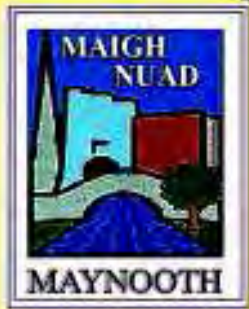
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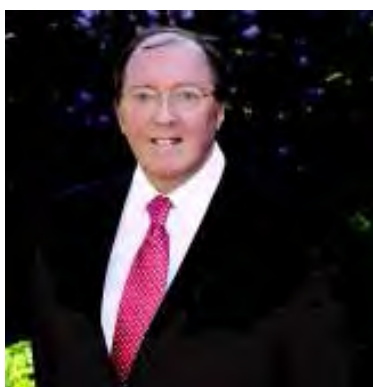
Ongoing support for Fairtrade products in Maynooth urged

Maynooth's designation as County Kildare's first "Fairtrade Town" in 2006 is currently subject to review in line with all the towns that hold the designation. An update on the number of outlets stocking Fairtrade products in Maynooth must be submitted to Fairtrade Ireland within the coming weeks.

Strict requirements are laid down by the Fairtrade Mark Ireland in respect of a commitment by suppliers to provide a range of Fairtrade products in various outlets throughout the town. On achieving designation the role of the Maynooth Fairtrade Town Committee is to monitor the outlets to ensure that the products are available. Maynooth's original designation followed quickly on the heels of NUI, Maynooth becoming the first Fairtrade University in the State. This double achievement was hardly surprising in one sense, given Maynooth's unique historic links with the Developing World. There was perhaps no other location in Ireland that was more suited to embracing the Fairtrade concept than this mission town.

Fairtrade centres are providing dignity to farmers and workers in the Developing World. Just as with Irish farmers, the economic muscle exerted by large corporate organisations can discriminate against the poorest, weakest producers. Monopoly buyers can exert huge pressures on small farmers struggling to provide for their families. Fairtrade addresses these injustices of conventional trade by requiring Fairtrade-certified companies to pay at least the going rate. By being offered a fair price, the poorest suppliers can improve their position, provide better for their families, and take control of their lives to a much greater extent.

To attain and retain FT status Maynooth firstly has to guarantee the



Professor John Sweeney

presence of a number of local shops, cafes, restaurants, hotels, businesses etc. where FT products such as tea, coffee, chocolate, fruit etc can be purchased. Some of these are required to be exclusively FT suppliers. In addition, the town's main supermarkets also now stock FT products to varying degrees, as do several cafes. A most encouraging feature has been the emergence of 'own brand' FT products as mainstream items on some of our supermarket shelves. It is no longer the case that FT products are significantly more expensive. Neither is it that case that they are not well known brands or brand leaders.

The Maynooth Fairtrade Committee regularly audit where FT products are available. It is clear that there is a lot of scope for more commitment from some restaurants and greater involvement of our schools and local businesses. We would welcome volunteers to tackle these opportunities, especially as Fairtrade Fortnight approaches (28th February-13th March 2011). But the ultimate effort is made by you as a consumer. Make a choice for Fairtrade products. The next time you sit down for a cup of coffee or tea in Maynooth ask whether it is a FT product. If not, ask why not? The poor of the Developing World deserve a credible answer.

John Sweeney, Secretary: Maynooth Fairtrade Committee

Key steps taken in delivering new Maynooth Community Centre



Strong community support has been confirmed for a new multi-purpose community centre proposed by Kildare County Council for Maynooth. The initiative is a first for County Kildare and if the current momentum continues an interim centre located in the Manor Mills Centre should be open in early 2011.

Maynooth Community Council is strongly supporting the project and has established a sub-committee chaired by Paul Croghan to facilitate the community to be represented in the process. Following a viewing of the interim facility a specially convened meeting held in the Glenroyal Hotel on Tuesday 2nd November of representatives from a broad range of community groups approved the proposal. Cllr. John Mc Ginley told the meeting that it is essential that the community works together to operate the interim facility and that the group would also be required to guide the development of the permanent facility that will be built as part of the further development of the Tesco Carton Park Complex.

Chairperson, Paul Croghan welcomed the fact that Tesco would build the permanent complex and hand it over to Kildare County Council who would then ask the community to run the premises for common use. Kildare County Council will adopt a strategy for supporting communities in multi-purpose centres such as the one in Maynooth. In the interim they are providing premises in the Manor Mills Complex which we should be able to get up and running by early 2011. While the interim premises is only 1,400 sq. feet the permanent premises will be four times larger and will cater for more activities than can be handled in the Manor Mills site he said.

It is intended that the facilities will be available to all community groups in Maynooth and the Maynooth Community Council office in the Tesco centre will hold the booking diary. It is anticipated that the facilities will be available throughout the day and in the evenings.

New groups such as the Maynooth Teen Café will be one of the key groups to benefit from the arrival of the facility at this time as they set about establishing the group in Maynooth aimed at providing an outlet for young people to meet. In endorsing the proposal the community groups represented at the meeting agreed that the next steps are that Kildare County Council be advised that the community supports this initiative and that the groups consider practical issues associated with running the premises such as an appropriate legal structure.

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EDITORIAL

You will read elsewhere in this month's edition of the good news for Maynooth – that there is a good chance of establishing a Community Space for the town at long last. Along with the successes of the Tidy Towns and the announcement that the new library will begin construction in the University gives some faint glimmer of light in these dark winter days.

Over the next number of months, our country faces what may be the most daunting threat ever posed to our sovereignty and there is a sense of paralysed fear in the air. The red paint thrown over Minister Harney and the hint of violence at the Student Protest March on November 3rd shows that this fear is now morphing into understandable anger. There are already a number of attempts to explain how such a mess could have been created. Writers and commentators such as John Drennan, Fintan O'Toole and even the eminent psychiatrist, Professor Ivor Brown, have analysed the situation.

Ireland's history is different from that of our European neighbours, we were a colonised people, our identity and language have been nearly obliterated and this shadow seems to hang over the country still. There appears to be a serious inability to lead, a complete disregard for the importance or humanity of children and a sense that a certain mandarin elite have the 'right' to be in charge. There is also a serious erosion of democracy over the last 10 years; the Government disregards the Dáil, never mind the people, and simply does what it wants whether it has a mandate or not. This does not apply simply to the previous short years of recession: it was also the case during the so-called 'boom'. No-one asked the people if they wanted a white elephant motorway through Tara's Valley. The influence of the PDs has resulted in a destruction of the sense of State and of community. When a member of Sinn Féin has to resort to the judiciary to restore democratic rights there is obviously a really serious crisis. This Government is putting its own future ahead of that of the country.

Voting rights were hard fought for in this country and we have little or no respect for this right. The Dáil, in contrast with the House of Commons, is a set piece script and there is no real debate anymore. It is a parody of democracy. The man who was mostly responsible for the awful state that we are in, declares, not from the infamous cupboard, that he might run for the presidency. Our Minister for Health once declared on television that she did not espouse an ideology. It is extremely worrying when a functioning Minister does not appreciate that her agenda is a rightwing ideology to privatise the health service. Or is not prepared to admit it and is not challenged on her lack of ideology. Politics should be about ideology and those with none should not be politicians.

What a planet we live on now in comparison with 2007 when the election took place. There was a turn-out of 67% of the entire electorate; of these 41.5% voted for Fianna Fáil and 5% for the Green Party. In total, 30% of the population voted for this Government. That is hardly democratic either. But these are the voters who have decided that Fianna Fáil should be the 'natural' elite.

Perhaps it is time for the 26 counties to rejoin the 6 counties, reconsider the fight for freedom, a return to the Commonwealth and a return to the Union with the United Kingdom. Our country is only the size of greater Manchester and should be easily incorporated into their system. Our republic is dead and what will we have to 'celebrate' in 2016? What do Fianna Fáil envisage for the next 6 years? A quick election so that they can be back in power for 2016? Who will be the Taoiseach presiding over these dubious celebrations? And are our ancestral, rebel leaders turning in their graves?

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Waste Minimisation Programme in Maynooth



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YEAR	CAN TONNAGE	GLASS TONNAGE
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2008	4.49	416.14
2009	6.56	471.60

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As always the Maynooth Tidy Towns committee can be contacted through the Maynooth Community Council or mobile no. 087 3153189

RICHARD FARRELL PRO

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Would you like an Allotment?

Kildare Co. Council have been asked to use the council land at Carton Avenue/Boreen opposite Tesco to provide allotments for people living in Maynooth. The Council is refusing to do this at the moment because firstly there is no water supply at the site and no funds available to extend the water supply to the site. Another reason given is:



"In addition the experience of the pilot scheme to date in The Wonderful Barn has resulted in a large amount of administrative work associated with the scheme and because there is only one staff member to deal with this in addition to the existing varying and large list of works being undertaken across the county the addition of a further scheme of allotments is not possible within the resources available at the current time."

This was the answer given to Cllr John McGinley when he raised the matter recently at the Celbridge Area meeting.

There is a scheme being operated by the Council at the Wonderful Barn in Leixlip and in other places and if sufficient people were to come forward there might be a change of mind. Would anybody interested get in touch with the Transition Maynooth group with a view to forming a committee.

The e-address is: transition-maynooth@googlegroups.com

Transition Town Maynooth

The Transition group in Maynooth works to raise awareness of two major problems confronting our society: Peak Oil and Climate Change.

The projects we are currently concerned with include: growing fruit and vegetables, sourcing local food, productive tree planting and setting up a Community Garden. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at :

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Our next meeting will take place on Nov. 17. Newcomers are welcome.

You may email :
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for further information.

We are holding a Food Event on Sat. Nov. 27 at the ICA Hall in Maynooth at 3.30pm. The idea is to celebrate locally produced food. We invite people to prepare their own tasty dishes and bring them along to share with others and exchange ideas.

November Diary Planner



Maynooth I.C.A.

Meetings take place every
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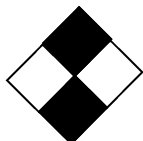
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- Cancel any **unwanted subscription services**. For example, did you recently sign up for a trial introductory offer on a TV channel and are now paying for the full service? Or are you paying for a gym membership or magazine subscription that you no longer use?
- Make sure you are not **duplicating insurance policies**. For example, does your employer pay for travel or health insurance as part of your package? Does your health insurance cover some elements of travel insurance?
- Check that you are using the **cheapest method of payment**. Some utility companies will give discounts if you pay by direct debit rather than cash.
- Save on your **utility and phone bills** - The Power of One site has numerous energy saving tips to help you cut costs. And the callcosts.ie site has useful tips to help you save on your phone costs.
- **Don't pay more than you have to on your personal finance products**.
- **Try buying online**. Better deals are usually offered on smaller luxury items (for birthday and Christmas gifts) such as books and CDs. But generally try to limit your non-essential spending. For special occasions, agree to a spending limit and make a list.
- **Cut back on non-essential items** if you need to free up some extra cash, but don't stop spending money on luxuries completely. If your budget is too tight, you may not stick to it. We all need little treats now and then!
- **Consider downsizing**. Certain models of cars have cheaper running, tax and insurance costs.
- Consider ways to **supplement your income temporarily**. This could include additional short term employment to cover essential bills.
- Change your credit card usage. If your credit card balance is so high that you can only pay off the minimum each month, you should switch to a card with a 0% rate on balance transfer. Your monthly repayment will then go towards clearing the outstanding balance, and therefore the debt can be cleared much quicker - once you stop using the card. Leave your credit card at home to resist the temptation to spend.
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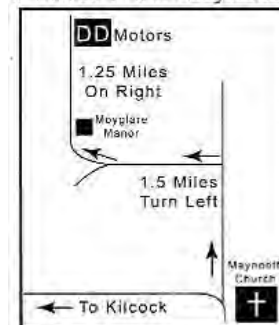
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I had to walk to school, you might get a lift once a week. There were three people with transport, Captain Kelly an army man in the Curragh, John Browne going for turf, and Bill Dunne, Taxi.

I made my first communion in Rathcoffey Church. My father brought me on the pony and trap. I was a bad pupil in school and I lost a lot of time out of school. I would see Ger Flood and Larry Byrne train horses on Murrays Hill on the way to school.

At summer time with the Kavanaghs' and the Mahers' we would go swimming in the Lyreen River on the way home from School. We would dam the river and Paddy Frayne would be 'giving out', he would have no water for his cows. At autumn time we would rob Travers orchard for apples on the way home from school. We had a great time at school. We used to look forward to the big card drive every year it was held in a Marquee on the school yard and we used to collect matches after the card game and we got plenty of lozenges' and also found money.

Tomie Murray of Lotus Lodge, Ladychapel, Maynooth passed away peacefully on 4th November 2009



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All are welcome.

Maynooth Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Meeting 11 October 2010

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

MCC submission to Draft County Plan

Tom McMullon (Vice-Chairperson) thanked the Planning and Development sub-committee for preparing Maynooth Community Council's recent submission to the Kildare County Plan. Councillor John McGinley (Labour) said that the content of the submission would be taken into account in the preparation of the finalised County Plan.

Draft guidelines on submissions regarding planning applications

A draft policy document (which had been prepared by Maynooth Community Council some years ago) concerning the making of submissions and observations on planning applications, was sent to community councillors prior to the meeting. The Community Council plans to update and finalise its policy. The meeting discussed the draft policy document and a number of additions were recommended. It was suggested that requests for planning interventions by the Community Council should, where possible, be discussed at a full Council meeting. It was also suggested that a protocol should be drawn up which would allow the Executive to make submissions or observations on planning applications during the summer vacation, should the need arise. It was proposed that the Community Council should make a submission or observation regarding any application that contravened MCC's planning policies as expressed in its submissions to County and Local Area Plans. It was also suggested that the Community Council should be alert to applications that contravened the provisions of Local Area and Action Area Plans for Maynooth, and make submissions where appropriate. Another proposal was that the Community Council should try to steer clear of individual disputes where possible, but should, in principle, make a submission if there was a danger of an existing amenity space being detrimentally interfered with by a development. J. McGinley suggested that the draft policy document, as it stood, needed simplification. The

meeting agreed that the Planning and Development sub-committee would be asked to take these suggestions on board and prepare a new draft policy to present to the Council.

Congratulations to Tidy Towns Committee

Colm Ó Cearúil (Chairperson) congratulated the Tidy Towns Committee on its great work for the Tidy Towns Competition, and on its very successful awards evening held recently at the Glenroyal Hotel. He said that the town was looking very well at present. Paul Croghan (Tidy Towns Committee) said that a wildlife sign erected at the river at Parson Street had disappeared on the night of the awards ceremony, and he appealed for its safe return. He said that though Maynooth had a large young population and vibrant night-time activity, it wasn't subject to very much anti-social behaviour. He asked for support from the authorities in the area, and asked that people let the Tidy Towns Committee know if they see any damage being done to Tidy Towns property.

NUIM Students Union

Aengus Ó Maoláin (NUIM Students Union President) told the meeting that the next students' magazine would have a feature on the Tidy Towns Committee's work in Maynooth. He also said that tenders had now been agreed for the work to remove the Kilcock Road footbridge, and that traffic would be affected by the work.

Local History Group

Hilda Dunne (Local History Group) said that the group had recently had their AGM and that there had been a change of officers. She reminded the meeting that a talk by Ruth Sweetman, a granddaughter of 'The O'Rahilly', would take place on 16th November at the Glenroyal Hotel.

U3A attends Age and Opportunity conference

Maynooth University of the Third Age group participated in the Age and Opportunity conference in early October. The meeting was told that a particularly interesting session at the conference concerned older people in the developing world and had been chaired by the Kenyan Ambassador. At the session it

was pointed out that aid agencies needed to focus on older people too. In many countries grandparents were caring for grandchildren whose parents had died. Old people fared worst in disasters, and most old people in developing countries worked until they died.

Maynooth Scouts have over 100 youth members

Peter Garrad (Scouts) said that each section of Maynooth Scouts had been very active this September. The group now had over 100 youth members, and 30 volunteer leaders. The Scouts will be helping the Senior Citizens Committee with their Sale of Work on 21st November in the Aula Maxima at St. Patrick's College. The Scouts continued to meet at Maynooth Post Primary School.

Tony Smith Walk

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin (Secretary) told the meeting that the annual Tony Smith Memorial Walk organised by the Labour Party in aid of the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee would take place on 17th October to Carton House, and would cover a distance of eight miles.

Community facilities

P. Croghan (PDO) told the meeting that the sub-committee looking at requirements for new community centre facilities had recently met with a member of Kildare County Council staff to discuss the need for temporary or interim premises, pending the provision of the Tesco space.

Kilcock Road proposals

J. McGinley reported that the National Transport Authority's proposals for Kilcock Road had been approved by Kildare County Council, with some amendments. He said that the proposed closing of the left lane to from Mill Street to Kilcock Road would not now go ahead, and that the left filter lane from Kilcock Road to Moyglare Road would be reopened if there were obvious problems. P. Croghan said that results from monitoring this junction would depend on the time of day it was monitored. J. McGinley said that 24-hour monitoring was in place. In answer to a question from community councillors, he said a new bus lane from Laraghbryan to the town was proposed, while at the same time the Dublin Bus service to Kilcock was under threat.

Problems with traffic light sequences and inconsiderate parking

T. McMullon said that the sequencing of lights was holding up traffic from Newtown and Parson Street accessing the Main Street, and needed to be adjusted. He also said that loading bays were needed in the town to stop commercial deliveries blocking the road and footpath. Mattie O'Callaghan (Tidy Towns Committee) said that cars were parking in such a way as to block cycle lanes and pedestrians but that culprits were not being 'booked' by the Gardaí.

Unightly plastic signs

M. O'Callaghan also said that four new plastic and neon signs had been erected in the town centre, contrary to the planning policy for the town.

5,000 copies Maynooth Newsletter delivered

P. Croghan said that 5,000 copies of the new format *Maynooth Newsletter* were being delivered monthly to houses in Maynooth, and that there was a call out for articles on local issues and for new contributors.

Provision of post primary schools in Maynooth

C. Ó Cearúil said that school provision in the area had been mentioned at the most recent Celbridge Area Committee meeting. Maynooth Post Primary School now had well over 1,000 pupils. He noted that Coláiste Chiaráin in Leixlip had 1,200 pupils before Confey College was provided. He said that the VEC is now looking for a second post primary school in Maynooth, and that it was desirable that a new school would be an Irish language one. Deirdre Cullen (PRO) said she thought it was a good thing for a town's community to have one school that everyone attended, where this was feasible. Some community councillors were of the view that Maynooth's population profile meant that it would soon be impractical to have just one post primary school in the town.

D. Cullen PRO Maynooth Community Council

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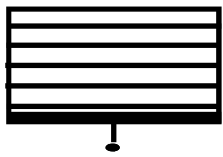
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- Season Ticket Membership-covers all 8 films and can be purchased in advance from Maynooth Community Library or at any screening and includes membership of Kildare County Council Libraries.
- On the Night membership-for one-off or occasional film attendance, available to purchase on the night of the screening.
- Student Membership-'walk up' to any screening and pay at the door (valid student card required).

ESRI REPORT IGNORES ROLE OF CYCLING

Maynooth Cycling's verdict on the recent ESRI report on 'Designing Primary Schools for the Future' is **MUST DO BETTER!** While the report concentrates on the building structure and teaching needs, the narrow focus omits any proper consideration of travel which is an essential element in the operation of schools.

The report briefly refers to public transport and walking to school but makes no mention of cycling although government policy seeks a major increase in the level of cycling to schools and policy on obesity recognises cycling as one of the measures to improve the health of our young.

A spokesperson for Maynooth Cycling Campaign said "How does the government expect cycling numbers to increase when Kildare County Council gives planning permission for new schools on the Celbridge Road (in Maynooth) with no facilities for cyclists". He continued "It is ridiculous on the one hand to expect parents to allow their children to cycle to school while on the other hand providing no facilities and tolerating 4x4s pulling up on adjacent footpaths. I think we need more joined up thinking".

Issues which should also have been more fully addressed include where schools should be located, the encouragement of driving by the provision of turning bays at schools, the desirability of independent travel by young people and the fact that pupils who walk or cycle to school are more focused on their lessons from the start of the day compared to pupils who are driven.

All in all, the ESRI need a more comprehensive vision for the future.

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MAYNOOTH CASTLE

At this stage it is time to ask what we can know the way people lived in the Maynooth area when Maurice Fitzgerald was granted Offelan by Strongbow in 1176.

First of all we know that they did not live in the town of Maynooth because it did not then exist. But neither did they live in a remote or isolated area. The plain of Maigh Nuad lay beside the route of one of the major roads of Ireland from ancient times. While the five great roads radiating from Tara may have been largely mythical, established routes did link important areas of the country. These were probably made up of a series of linked routes rather than a single highway. They took advantage of the natural features of the country, eskers and areas of high, dry ground, and fords where rivers could be easily crossed, while they skirted mountains and other obstacles. By the mid-eleventh century Dublin had become the most important economic centre in Ireland and candidates for the high-kingship sought to control Dublin rather than Tara, and it is suggested that the major routes or roads now radiated from Dublin. The first of these roads, the Slighe Mór, seems to have followed the line of the Eiscir Riada, a series of gravel hills forming a natural causeway from east to west through the boglands and woodlands of the central plain. It is suggested that this road left Dublin along the line of modern High Street, Thomas Street and James' Street, and then via Inchicore, Lucan, Celbridge, Taghadoo, to Clonmacnoise and Ballinalaoe, and finally to Clarinbridge in Co. Galway. Not only was Maigh Nuad right beside the Slighe Mór, but the second of the great roads, the Slighe Dhála, passed not very far to the south in its route through Naas and Roscrea to Tarbert in Co. Kerry.

The Eiscir Riada seems to have been not simply a natural means of communication and transport but to have had a political significance in Irish history. The annals tell us that in the second century A.D., in a struggle for the high-kingship between Conn of the Hundred Battles and Mogh Nuadat, the rivals agreed to divide the country between them along the line of the Eiscir Riada, Conn taking the northern half, Leath Cuinn, and Mogh Nuadat the southern Leath Mogha. That this division had some real significance is

suggested by its role at the major reformation of the Irish Church in the twelfth century. Essentially this reform involved the re-establishment of a network of dioceses to take back the management of the Church from the monastic *paruchia* which had usurped the power of the bishops. At the Synod of Rathbreasail in 1111 Leath Cuinn and Leath Mogha were the basis for the division of the Irish Church into two new provinces, Leath Cuinn becoming the province of Armagh and Leath Mogha the province of Cashel. This organisation of the Church has lasted up to the present, with the further sub-division into Armagh and Tuam, Cashel and Dublin.

All this shows us that the people of Maigh Nuad were not isolated from important events in Irish history, but does not tell us how they actually lived or how the coming of Maurice Fitzgerald and the castle of Maynooth affected the pattern of their lives. Modern research indicates that Irish society was unstable and subject to rapid change and fluctuation at the political or ruling level, but stable and slow to change at the social and economic level of the lives of ordinary people. Because succession to the headship of a clan or kindred group did not descend from father to eldest son, but was open to any member of the group of relatives called the *derbfine*, ie, all the descendants, in the male line, of one great-grandfather, there was an ongoing struggle for dominance among different factions within the same extended family, and Irish kingdoms, or tuatha, tended to split into parts and then come together again in a constantly changing pattern, something like kaleidoscope. This is why our own Uí Fáeláin, one ambitious and successful segment of the Uí Dúnlainge dynasty, regularly provided a King of Leinster but never monopolised the succession. This system also made it very difficult to unite the whole country permanently under any *ard-ri* or high-king, since no ruler of an Irish tuath could enter into an agreement which was certain to be accepted as final and binding by all groups within his own clan.

The same system of regarding the family group rather than an individual as the property-owning unit seems to have originally been the basis for all Irish society. This has led many people, including James Connolly, to see Irish society, at

the coming of the Normans, as an ideally communistic one, where the Irish peasant was "a free clansman owning his tribeland and controlling its administration in common with his fellows.." (James Connolly, *Labour in Irish History*, 1910). However, modern research tends to establish that for several centuries before the arrival of the Normans the kindred group had been replaced by the nuclear family as the property-owning unit, and with various grades of land tenure from the relatively independent freeholder to the landless labourer, while throughout Ireland remained a hierarchical society

The holding of the wealthy farmer was large, perhaps the equivalent of a modern townland, and its centre was the ring-fort, or rath or lios, whose remains are to be found scattered all over the country. The words *rath* and *lios* are often to be found as part of place names, rath in the eastern part of the country, and lios everywhere. While some sites had a military significance, most of them were farmsteads, built and occupied as far back as the late Bronze Age, and as recently as the fourteenth century. The typical form was a circular enclosure ringed by the rath or rampart of earth or stone. Inside were the family home and farm buildings and farmyard. Immediately outside the rath were the small cultivated fields, and beyond them forest, bog and rough land, which might be privately owned or shared in common. The original small tilled fields have long since been absorbed into larger ones but the development of aerial photography as a tool in historical and archaeological research allows their boundaries to be seen. Though not visible to the observer on the ground, they show up clearly in an aerial photograph as lines of a distinctly different colour in, for example, a field of corn. Oats, barley, wheat and rye were grown. Wheaten bread was a luxury for the upper classes, while oats was the most extensively grown cereal, and oaten porridge a staple of the Irish diet. The other main elements were milk and milk products like butter, curds and various types of cheese.

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Answer

Your bank (or its representatives) is entitled to ask you to pay your debts but is not entitled to harass or intimidate you. There are specific rules for debt collection (under the Consumer Credit Act 1995 and the European Communities (Consumer Credit Agreements) Regulations 2010 (SI 281/2010)). For example, your lender or their representatives are only allowed to visit or telephone you at certain times. These restrictions are designed to protect your privacy as a consumer. Your lender cannot phone you or visit you in connection with your loan without your consent after 9 pm in the evening and before 9 am on weekdays (including Saturday) or at any time on a Sunday or public holiday. A lender is not permitted to call you or to visit you at your place of work unless you are also living there, or unless all reasonable efforts to contact you elsewhere have failed. Only the person involved in the loan can be contacted in connection with it. This means that your lender cannot contact your employer or a member of your family in relation to your loan.

Under Section 11 of the Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person Act 1997 it is an offence to demand payment of a debt in a way designed to alarm, distress or humiliate. If you are experiencing difficulty in paying off a loan, you should contact your lender as soon as you can. If you cannot resolve the matter directly with your lender, you can get help by contacting the Money Advice and Budgeting Service, a free and confidential service for people in Ireland with debt or money management problems. Details of your local MABS office are also available in your public telephone directory or from Citizens Information Centres.

Question

I have been self-employed for many years and paid contributions at Class S which count towards my pension. This year I had to cease trading and sign on for Jobseeker's Allowance. I'm worried about my pension. What can I do to maintain my insurance record?

Answer

You are right to be concerned. People who paid PRSI contributions at Class S do not get credited contributions or 'credits' with Jobseeker's Allowance. If

you wish to maintain your insurance record you can opt to pay voluntary contributions. Voluntary contributions can help maintain or improve your contributory pension entitlements (including State Pension and Widow's/Widowers Pension). They do not provide cover for any short term benefits such as Jobseeker's, Illness or Maternity Benefit. You must apply to become a voluntary contributor within 12 months of the end of the last contribution year (runs January to December) during which you paid compulsory PRSI or had a credited contribution.

To become a voluntary contributor you must:

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Question

I was born in Ireland but lived in Britain for most of my life and my children were all born there. My daughter is now expecting her first child who will be born in the UK. My daughter is an Irish citizen. Can the baby become an Irish citizen?

Answer

Yes, your grandchild can become an Irish citizen. Any child born outside Ireland to an Irish citizen is entitled to become an Irish citizen. However before the baby can claim Irish citizenship, he or she must have his or her birth registered in the Foreign Births Register, which is maintained by the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs. The Irish citizenship of successive generations can be maintained by each generation ensuring their registration in

the Foreign Births Register before the birth of the next generation. If you are living outside Ireland application forms and further information are available from your nearest Irish embassy or consulate. You can find more information about applying to the Foreign Births Register and the documents required on the website of the Department of Foreign Affairs, dfa.ie. Once the process is completed, your grandchild will get a certificate confirming his or her entry in the Foreign Births Register. This certificate can be used as proof of Irish citizenship when applying for an Irish passport.

Question

I am living in a committed relationship but am not married. I do not wish to get married. What difference will the new Civil Partnership Act make to my situation?

Answer

The Civil Partnership and Certain Rights and Obligations of Cohabitants Act 2010 has been passed by the Oireachtas but has not yet been commenced (is not in force). The main purpose of the Act is to provide for civil partnerships for same sex couples. The Act, when commenced (probably in early 2011), will also provide for a redress system for financially dependent cohabiting partners in both same sex and opposite-sex relationships – who are not married or in a civil partnership. Cohabiting partners are defined in the Act as two same-sex or opposite sex adults who have lived together for in an intimate relationship for five years, or two years where there is a child or children of the relationship.

When the Act becomes law it may be possible for your partner to claim part of your assets unless you both opt out of the provisions of the Act. Previously unmarried couples had no legal right to the assets or estate of their partner.

The redress scheme may be activated at the end of a relationship, whether by break-up or death. It allows a financially dependent cohabitant to apply to court for certain remedies, including maintenance, property or pension adjustment orders, or provision from the estate of a deceased cohabitant. The Act also provides for the recognition of cohabitant agreements which regulate the shared financial affairs of cohabiting couples.

You and your partner will be able to opt out of the redress scheme by drawing up a cohabitant agreement in writing. You must both take independent legal advice before signing the agreement.

Question

I hear it's going to be another cold winter. I am on a very low income. What help is available for the costs of heating my

home?

Answer

There are several ways in which low-income households are helped with the costs of fuel for home heating. There are also schemes to help you insulate your home to make it warmer and to cut your heating costs.

The Household Benefits Package includes a Electricity or Natural Gas Allowance, a free TV licence and a Telephone Allowance. The package is paid by the Department of Social Protection. If you are aged 70 or over, you qualify regardless of your income or who lives with you. The scheme is also available to people aged 66 and over who get certain social welfare payments or whose income is below certain limits.

A Fuel Allowance is paid to people who are dependent on long-term social welfare or Health Service Executive (HSE) payments and who are unable to provide for their own heating needs. The scheme operates for 32 weeks from September to the end of April and is paid by the Department of Social Protection. If you apply for the Fuel Allowance after the start of September, the allowance is not backdated. The Allowance is €20 per week generally and €23.90 in smokeless fuel areas. The Warmer Homes Scheme aims to improve the energy efficiency and warmth of homes owned by people on low incomes. It is operated by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), Ireland's national energy agency, and is available nationwide. Work funded under the scheme includes attic insulation, draught-proofing, lagging jackets, energy-efficient lighting (CFL bulbs) and cavity wall insulation. You can also get energy advice under the scheme. Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

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For the first time ever there was a Japanese café and film. International Students provided information on their languages. These included Polish, Chinese, Albanian and Dutch.

The day aimed to celebrate and recognise the diversity of the student population in Maynooth Post Primary School.



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Ursula Nic Ginn.



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In April, Spotlight won 'Best Event of the Year' at the BICS (Board of Irish College Societies) Awards for last year's fashion show and we are striving to achieve this again. Spotlight is now in the process of organising this year's fashion show and our estimated number of guests and volunteers is 500. Our proposed theme this year is 'Diversity' which means that we will be showcasing a wide range of styles that will capture everybody's interest and fashion sense:- Office wear, Dinner wear, Casual wear, Gothic, Punk rock and African Attire. We will be using our local clothing line and student designers as well as external professionals. Many of the local businesses in Maynooth have already been very generous in their support and we would like to express our gratitude for this.

We have many surprise guests planned for the evening but we are proud to say Brendan Courtney will be our MC for the night and Bernard Jackson from the Leinster rugby team is also on the VIP list. So what are you waiting for? A great cause, diverse fashion, stunning models and mingling amongst the stars? We will have all of these and more on 1st of December and we would love to see you there Maynooth!

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- 675g/1½lb plain mashed potato, still hot
- 225g/8oz kale or savoy cabbage, cooked and chopped
- 125ml/4fl oz double cream
- 125ml/4fl oz milk
- 6 spring onions, sliced
- 55g/2oz butter, melted

Method:

1. In a large bowl combine the hot mashed potato with the cooked kale or savoy cabbage.
2. In a medium saucepan gently heat the double cream and milk.
3. Add the spring onions and continue to cook on a low heat until the spring onions have softened and cooked.
4. Fold the creamy spring onion mixture into the mashed vegetables.
5. Place in a warmed dish.
6. Indent the surface of the mixture and pour the melted butter over the top to form a puddle of butter and serve.

All-in-one chunky Winter Broth

Ingredients:

- 2 x 400g cans chopped tomatoes
- 2 litres/3½ pints vegetable stock
- 4 carrots, peeled and sliced
- 2 x 420g cans mixed beans, drained and rinsed
- 175g spinach
- 1 tbsp roasted red pepper pesto

Method :

1. Tip the canned tomatoes into a saucepan along with the stock, bring to the boil, then turn down the heat and throw in the carrots. Gently simmer the soup until the carrots are cooked, about 15 minutes.
2. Stir in the pulses and spinach and heat until the spinach has wilted. Spoon in the pesto and gently mix into the soup. Serve with some crusty bread.

Mince and Potato Hot Pot

Ingredients:

- 1kg potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 500g mince
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon tomato puree
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- salt and pepper to taste
- 50g butter
- 4 tablespoons plain flour
- 475ml milk
- 125g grated Cheddar cheese
- 175g tinned mushrooms, drained
- 50g butter

Method :

1. Preheat oven to 180 C / Gas mark 4. Place potato slices in a medium bowl with enough water to cover.
2. Heat oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Stir in mince, onion, tomato puree and Worcestershire sauce. Season with salt and pepper. Cook until mince is evenly browned and onions are tender.
3. In a separate medium saucepan over medium heat, melt 50g butter and thoroughly blend in flour. Gradually stir in milk. Cook and stir 5 minutes, or until thickened. Reduce heat, and blend Cheddar cheese into the mixture. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
4. Line a medium baking dish with 1/2 the potato slices. Pour in the mince mixture, and top with mushrooms. Cover with the cheese sauce mixture. Top with remaining potatoes. Dot with knobs of the remaining 50g butter.
5. Bake 30 to 40 minutes in the preheated oven, until lightly browned.



Top Energy Saving Tips



Using energy more efficiently in your daily life comes easily once you get started. This site lists many ways to save energy around the house, at work and on the road. Here, we list the overall top six:

- Many people keep their thermostat too high. Check it and if it's above 20°C turn it down. Lowering your thermostat by just 1°C will knock 10% off your heating bill.
- Much of the heat loss from a house occurs through the windows, particularly if they are single glazed. So keep your curtains closed at night, even in empty rooms and also ensure that the curtains don't hang over the radiators as that will just funnel all your heat out the window.
- Close room doors to separate heated from unheated areas of your home, and minimise the area you are heating. There is no need to spend money heating rooms nobody is in.
- Turn the lights off when leaving a room.
- Switch appliances off rather than leaving them on standby. This will save up to 20% of your appliances' energy use.

Make better use of the timers on your immersion or boiler so you can control when the heating comes on and goes off. This means you have heating and hot water when and where you want it.

While all of the above are simple tips that won't cost you anything, some people may want to go a little further and actually spend money to save money.

If you are interested in spending money on making your home more energy efficient you should consider the following:

- **Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs):** These use a fraction of the electricity an ordinary light bulb would use and last up to 10 times longer.
- **Appliances:** Be demanding when you buy. All appliances now need an energy label so check them for one. Purchase 'A' rated appliances whenever possible, the amount they will save you on electricity will be more than the cost of replacing the existing appliances you have.
- **Electric Heaters:** When buying heaters, make sure they are the right size for the rooms they are to heat. Remember that electric heaters consume electricity at the most expensive charge rate.
- **Insulation:** Insulating your attic and walls could save you 30-40% on your home heating bill. For information on the Home Energy Saving scheme grants that can help visit our grants section.
- **Heating System Upgrade:** The Home Energy Saving scheme will also grant aid high efficiency boilers and heating control improvements.



Stars for a Night



Andrew Quinlan, Tom O Flaherty, Sean O Kane.

Stars for a Night was held in Maynooth Post Primary School on October 14th. Thirteen acts from all years competed to become the MPPS Star! Among the entries were Madonna, Whitney Heuston, The Back Street Boys and Michael Buble. The show was a sell out and the atmosphere electric in the Assembly Hall.

The judges were : Jonathon Hanlon Musician, past pupil and musical director for the annual school musical. Rebecca Flynn, dancer, past pupil. Mairead Flemming of TV3's Morning Ireland and the Apprentice.

The winners on the night were :

Senior category : David Burke and Stephen Lovett as Simon and Garfunkel

Junior Category : Yetti as Whitney Heuston

Overall Winner : Daniel Hobbs as Bruno Mars

Winner recieved 200euro prize.

The night was such a huge success that plans are already underway for next years show.

Well done to Ms O'Connell and Ms Murphy and all the students involved.



Hugh Clarke.



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Ben Connolly.



Danny Hobbs.

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Update on Youth Cafe/Community Centre:

Cllr. John McGinley was advised at the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council on 19 October that the Council has practically finalised the arrangements for a lease on a new premises. It is on Mill Street and has an area of 1,100sq.ft. It was extremely disappointing that the other premises fell through. But this new one looks promising and should look after our needs until the TESCO premises comes to hand.

The Community Council and the County Council have arranged a meeting for the 2nd November in the Glenroyal to discuss and decide on the management of the facility.

Update on Provision of Allotments at Carton Avenue/The Boreen

Cllr John McGinley was given the following reply to his motion at the meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee on 19 October:

"In light of the success of the allotments at the Wonderful Barn, when is it proposed to proceed with the allotments at Carton Avenue/The Boreen?

"There are a number of issues which negate against the development of allotments in Carton Avenue. Firstly the supply of water to the site is problematic as there is no mains supply to the area and there is no finance available to extend the supply to the site. The possibility of providing a water source from a well was also considered but this is not possible as there is no electrical supply near the proposed site.

In addition the experience of the pilot scheme to date in The Wonderful Barn has resulted in a large amount of administrative work associated with the scheme and because there is only one staff member to deal with this in addition to the existing varying and large list of works being undertaken across the county the addition a further scheme of allotments is not possible within the resources available at the current time."

Of the 80 Plots in Barnhall, 68 are being used. From Day 1 they wanted a water supply. In order to make progress on the Maynooth Allotments Cllr. McGinley believes that it would be helpful if those who are interested form a committee and maybe come up with solutions to the Carton Avenue/The Boreen Site.

Unauthorised Development at Leinster Park

Cllr John McGinley got the following reply to his motion at the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council on 19 October: "A site inspection has been carried out by the Enforcement Officer and the report is currently in progress. The completion of the report is expected within the next two weeks. A further update will be available for the next Area Committee Meeting." John made the point that the owners were making a fool of the Council with their vexatious Planning Applications and he asked that the matter be brought to a head with a Court Injunction.



Emmet Stagg T.D.



Cllr. John McGinley

Cllr. McGinley Demands Action on Derelict Houses at Parson Street, Maynooth.

Cllr. John McGinley has been for some time demanding that the Council take steps under the Derelict Sites act to have the row of derelict houses at Parson Street restored.

John was given the following update at the Council meeting on 19 October:

"Kildare Co Council has served a section (8) 2 notice on 24th September on the owner. This notice informs the owner that no action has been taken since the first notice was served (section 11) and directs the owner to carry out works within 1 month or face entry in the derelict sites register. The section 8(2) notice expires on 24th October. The property will be examined at that date and if no works have been undertaken Kildare Co Council will enter the property in the register.

Kildare Co Council arranges to have a property valuation carried out on the premises. Kildare Co Council then writes and informs the owner of the property valuation. The owner is also informed that the site will be entered in the derelict sites register on a date which is one month from the date of the letter.

After that month passes Kildare Co Council then invoices the owner to make payment of a sum equal to 3% of the valuation. The owner is invoiced for the 3% each year until the Council are satisfied as to the condition of the houses."

Update on Proposed Bus Extensions to Moyglare Hall and Newtown:

At the Celbridge Area Committee Meeting of the Council on 19 October Cllr. John McGinley had a motion on the Agenda looking for an update on the extension of the bus service.

John got the following reply to his question: What progress has been made on facilitating the extension of the 66 and 67 buses in Maynooth?

"A meeting has been held with the National Transport Authority to discuss the works to be undertaken in 2010. It has been agreed that the replacement of the 2 traffic ramps with 2 bus-platform ramps on the Moyglare Road will be funded out of the 2010 allocation. No agreement on the extension of the bus route to the south of the town along the Meadowbrook Link Road has been made with Dublin Bus, and no funding has been identified to pay for any works required."

When John queried the reply he was advised that the National Transport Authority (NTA) were paying for the work on the Moyglare Road and that it was coming from the 1million allocated for the Kilcock Road Improvement Works. Unfortunately, unless the NTA pay for the works they won't take place as the Council don't have the funds for such work. John asked about the turning

point location but unfortunately the Council Official did not know about it and she said that she would contact Dublin Bus to get the information.

Update on Taking in Charge of Meadowbrook and Brookfield Estates:

Councilors were given the following update at the Celbridge Area Committee Meeting of the Council on 19 October:

"The status of the developer of Meadowbrook (Lark Developments) is that the company is in receivership. We have written to the receiver requesting a meeting to discuss the status of the company and any associated developments. A meeting was also arranged with the residents of Meadowbrook in July to review the options for taking the estate in charge in light of the fact that the developer was in receivership. This meeting was cancelled by the residents. They were to come back to us to arrange another meeting. This has not yet happened. It is recommended that the meeting with the residents be deferred in light of the proposed meeting with the receiver".

Still no Sign of Gaelcholaiste For North Kildare Despite FF Promises

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Tanaiste and Minister for Education in relation to her plans to provide a Gaelcholaiste in North Kildare to serve pupils from Scoil Ui Riada in Kilcock, Scoil Ui Dhalaigh in Leixlip and Gaelscoil Ui Fhiach in Maynooth, who wish to continue their education in secondary school through Irish.

The Tanaiste in her response to Deputy Stagg repeated her position that Colaiste Cois Life in Lucan was built to serve the needs of the West Dublin/North Kildare area. She further pointed out that Colaiste Cois Life could cater for 600 pupils and given that enrolment there at present was 345 pupils, Colaiste Cois Life would appear to have capacity to cater for the North Kildare area.

Deputy Stagg expressed his disappointment at the continued negative attitude of the Tanaiste and the Government to the establishment of a Gaelcholaiste for the North Kildare Area. A previous study found that only 31% of pupils attending Gaelscoils in North Kildare continued to study through Irish in Secondary School in Colaiste Cois Life. This disappointing take up was obviously down to the fact that pupils did not want additional travelling to and from Lucan and the only way of resolving this stated Deputy Stagg was through the provision of a Gaelcholaiste in North Kildare.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that in May 2007 FF raised false hopes for the provision of a Gaelcholaiste for North Kildare in their quest to retain power, but Labour will continue to pursue its provision.

Adult and Child Psychologist Service in Kildare Remains Severely Understaffed

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

The HSE responding to Deputy Stagg stated that there were 12 Psychologists employed at present but indicated that 38 psychologists would be required to meet existing demands in Kildare. The HSE also advised that the average waiting time for children for psychological assessment was 27 weeks and

12 weeks for adults, but the HSE did state that where there is a clinical urgency the average waiting time did not apply.

Reacting to the response Deputy Stagg stated that we effectively have a service that is operating at 31% of the level required, a slight improvement since Deputy Stagg last raised this issue in October 2009 when we only had 25% cover. The Government by failing to properly resource the Psychology service was condemning both adults and children to continued distress and forcing parents and relatives to seek assessment in the Private Sector if they can afford it. This is unacceptable but is the common thread in all of the Public Health Services provided by this Government.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he intended to continue highlighting the issue but feared total inaction from this defunct Government.

"Drinking in Public By Laws"

Cllr. John McGinley had the following motion on the Agenda for consideration at yesterday's (26.10.'10) Kildare County Council Meeting:

"That a report be given on how the "Drinking in Public By Laws" are being enforced i.e

1. The number of tickets issued by Gardai in the towns where there are such By Laws in 2010?
2. How many fines were paid in 2010?
3. How many prosecutions did the Council pursue in 2010 and what was the outcome of the prosecutions?

John got the following astounding reply: "Two tickets were issued by gardai since January '10, the fine was paid in respect of one of them and no prosecutions have taken place during the year."

Cllr. McGinley stated that he finds it incredible that only two tickets were issued by gardai for drinking in public in the whole county when every town has "Drinking By Laws" in place. He pointed out that it is a complete waste of money and effort producing the "By laws" if they are not being enforced.

This law worked particularly well in Leixlip for many years because of good enforcement by the gardai. Unfortunately, like other towns that is no longer the case and this has led to what is politely called anti social behaviour.

Cllr. McGinley has been advised by a garda in Lucan that the fines work very well and that it is a great deterrent.

The gardai in Celbridge stated at a recent Area Meeting of the Council that they stopped issuing fines because the Council were not prosecuting.

In order to establish when the breakdown of co-operation between the Council and the gardai took place Cllr. McGinley has asked the Council to write to the Chief Superintendent to get the figures for fines issued for '08 and '09.

John stated that there is an onus on us to put a stop to this drinking in public so that our community can get some peace at night.

Cllr. John McGinley
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€9.75m scheme to promote water conservation measures in 1,823 schools

Funding of almost €10m will see major improvements in water conservation in primary and post primary schools around the country.

1,823 primary and post primary schools across the country will be able to carry out works to reduce their use of water under a €9.75m scheme announced by the Tánaiste and Minister for Education and Skills, Mary Coughlan TD.

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick is delighted that **70 Schools in Co. Kildare** will benefit from funding which will help to reduce their use of water, with a consequent reduction in the running cost of schools. The fund will finance projects in these schools to reduce their water usage through the installation of water displacement devices, percussion spray taps, thermostatic mixing valves and other water controls.

‘These works will reduce the water charges being paid by schools and I am delighted that Boards of Management and Trustees are being provided with a means to do so,’ added Deputy Fitzpatrick.

The Maynooth Schools are :Presentation Convent, Maynooth Boys National School, Maynooth Post Primary, Moyglare Road.

The Planning and Building Unit will shortly contact all schools approved for grant aid under the scheme with further details and instructions on how to proceed.

This latest announcement forms part of this year's €579 million school building and modernisation programme.

The programme makes a very significant contribution towards job creation in the construction sector.

The list of schools is available on the Department's website www.education.ie/servlet/blobServlet/pr_water_conservation_school_list.xls

Maynooth to get a new Educational Campus.

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick has been informed by Tanaiste & Minister for Education and Skills, Mary Coughlan that her department has approved County Kildare Vocational Committee to acquire 41 acres of land at Mariaville, Maynooth to provide for an educational campus in the Maynooth area.

The Department of Education has also approved County Kildare Vocational Committee to acquire a purpose designed and equipped premises in the centre of Maynooth to establish an integrated Further Education and Training (FET) campus offering all current further education and training programmes which are being provided by the VEC at separate locations throughout North Kildare.

‘This will help secure the long term provision of educational facilities in the North Kildare area for the foreseeable future, and once again shows this government’s commitment to education in this country’ added Deputy Fitzpatrick.



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Castletown House Demesne - Rights of Way

Following representations to Minister of State Dr Martin Mansergh, T.D. at the Department of Finance with special responsibility for the Office of Public Works, Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick has today been informed that – **“The Office of Public Works would not interfere with any established rights of way”**.

The Office of Public Works (OPW) has spent considerable funds on the development of Castletown as a major national heritage site since its acquisition in 1994. Development is ongoing, more recently with significant capital investment in conference and banqueting facilities and upgrading of the landscape funded by Bord Fáilte Ireland.

In recent time there has been a significant increase in anti-social behaviour on the estate – fires, irreparable damage to trees, expensive machinery set on fire; native habitats have been destroyed with consequent loss of wildlife. The anti-social behaviour occurs mainly at night-time. The impact of these activities on the protection of the House and Demesne and the continued development of the property and the amenity value for all visitors is most worrying.

In the interest of safety and enjoyment of visitors and the protection of the national historic demesne, the OPW is now obliged to review its current policy of allowing local access to the estate outside of normal dawn to dusk hours.

With regard to the boundary fence the OPW is most anxious to have clearly defined, delineated and protected boundaries between privately and publicly owned lands at Castletown Demesne. By and large

Kildare County Council owns most of the property along a line between the Castletown Demesne and private households. The OPW is encouraging the Council and local groups to agree all issues in relation to securing their common boundary and the erection of appropriate fencing.

Deputy Fitzpatrick has been told by the Minister that as a practical gesture and encouragement to these efforts the OPW has indicated its willingness to contribute towards the cost of erecting an agreed boundary fence.

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Pet Corner

Benefits in Microchipping Pets

Nobody wants to lose a pet. Pets become part of the family and when they disappear it can be very upsetting. Microchips for pets will not stop your pet running away, and it may not completely remove the possibility that they will disappear, but they definitely increase the chances that you will have your pet returned. Everyone with a dog or cat should at least consider the possibility of a pet microchip. One simple, inexpensive procedure could prevent you losing your pet - and may even save its life.



- Microchips help identify your pet. If your pet is lost and ends up at an animal shelter, they will know whose pet it is.
- It is a permanent method of identification. The microchip will stay with your pet for life.
- Identification information can be easily updated. As the information is kept on a database, it is a simple matter to update your details whenever you move or your number changes.
- It is fairly painless for your pet. The microchip is very small and is injected with a needle. It feels about the same as a vaccination.
- It cannot be removed. ID tags can be removed and even tattoos can become illegible over time, but a microchip is a permanent method of identification.
- Pet or dog microchip cost is relatively cheap (approx. €20). When you consider that this microchip stays with your dog for life, it is a very inexpensive method of identification.
- It saves time. If your pet runs away, you will not need to spend as much time looking for it, posting up advertisements and visiting animal shelters.
- It may save your pet's life. If a pet ends up at an animal shelter, it will stay there for a certain period of time before it has to be put down. However, if your pet has a microchip, then the contact details will be retrieved and your pet will be returned.
- It is standard practice now for all thoroughbred puppies to be microchipped before they are sold. If you are buying a thoroughbred puppy insist it is vaccinated, wormed, and microchipped before purchase,

TONY SMITH MEMORIAL WALK 2010 TO RAISE IN EXCESS OF €8,000

The Tony Smith Memorial Walk 2010 was held on Sunday 17th October last and is expected to raise in excess of €8,000 for Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee.

The Annual Walk is organised by Maynooth Labour Branch and all funds raised go directly to the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee who use it in their various supports for senior citizens in the area.

The Walk was led off from Maynooth G.A.A. grounds at 3 pm on Sunday 17th by Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley and then proceeded down to the Main Street, up Carton Avenue and into Carton Estate. We would like to thank Carton Estate for their continued support for our Annual Walk.

The Sponsored Walk was first held in 1979 and was the idea of the then Treasurer of Maynooth Labour Branch, Tony Smith, who wanted to assist the senior citizens of the Town. Tony died tragically at the age of 33 in 1982 and the Walk was then renamed in his honour.

The proceeds of the Walk will be handed over to the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee at their Annual Christmas Party in December.

Finally we would like to thank the Participants and all those who sponsored us for this worthy cause.

Dave Moynan - Treasurer Maynooth Labour Branch



Some of the Participants at the Commencement of the Walk with Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley

charge, to carry out this work, neither can the Council compel the developer to do such work, which is an impossible situation where estates have been allowed to mature and are not as yet taken in charge by the Council, it is yet another example of disproportionate rights for a developer over those who have purchased houses in an estate.

Dublin Bus Network extension – update

The Transportation Department of Kildare County Council reported that a meeting had been held with the National Transport Authority (NTA) to discuss the works to be undertaken in 2010. It had been agreed that the replacement of the two traffic ramps with two bus-platform ramps on the Moyglare Road would be funded out of the 2010 allocation. These are being funded primarily because they fall within the area being developed for the €1m Pilot Cycle project in the vicinity of Maynooth College.

The committee was told there is no funding to do road alterations for the Meadowbrook Link bus extension. A Traffic Management Plan for Maynooth is due to be considered by the Area Committee in the near future, this should include provision for the amended bus service. The NTA will only fund such changes if they are part of a Traffic Management Plan. Even if it is agreed at Council level and submitted to the NTA before the end of the year, it is not clear if they will provide the Council with funding for this in 2011.

Meadowbrook Estate - Council in discussions with Receiver.

Again, at our October meeting, I sought to find out if there was any update on the legal status of the developer of Meadowbrook Estate & Brookfield Avenue.

The planning department informed me they have now confirmed the developer of Meadowbrook Estate & Brookfield Avenue, (Lark Developments), is in receivership. The Planning Department has written to the receiver requesting a meeting to discuss the status of the company and any associated developments. Once that meeting has been arranged the Council will present the receiver with the outstanding list of works required prior to the Council taking the estate in charge.

Taking in Charge of Castledawson - developer considering handing over road.

I was informed by the Council that the Building Control Section held a meeting with the owner of the main access road in Castledawson/Newtown Hall on the 13th October. He was requested to hand the Castledawson section of the

road over to the Council, he agreed to consider the request and revert back. I have urged the Council to maintain contact in order that there is a quick response to this. Should the developer decide to hand over the road this will allow the Council to take Castledawson Estate in charge. The law in relation to taking estates in charge, in my opinion, disproportionately favors the rights of the developer over homeowners.

Tesco Unit Maynooth – update

When given planning permission for the new supermarket in Maynooth, which is the largest Tesco in Ireland, as part of the community gain Tesco were to provide a unit on part of the site of the old store, for public use. Because of a changing economic environment development of new units, on the old supermarket site, have been delayed, therefore, the community unit has not yet materialised. Tesco in conjunction with Kildare County Council have offered to fund a temporary facility. A unit has been identified and discussions are underway but nothing has been finalised yet. Should a satisfactory arrangement be arrived at this unit could be available to the community in the near future. The intention would be that such a unit should be multi functional.

Planning Application by Irish Rail for 38 Extra Spaces beside Old Station Masters House. Concerns about lighting at Silken Vale and access to the site raised.

The planning application made by Irish Rail in early September (10/891) has been referred back to them for further information. In a formal submission, while accepting the need for more car parking in proximity of the train station, I had raised some concerns about access to the site for vehicles particularly at peak times; I also raised concerns about how the new public lighting would affect adjoining homes in Silken Vale.

The Council have now asked Irish Rail to provide a site specific report on the impact of the proposed lamp posts to the adjoining Silken Vale residences. Irish Rail has been requested to show how it is proposed to facilitate the access from each platform to the other for mobility impaired users. They must also provide details of a signage system to indicate occupancy of the proposed car park in order to minimise unnecessary vehicular movements into the car park. Once Irish Rail respond (they have a maximum of 6 months in which to do so) the Council have 2 months to make a decision.

Footnote:

The Celbridge Area Committee includes, Maynooth, Celbridge, Leixlip, Ardclough and Straffan.

Prune the trees and let the light out

At our October meeting, of the Celbridge Area Committee, I highlighted the need to prune trees and in some instances remove them, where they obscure public lighting. I pointed out this is a serious problem in mature estates. I particularly drew attention to the Main Avenue at Beaufield, where there are examples of trees, now mature, which were planted beside lamp standards, or where other trees urgently require pruning. I pointed out that when planning permission is given for a housing estate, a standard of public lighting is required which is intended to protect both pedestrians and motorists, by allowing these trees to grow without a management plan the value of public lighting is often partially or completely lost.

Kildare County Council pays for the electricity, however, in many cases it is simply lighting up the trees. The only one of the North Kildare Towns where substantial work has been done on tree pruning in recent years has been Leixlip; this is because the Town Council has a budget for this work. The County Council has no function, where estates are not in

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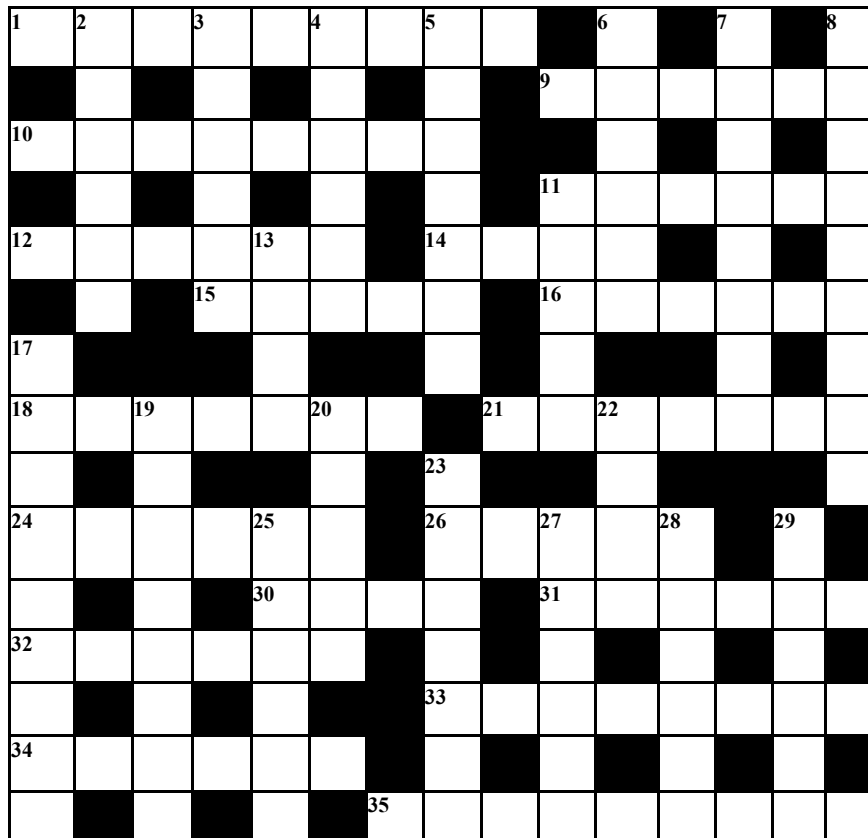
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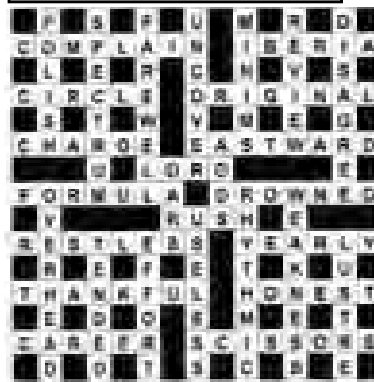
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14. Printed characters (4)
15. Holy Book (5)
16. Fills with apprehension (6)
18. People killed, hurt, or abused (7)
21. One more (7)
24. Express discontent (6)
26. Existed or dwelt (5)
30. Killer whale (4)
31. Source, root (6)
32. Animals (6)
33. Busy or inhabited (8)
34. Supping (6)
35. Head of state has a red instep (9)



DOWN

2. Not smooth (6)
3. Building assembled from pre-manufactured parts, in short (6)
4. Spider's filaments (6)
5. Chose by poll (7)
6. Place of worship (6)
7. Systematic seeking after knowledge (8)
8. Indispensable, essential (9)
11. It pains one to be there (5)
13. Very short skirt (4)
17. One and all (9)
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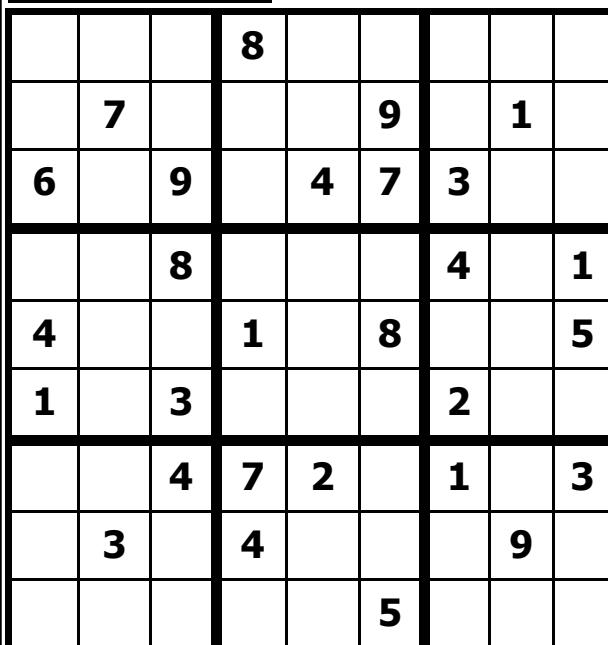
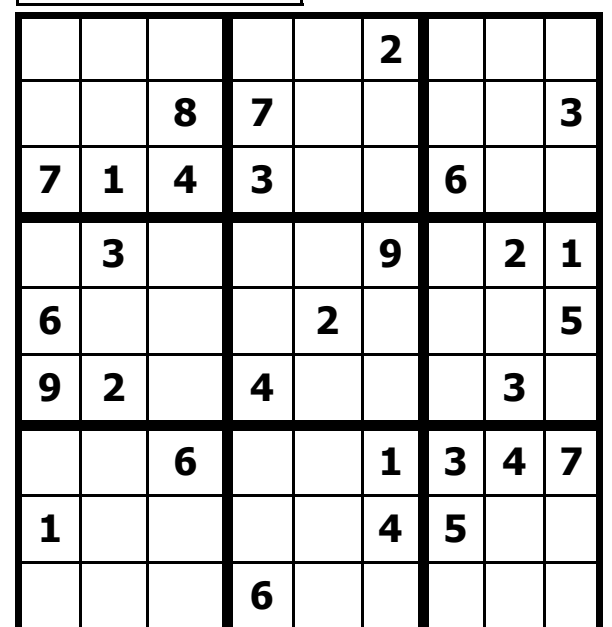
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Funding for Maynooth Schools for Water Conversation Measures says Brady

Local TD and Minister of State Áine Brady has welcomed the approval by the Minister for Education that the Maynooth Post Primary, Boys National School and the Girls Presentation National School have received approval for funding to improve water conservation measures in their schools.

‘This funding will help to reduce the schools use of water, with a consequent reduction in the running cost of schools.’

‘The fund of almost €10 million nationally will finance over 1823 projects throughout the country to reduce their water usage through the installation of water displacement devices, percussion spray taps, thermostatic mixing valves and other water controls.’;

‘The investment in our schools, taken together with the Summer Works Schemes and the on-going construction works at schools throughout North Kildare currently, create much-needed jobs in the construction sector.’

‘The Planning and Building Unit will shortly contact all approved schools in Maynooth with further details and instructions on how to proceed.’ concluded Minister Brady.

Contract signed for major investment in NUI Maynooth – Minister of State Brady

The contract has been signed to progress major investment in Maynooth according to local Fianna Fáil TD, Minister of State Áine Brady.

“The Tánaiste Mary Coughlan TD has just signed the contract to allow work to begin on the new €20million investment in NUI Maynooth.”

“The investment in the university will result in a new state of the art library.”

“The increase in numbers of students in recent years has resulted in the need for this library and I am delighted to see that the work will now progress.”

“NUI Maynooth has grown and developed over the years and it is now a first class educational facility that attracts top students, researchers and staff.”

“NUI Maynooth also has a long and credible relationship with high tech industry in the county and works closely with Intel and others to develop courses and research.”

“I am delighted to see this project go ahead as it is essential that despite strains on the public finances that we continue to invest in education to ensure that we support the students and workers of the future,” concluded Minister of State Brady.

Clampdown on Welfare Cheats To Save Over €500m - Minister of State Brady

Kildare North Fianna Fáil TD and Minister of State, Áine Brady has today welcomed the news that the Government is on track to save more than half a billion this year through a clampdown on welfare cheats.

Minister Brady was responding to comments made by the Minister for Social Protection, Eamon O’Cuív that his Department was pushing beyond the original target of saving more than €533 million by the end of 2010.

“The Department’s tough stance on welfare cheats will ensure that the money we’re spending on Social Welfare is going where it’s supposed to go – to the people and families who need it most. The message is clear - there is no hiding place for those who are defrauding the system.”

“The huge effort being undertaken to crack down on welfare fraud is reflected by the fact that more than 760,000 claims will be reviewed by the end of this year. A team of no less than 600 investigators is tasked with ensuring that the resources we have are going to those who need them.”

“The Department’s issuing of direct mailshots to confirm contact details has proved particularly successful with savings of over €47million alone in child benefit. These letters help to ensure that payments are not being made to those who have left the jurisdiction. Other techniques include cross-departmental and cross border sharing of information and vehicle checks.”

“The public has also played its part in detecting fraud. In the first eight

months of the year almost 5, 000 individuals have contacted the Department’s information hotline on www.welfare.ie to report suspected cases of welfare cheating.”

“Fianna Fáil has always done more than any other party for the most vulnerable in society. When resources were available, we invested heavily in improving social welfare rates and services for all those who were reliant on the State for income support.”

“We are now, however, being forced to do more with less. The clampdown on fraud is aimed at protecting those who are genuinely entitled to social welfare support. We should remember that those who cheat the system are really cheating their neighbours and friends,” concluded Minister Brady.

Funding boost for recycling facilities in Kildare – Minister of State Brady

Recycling facilities in Kildare are to receive a funding boost from the Government according to local Fianna Fáil TD and Minister of State, Áine Brady.

“Kildare County Council will receive €229,867 to assist with the cost of running local bring banks and civic recycling facilities.”

“I am delighted in the continuance of this financial support for recycling facilities despite constraints on the public finances.”

“The funding is made available from the Environment Fund gets revenue from the Plastic Bag Levy and landfill levies.”

“It is essential that we provide every encouragement and support to Kildare households in their bid to recycle as much as possible. The provision of easily accessible, clean and convenient recycling facilities makes a huge difference,” concluded Minister of State Brady.

High speed Broadband boost for three Kildare schools – Brady

Three Kildare schools are to receive high speed broadband under a Government scheme according to local Fianna Fáil TD and Minister of State, Áine Brady.

“Coláiste Naomh Mhuire on the Sallins Road, the Salesian College in Celbridge and Maynooth Post Primary on the Moyglare Road will each receive high speed broadband under the €13 million Broadband to Schools Scheme. The schools will get 100 megabit high speed fibre and wireless broadband.”

“The Broadband speeds that will now be

available to these schools are the equivalent to the speeds on offer to multinational corporations here.”

“I am delighted to see this investment in Kildare schools. The Broadband to Schools scheme will be available to other local secondary schools within the next two years.”

“As our economy becomes more high-tech it is vital that students are confident in their use of technology and having these extra facilities at school will assist,” concluded Minister Brady.

Educational Campus approved for Maynooth

Local TD and Minister of State Aine Brady, has welcomed the decision by the Minister for Education to approve the acquisition by Kildare VEC of a property in the centre of Maynooth to establish an Integrated Further Education and Training (FET) Campus.

‘Kildare VEC have been given approval to acquire a purpose designed and equipped premises in the centre of Maynooth which will be home to an Integrated Further Education and Training Campus. This Campus will offer all current and Future Educational and Training (FET) Programmes which are currently being provided by the VEC at different locations throughout North Kildare.’

‘The VEC’s Adult Education Guidance Services will also be located at the Campus. This will provide a one stop shop FET facility and will make for a more efficient service.’

‘In recent months, we have made significant progress on the provision of extra school facilities throughout North Kildare. Recently, we got approval for school extensions in Straffan and Clane. a new Gael Scoil is being built in Maynooth, 11 classroom extension to Scoil Choca Naofa in Kilcock is currently underway and the new Kill National School will be completed later this year. I will continue to work with all concerned to build on the progress to-date.’ concluded Minister Brady.

Gardening in the month of November

It's cold, it's wet and it's nasty out, and the last thing on your mind is playing in the mud in your garden.....

It's really hard to get motivated to do much of anything outdoors, but here are a few gardening tasks and projects that you can do this month to help keep your garden looking it's best for the rest of this season, and prepare for the long cold winter and upcoming spring.

Perennials, annuals, and bulbs

Make sure that the canes of your climbing roses and other vining plants are securely fastened to their supports. Winter winds can whip and severely damage unprotected plants. Don't tie them so tightly that the string or twist-tie cuts into the stem.

I recommend using a length old tights because it will stretch as the plant grows, rather than cutting into the stem, as string will do.

Mound five to six inches of soil around the bases of your hardy fuchsias and roses. *Use soil from another part of the garden, rather than risking damage to the roots by digging around the base of the plant.*

Cut Chrysanthemum stems to 2-3 inches from the soil once they have begun to die back.

You can continue to transplant your perennials throughout the autumn and winter, as long as they remain dormant.

Tulip bulbs may still be planted in the early part of the month.

Tender bulbs should be dug up and stored in a cool, dark area after first frost.

Be sure that your tender plants are protected from frost. Mulching with bark, sawdust or straw will help create a blanket of protection over the root system. Should the weather get suddenly cold, place cloth or dark plastic over your *tender plants* to give them some added protection from the cold. Be sure to remove this covering when the weather has stabilized!.

Shrubs and trees One of the most asked questions at this time of year is "when can I transplant my shrubs and trees?" This month and throughout the next several months will be good times to transplant trees and shrubs. At this time of the year, most ornamentals have entered into dormancy, and can be safely dug and replanted. The key to transplanting is to dig a large root ball (*get as much of the root system as is possible*). Equally important, is getting the plant back into the prepared soil as quickly as possible, to keep the roots from drying out.

(Only a transplanting fertilizer should be used at this time of the year.) Large trees or shrubs should be staked to protect them from wind whipping during winter storms. Keep them staked until the roots have a chance to develop and anchor them.

Prune your evergreens to shape.

Fruits and veggies

Cut the tops off your asparagus plants, and add a winter dressing of aged manure to the bed.

Cover strawberries two inches deep with hay or straw.

Secure your raspberry canes to stakes to protect them from wind whipping.

Lawn If you haven't already applied an autumn or winter type of lawn fertilizer (20-9-9), now is the time to do it. This encourages good root development and helps improve the colour of the lawn. Lime can also be applied, if needed.

Give your lawn a good raking to lift away accumulations of debris.



Keep leaves raked from the lawn. They should be composted. Alternatively, you can just mow over them, turning them to a mulch which adds important nutrients back to the lawn

House Plants Winter heating dries the air out in your home considerably. Help your house plants survive by misting them or placing the pots on a pebble filled tray of water to ensure adequate humidity and moisture.

Pot up some spring flowering bulbs for indoor colour during the winter. Store the pots in a cool, dark place, until new growth emerges from the soil, and then move them to a bright window.

Continue to watch for insect or disease damage and take the necessary steps to control the problem.

Odds and ends Please feed the birds and other small creatures which may not be able to find food due to snow on the ground or other causes.

Their natural food sources have pretty much dried up by this time of the year. For only a few dollars you can feed an enormous number of birds.

You don't have to be a bird watcher to enjoy the feeling that you get when you've helped out one of God's creatures.

Drain your hoses and put them away so they don't freeze and burst.

Continue to watch for insect, slug and snail, or disease damage throughout the garden, and take the necessary steps to control the problem.

Use small stakes or markers where you've planted bulbs or late starting spring plants in the perennial garden, to avoid disturbing them when you begin spring soil preparation. If you feel that stakes don't fit your landscape style.... you might consider marking stones with fingernail polish or paint, and set them on the planting spot (*painted side down*)

When you have finished your last mowing of the year, make sure that it is properly stored.

Clean and oil your garden tools for winter storage. Place some sand and some oil in a large bucket, then slide your garden tools in and out of the sand.

This will do an excellent job of cleaning them, as well as applying a light coat of oil to prevent rusting. This is also a good month to restock any tools that have seen better days, while the prices are lower.

A tip from The 1899 Old Farmer's Almanac "Useful Hints": "Keep all fruit stones (pits), cooked or uncooked. Dry them slowly in the oven, put in a large jar, and in winter throw a handful on the fire of an evening. They will crackle for a moment, send up a bright flame, and fill the room with a delicious aroma."

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Maynooth Royal Canal Amenity Group

Members and Supporters of Maynooth Royal Canal Amenity Group (MRCAG) were present at the recent official opening of the restored Royal Canal at Clondra, County Longford, and which was featured on RTE television at the Bank Holiday weekend.

MRCAG, now 25 years in existence, is lobbying Public Representatives to promote Maynooth as the Eastern Tourism and Recreational hub of the Royal Canal.

Maynooth Harbour has a large dedicated boat-launch area, which is fully tarmaced, and a purpose built boat-slipway which is steel-reinforced in order to accommodate even barge-sized boats.

MRCAG also welcomes the recent renewal of the Community Employment Scheme for Maynooth Environmental Group Limited, a partnership between MRCAG and Maynooth Tidy Towns.

Declan O'Connor

The Funny Side Of Life

A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet. 'My dog's cross-eyed, is there anything you can do for him?' 'Well, 'says the vet, 'let's have a look at him' so he picks the dog up and examines his eyes, then checks his teeth. Finally, he says ' I'm going to have to put him down. 'What? Because he's cross-eyed?' No, because he's really heavy'

My wife dresses to kill. She cooks the same way.

My wife and I were happy for twenty years. Then we met.

The secret of a happy marriage remains a secret.

After a quarrel, a wife said to her husband, 'You know, I was a fool when I married you.' The husband replied, 'Yes, dear, but I was in love and didn't notice.'

A man inserted an 'ad' in the classifieds: 'Wife wanted'. Next day he received a hundred letters. They all said the same thing: 'You can have mine.'

Just think, if it weren't for marriage, men would go through life thinking they had no faults at all.

I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.

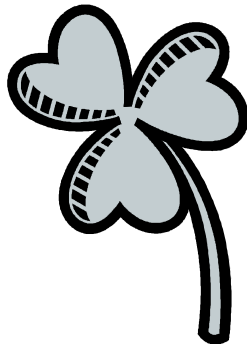
I went for that laser eye surgery today and it went really well until I came to pay the bill. When I asked why it was nearly £1000 per eye instead of the advertised £395, they simply said "Hidden charges, didn't you see the small print?"

2011 St. Patrick's Day Parade

Thursday 17th March 2011

Reminder:

Look out for the Application Form for the 2011 Parade which will be published in the December Newsletter, so start planning your entry now.



Crafts

Fresh Pine Centrepiece

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



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

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



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



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

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

Add a few Berries or simply add a few artificial floral leaves. Place your candle in the holder and you're all done.

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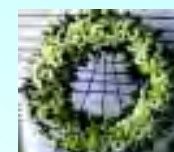
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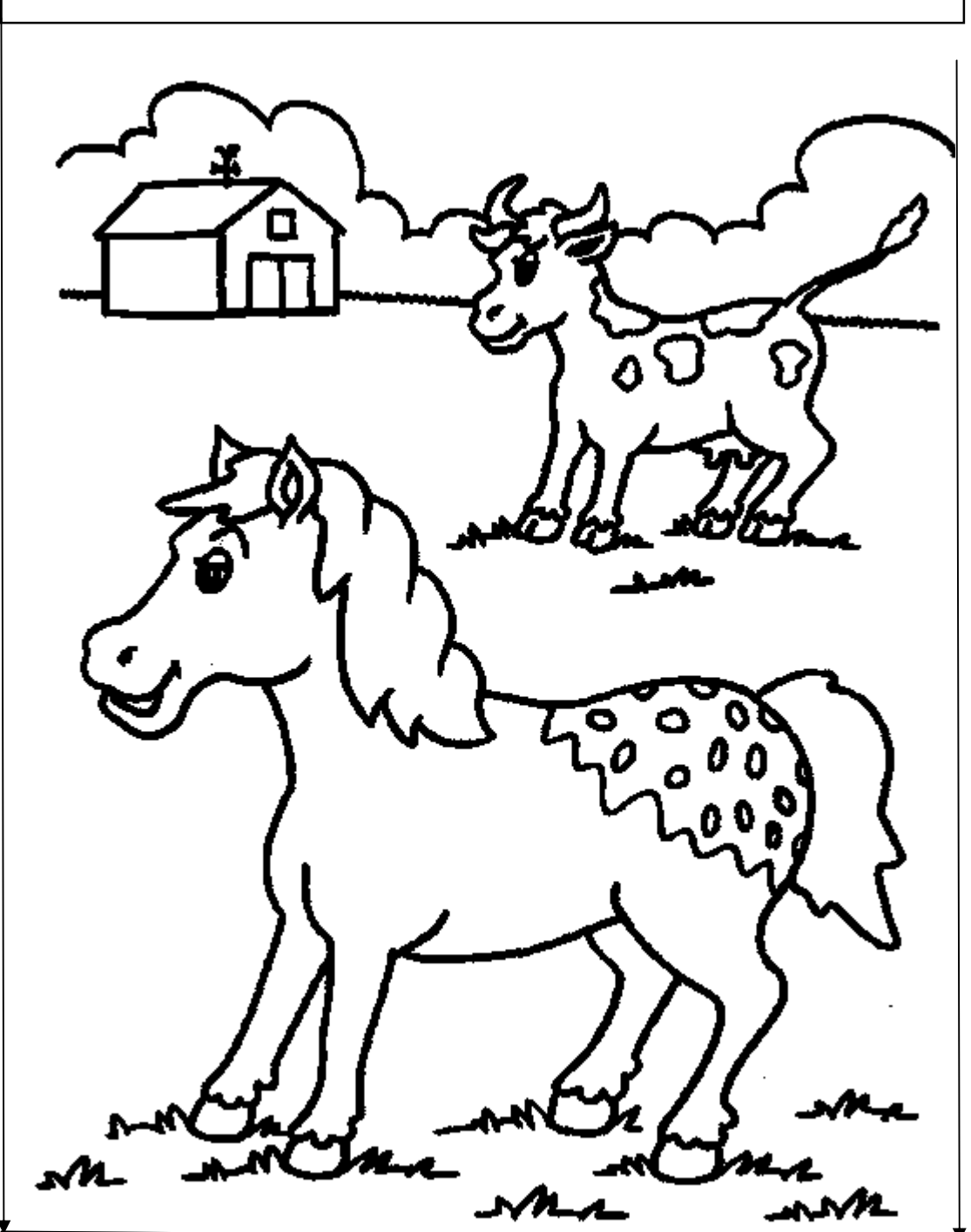
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Maynooth Local History Group: Joan Challenges People of Maynooth to Make More Use of Maynooth Castle

On Monday, 22nd November 2010 Maynooth Community Library hosted a reception to mark two important events for both Maynooth Local History Group (MLHG) and the Community Library. There was a presentation of the keys of Maynooth Castle and the presentation of a Collage to MLHG.



Gerard & Joan Howard Williams

"The Keys of the Castle"

MLHG Member Dr. Mary Cullen, gave a brief account of the history of Maynooth Castle since its foundation and its central importance through various phases of Irish history. In 1849 the Duke of Leinster carried out some very serious restoration work. Mary recalled how in 1989 a representative group, popularly known as "The Castle Committee" lobbied for the transfer of the ownership of Maynooth Castle to the Public. Joan Howard Williams was Secretary of the Group and her husband Gerard a member. Joan and Gerard displayed tireless energy and patient negotiation which in October of 1991, resulted in the successful transfer of the ownership to the then

Office of Public Works (OPW).

Gerard and Joan replied suitably, with Joan pointing out that her interest in Maynooth Castle developed from a local "Social Audit" that she was associated with while a member of Maynooth Community Council.

Gerard presented the Castle Keys, which he received in 1991, to Peter Nevin the Chairperson of MLHG.

MLHG have placed the keys for permanent public viewing along side the Book of Maynooth in Maynooth Community Library. A contemporary photograph of the handover of the keys in 1991 now sits between the Collage and the Book of Maynooth.

Maynooth Students Help Other Children Celebrate Christmas Operation Christmas Child

Every year St. Mary's Boys' National School, Maynooth Post Primary School, and Presentation Girls' School take part in Operation Christmas Child.

Coming up to Christmas the children are asked to fill a shoe box with presents suitable for children. Some contribute second hand toys in good condition that they no longer need while others spend their pocket money on buying new items.

The boxes are then wrapped in Christmas paper and labelled for either a boy or a girl. They are then sent off to parts of the world less fortunate than ourselves. This simple act of generosity gives hope to children caught in the midst of wars, natural disasters and extreme poverty and shows them they have not been forgotten. The gifts will be much appreciated and treasured for many years to come. By participating in this worthwhile project we are showing that we care and we are helping to make the world a better place.



Maria Herrero, Rachael Wilson.



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They also operate the new 'Community Weight Loss Challenges', in Carlow, Portlaoise and Straffan.

These are fun nutrition courses with a chance to be the biggest loser and win cash prizes. They are the new way to drop a dress size or move a few notches of your belt, turbo boost your energy levels, eliminate stress, lower cholesterol and blood pressure while saving you money on your food bills.

They are designed to change people's habits one by one week by week and provide education on eating well and a program for long-term weight loss and health, with weekly prizes and motivation.

The classes are one hour long, one night a week up to 12 weeks and both men and women can join at any stage of the challenge with a personal coach assigned to you.

The emphasis is on changing your shape and not just losing weight, so measurements are taken as well as weight each week. There is a high standard of personal attention and support given to each participant so numbers are limited. There's still time to fit into that special evening gown for Christmas!

Many doctors and cardiologists have attended, and in turn have sent their families and friends along to lose weight and gain the nutritional information.

John and Bernie are also looking for people nationwide who are interested in nutrition, to train as wellness coaches, to work from home and as community challenge leaders.

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Seasons Greetings To All Our Customers & Staff

EDITORIAL

We would like to take this opportunity to ask our readers to support the local businesses in Maynooth when shopping for Christmas. There is a wide variety of outlets in the town and it is easier to remain in the locality, avoid the hassle of driving and parking or dragging parcels onto public transport. It is heart-breaking to see the boarded-up shops and businesses day by day. Each of these represents a loss of jobs to the employees and a greater cost to Social Welfare.

The extension of the bus service to the Meadowbrook area and the Moyglare Road, dependant on the changes to the ramps, is to be greatly welcomed. The further extension as far as Merrion Square is also a great addition to the existing service. But it is a pity that at the same time Dublin Bus proposes to bring to an end the bus to Kilcock and the 66X to Belfield.

The National Roads Authority has shown its usual inability to plan properly – the proposal to close the M4 from 16th to 22nd December and from 10th January to 16th January was insane. This was to put up Portal Gantries that are unnecessary and the traffic would be diverted through Kilcock, Maynooth and Leixlip until 9am in the morning. This quango obviously lives on another planet and has no idea how much traffic uses the M4 at that time of the morning or how much traffic already travels through Maynooth in particular. To carry out such a plan during the summer months would have been crazy enough but to carry it out coming up to Christmas and the New Year was complete madness. Luckily, our public representatives have persuaded the NRA to change their minds and the work will be deferred until the New Year and the traffic will be taken out of the towns by 5am instead of 9am.

It is difficult to avoid mentioning the present dreadful difficulties that Ireland faces as we approach Christmas and a New Year. Perhaps the production of the National Recovery Plan means that the country understands the full extent of our indebtedness and that we may have to default. What would follow such a scenario is impossible to imagine or to predict. There is the temptation to use the phrase “we are where we are” and to concentrate on “moving forward” but if we do not learn the lessons of history there is the danger of replaying the mistakes. The next three years will be extremely tough without a doubt. There is the possibility of real anger and social unrest although it would appear that Irish people are very slow to take to the streets. There is an increasing feeling of total helplessness and that no-one will ever be held to account for the billions that the country owes to those faceless “bonds men” and “markets”.

Irish people are exceptionally talented in many different areas of life; there are constant references to the well-educated and flexible workforce. It is the writers and artists of this country who have flown the flag abroad. Colm Toibin has stated that the arts community in general was the only group who had stood apart from the 13 years of Celtic Tiger madness. The authors, poets, novelists, short-story writers, the musicians, singers and artists – these are the people who have made us famous as a nation. We need to turn to our strengths now including the cultural heritage of the country. These are the things that tourists want to see but their numbers are declining as well.

Maynooth is a particularly good place to live in a crisis like this. There is still a sense of community, this is a University town, there is a sense of vibrancy and life about the place that is lacking in others places with a similar population. The new-look *Newsletter* would like to take this opportunity to wish the readers and advertisers a peaceful Christmas and hopefully many of you will see friends and family whom you do not see very often and enjoy their company. And let us hope that 2011 is better than 2010; it can hardly be worse. It would also like to take the opportunity to thank those who work so hard to produce this publication.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

Prominent Evening at Maynooth Library

Maynooth Library hosted two significant events on the evening of November 22nd '10 in which the Maynooth Local History Group played an integral part.

Castle Keys

Firstly, Gerard Howard-Williams presented the Maynooth Local History Group with the keys to Maynooth Castle and a minute book of the former Maynooth Castle Committee.

In return the Maynooth Local History Group presented Gerard with a framed picture of the previous handing over of the keys in 1991, when the Castle Committee accepted the keys from the then owner of Carton Estates, David Nall-Cain and Denis Fitzgerald of the famous Maynooth dynasty.

Gerard spoke of the hard work the Castle Committee performed in cleaning, preserving the castle and making it safe and available for Maynooth people and visitors. Gaining formal ownership was tedious and challenging given the legal aspects of such work. But thanks to Gerard, his wife Joan and the committee the Castle is well cared for and open to the public and guided tours for 6 months of the year through the management of the Bord of Works. Gerard would encourage more work to be done i.e. installation of essential services, so that more use could be made of the Castle which is the heart of our heritage in Maynooth.

The Collage

The second event of the evening was the formal unveiling of the Collage of Maynooth, created by Felicity Satchwell and presented to the Maynooth History Group and now in a permanent home in the Library. The Collage includes many aspects of Maynooth heritage and art and includes the Fitzgerald crest, the Castle, St. Mary's Church and Laraghbryan window, Parson's Street, the Pugin Building in the College etc, all framed under the glorious rays of the sun. It reveals not only important aspects of Maynooth's heritage, but what Maynooth stands for in many ways over the centuries, learning, art, conservation, spiritual and cultural enlightenment.

The evening concluded with Library Staff presenting Felicity Satchwell and Joan Howard-Williams with flowers.

The Maynooth History Group wishes to extend thanks and appreciation to the Library Staff, June Brannigan, Lorraine Day and Barry Smith for their kind hospitality and for being such wonderful hosts.

Maynooth Local History Group

Please note that the Maynooth History Group are planning some interesting events and some challenging historical work for the coming year and would like to invite people to join and participate in the Group. Allowing for the Christmas, the next meeting of the Group will take place on January 26th at 8 p.m. in the Community Council Offices near the Post Office.

Peter Nevin - Chairman

Mass Times and Church Services Over the Christmas Period

St. Marys Parish Maynooth	Ladychapel
Friday 24th December Christmas Eve 5:00 PM Family Mass 7:00 PM Mass 9:30 PM Midnight Mass	Friday 24th Dec. Christmas Eve 8:00 PM
Saturday 25th December Christmas Day 9:00 AM 10:15 AM 11:30 AM 12:45 PM	Saturday 25th Dec. Christmas Day 10:00 AM
Please note there will be no 6pm mass on Christmas Day	

St. Marys Church of Ireland, Maynooth	
Sunday 12th December	Ecumenical Service 8:00 PM
PLEASE NOTE THIS SERVICE WILL BE HELD IN ST. MARYS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH MAYNOOTH.	
Sunday 19th Dec.	Carol Service 11:30 AM
Saturday 25th Dec. Christmas Day	10:00 AM
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"In addition the experience of the pilot scheme to date in The Wonderful Barn has resulted in a large amount of administrative work associated with the scheme and because there is only one staff member to deal with this in addition to the existing varying and large list of works being undertaken across the county the addition of a further scheme of allotments is not possible within the resources available at the current time."

This was the answer given to Cllr John McGinley when he raised the matter recently at the Celbridge Area meeting.

There is a scheme being operated by the Council at the Wonderful Barn in Leixlip and in other places and if sufficient people were to come forward there might be a change of mind. Would anybody interested get in touch with the Transition Maynooth group with a view to forming a committee.

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A Christmas Childhood

Patrick Kavanagh
(1904—(1967))

My father played the melodion
Outside at our gate;
There were stars in the morning east;
And they danced to his music.
Across the wild bogs his melodion
called
To Lennons and Callans.
As I pulled on my trousers in a hurry
I knew some strange thing had hap-
pened.
Outside in the cow-house my mother
Made the music of milking;
The light of her stable-lamp was a
star
And the frost of Bethlehem made it
twinkle.
A water-hen screeched in the bog,
Mass-going feet
Crunched the wafer-ice on the pot-
holes,
Somebody wistfully twisted the bel-
lows wheel.
My child poet picked out the letters
On the grey stone,
In silver the wonder of a Christmas
townland,
The winking glitter of a frosty dawn.
Cassiopeia was over
Cassidy's hanging hill,
I looked and three whin bushes rode
across
The horizon - the Three Wise Kings.
An old man passing said:
"Can't he make it talk" -
The melodion, I hid in the doorway
And tightened the belt of my box-
pleated coat.
I nicked six nicks on the door-post
With my penknife's big blade -
There was a little one for cutting
tobacco.
And I was six Christmases of age.
My father played the melodion,
My mother milked the cows,
And I had a prayer like a white rose
pinned
On the Virgin Mary's blouse.



Mise Éire

Pádraic Mac Piarais (1879-1916)

Mise Éire:
Sine mé ná an Chailleach Bhéarra

Mór mo ghlóir:
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Mise Éire:
Uaigní mé ná an Chailleach Bhéarra

Is Mise Raifteirí - I'm Raftery

Is Mise Raifteirí an file,
Lán dúchais is grádh,
Le súile gan solas,
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Ag dul síar ar m'aistear
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Féach anois mé
Is mo chúl le bhfalla
Ag seinm ceoil
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Impression of the poet,
Anthony Raftery,
1784—1835
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Christmas

How to be happy at Christmas

Most people are naturally happy at Christmas as they have their family and loved ones around them.

However for many people Christmas is not a happy time, for instance if they have recently divorced or separated and therefore feel isolated and miserable.

The key to being happy at Christmas is to absolutely keep busy. There is nothing worse than moping around to compound feelings of sadness or being miserable.

Therefore be sure to visit some relatives or some friends for Christmas so that you are around other people. If you have children then try your best to be happy and excited for them, and you should find that you get through Christmas and manage a smile or two as well!

Decorate you mantelpiece

If you have a mantelpiece, then it is probably the centrepiece for family photos or vases and other decorations. At Christmas, consider replacing these with something simple but elegant.

One of the nicest decorations is to get some candles - either all white, or coloured, but of varying heights: these will look great but elegant.

Then light them on Christmas day or on occasions when the family is around!

Make use of your Christmas Cards

Rather than throw away the Christmas cards you receive each year, why not reserve them for posterity by scanning them in!

If there are any designs that you really like then you

might like to consider setting them as the screensaver on your computer.

Or if you design your own cards why not personalise and tweak and make the style your own for the following year!

The Mistletoe

One tradition at Christmas that is in place in a lot of countries is with regard to mistletoe, and specifically kissing under the mistletoe.

What is the origin of this tradition and how did it come about?

Well it was not actually a Victorian thing, unlike many Christmas aspects!

In fact there was always something called a kissing bough used for these purposes and the traditional people were worried that it might get overshadowed and usurped by the Christmas tree as the place for this sort of thing.

Therefore in order to safeguard it they created their own one made of mistletoe and holly, and this became the reason for this tradition and how it is associated with mistletoe.

There is no limit to what you can decorate at Christmas.

Whilst most people concentrate on ceilings and windows and of course the tree, there is no reason why other areas of the home are out of bounds.

For instance, if you have a prominent doorway in the house you might like to decorate around that.

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Answer

Under the Redundancy Payments Scheme all eligible employees are entitled to a lump sum payment on being made redundant. You are entitled to two weeks' statutory redundancy pay for every year of service, with a bonus week added on, subject to a maximum ceiling on gross weekly pay (€600). If your employer is insolvent the full amount is paid from the Redundancy Payments Scheme (part of the Social Insurance Fund). Generally this is done only after a request from the liquidator with a completed Redundancy Certificate RP50 application.

Under the separate Insolvency Payment Scheme (which is also part of the Social Insurance Fund), you are entitled to payment of other entitlements (including outstanding wages, payment in lieu of notice and any outstanding holiday pay) provided your employer is legally insolvent or has died. Claims under this scheme can only be processed if a company is legally insolvent (under the Protection of Employees (Employers' Insolvency) Act 1984) and a "relevant officer" – normally a receiver or liquidator – has been appointed and certifies the claims.

However, there is a cap on the amount that can be paid from the Social Insurance Fund under the Insolvency Payment Scheme. This is currently €600 per week for entitlements based on pay. There is also a limit of eight weeks' pay for arrears of pay, sick pay or holiday pay. Payments under the scheme are taxable as normal.

Any balance owed to you is counted as one of the company's preferential debts. This means that you are a preferential creditor in the liquidation. However whether you get this money in full or in part depends on what assets remain after the liquidation of the business.

You should contact the company liquidator for information. You can also contact the Employment Rights Information Service of the National Employment Rights Authority (NERA) at **Lo-call 1890 80 80 90 or nera.ie** or the Insolvency Payments Section of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Innovation at Davitt House, 65a Adelaide Road, Dublin 2.

Question

This Christmas falls over a weekend. What days off am I entitled to?

Answer

Christmas Day (25 December), St Stephen's Day (26 December) and New Year's Day (1 January) are public holidays. In 2010 Christmas Day falls on a Saturday and St Stephen's Day falls on a Sunday. In 2011 New Year's Day (1 January) falls on a Saturday.

There is no specific provision in law governing what happens when a public holiday falls on a weekend. This means that you do not have an automatic legal entitlement to take the next working day off work. You are entitled to the normal alternative arrangements for public holidays. These are:

- A paid day off within a month of the public holiday
- An additional day of annual leave
- An additional day's pay
- The nearest church holiday to the public holiday as a paid day off.

Under the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997 you may ask your employer, at least 21 days before a public holiday, which of the alternatives will apply to you. Your employer should respond to you at least 14 days before the public holiday. In practice most employers will give employees Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 December and Monday 3 January off in lieu of the public holidays – but it is important to remember that this is not an automatic entitlement. You can make complaints about public holidays to a Rights Commissioner at the Labour Relations Commission, Tom Johnson House, Haddington Road, Beggar's Bush, Dublin 4, Tel: (01) 613 6700, Lo-call 1890 220 227.

Question

I have three children and there seem to be endless requests from their school for money for extracurricular activities and for school materials. Do I have to pay all these charges?

Answer

Schools can ask pupils for some types of payment. However, schools cannot operate charges, in any form, that are in effect mandatory fees. This would be contrary to the principle of not charging fees. Schools can legitimately ask for:

- Payment for school books or photocopied material provided by the school where the charge is reasonable and reflects the true costs concerned. (There is a School Books Grant Scheme that can help with the cost of books and some schools operate book rental schemes.)
- Charges for meals and refreshments, provided pupils are not forced to purchase these and can bring their own refreshments to school (for example, in a lunchbox).
- Services and activities provided by the school in addition to those included in the general school programme, provided pupils do not have to take part in these activities (for example, supervised after-school study, school tours, or visits to theatres or sporting events).
- Schools can ask parents for voluntary contributions, provided it is made clear to parents that they do not have to pay and that a child's place in the school or continued enrolment is not dependent on a willingness to make a contribution.

Question

What can I do if I feel my privacy at work has been threatened?

Answer

You have the right to privacy at your workplace, but there are legitimate circumstances where your privacy may be limited by your employer. Your employer is obliged to make you aware of any infringements of your right to privacy, for example, within your terms of employment or in your staff handbook. Any encroachment on your right to privacy must be for a legitimate and reasonable purpose, be clearly explained and respect data protection law. For example, an employer is entitled to use closed circuit television (CCTV) in the workplace. However, there must be good reasons for its use, such as preventing theft or protecting staff from harm, and it cannot be placed in areas where a person would expect total privacy, such as changing rooms or toilets. These reasons must be made clear to staff and it is best practice for employers to reach agreement with staff on the use of CCTV before installation. Once installed, CCTV can only be used for its stated purpose. For example, if it was officially installed to monitor theft, it cannot be used for monitoring attendance. In addition, your employer is obliged by data protection law to ensure the images taken are not inappropriately accessed, and that there is a system in place for you to access images on request.

These principles apply to other areas of privacy, such as searches, telephone and internet monitoring, and recording attendance. If you feel your privacy in work has been threatened, you should consider these principles:

- What is the proposed system required for and is it justified?
- Is there an equally effective system that does not affect privacy?
- Have employees been properly informed about the new system before it is put in place?
- Was the system, and its purpose, clearly communicated to new employees and reflected in their contract and staff handbook?
- Does the system comply with data protection law, including the safe keeping of information about employees?
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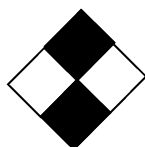
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Maynooth GAA News

2010 was another successful year for Maynooth Camogie.

In the Intermediate Championship Maynooth were victorious in defeating Leixlip in the final on a scoreline of 2-6 to 2-4.

The pivotal moment of the contest arrived in the dying moments of the first half when Maynooth full forward Eimear Connolly struck for the opening goal of the match.

The standard of play improved greatly in the second half and while Maynooth always held the advantage on the scoreboard, their great rivals proved dogged and resolute right to the end.

A second goal from Eimear Connolly 10 minutes from the final whistle gave Maynooth the momentum to withstand a strong fight back from Leixlip and hold out for a deserved victory.

Maynooth team + scores

Brid Byrnes

Ann Comerford Aisling Farrell Ann Marie Farrell

Sharon Malone Gillian O Hurley Michelle Gillick

Karen Lynch Louise Doran

Elaine McAuliffe (0-2) Louise Walsh (0-3) Tanya McGrath

Samanta Ward Eimear Connolly (2-1) Elaine McNamara

Subs: Kate Montgomery for Karen Lynch, Siobhan McCourt for Samanta Ward

In the Junior B Championship final Maynooth defeated Moorefield in a thrilling encounter. Two goals in both halves eased Maynooth to a seven point win in the end. The highlight of the first half was a superb goal by Maynooth corner forward Ciana Heneghan who latched on to a pass from Karen Feehan soloed 40 yards through the heart of the Moorefield defence and struck an unstoppable shot to the roof of the net. It was an inspirational score and helped to give Maynooth the upper hand in this final.

Maynooth led at half time by 2-1 to 0-2 with the other goal coming from Elaine Kelly.

The winners dominated for most of the second half but missed a lot of scoring opportunities. A classy goal from Nicki Carew 3 minutes from the end sealed victory for Maynooth and so there were scenes of great joy and jubilation when Mags Farrell received the Cup after the match. It was indeed a proud moment for Mags who has given sterling service to her club over a number of years

Final Score: Maynooth 4-2 Moorefield 1-4.

Team + scores

Laura Corcoran

Naomi Devereux Mags Farrell Michelle Doran

Roisin Hoban Siobhan O Shea (0-1) Laura Tierney

Karen Feehan Sarah Greally (0-1)

Nicki Carew (1-0) Nicola O'Hurley Elaine Kelly (1-0)

Ciana Heneghan (1-0) Therese Doran (1-0) Stephanie Gavin

Subs: Niamh Kearney for Stephanie Gavin, Yvonne O Shea for Roisin Hoban

A special word of congratulations and thanks to team manager Pat Comerford (Intermediate), Eamon Toomey (Junior B) and trainer Mick Ward for all their hard work during the year.

Tom Coffey
Maynooth GAA.

Maynooth Golf Society



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Result Sheet

Athlone Golf Club	October 2010
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1st Prize	Mick Flynn Jnr	93pts
2 nd Prize	Martin Deveney	90pts
3 rd Prize	David Weafer	79pts
4 th Prize	Norman Kavanagh	77pts
5 th Prize	Martin Maguire	72pts
Nearest the Pin		
Day 1	Martin Maguire	
Day 2	Martin Deveney	
Day 3	Martin Maguire	

Connolly)

The Maynooth Golf Society away trip to the Oceanico Golf Resort in Portugal was held from 8th to 13 October, 3 courses were played The Faldo, the O'Connor and the Old Course. The overall winner for the third time in a row was Michael Flynn Jnr. with a combined score of 93points. Second was Martin Deveney on 90 points.

We would like to thank our sponsors for this outing Euro Farm Foods (Pat Connolly)

Maynooth Band Prepares For Busy season

St. Mary's Band, Maynooth are currently preparing for the busiest part of their year in the lead up to Christmas. An ever present part of each year is the Annual Mass for Deceased Members which this year is being held in St. Mary's Church on Sunday 21st November at 11.30am. An invitation is extended to the families and friends of these deceased members who have helped to keep the doors of the Band Hall open for many, many years.



Another regular feature of recent years in the Christmas Concert which will be held in the Glenroyal Hotel on Sunday 19th December at 5pm. This Concert gives the Band an opportunity to show the fruits of their labours during the year with a very varied programme of music to suit all tastes as well as the obligatory Christmas numbers to match the festive season.

The Band will also be seen around the town in the lead up to Christmas playing Christmas Carols to add to the occasion. Of course it costs money to run the Band and, thanks to the Dunne's Stores in the Manor Mills Centre, band members will be bag packing there between the 22nd and 24th December and hopefully the response will be positive to ensure that the tradition of Bands in Maynooth is maintained. Maynooth has been fortunate in having a Town Band for many, many years where much larger towns in the County have failed.

Finally, the Band will be making their annual contribution to Christmas when they play a selection of Christmas Carols after 11.30 Mass in St. Mary's Church of Christmas morning, a tradition that has endured for more years than some of the older members would care to remember.

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Salmon marinated with dill and Pernod

Ingredients:

400 g piece of unskinned salmon
85 ml sunflower oil
½ lemon, juice
1 tbsp chopped dill
2 tsp Pernod
1 tsp caster sugar
1 tsp chopped chives
½ tsp salt
10 turns of freshly ground black pepper



Method:

1. Put 4 plates into the fridge together with the salmon fillet and leave them to get really cold. Shortly before serving, mix all the remaining ingredients together in a bowl.

2. Put the salmon fillet, skin-side down on a board. Hold a long, thin-bladed knife at a 45-degree angle and, starting at the tail end of the fillet, cut the salmon into very thin slices. Lay the slices, slightly overlapping, on each chilled plate and spoon over the dressing. Leave for 5 minutes before serving.

Roast Duck with Orange Sauce

Preparation time: 15 minutes

Cooking time: 90 minutes

Serves: 4

- 1 free-range whole duck, around 2 to 2.2kg (4½ to 5lb)
- Pierce the skin of the duck all over with a skewer. Place on a rack in the kitchen sink, and pour over 2 full kettles of boiling water. Pat it dry with kitchen towel and leave it to dry on a plate in the fridge for an hour. You do this to release the subcutaneous fat layer under the skin to give crispy, not fatty, duck.
- Preheat the oven to 200 C, 180 C fan, 400 F, gas 6. Place the duck on a rack or trivet over a deep roasting tin, as it will release around 300g (10oz) fat into the tin.
- Add plenty of sea salt and roast for 90 minutes. Strain off the fat and keep it for the best roast potatoes ever.
- Don't try to carve a duck; joint it. Remove the legs just as you would a chicken. Now take the whole breasts off the bone, which will make the duck go much further. Ease your knife along the breast bone then slice the breast. This will give four good servings of tender meat without any fattiness.



Orange Sauce

Ingredients:

½ cup orange juice
2 teaspoons lemon juice
grated rind of ½ orange
⅛ teaspoon salt
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla

Method:

Separate eggs into yolks and whites. Beat egg yolks slightly. Mix together grated orange rind, orange juice, lemon juice, sugar, salt and egg yolks. Over low heat cook this mixture, stirring constantly, until it thickens. Remove from heat. Beat egg whites until stiff. As you continue to beat your warm mixture, gradually add your beaten egg whites. Cool and stir in the vanilla.



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Ingredients:

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4 tablespoons Sherry (optional)
500g carton Ready to Serve Custard
170ml carton Cream (whipped)

To Decorate

Sprinkles or Grated Chocolate or alternatively Chopped Walnuts

Method:

1. Dissolve jelly in 300ml / 1/2 pt of boiling water, stirring well. Bring up to 600ml / 1 pint with the reserved juice, sherry, if used, and water.
2. Break up the sponge and arrange in the base of a large glass bowl.
3. Pour over the jelly mixture, press down well with the back of a spoon and smooth the top. Allow to set.
4. Place the fruit cocktail on sponge, then pour over the custard and spread evenly, next spread over the whipped cream and finally sprinkle over the decorations.



Mulled Wine

Ingredients:

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

Method:

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



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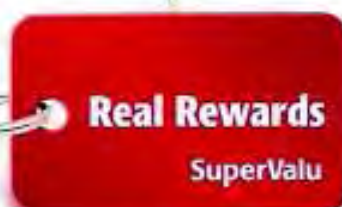
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"The Collage"

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Peter Nevin & Felicity Satchwell

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The evening concluded with Maynooth Community Library presenting flower bouquets to Mrs. Joan Howard Williams and Mrs Satchwell.

MLHG wishes to acknowledge the assistance and input of Kildare County Council and Maynooth Community Library in the preservation and public display of such items of local interest.



**Peter Nevin, Chairman Maynooth Local History Group, &
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The Reindeer

Reindeer are a species of deer located in the Arctic regions of the world. The largest Reindeer can reach up to four feet high at the shoulder and weigh as much as 250 pounds. It is believed that there are no longer any wild Reindeer, the entire species seeming to have been domesticated. Each Reindeer can pull up to twice its own weight, making it an ideal animal for pulling a sleigh loaded down with any amount of cargo. Reindeer were first domesticated approximately 2000 years ago and, in the Arctic Circle, the Lapps would herd them in much the same way as other nations herded cattle. Reindeer are well-adapted to living in cold regions and under rugged conditions, able to smell-out food even when it is buried under deep snow. Reindeer have large broad hooves which act like snowshoes to support them over snowy and boggy ground. These hooves emit a "clicking" sound as the animal walks, caused by a tendon in the foot rubbing against a bone. The coat of the Reindeer consists of thick fur and stiff hairs which protect them from the worst of the weather. A thick woolly undercoat keeps out the deep cold by trapping air near the skin. These thick coats are also waterproof and, during migration, Reindeer are able to cover vast distances, crossing both rivers and lakes, in search of favourable feedings grounds. The calves are born in early Summer and have the ability to run almost from the moment they are born...a necessary trait if they are going to keep up with their mothers. The antlers of a male Reindeer are larger than those of the female. An antler span of four feet has been recorded.



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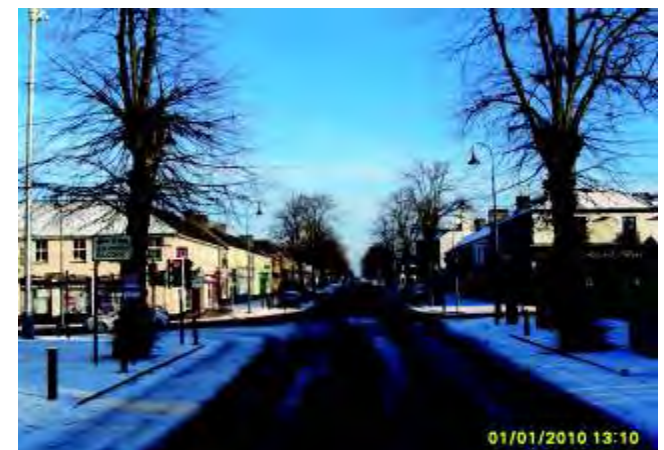
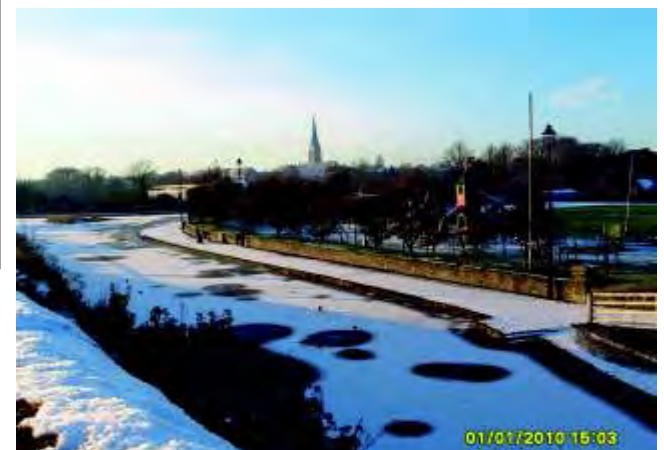
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Irish customer bank deposits secured with extension of guarantee scheme

The extension of the Eligible Liabilities Guarantee (ELG) Scheme in the Dáil up to 31 December 2011 gives absolute reassurance that 100% of customer deposits in Ireland are guaranteed according to Kildare North Fianna Fáil Michael Fitzpatrick.

"The extension of the ELG Scheme was passed in the Dáil this week."

"Under the existing Deposit Guarantee Scheme, the first €100,000 for each person in each institution is already guaranteed. Given that the vast majority of people's deposits are below €100,000, they have full protection under this scheme."

"In addition to that deposit guarantee, the ELG Scheme, which was extended today to 31 December 2011, guarantees the full amount of any deposit over €100,000. In effect, between the two guarantee schemes, any deposits in Irish banks are fully guaranteed."

Full details of the qualifying institutions and other useful information can be found on the website of the National Consumer Agency www.itsyourmoney.ie."

"The Government has passed the extension of the guarantee and people can now rest assured that their money is safe," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Lending to small firms by the country's two main banks is improving

The Credit Review Office which hears appeals from small and medium-sized enterprises refused loans by Bank of Ireland AIB, has published its quarterly report and indications are that the situation for small businesses is 'continually improving' according to Kildare North Fianna Fáil TD and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"The Credit Review Office independently adjudicates on appeals from small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) which were refused loans by the two banks and offers an opinion on whether the decisions were justified."


"Given the importance of a steady flow of credit to job creation and economic recovery, the news of an improving lending situation is very encouraging."

"The Government, via the Credit Review Office, is ensuring that AIB and BOI meet their commitments to provide a total of €12bn in extra lending to the small and medium businesses over the course of this year and next."

"The head of the Credit Review Office John Trethowan has also pointed out that the perception that the banks are not lending to the SME sector was based on experiences from six to nine months ago."

"The SME sector which employs 700,000 workers and accounts for some 270,000 Irish businesses is the bedrock of our domestic economy. Recognising that small and medium sized businesses will play a vital role in our economic recovery, the Government has introduced a number of measures aimed at supporting the sector. These include:


- Requiring Departments to pay their business suppliers within 15 days
- Overhauling the public procurement policy to ensure



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greater SME access to public contracts.

- Banning upward only rent reviews
- Establishing a High Level Group on Business Regulation which has identified more than €20 million worth of administrative cost savings for business
- Providing financial support to almost 2,000 companies through the employment subsidy scheme and the enterprise stabilisation fund.
- Providing €278 million to Enterprise Ireland in 2010
- Establishing the employer job (PRSI) incentive scheme to reduce business costs associated with hiring new employees."

"The situation is far from perfect. We all know the challenges faced by business today. However, we should take heart from the fact that things have moved on and we are on the right road," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Over €900,000 in grants for Kildare schools - Fitzpatrick

Twenty-four schools in Kildare are to receive over €900,000 in Government funding according to local Fianna Fáil TD Michael Fitzpatrick.

"This funding these twenty-four Kildare schools is to enable them to purchase high-tech equipment for classrooms."

Among the schools listed is Maynooth Post Primary School, Moyglare Road which will receive 67,285.48

"The funding is part of the Government's strategy to make technology an integral part of the learning process."

"This allocation is in addition to the €21 million in ICT grants for post-primary schools around the country on the 15th of October."

"The Tánaiste, Minister for Education and Skills Mary Coughlan TD has requested that the schools in receipt of these grants use them to cater for the new mathematics syllabus Project Maths when purchasing their new equipment."

"I am delighted at this further investment in Kildare schools which I know will enhance the learning of the pupils concerned," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Funding of over €1 million for ICT for Kildare primary schools - Fitzpatrick

The Government has allocated over €1 million to 102 Kildare primary schools for high-tech equipment according to local Fianna Fáil TD Michael Fitzpatrick. "The funding of €1,086,995 will assist the schools with the purchase of high-tech equipment to assist pupils and teachers in their learning."

"Primary schools throughout Kildare will receive a block grant of €1,700 and an additional payment of €35.70 per pupil. DEIS schools will get a higher basic grant of €2,550."

"I am delighted to see this investment in Kildare schools. It is important, that even when funds are restricted that we continue to invest in the future of children and their education."

"It is important to familiarise children at a young age with technology and it will assist them in their future education."

"To assist schools in availing of these grants, primary school principals attended nationwide seminars this year on eLearning Planning and all schools received detailed supports in how to maximise use the high tech equipment."

"Primary schools have been asked to ensure that all classrooms will use this grant to obtain a wireless mouse, keyboard and fixed digital projector is installed in every classroom."

"The better use of technology at a young age will benefit pupils into the future. Investing in this technology is an investment in the Smart Economy which is key to economic growth and national competitiveness," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Among the Maynooth Schools which will benefit are, Maynooth Educate Together NS, Maynooth BNS and Presentation Girls Primary School.

Firms to save €29m by filing annual accounts online – Fitzpatrick.

Firms are expected to save €29 million as a result of a

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Maynooth Castle

A Focal Point of Local History

When Maurice FitzGerald came to Ireland he was a man of sixty. With him came a large assortment of his relations, a colourful group of half-Norman, half-Welsh adventurers, all related to each other through the famous and beautiful Nesta, daughter of Rhys ap Tewdwr, Prince of South Wales. By her marriage to Gerald Fitzwalter, Constable of Pembroke, Nesta had four children, one of whom was our Maurice FitzGerald. Two of Maurice’s sons, Nesta’s grandsons, came with him on the Irish adventure. Another son of Nesta and brother of Maurice was William FitzGerald of Carew, whose son Raymond le Gros was Strongbow’s second-in-command and his best military commander. Nesta’s daughter Angareth FitzGerald married William de Barri and their son, the nephew of Maurice, was Giraldus Cambrensis, the historian of the invasion. The third FitzGerald son, David, became bishop of St. David’s and he too made his contribution to his family’s Irish enterprise. Before her marriage to Gerald, Nesta had been mistress of King Henry I of England. Their son was Henry FitzHenry, and his two sons, grandsons of Nesta, Meiler and Robert FitzHenry, were among the invaders. Finally, Nesta married or had an affair with Stephen, Constable of Cardigan, and their son Robert FitzStephen was Maurice’s half-brother and chief partner in the first expeditions.

The immediate cause of the arrival of FitzStephens and FitzGeralds in Ireland in 1169 was what seemed at the time a relatively unimportant episode in Irish history and not the water-shed it turned out to be. We have seen that the kingship of Leinster was not in the possession of any one ruling family, but was competed for by the rulers of the various tuatha within Leinster, including our own Uí Fáeláin. In 1134 Diarmait MacMurrough of Uí Chennselaig in South Leinster established himself as King of Leinster, but for the next thirty years was involved in the unending wars of twelfth-century Ireland. Eventually he found himself

on the losing side in a struggle for the high-kingship between Rory O’Connor of Connaught and Muirchertach MacLochlainn of the northern Uí Néill. Diarmait was the ally of MacLochlainn but O’Connor won, and then all the enemies Diarmait had created over the years turned on him. These included the rulers of Uí Fáeláin and Uí Muiredaig. Diarmait was deposed both in Leinster and in Uí Chennselaig, and, as he could see no hope of finding new allies in Ireland, turned in desperation to the new Norman rulers of England. The King of England, Henry II, was not himself interested in getting involved in Ireland at the time but he did give permission to his subjects, if they wished, to help Diarmait re-establish himself, and so Diarmait came to Wales where he met Maurice FitzGerald.

Though the Normans had conquered England in 1066 they were far from settled or secure in Wales where they had to fight to win and hold the lands granted to them by the king. Diarmait first approached a likely candidate for adventure in Ireland, Richard FitzGilbert, Earl of Pembroke, famous in Irish history as Strongbow. He was a likely candidate because he was out of favour with his king and had little to hope for from him, and also because he had the resources to raise a substantial force to bring to Ireland. To him Diarmait held out the biggest inducement at his disposal.

He offered him the hand of his daughter Aoife in marriage, and with her the succession to the kingship of Leinster. By Norman law this could seem a legitimate transaction but it could have no validity in Irish law. By Irish law Diarmait could not nominate his own successor in Uí Chennselaig, and still less in Leinster. Strongbow accepted Diarmait’s proposal but was in no hurry to cross the Irish sea. It was a group of his vassals, the Geraldines and their relations and friends, who were the first to accept the challenge of the Irish

adventure. They were relatively impecunious but able adventurers who hoped to make their fortunes in Ireland, acquire lands and wealth there and perhaps, if they were lucky, even establish themselves as kings. The historian Edmund Curtis describes them as “a family party, putting their stock into a common enterprise, and ready for the great jump-over into Ireland.” Robert FitzStephen, the half-brother of Maurice FitzGerald, was in particular difficulties when Diarmait arrived on the scene. He had for three years been the prisoner of the Welsh Prince of South Wales, Rhys ap Griffith, who was also a nephew of the famous Nesta. Robert’s half-brothers, Maurice FitzGerald and David the bishop, persuaded Rhys to set him free if he promised to go to Ireland to help Diarmait. To Robert and Maurice, Diarmait promised the town of Wexford and two cantreds of land in return for their assistance and the deal was struck. Diarmait returned to Ireland with a small group of Normans, Flemings and Welsh under Richard FitzGodebert, re-established himself in Uí Chennselaig, re-asserted his claim to Leinster, was again crushed by the high-king, and then sent word to FitzGerald and FitzStephen that he needed them now. Robert FitzStephen arrived in Bannow Bay in Co. Wexford on 1st May 1169. With him, according to Giraldus, he brought “30 men-at-arms, of his own kindred and retainers, together with 60 men in half armour and about 300 archers and foot-soldiers, the flower of the youth of Wales.” They had embarked at Milfordhaven and crossed the sea in their long open single-masted ships. As well as a sail they used oars, and each ship carried about 120 men, plus some horses and supplies. When they ran these flat ships onto the beach at Bannow Bay the Norman invasion of Ireland had begun.

Mary Cullen.

Michael Fitzpatrick T.D. (contd)

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move by the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Innovation, Batt O’Keeffe TD, to allow them to file their annual accounts online.

Under the law, firms must file an annual return to the Companies Registration Office (CRO) with a set of accounts attached and signed by two directors.

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick, Convener of the Enterprise, Trade & Innovation Committee describes the move as another ‘simple and commonsense’ approach to cutting business costs and improving competitiveness.”

Until now, only hard-copy accounts with hand-written signatures could be filed. Now, an electronic system for filing annual returns with signed accounts is available for the first time at the CRO.

A PDF set of accounts can now be appended in a way that is as simple as adding an attachment to an email. Company directors can sign these accounts using their Revenue Online Service digital signature so this is now an entirely paperless filing transaction. Filing an annual return to the CRO with a set of accounts attached and signed by two directors costs firms €247 each on average in printing, paper and postage.

The online move is now estimated to cost €45, saving 145,000 firms across the country €200 each, or €29 million altogether.

The shift to electronic filing of annual account aligns well with the Government’s strategy to drive economic recovery, because it allows firms to invest their money in jobs and growth rather than wasting it on needless red tape and bureaucracy.

The move saves the CRO having to re-scan accounts so their presentation to the public on the companies’ register will be faster and clearer.

The Government is determined to take costs out of businesses and, since 2007, measures we have implemented have saved small firms almost €53 million in red tape overheads.

We want to make Ireland a cheaper place to do business and cut needless bureaucracy out of the system,’ said Deputy Fitzpatrick.

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Maynooth Labour News

The NRA and Kildare County Council have confirmed that the M4 will be open from 5am during the closure and NOT FROM 9am as advertised.

They also stated that the closure is weather related i.e if there is good weather (not windy, cranes being used) that the closure could last around 3 nights. And that the closure will be eastbound one night and westbound the next night.

According to the Council the money has to be spent this year, hence the closure before Christmas. There is a meeting of The Council, the NRA, Gardai and the Ambulance Service today to discuss the plan.

Cllr. McGinley Demands that Dublin Bus Restores the Direct 66X from Maynooth to Belfield.

When Cllr. McGinley asked Dublin Bus why they had stopped this valuable service he was advised as follows by: "The bus is no longer departing from Cluain Aoibhinn due to the reversing of the bus in an estate and the lack of a turning circle/bus stop infrastructure.

All 66X's from Maynooth will take the same alignment thus giving a wider area a better service." As a result of this highly unsatisfactory answer Cllr. McGinley asked his colleague, Deputy Emmet Stagg to raise the issue with the Chairman of CIE to try and resolve this serious issue.

Update on Extension of 66 and 67 Buses to Meadowbrook and Moyglare Hall

Cllr. McGinley has been advised that Dublin Bus are liaising with Kildare County Council, The National Transport Authority (NTA) and the Moyglare developer on the provision of turning bays for the buses. The one Page Advertisement in the National Press on 18 November outlining the proposals for the 66 and 67 in the New Year had many mistakes including that of the 66 going via Parson Street. The intention of Dublin Bus is to get a turning point for the 66 in Newtown and that the bus would then turn right at Bond Bridge up the Meadowbrook and Meadowbrook Link Road to the Straffan Road. It would seem as if the NTA will cover the cost of ramps for Moyglare Road if they get funding from Government next year but that no such funds would be made available for the 66 extension. This is



Cllr. John McGinley

the sort of un-joined thinking, as the country is being run at present.

Name Needed for the "Meadowbrook Link Road"

Cllr. John McGinley had the following motion on the Agenda for the Area Meeting on 19 November:

"That a name be given to the new road between Straffan Road and Meadowbrook Road and that appropriate sign posts be erected."

While he did not consider it to be a high priority issue John stated that putting a name on the road would stop visitors from going astray. He suggested that the name currently used by most people, the Meadowbrook Link Road, is probably the most appropriate name for the road

The Council will advise the members of suitable names and then commence the statutory process.

Cllr. McGinley Wants an End to Illegal Parking at Parsons Street

Cllr. John McGinley had the following motion on the Agenda for the Area Meeting on 19 November:

"That the Garda at senior level be asked to ensure that parking regulations are adhered to in Parsons Street, Maynooth in order to put an end to cars and four wheeled vehicles parking on the footpath and in order to permit vehicles to drive in two lanes."

It was agreed that the Council would write to the Chief Superintendent and also ask Traffic Wardens to visit Parson Street to enforce the law.

Missing Public Lights

Cllr. John McGinley had the following motion on the Agenda for the Area Meeting on 19 November:

"When are the missing public lights at the rear of Carol Barton's house and at 757 Old Greenfield, Maynooth going to be re-installed?"

John was given the following report:

" This issue has been reported to the Council's current Public Lighting Maintenance Contractor (Airtricity) and is on the list of repairs to be completed before the end of 2010."

John pointed out that the lights were

removed by private contractors some two years and they need to be replaced; not repaired.

Lights or Roundabout Needed at junction of Straffan Road/ Meadowbrook Link Road:

Cllr. John McGinley had the following motion on the Agenda for the Area Meeting on 19 November:

"What progress has been made on the provision of traffic signals at the Straffan Road/Meadowbrook Link Road junction?" John was given the following report:

"As previously advised, a number of planning permissions in the area have been conditioned to provide / contribute towards traffic signals at the above location. To date no progress has been made by the private sector in this regard. Unfortunately, Kildare County Council does not have any funding to carry out this type of work unless it is funded from an external source."

Cllr. McGinley pointed out that this was a very serious safety issue as cars have great difficulty turning right from Meadowbrook Link Road to Straffan Road. Some of them are turning left and do a U Turn at Carton Court and put the residents here at considerable risk. John asked that the developer be again written to asking him to put the traffic lights in place or better still to provide a roundabout now that Dublin Bus say that they are moving their terminus early in the New Year.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Action on Derelict Houses at Parson Street:

Cllr. John McGinley had the following motion on the Agenda for the Area Meeting on 19 November:

"That immediate action be taken against the owner of derelict row of houses in Maynooth (details supplied) under the derelict sites act."

Council officials advised Cllr. John McGinley that they had given one of the developers 4 weeks to board up the windows and doors. John stated that boarded up windows would look very bad and that new windows and doors should be demanded. Council officials stated that under the Derelict Sites act they cannot compel the developer to install new windows and doors. The Act just states that the building must be secure and safe from access. John and other Councillors then called for the windows to be fitted with cement blocks and pebble dashed as it would look better.

The developer of house number 16 is being asked to replace the pebble dashing and guttering.



TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - NOTICE OF INTENTION

M4 SIGNAGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

M4 Kildare (Between Leixlip and Maynooth)

Notice is hereby given, by Kildare County Council, in accordance with Section 75 of the Roads Act, 1993 and Article 12 of the Roads Regulations, 1994, of the following proposal to close a public road.

The National Roads Authority is currently undertaking a project to improve the overhead signage on the M4 motorway. On the M4 Kildare between Leixlip and Maynooth there will be 5 portal gantry signs (spanning the entire carriageway) and 5 cantilever gantry signs (spanning the hard shoulder and left hand lane). These signs will be located at Junctions 5, 6 and 7 Eastbound and Westbound.

- To facilitate the safe construction of the signage on the M4 Westbound and M4 Eastbound, alternate closures will be scheduled between consecutive junctions to ensure one side of the motorway will remain open at all times.
- These closures will occur from the 4th to the 28th January 2011 during the off-peak overnight hours of 21.00 to 05.30 Eastbound, and 21.00 to 06.00 Westbound.

- There will be no overnight closures on Friday and Saturday nights.

Traffic will be directed off and back onto the motorway at clearly identified locations.

Objections may be made in writing to the Senior Executive Officer, Transportation Department at the address below, or by email to roads@kildarecoco.ie, on or before 5.00p.m. on Friday 17th December, 2010.

Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year

Cllr. John McGinley, Deputy Emmet Stagg and the Maynooth Branch of the Labour Party would like to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.

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New measures to help homeowners in arrears

Recommendations made by an expert group set up to look into the issue of personal debt and mortgage arrears have the support of the government and will be implemented shortly. Included in these recommendations are;

- A Deferred Interest Scheme for borrowers can pay at least 66% of the interest. This would give borrowers up to 5 years to get back on their feet.”
- Lenders should consider facilitating borrowers in negative equity who wish to trade down to a more affordable home.
- Where a mortgage is unsustainable, assessment for social housing should be done before repossession takes place. A mechanism is recommended to allow repossessed borrowers to remain in their homes for a time, allowing the housing authority time to source appropriate accommodation.
- It is furthermore recommended that a statutory non-judicial debt settlement system should be established.

Progress to date

- Protecting family homes is a major priority for me. Current policy measures to assist families include the mortgage interest Supplement. We have refocused Mortgage Interest relief to help those who bought their homes at the peak of the market.
- Banks must now wait at least twelve months before they can apply for repossession.
- I would urge those who are worrying about their mortgage repayments to talk to their lender. In addition confidential free advice on managing debt problems is always available with MABS.
- The MABS National Telephone Helpline – 1890 283 438 is available from 9am to 8pm Monday to Friday and the MABS website can be accessed 24 hours a day at www.mabs.ie.
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See also website – www.keepingyourhome.ie

Dublin Bus set to Launch Network Direct for North Kildare Commuters says Brady.

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady TD, has been informed by Dublin Bus that it is to role out its Network Direct project for North Kildare commuters in the coming weeks to improve the services its offer to commuters in the area.

'Last week, I met with the National Transport Authority, who have overall responsibility for Transport issues in the Greater Dublin area, to outline key concerns of our commuters.'

'Dublin Bus's initiative will deliver more direct, high frequency and punctual bus services to commuters from Leixlip, Maynooth and Celbridge. The aim of the Network Direct project is to deliver a simpler network that is easier to understand provide more frequent and direct services, reducing travel time and improving reliability. Details of the changes can be obtained by please visit www.dublinbus.ie/Network-Direct.' 'Part of the service improvements, include a service to Moyglare Road and Meadowbrook in Maynooth and Gleneaston in Leixlip.'

'The National Transport Authority, set up in December 2009, is now adopting a co-ordinated approach to Transport Policy in the Greater Dublin Area. On Monday of this week, they met with Community Groups in Kilcock to discuss the concerns of reduced level of service following the withdrawal of Dublin Bus services. Later this month, they will carry a Real Time Passenger Information Pilot in Dublin and next year, this will be rolled out to the Greater Dublin area giving up to date information on Bus Times.'



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Seasons Greetings To All My Constituents

'Since getting elected, I have continued to highlight the importance of improving our Public Transport Infrastructure in North Kildare. We have seen improvements to both the Bus and Rail services. Recently, the Transport Authority has allocated a €1m investment to improve the public transport infrastructure in the Maynooth. I will continue to work with all concerned to make further improvements to the public transport infrastructure in the county.' concluded Minister Brady.

Community Services Programme renewed for OK Transport says Brady

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady, has been informed by Minister Eamon O'Cuiv, that he has renewed the contract, for services provided under the Community Services Programme, for OK Transport. 'The Government has approved the offer of three years funding (2011-2013) from the Community Services Programme to employ people on a full-time basis and over €127,000 has been allocated to OK Transport for the programme.'

'The Community Service Programme is designed to work in partnership with local service providers where gaps are identified in the services or there is insufficient demand for services that would normally be provided by the public and/or private sectors.'

'OK Transport provides valuable service for the people of Kildare. Communities in Maynooth, Ardcloagh, Carbury, Derrinturn, Clane, Broadford, Johnstownbridge and Kilcock all benefits from the services that OK Transport provide.' stated Minister Brady.

Investment in School – Making Progress

Since getting elected in 2007, I have worked hard to make progress on increasing our school capacity and improving our teaching and learning environment for pupils and teachers. Each of the schools listed below have; works just completed, construction – work in progress, or are scheduled to have works carried out in the near future. (These works include – Extensions, New Schools, additional facilities etc).

Maynooth Post Primary School: Extension completed.
 New Kill National School – work will be completed by the end of this year.

Naas CBS – Construction of Extension started in late 2009 and was completed last month.

Aghards in Celbridge – Approval for 3 additional classrooms.

Clane Secondary School – Approval given

for the construction of 3 new classrooms.

Ardclough National School – tenders are currently been considered for the construction of the new school and work should start on the 16 Classroom new school. Approval given to Kildare VEC to purchase facility at Manor Mills Maynooth, which will be home to an Integrated Further Education and Training (FET) Campus.

Kildare VEC has been given approval to purchase land on the Moyglare Road for future Educational requirement of the area. It could potentially be a home for a Gael Colaiste in the future – given that we have three Primary Gael Scoils in the North Kildare area. Scoil Choca Naofa in Kilcock – Approval given for Extension and works are on-going.

Straffan NS – Extension approved - 4 additional mainstream classrooms and improved ancillary accommodation

Maynooth Boys National School – Extension completed.

Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich Maynooth – The construction of a new 16 classroom approved.

Colaiste Chiaráin Community School in Leixlip – approval for an ASD unit.

Staplestown NS – Extra Accommodation approved (3 Rooms).

St Farans Prosperous National School – approval for 3 extra classrooms and an ASD room.

Piper Hill Educational Campus in Naas– Opened in September 2009. New Community Primary School to open in September. Primary on the Moyglare Road will each receive high

Coláiste Naomh Mhuire on the Sallins Road in Naas, the Salesian College in Celbridge and Maynooth Post speed broadband under the €13 million Broadband to Schools Scheme. The schools will get 100 megabit high speed fibre and wireless broadband.

Kilshanroe National School – Extension completed
 Extension Works Completed for Maynooth Girls National School

Extension to Maynooth Boys National School – completed earlier this year.

Significant investment in IT facilities in all Kildare Schools.

Timahoe National School – Approval given for school yard works.

48 Summer Works Schemes for Co. Kildare in 2010 – including St Laurences NS in Sallins, Rathcoffey NS, St Patricks NS Johnsbriidge, Kilshanroe National School, St Conleths Derrinturn, Straffan NS, Newtown NS, San Carlo NS Leixlip.



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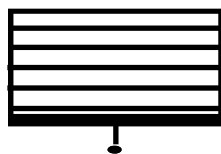
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One evening, in a busy lounge a reindeer walked in the door, went up to the bar and ordered a martini. Without batting an eye, the bartender mixed and poured the drink, set it in front of the reindeer, and accepted the twenty Euro note from the reindeer's hoof.

As he handed the reindeer some coins in change, he said, "You know, I think you're the first reindeer I've ever seen in here."

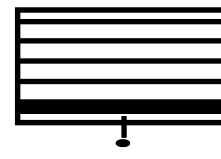
The reindeer looked hard at the hoofful of change and said, "Hmmpf. Let me tell you something, buddy. At these prices, I'm the last reindeer you'll see in here."



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Motorway Closure – People Power force Authorities to see sense.

Hours of M4 closure reduced dramatically. The advertisement by Kildare County Council announcing that the motorway would close between 16th and 22nd January and between 10th and 16th January, between, 8pm and 9am, has been substantially changed. The contractor will now finish work no later than 5am. May I take the opportunity to thank all of those who complained to Kildare County Council before 24th November, people power certainly worked on this occasion. Myself and other Councilors also complained about the fact that we were not informed about the closure and the fact that the advertisement was limited to the Leinster Leader, again assurances were given that this will not re-occur.

Changes to Dublin Bus services:

I have received quite a lot of complaints about changes to the Dublin Bus Services which were implemented with their timetable changes on 21st November. As I receive complaints I seek a response from Dublin Bus. While some changes benefit commuters that is occurring at the expense of others, for example, those getting the City-speed from the new terminus at UCD benefit, however, those waiting at bus stops in the city centre now find the buses are arriving full, this is adding very considerably to commuting times. There is clearly a capacity issue that must be addressed by Dublin Bus as a matter of urgency, otherwise we will simply force commuters back into their cars.

Cycle Lanes and Road Markings in Maynooth.

Contact was made with me by the Maynooth Cycling Campaign following which I placed their concerns on the agenda. They wanted to know what approach was taken by the Council in relation to repainting cycle lanes and tracks, they had provided me with photographs that graphically demonstrated the problem. They also sought a policy change in the County Development Plan, which is currently under review, whereby cycle lane markings close to busy urban schools receive a higher priority than the markings on rural roads. At the Celbridge Area Meeting I stressed the need to favour the more sustainable types of transport such as walking and cycling. I also said I favoured a proactive rather than a reactive approach to applying road markings in this respect.

I was provided with the following report: “The Council is awaiting the publication of the National

Cycle Manual by the National Transport Authority in 2010. This document will make reference to the maintenance of cycle tracks and best practice for this and other issues. Highlighting cycle facilities at conflict points would be considered a reasonable initiative, however, prioritising markings solely based on the type of road is not recommended. Furthermore, the availability, or lack of funding, must be considered.”

The National Cycle Manual includes the Kilcock Road Scheme which is estimated to cost a whopping €1m. The National Transportation Authority await notification of their funding for 2011 until that occurs it is not known if this will be included.

Traffic Chaos Maynooth Morning Peak – Are the Lights the problem?

Following complaints about the daily problems, particularly in the mornings, at Straffan Road, Maynooth, I placed the following item on the agenda. The reason I tabled it in the way I did was because it has been stressed to me, by numerous people, that the traffic flows better when the lights are switched off.

Motion: In view of the traffic problems on Straffan Road, Maynooth particularly at the morning peak that the council considers the role played by the traffic lights at the junction with Main Street, Main Street and Mill Street and Main Street and Kilcock Road, we consider what changes can be made specific to morning peak times, if turning off some of the lights for these times would contribute towards a solution and if so how pedestrians can be safely accommodated.

I received the following report: As reported previously, the traffic signalling arrangement in Maynooth Town is managed by a state of the art Urban Traffic Control System (SCOOT) and this provides optimum signal timings for the motorised demands at all junctions. This type of control is used in all of Ireland’s main cities and Kildare is the first non-metropolitan county to install and maintain such a sophisticated system. Towns in Kildare currently using the system are Newbridge, Naas and Maynooth. The computerised UTC system balances the demands at all junctions linked within Maynooth Town and this is demonstrated by the passage of vehicles from the Straffan Road/Main Street Junction to the Kilcock Road/Moyglare Road Junction (in both directions). Delays to traffic on the approaches to these junctions

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are not as a result of the signalling arrangement but due to the high levels of motorised traffic wanting to use the junctions. Co-ordination between the signals allow for pedestrian crossing timings to be run together to minimise the delay to traffic and maximise the amount of time allocated to crossing pedestrians. The suggestion to turn off some or all of the lights would be counter-productive and would result in creating traffic hazards for both vulnerable road users and motorists. When signals are off, there is no safe facility for turning traffic or for crossing pedestrians. I have since taken the matter up with those controlling the SCOOT system in Kildare County Council.

Unauthorised Developments are developments that require planning permission and proceed without it. Sometimes they have permission but are not constructed in accordance with the permission granted. I have long complained that the system is not working as it should, this undermines the integrity of the planning system when developments can occur without permission and it can take an unacceptable length of time to come to a conclusion.

The Committee received the following report: It is the policy of the Planning Authority to protect the confidentiality of the complainants and it is for this reason that the files are not accessible to the public or the members. Unauthorised developments can be identified on the relevant maps through the Council’s on-line web service once a Warning Letter and/or Enforcement Notice has been served. The database system provides detailed information on all UD cases and can be searched by name, address and UD number. There are too many UD cases in the Celbridge electoral area to provide information on all of them to the members. However if a Councillor has a query on a particular UD case, we can provide them with an update on that case.

The database that has been referred to does not appear to be available online, I questioned where it could be found. The committee agreed to set aside time at our December meeting to have a full discussion on the issue of Unauthorised Developments. The very fact that the report states that they are too numerous in the Celbridge Electoral Area to provide a detailed report shows there is a significant problem.

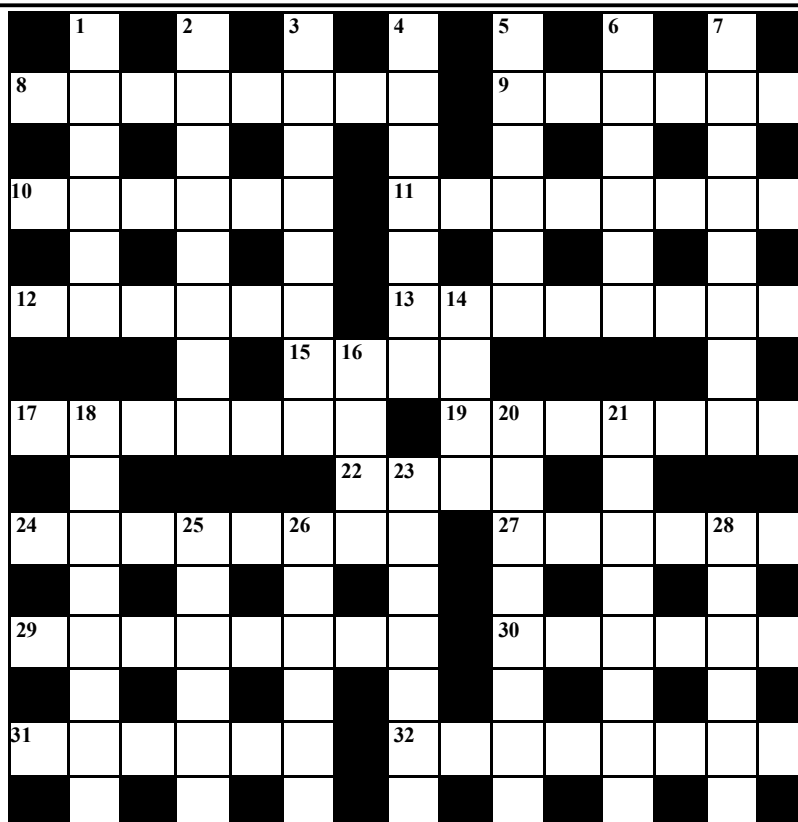
Tree Pruning: At our October meeting I queried the issue of tree pruning. This is a list of those that are currently being attended to.

Town	Estate	House No	Description	Comment
Maynooth	Main Street	Leinster House	tree blocking light to office	Mature Lime, reduce crown 30% and clear away branches from windows
Maynooth	Beaufield Crescent	13	tree requires pruning	
Maynooth	Carton Avenue	Open space	124 Mature Limes suckers to be removed	remove suckers
Maynooth	Railway Park	23, 30-40	estate requires pruning	insufficient information for costing
Maynooth	O Neill Park	all		Grind down tree stumps
Maynooth	Rockfield Avenue	Whole Avenue	crown lift	crown lift 9 trees by 1metre
Maynooth	Rockfield Green	Open space		crown lift 20 Semi Mature Mountain Ash by 1m
Maynooth	Rockfield Green	opp 11& 12		semi mature Mountain Ash remove and grind stump
Maynooth	Rockfield Green	opp 23	removed lower branches	semi mature Mountain Ash remove and grind stump
Maynooth	Rockfield Green	opp25	tree is falling over	semi mature Mountain Ash remove and grind stump
Maynooth	Rockfield Avenue	2	tree is falling over	semi mature Mountain Ash remove and grind stump
Maynooth	Rockfield Avenue	opp10	2 trees falling over	semi mature Mountain Ash remove and grind stump
Maynooth	Rockfield Park	opp 25	3 trees to be removed	semi mature Mountain Ash remove and grind stump
Maynooth	Rockfield Grove	12	to be looked at	semi mature Mountain Ash remove and grind stump
Maynooth	Rockfield Square	entrance on open space		semi mature Mountain Ash remove and grind stump
Maynooth	Parklands estate		visibility poor for bin lorries	
Maynooth	Greenfield Drive	49	Semi Mature Cherry	Reduce crown by 30%
Maynooth	Greenfield Drive	Opp 31 on Open space	Mature Alder	crown lift by 2m
Maynooth	Greenfield Drive	Opp 32-33	Bush Hawthorn	tidy up habit
Maynooth	Kingsbury	first cul de sac on left	Mature Dogwood & Maples	Prune back Dogwood by 2m from kerb and crown lift 10 Semi Mature Maples
Maynooth	Kingsbury	73&74		crown lift trees by 2m

December 2010/January 2011 Crossword—No: 387

ACROSS

8. Exquisitely fine, easily damaged (8)
 9. Note acknowledging a source of information (6)
 10. Holiday spot (6)
 11. Exhaustive, complete (8)
 12. Closer (6)
 13. Gathering congregation (8)
 15. Not in action or at work (4)
 17. Study of words and sentences (7)
 19. Servers at tables (7)
 22. Orient (4)
 24. Small migratory birds (8)
 27. Frequently visited places, hangouts (6)
 29. Three-sided figure (8)
 30. Director of publication (6)
 31. Go or come back (6)
 32. Distorting, turning (8)



DOWN

1. Strict, stark (6)
 2. Unit of mass (8)
 3. These organisms are in bait race (8)
 4. Near the middle (7)
 5. Reflections of sound (6)
 6. Change for the better (6)
 7. Denoting one (8)
 14. Does needlework (4)
 16. Made lines on a surface (4)
 18. Offered something for a service or achievement (8)
 20. Fit and active (8)
 21. Holidaymakers (8)
 23. Facets, views (7)
 25. Old units of distance (6)
 26. Body parts and musical instruments (6)
 28. Sharp-pointed tips on stems (6)

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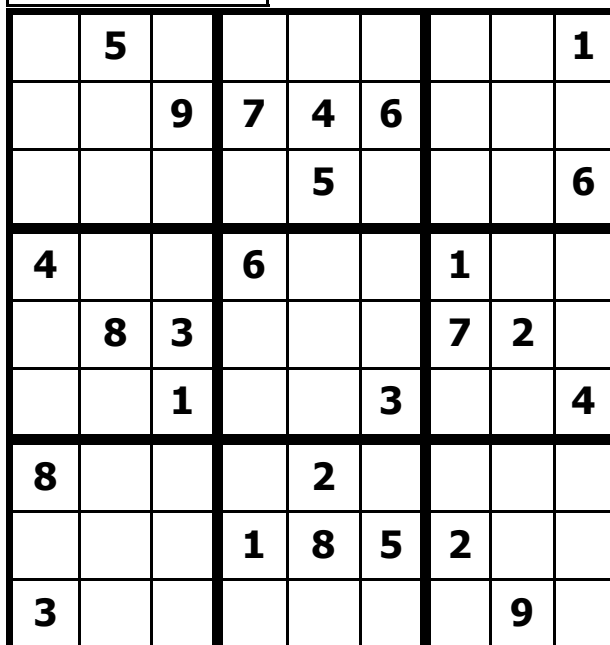
Solutions to No. 386



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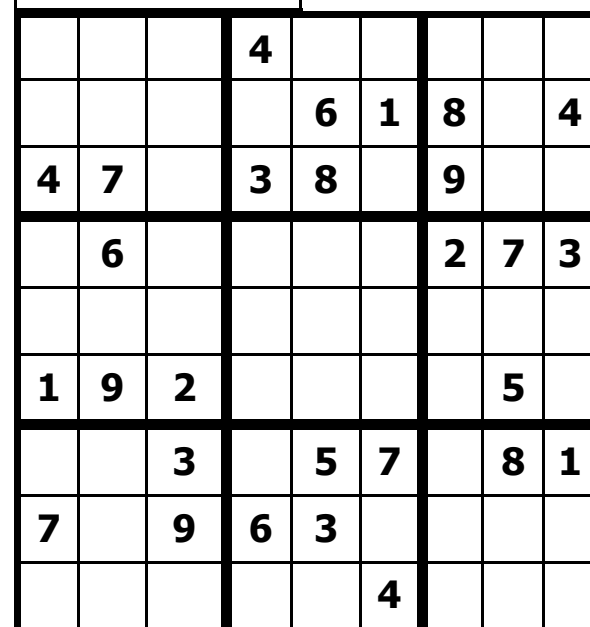
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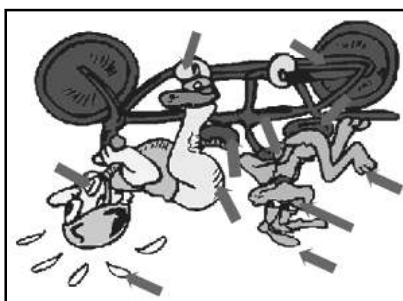
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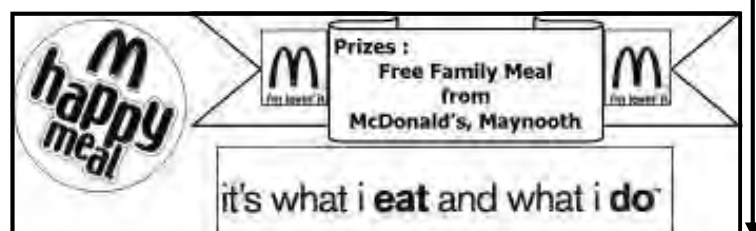
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Age: 3—5 Kallum Gilligan, Laragh, Maynooth.

Age: 6—7 : Caoimhe Jordan, Hortland, Donadea

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Maynooth Tidy Towns

We wish to thank everyone who helped us in any way throughout the year. As you are relaxing over Christmas perhaps you may wish to make a resolution for the New Year to help with the 2011 Tidy Towns campaign to keep Maynooth looking beautiful. Everyone has a part to play and all talents are welcome.

On behalf of Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee we wish all the readers of the Maynooth Newsletter a very happy Christmas and a litter free new year.

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Preparing for Christmas

* Sprigs of rosemary, thyme, bay, garlic and chillies can all be added to wine and cider vinegars to make attractive and interesting presents.

* Collect pine cones and add a couple of drops of essential oils onto them. Hang them from the Christmas tree using ribbon or simply lay them around a candle. The scent will be as refreshing as a walk in a pine forest.

* To make herbal bath salts mix 200g of Epsom salts or coarse sea salt with a large handful of pine needles or rosemary leaves. Then add about 20 drops of essential oil – rose geranium will add a floral, seasonal note – and decant into pretty jars.

* Christmas pot pourri is simple to make from dried garden herbs and store cupboard ingredients. Mix juniper sprigs, dried rosebuds, bay leaves, rosemary sprigs, cinnamon chips, cloves, and assorted pine cones together until it smells great and looks interesting. You can also add essential oils for extra scent and orris root as a fixative to help retain the aroma.

* Pomanders create a natural alternative to the plug-in room fresheners. They are easy to make

and smell delicious. Here's a recipe to get you started. Take one large Seville orange and insert cloves through the skin to cover about 75% of the surface. You may need to use a knitting needle to make holes first. Roll the whole thing in dried cinnamon powder and orris root powder, then leave to dry for 3+ weeks in a warm dry place, such as an airing cupboard. Use to scent and repel moths from wardrobes and clothes drawers or place in a room to add a delightful seasonal scent.

* Use herbs as a living garnish for your plate setting: tie mint, rosemary sprigs, bay leaves on stems, and bundles of fresh parsley together and place them in a napkin ring on a pristine white serviette.

Christmas Wish List

* As a gardener my number one present, even to myself has to be a plant. You simply can't go wrong.

* A herb pot next to your front door can be enjoyed by all your Christmas visitors. Buy a bay leaf tree or a rosemary bush that will bring joy for months and years to come.

Protecting against Jack Frost

Lets face it, our chances of a frost free Christmas period are very slim. We have only to remember last year when we were taken unawares, so this year we will be ready!? Keep an eye on the weather forecast and you will be prepared for action. The plants most vulnerable to frost are soft woods, actively growing bloomers, and potted plants.

- Cover up before dusk! By the time it gets dark much of the stored heat in the garden has already been lost.
- If you have time, build a simple frame around the plant, or row of plants. (Even a single stake can be used in many cases.)
- Then drape a cover of newspaper, cardboard, plastic tarps, bed sheeting or any other lightweight material over the frame to create a tent.
- If you don't have time to create a frame, lay the protective cover directly onto the plant. This will help to slow the loss of heat rising from the foliage and the ground.
- Remove the covers in the morning, once the frost has thawed, to let the light and fresh air back in, and to prevent overheating by the sun.
- For smaller individual plants you can use glass jars, milk jugs with the bottom removed, paper cups upside down flower pots as heat traps.
- Don't forget to remove these covers in the morning.



If you are unable to move your container plants indoors or under cover remember to also wrap the pot in bubble wrap, or simply bury the pot in soil in addition to protecting the foliage.

Alternatively you can bring them indoors if they are not too heavy and return them to the garden when it is safe. I bring in my camellia all the time and it remained indoors last year and produced a beautiful profusion of flowers much earlier than I expected. The buds are there now and frost would destroy them in no time.

Don't forget to remove indoor plants from windowsills, behind curtains so that they will not freeze to death!

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