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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.

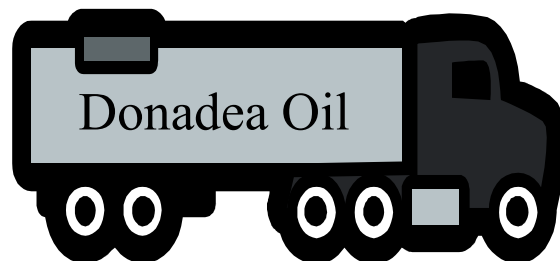
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Recipes for Easter

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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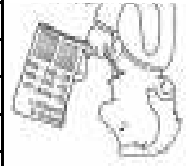
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Solutions

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

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

Medium

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

Difficult

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1	2	6	5	8	9	3	4	7
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Easy

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ARIES—March 21—April 20

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.

Your lucky day is Friday, Number 5, Colour Gold.

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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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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.

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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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April Diary Planner



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Crafts Every Monday Night at 8.00 p.m.
New Members Welcome

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Terry Nealon

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Maynooth Senior Citizens Club

Club meets every Tuesday & Thursday morning in the
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then return to the I.C.A. Hall
Easter Tea-dance/Parade takes place
Sunday 18th April in the GAA Club.

Maynooth Toastmasters

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22nd April, 2010 Dr. Simon Nolan
Department of Philosophy, NUIM
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A Window Onto Late Medieval
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Chair: Dr. Michael Dunne
All Welcome

Maynooth Community Library

Maynooth Film for All club's next film is “
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St. Mary's Boys' National School, Maynooth.

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.

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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

Maynooth Community Council would like to thank most sincerely the following local business whose contributions made the Parade possible:

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St. Patrick's Day Parade



Thorntons Recycling



Stephanie Duignan & Noel O'Sullivan



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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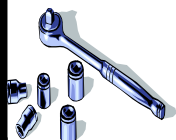
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GAA president applauds Maynooth's major initiative

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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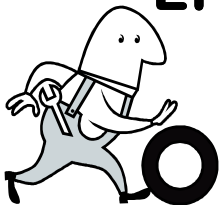


The Dara Community Support Programme for adults with learning difficulties, led by Dr. Bob McCormack is provided by Dara Residential Services and funded by the HSE. A core focus of the programme is to reach people who are socially isolated and to empower them to develop new friendships, new interests 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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Clubs, Organisation And Societies

BAND BULLETIN - MARCH 2010



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.**



Áine Brady, Fianna Fáil T.D.

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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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My hair is now purple and I do get funny looks but if I reach my target of €500, it will be worth it. I just hope that the Irish Cancer Society gets the funding they need. Having to watch someone you love go through the treatments and hospital visits is hard, but with help and research maybe someday they will find a cure in the not too distant future.

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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:

By Phone 085 2851704

Website: www.maynoothmusicalsociety.ie

E-mail Add: maynoothmusical_society@gmail.com

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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Maynooth Golf Society



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Grang Castle Golf Club was the venue for the first outing of the year for members of Maynooth Golf Society.

36 members and visitors played this municipal course on Saturday 6th March. Weather conditions were sunny and spring like which was a change from the recent bad weather.

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.

1st Prize	Tommy Campbell	37pts B9
2nd Prize	Eamon Murphy	37pts
3rd Prize	Mick Flynn Jnr	35pts
4th Prize	Niall Farrell	34pts B9
5th Prize	Derek Murray	34pts
6th Prize	Joey Edwards	33pts B9
7th Prize	Brendan Leigh	33pts
Front 9	Pa Conway	20pts
Back 9	Tom Coffey	17pts
Visitors	Conor Saults	35pts
Nearest the Pin	Niall Byrne	

Next Venue : Millicent Golf Club on Saturday 10th April

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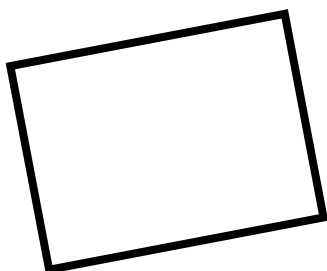
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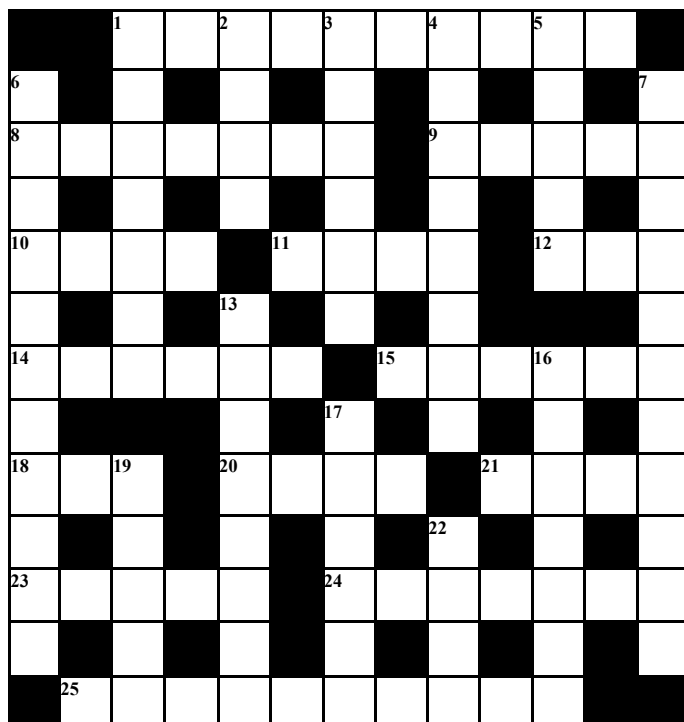
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Crossword No. 87



Entries in before: 16th April 10

Name: _____

Address: _____

Across.

1. Deputation (10)
8. Ineffective (7)
9. Western Rope (5)
10. Aromatic Herb (4)
11. Large Cat (4)
12. Digit (3)
14. Frightened (6)
15. Mend (6)
18. Knock (3)
20. Golfer _ _ _ , Norman (4)
21. Late Comic _ _ _ , Laurel (4)
23. Foreign (5)
24. Orange- yellow colour (7)
25. Extraordinary (10)

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Down.

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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Party Political-Labour News



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Cllr. John McGinley

Maynooth Labour News

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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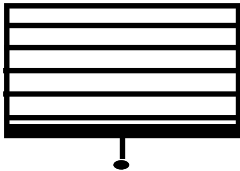


Particulars and Arrangements Contact:

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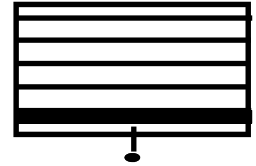
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Party Political-Labour News

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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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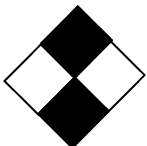
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replacement of poles, involving more extensive work, is as a consequence delayed. The issue raised by Cllr. McGinley has been reported to Airtricity and the TMC staff will follow up the repair with the contractor."

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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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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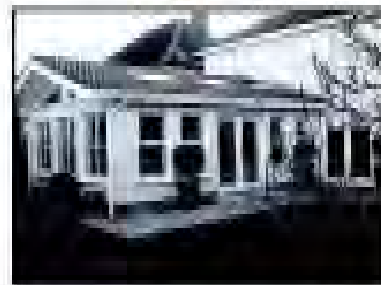


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Funding boost for local older people and those with a disability – Minister Brady

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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University of Third Age

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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Party Political—Áine Brady T.D.

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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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