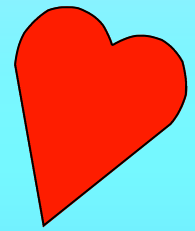




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Editorial-November

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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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:

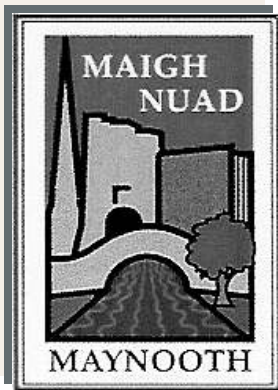
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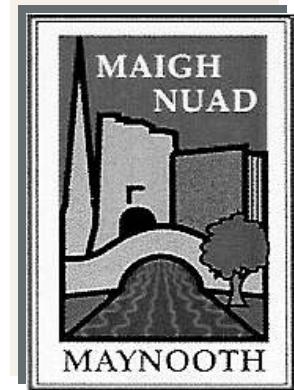
Vacancies are advertised as they arise and the project is currently approved for 15 plus a supervisor. The project is a rate for the job scheme, where participants are recruited for a maximum of three years, provided the relevant eligibility criteria are reached.

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, 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



**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.



Michael McBrearty being coached at Golfing Union of Ireland Academy.

By Annette Harrington.

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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/½oz 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**

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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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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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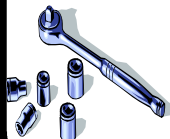
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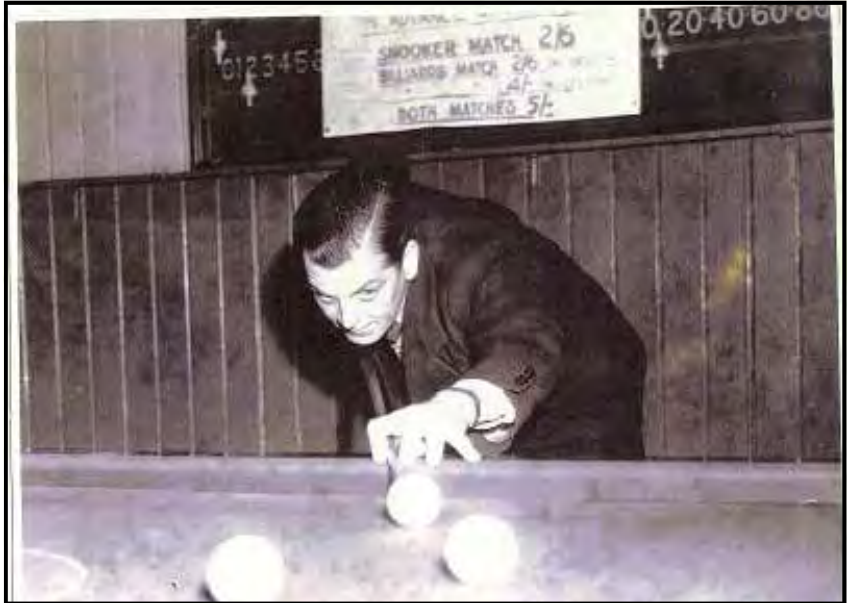
At the end of October 2009 Maynooth lost a local legend and Kildare lost a sporting legend that many beyond Maynooth never have heard of. Mick Nolan was once the prince of billiard players when the game was king in this country. If Nolan had been born 60 years later he'd likely be a snooker world champion 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.*

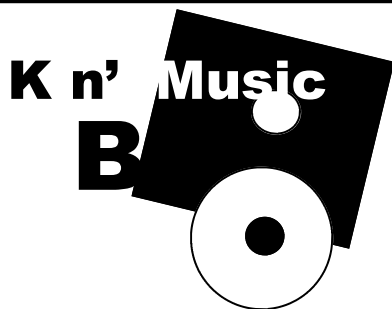
- (Be aware that some fruit such as grapes, sultanas, raisins and artificial sweeteners can be toxic to dogs and other domestic animals, also to some wild animals, so place on a raised table and do not scatter these on the ground).

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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Response: Dr. Susan Gottlöber
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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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John Hume Lecture Hall in NUI Maynooth.

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Parent & Toddler Storytime

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Contact Stephen Doyle: 087 6986 491

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ASIST

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The Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club are running an **Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training Course** on the 9th & 10th of February in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth. The workshop is for all caregivers (any person in a position of trust). This includes professionals, paraprofessionals and lay people. It is suitable for mental health professionals, nurses, physicians, teachers, counsellors, youth workers, police and correctional staff, school support staff, clergy, and community volunteers. There is no cost for the training course.

ASIST:

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.

Just as "CPR" skills make physical first aid possible, training in suicide intervention develops the skills used in suicide first aid. ASIST is a two-day intensive, interactive and practice-dominated course designed to help caregivers recognize risk and learn how to intervene to prevent the immediate risk of suicide.

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.

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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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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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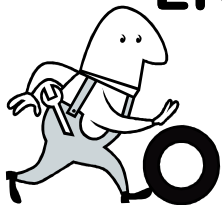
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Maynooth GAA News

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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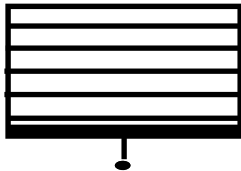


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Paddy Nolan (Secretary to Maynooth Mortality Society), 7 Castlebridge, Maynooth.

Phone: 6286312

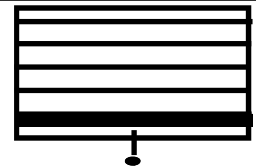
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Maynooth Tidy Towns

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.

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Maynooth Tidy Towns

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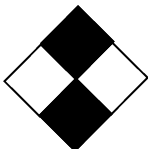


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Maynooth Post Primary School News

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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Farewell

Farewell to thee! but not farewell
To all my fondest thoughts of thee:
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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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Emmet Stagg T.D.



Cllr. John McGinley

Maynooth Labour News

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. Patricks 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. Patricks 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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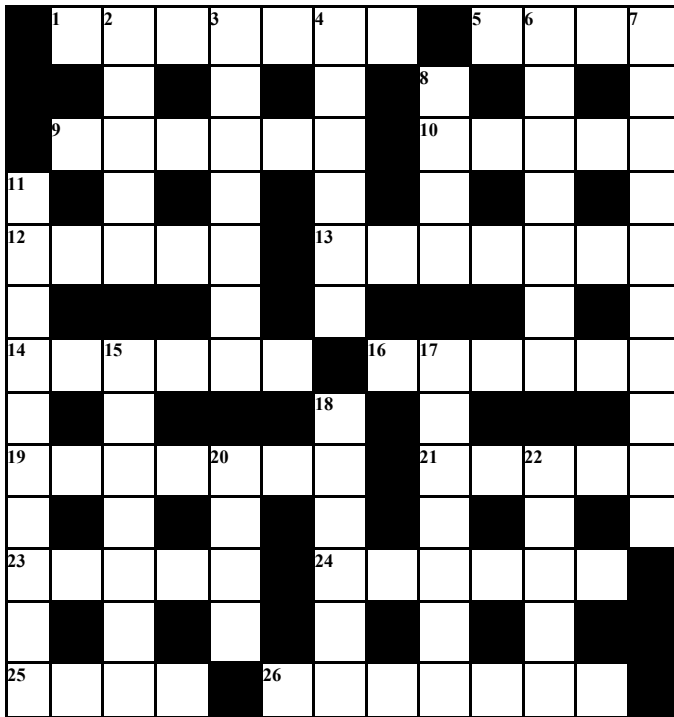
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Crossword No. 85.



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1. Composer of *The Blue Danube* (7)
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.

Winner:

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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

Under 7 years: No Winner

Over 7 years: Eimear Mooney, Silken Vale, Maynooth

Prize money for each age group to be collected at:

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

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

I recently had to find someone to check and repair my laptop as it was full of viruses this was despite it being cleaned and in perfect condition by a so called computer repairer in Maynooth.

I went to the computer doctor (Doctor+More) in the Main Street of Maynooth where I found the most polite and helpful staff who gave an initial diagnosis and approximate price.

The staff phoned twice to inform me what was wrong and asked permission to carry on. The main problem was the person who was supposed to sort out the laptop previously had backdated the computer to 04 so the Norton Security would work however all the viruses came back with vengeance.

Doctor+More staff were second to none and could not have been more pleasant they ran through everything and ensured I knew what to do. I would recommend them to anyone having a problem with their computer.

Tom McMullon.

The Alpha-1 Patient Support Group

are holding a

Charity Fashion Sale

in aid of the

Alpha One Foundation

A research charity for a genetic respiratory and liver disease

On Friday February 19th

From 7.30pm till late

in the

Glen Royal Hotel Maynooth

Music with DJ

(Clothes Wanted)

If you would like to donate nearly new or once worn clothes, handbags or shoes etc and unwanted Christmas gifts for raffle

Please contact Orla Keane - 087-2602874

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