



# MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER

*May 2010*

## *National Pyjama Day*



*Nicole Hilliard, Clare Martin and Juliette Haughton at Maynooth Day Nursery*

## *Winner of Colouring Competition (Sponsored by McDonald's)*



*Jessica Ennis (Winner) & brother Daniel*

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May or Bealtaine as it known in the Irish language is one of four pre-Christian festivals celebrated in Ireland. It may have been a feast dedicated to the God, named as a Gaulish God and the word meant the 'fire of Bel'. Mayday marked the beginning of the second half of the year and of the summer period. From November to May, the storytellers entertained the people but with the longer bright evenings this was no longer needed. Eventually, it became associated with other European flower festivals and in England the maypole appeared; the month was dedicated to Mary mother of Jesus. This was a very important date for people in the agricultural sphere; cattle were let out again and people were advised against certain activities such as sailing, digging or whitewashing. The May bush was brought into the house and in certain areas fires were lit. The May dew was considered a cure for illnesses but also all sorts of magic could be carried out at this dangerous time of the year.

To celebrate the festival this year, there are plans for a huge gathering on the Hill of Uisnech in County Westmeath. While such markings of our traditional heritage may be welcome in certain circumstances, the assembly of hundreds if not thousands of people on a sacred site in modern times can be a worrying prospect for archaeologist and others. Uisnech is in private ownership and little can be done to monitor what may occur. The lighting of fires at these archaeological sites is not condoned by modern archaeology as it can damage the possible future geophysical surveying. The Festival of Fires as it is called is also planned for about a dozen other sites throughout the country.

The complete ban on air traffic due to the volcanic activity in unfortunate Iceland showed how international and global our world has become. Not only were people stranded abroad, but commerce, musical events and sporting fixtures were in danger of coming to a complete halt. A taste perhaps of how the world after peak oil will look like and this is one of the areas included in a relatively new movement known as Transition Towns. There is a group in Maynooth working on this model and David Walsh has made a presentation to the Community Council at the recent AGM that took place in April. New members were welcomed to the meeting but it is such a pity that more people in a town of 10,000 people do not get involved in their local community. This is where the future planning of the town is discussed, the Festival in June and the St Patrick's Day Parade are organized by sub-committees as is this very publication.

**Muireann Ni Bhrolchain**

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# Community Council Notes

## Maynooth Community Council AGM 12 April 2010

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

### **AGM and Election of Officers**

The recent meeting of Maynooth Community Council was the AGM, and Council Officers were elected as follows: Chairperson, Colm Ó Cearúil; Vice-Chairperson, Tom McMullon; Secretary, Muireann Ní Bhrolcáin; Treasurer, Andrew McMullon; PRO, Deirdre Cullen; PDO, Paul Croghan.

After 10 years in the job, Willie Saults has resigned from his role as treasurer. The meeting thanked Willie for all his hard work over the years, and was very glad to hear that he will continue to be involved in the Community Council.

Reports on the Council's 2009-2010 activities were made by the Chairperson, Secretary, and outgoing Treasurer. There was a proposal from the floor to change the Council's constitution to incorporate a reference to inclusion of people of different social backgrounds. It was agreed that the procedure for doing this would be checked, and that the matter would be taken up again at the next meeting.

### **Transition Towns Presentation**

David Walsh, Transition Towns Group, gave a presentation on the Transition Towns Movement, which seeks to prepare communities for coping with peak oil and global warming. He would like interested people to join the Maynooth branch of the movement, and would welcome the support of the Community Council.

### **Respect for the Flag**

Gabriel Martin, Leinster Park Residents Association, drew the meeting's attention to the fact that some businesses in the town leave the national flag on flag poles when not in use. He said that this was disrespectful and counter to correct protocol. He asked that businesses make themselves aware of the various protocols pertaining to use of the flag.

### **Maynooth Bus Campaign**

Karen Winstanley, Maynooth Bus Campaign, told the councillors about a new campaign for a better bus service from Maynooth in the mornings. The last Maynooth City Speed currently arrives into the city centre at 8.15 a.m., which doesn't cater for commuters who start work at 9.00 a.m., and there is no 67X service from Maynooth in the mornings. She asked people to support the campaign at Facebook: Maynooth Bus Campaign 2010; Twitter: @maynoothXtrabus; Email: maynoothbuscampaign2010@dublin.ie.

### **Pilot Litter Project**

Councillor John McGinley (Labour) told community councillors that Maynooth had been chosen by KCC for a

pilot litter project which would try to tackle problems like that of grease and rubbish outside take-aways. It was hoped to improve the present poor litter profile of the town by enforcing the regulation that businesses keep the areas around their premises clean. He said it was appropriate that Maynooth, as a university town, was chosen for this pilot scheme. The initiative was welcomed by the meeting.

### **Too many 'wheelie' bins**

Deirdre Cullen, Lyreen Residents Association, raised problems being caused in the Lyreen area by the increasing number of refuse bins people have to accommodate. Some companies are now providing customers with up to three or four different bins (each one in a different colour) - for segregating refuse into different categories for recycling.

According to local residents, while it's very important that everyone recycles as much of their refuse as possible, the whole process needs to be properly designed and planned for. Not many people can, or want to, fit four large 'wheelie' bins in their back gardens, many have to keep the bins in their small front gardens, and many others with no gardens, or no access out the back, have to leave bins permanently on the street.

The knock-on affect is unsightly multicoloured arrays of scruffy plastic bins on street corners and outside front doors, noxious smells, and the build up of additional refuse from opportunistic passers-by (which the bin holder has to pay for). This is very unpleasant for people using the street, upsetting for residents who have taken pride in keeping their area tidy and attractive, and is sabotaging the work of the Tidy Towns volunteers.

Residents believe that KCC Environment Section needs to get together with planners to work out solutions to these problems, which will increase as more and more recycling is delegated to the individual. Why not: stipulate a single bin colour that is visually neutral on the street and in gardens; put in compartments so that more than one type of refuse can be accommodated in each bin; create attractive and safe communal bin-storage bays; oblige residents who can accommodate bins in their gardens to do so; and actually design residential developments to take account of the fact that residents will inevitably be storing bins.

The ultimate solution will probably have to be a mix of making it easier and pleasanter for individuals to sort and recycle domestic refuse, cutting down drastically on packaging waste, and putting much more onus and responsibility on manufacturers and retailers, who cause the refuse mountain in the first place.

**Deirdre Cullen (PRO)**

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# *Castle Keep Art Group Maynooth*

## *Art Exhibition*

This year saw the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Exhibition take place in the Post Primary School Maynooth on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> and Sun 11<sup>th</sup> April. The group was delighted to have the exhibition opened by its patron Mr. Tom Ashe who gave a brief account of the group's activities to date including the recent establishment of their webpage. Sixty art works were on display from twelve artists. Prices ranged from €35 to €800. There were oils, acrylics, watercolour, pencil, pastel, charcoal, mixed media, phototech print and woodblock/offset prints. Subjects included landscapes, seascapes, figurative, still life and abstract works.

The opening coincided with rugby and GAA matches which meant that the number of invited guests that came was slightly down on previous years. However that did not detract from a great social night where there was plenty of mingling, chat and there was a good number of sales given the recessionary times we are in. Many people came over the weekend some of whom expressed an interest in joining the group from September.



***Emma Boyce***

We express our thanks to Mr. Tom Ashe for opening the exhibition. Our thanks go to the Post Primary School and Kildare VEC for the venue again this year. A special thanks to Brian Farrell for his help and support in preparing the room. Thanks also to NUI Maynooth for the use of a room for two workshops (Introduction to watercolour and Drawing the human figure) which took place last year. A special thanks to all who come to the exhibition and for their encouragement and support.

Please see our website <http://www.castlekeepart.com> for contact details and for some of the images from the exhibition.

**Susan Durack, Secretary.**



***Tom Rochford***



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# ***National Pyjama Day***

**National Childrens Nurseries Association - Annual Pyjama Day** -great fun was had at Maynooth Day Nursery (14 Parklands Court Maynooth) on Friday March 26th 2010 in aid of Make A Wish Foundation. Staff and children dressed in their pyjamas for the day and fundraised tirelessly for such a worthy cause, a grand total of over €1000 was collected on the day . Mairead Ahern (owner of Maynooth Day Nursery) would like to take this opportunity to thank Naas Gardai for issuing the crèche with a permit for collection, Maynooth Post Primary for their most generous contribution and most of all for the sheer generosity of the parents and staff in these economic times. A truly successful day was had by all.



***Beth Long, Clare Martin, Grace Lennon, Siobhan O'Keeffe (Manager)  
Nicole Hilliard - staff at Maynooth Day Nursery***



***Nicole Hilliard, Clare Martin, and  
Juliette Haughton at Maynooth Day Nursery***



***Luke Kearns at Maynooth Day Nursery***

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# May in the Garden

## Grow Your Own Vegetables

### Potatoes:

Potatoes may be planted as soon as the ground can be worked in the early spring, but you must use good judgment. Potato plants will not begin to grow until the soil temperature has reached 45 degrees F. The soil should be evenly moist, but not wet or soggy. If the soil is water logged when you dig, not only will you risk "caking" the soil, your seed Potatoes will probably rot before they even get started. Potatoes can tolerate a light frost, but you should provide some frost-protection for the plants when they are young. This can be a loose covering of straw, or a temporary plastic tent. (Be sure to remove or ventilate the plastic on sunny days!) If you plan to store Potatoes through the winter, you can plant a second crop as late as June 15.

#### Planting :

A week or two before your planned potato planting date, set your seed Potatoes somewhere where they will be exposed to some warmth (between 60 and 70 degrees F.) and lots of light. This will induce them to begin sprouting. A day or two before planting, use a sharp, clean knife to slice the larger seed Potatoes into "seeds". Each seed should be approximately 1 1/2-2inches square, and must contain at least 1 or 2 "eyes" or buds. Smaller Potatoes may be planted whole. In the next day or so, your 'seed' will form a thick callous over the cuts, which will help to prevent it from rotting once planted.

### Onions:

- Onions grow best in a loose, well-drained fertile soil with plenty of organic matter. Heavier soils such as clay and silt loams often prevent the full development of the bulb. They grow best when the soil pH is between 6.2 and 6.8. The roots often don't extend more than 6-8inches, so fertilizer (5-10-10) should be applied close to the plant.
- If an onion gets too many hours of daylight, it will begin to bulb before it is very big; if it gets too few hours, it might never even produce a bulb, so planting times may be critical... plant early! The soil should remain reasonably moist, so mulching is advisable.



### Peas:

- Peas sown in cold, wet ground will rot off, so make sure the soil is warm. In early spring, cover the soil with polythene before sowing and then protect seedlings with a fleece. Sow shorter varieties in a flat trench, 5cm (2in) deep and 25cm (10in) wide.
- Water the trench first, then sow the seeds 5-7cm (2in) apart in three rows along the bottom of the trench. Backfill the trench with soil and firm the ground gently.
- Many dwarf and semi-leafless varieties can also be sown in small blocks. Stagger seeds 13cm (6in) apart, pushing the seed to a depth of 5cm (2in) into the ground.
- For taller varieties, sow seed in a single row 5-10cm (2-4in) apart, ensuring there's enough space for plant supports. Make a single V-shaped drill, 5cm (2in) deep, water the base of the drill and sow the peas. A second row can be added, as long as it's 30cm (12in) away from the first drill.
- For a succession of peas, sow at two-week intervals.



### Lettuce:

Lettuces need plenty of sunlight but can "bolt" (go to seed) if they get too much, so a partially shaded area is best. Dig the plot over thoroughly, get rid of stones and mix in well-rotted manure or compost to help water-retention and bolster nutrients. Rake the soil to create a fine tilth (surface soil that's ready to plant). Use your hoe to form a channel, or "drill", 1cm-1.5cm deep. Mark the course of your drill beforehand with garden twine and stakes to avoid wobbly rows of lettuces. Thinly sow (10-12 seeds over 30cm) the drill, cover with fine soil. Firm, label and water. Space rows 30cm apart. Don't plant all your lettuce seeds at once. Save some for later.



Lettuce seedlings usually begin to appear between 1 and 2 weeks after planting. Once they're large enough to handle, it's time to thin your rows. Get on with this task – lettuces don't respond well to overcrowding. Water the seedlings the day before you intend to begin thinning them out. When thinning, look along the row and choose the strongest seedlings. Gradually remove the rest.

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# *Pet Corner*

## *Horses of Ireland*

### **The Irish Draught**



The Irish Draught horse is the national horse breed of Ireland which developed primarily for farm use. Today, they are especially popular for crossing with Thoroughbreds and warmbloods, (middle-weight horse types) and breeds, producing the popular Irish Sport Horses (also called Irish Draught Sport Horses) which excel at the highest levels of Eventing and Show jumping.

In the early part of the 20th century, the Irish farmer needed a more versatile horse than the popular heavy draft. He needed an animal that could work the land throughout the week, go fox-hunting all day Saturday, jumping anything he faced, and then be ready to bring the family trap to church on Sunday morning. It was from this need that the Irish Draught (pronounced draft') was born.

### **The Skewbald & Piebald**

The skewbald and piebald is defined by its external visible coat colouration and markings and not by its genetic makeup or type. They are therefore distinctive and unique from other "coloured", splash marked, or extended leg marked breeds or types. Aesthetically they would not be one of my favourite breed but they have a very good temperament and because of this they are very popular for younger riders.



**Skewbald: Brown & White**



**Piebald: Black & White**

### **The Connemara pony**

The Connemara region in County Galway, where the breed first became recognized as a distinct type, is a very harsh landscape, thus giving rise to a pony breed of hardy, strong individuals. Some believe that the Connemara developed from Scandinavian ponies that the Vikings first brought to Ireland. They are known for their athleticism, versatility and good disposition. Connemaras are strong and sturdy with a short back and sloped, muscular croup. The hindquarters are powerful. The shoulder is sloped and long. Their legs have short, strong cannons and hard feet and a good stride length. The breed makes excellent show ponies. They are hardy and are excellent mounts for children.

For additional strength and stamina, Arabian blood was added in the 1700s. They were also crossed with Hackneys and Thoroughbreds. Too much crossbreeding began to dilute the pony bloodlines, so the Connemara Pony Breeders' Society, founded in 1923, worked to preserve the breed type. The stud book was established in 1926. Today, Connemaras are bred worldwide in Ireland and England, as well as on the European Continent, the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.





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### Question

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### Answer

Since 2007 the registration procedure for marriage is the same whether you are marrying in a registry office or by religious ceremony.

If you wish to get married in Ireland you must give three months notification in person to a Registrar of Marriages. Marriage registration is administered by the Health Service Executive and you can get a list of marriage registrars on their website ([www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie)). The Registrar does not have to be the Registrar for the district where you live or where you intend getting married.

You need to make an appointment with the Registrar to give the notification and you have to pay a notification fee of €150. You should arrange the appointment well in advance to ensure the notification is given at least three months before your wedding date. If there are no impediments to your marriage, (you have to sign a form stating this), the Registrar issues you with a Marriage Registration Form (MRF) giving you permission to marry. You should give the MRF to the person who will be solemnising the marriage before the marriage ceremony. Following your marriage ceremony, the completed MRF should be given to a registrar, within one month of the marriage ceremony, for the marriage to be registered.

The person solemnising the marriage must be on the Register of Solemnisers. This lists both marriage registrars and the members of the various religious bodies who have been nominated by the bodies as solemnisers. You can inspect this at your local registration office or on the General Register Office website ([www.groireland.ie](http://www.groireland.ie)).

If you plan to get married in a religious ceremony you should contact the church in advance to plan the ceremony. If you plan to get married by civil ceremony and a different Registrar will be solemnising the marriage, you must also contact the Registrar's Office for the district where you intend getting married.

### Question

I am from France and have been working in Ireland for nine months. I have just heard that I am to be laid off from my job. I would like to stay here in Ireland and look for work. However I don't qualify for Jobseeker's Benefit because I don't have enough PRSI contributions and I don't qualify for Jobseeker's Allowance because I don't meet the habitual residence condition. Am I eligible for any income support payments while I look for a new job?

### Answer

As a European Economic Area (EEA) or Swiss national you are entitled to come to work in Ireland and to bring your family. As an EEA migrant worker you are entitled to the same social and tax advantages as Irish citizens. (If you have moved to look for work but have not found it you do not have this entitlement.) This means that if you lose income because of unemployment or illness, you are entitled to claim a means-tested weekly Supplementary Welfare Allowance (SWA) without having to meet the habitual residence condition.

To be considered an EEA migrant worker, you must have been in genuine employment since coming to Ireland (casual work or work for only a few hours a week do not count). If you are out of work, you must meet other conditions, for example, being registered with FÁS as a jobseeker or taking part in vocational training. If you are out of work through illness you may also qualify for SWA.

If you have been paying contributions to the Irish social insurance system you may also be entitled to claim certain Irish social welfare payments (without meeting the habitual residence condition). These payments are classified as Family Benefits under EU Regulations and include:

- One-Parent Family Payment
- Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)
- Family Income Supplement
- Child Benefit

You should contact the Community Welfare Officer in your local health centre to apply for Supplementary Welfare Allowance. Visit [losingyourjob.ie](http://losingyourjob.ie) for more information on redundancy and job loss.

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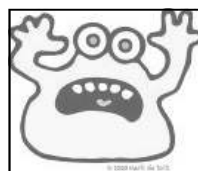


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# Clubs, Organisation And Societies

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## Question

I am a farmer but my income from farming has reduced a good deal over the past year. Can I get any help?

## Answer

You may qualify for Farm Assist. Farm Assist is a means-tested social welfare payment for farmers paid by the Department of Social and Family Affairs. It is similar to Jobseeker's Allowance, but has a different means test. In addition, you do not need to be available for work to qualify.

To qualify you must be a farmer, farming land in the State, aged between 18 and 66 and satisfy a means test. The means test takes account of virtually every form of income but assesses it in different ways and disregards various amounts. Different rules apply to income from farming; other forms of self-employment; income from schemes such as the Rural Environmental Protection Scheme (REPS); income from employment; and income from property and capital.

If you have dependent children, €254 per year for each of the first two dependent children and €381 per year for each subsequent child are deducted from your means from farming and from self-employment. The difference between your assessed weekly means and the appropriate weekly amount of social welfare payment is the amount of Farm Assist payable.

You can keep your Farm Assist payment until you are 66 provided you continue to farm and continue to satisfy the means test. You do not have to visit your local social welfare office or 'sign on' to claim Farm Assist. You apply for Farm Assist by completing the application form Farm 1, which you can get from the Department's website at [www.welfare.ie](http://www.welfare.ie) or your Social Welfare Local Office. You send the completed application form with the relevant certificates and documents to your Social Welfare Local Office (SWLO). Contact your SWLO or call the Department of Social and Family Affairs Information line at 1890 66 22 44 for more information.

## Question

I've lost my job and have been struggling to keep up with my rent since. What help can I get?

## Answer

Rent Supplement is a payment for people living in private rented accommodation who cannot afford to pay the full rent themselves. In general, if your only income is a social welfare or Health Service Executive (HSE) payment, you will qualify for a Rent Supplement. However, if you or your partner is in full-time employment (over 29 hours a week) you do not qualify for this payment.

You may be eligible for Rent Supplement if the accommodation is suitable for your needs, the rent is below the maximum rent level set for your county and you are:

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- Living in accommodation for homeless people for 6 months (183 days) out of the last 12 months or
- A tenant of accommodation provided under one of the Social Housing Schemes or
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You apply to the Community Welfare Officer (CWO) at your local health centre. The CWO decides if you are eligible for Rent Supplement and calculates the amount you will get. This is worked out to ensure that your weekly income after paying rent does not fall below the Supplementary Welfare Allowance rate (currently €196.00 for people over 25) minus €24. This is because you must pay a contribution of at least €24 towards your rent. You may pay more than €24 because you are also required to contribute any additional assessable means that you have above the Supplementary Welfare Allowance rate towards your rent.

If you are in difficulty with rent arrears a new website from the Citizens Information Board and the Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS), [keepingyourhome.ie](http://keepingyourhome.ie), provides comprehensive information on the services and entitlements available.

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# Maynooth Golf Society

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**Eddie Kavanagh Cup**

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Millicent Golf Club was the venue for the Eddie Kavanagh Memorial Cup one of the Maynooth Golf Society most sought after trophies. 38 members and visitors played this very challenging course on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April. Weather conditions were sunny and the first signs of summer were evident.

	RESULT SHEET	
1st Prize	Brendan Bean	37pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Paddy Foy	35pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Ross Tobin	34pts B6
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Tom Coffey	34pts B6
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Norman Kavanagh	34pts B9
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Tim Mullane	34pts B6
7 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Johnny Thompson	34pts
Front 9	John Carroll	19pts B3
Back 9	Mick Fahy	19pts
Visitors	Francis Reilly	35pts
Nearest the Pin	Marty Maguire	
2's Club	Pat Carr, Garry Moffatt	

The winner on the day was Brendan Bean with a score of 37 Stableford points closely followed by our President Paddy Foy with 35 points. All of the next 5 prize winners had a score of 34 points but new member Ross Tobin was third on a count back, fourth place was Tom Coffey, fifth Norman Kavanagh, sixth Tim Mullane and seventh Johnny Thompson .

A big welcome to all our new members of the society, our next outing is to Mount Wolseley/Carlow on the 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> May.

**For those interested in joining Maynooth Golf Society please contact any committee member.**

We would like to thank our sponsors for this outing **Bronagh and Kevin Donovan** for his generous sponsorship of the Eddie Kavanagh Cup.

**Next venue : Weekend away Mount Wolsley/Carlow 21/22 May.**



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# Maynooth Tidy Towns

## ***Tidy Towns welcomes Maynooth's litter pilot***

Kildare County Council is to undertake a "pilot project" in Maynooth in regard to the way it deals with litter outside commercial premises. Under the Litter Acts the owner of commercial premises has responsibilities in terms of keeping the immediate area outside the premises free from litter or face a potential fine under the act. Now the council want to change the emphasis to one where they will encourage property owners to do this.

Maynooth Tidy Towns welcomes this initiative because of the unique nature of the town which has a large number of young pedestrians. The presence of the National University of Ireland, Maynooth, brings a larger younger population than any other town in Ireland and while we are not stating that students litter more than anyone else, we feel that the choice of Maynooth is a good one. We believe that most businesses would be happy to clean up outside their premises but perhaps it might be asking too much for them to have to put the litter with their own normal waste, thus meaning that they would have to pay to have the litter they collected taken away.

Proposing the new approach local Councillor, John McGinley pointed out that the council is spending €1.5m annually on litter control and if this initiative is a success it would mean that some of this funding could be used for other purposes that would be more beneficial. County Manager, Michael Malone has asked Kildare's Environmental Awareness Officer to draw up proposals for approval by the council's area committee.

## ***Maynooth Tidy Towns promoted WEEE Ireland collection***

If there was anything with a plug on the end of it that you wanted to dispose of safely, well Saturday 17th April was your opportunity. WEEE Ireland supported by Tesco Ireland were making their annual visit to Maynooth and were accepting any household items such as video players, dishwashers, tv's, power tools, kettles, in fact anything that has an electric plug or a battery. If you missed it check out [www.recyclefree.ie](http://www.recyclefree.ie) for more information on other WEEE Ireland collections in Kildare in 2010. Maynooth Tidy Towns published details of the event in local newspapers, KFM Radio and put up leaflets in a number of shops and in next month's Maynooth Newsletter we will publish the details of the quantity of waste that was collected.

## ***Maynooth Tidy Towns Annual Collection 2010.***

Will take place from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May at the church gate and a number of local shops in Maynooth. Please note that all collectors will carry official permits which will be available to check. As usual we greatly appreciate your support and assure you that all the funds collected are spent on our many projects to help maintain and improve Maynooth's environment.

## ***Carton Park Roundabout is complete***

Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee members are never put off by a big project and the latest one that they tackled was the revamping of the very busy roundabout at the entrance to Carton Park Shopping complex. The original work was done by a contractor a number of years ago and the area required ongoing maintenance because the verge was a narrow grass strip.

Tidy Towns' member Sean Cushen was project leader and the plan was to maximise the potential of this important focal point as one enters the town from Leixlip. Also it was essential to minimise the maintenance work going forward for this small local committee.

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# Maynooth Tidy Towns

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Nearby the local McDonald's Restaurant Manager, Velemir Bachin who was passing the site everyday also felt that this area needed an upgrade and he approached the Tidy Towns with the offer of support. With the funds secured for the materials the next step was to get the equipment to undertake the work. Regular Maynooth Tidy Towns' supporter Jason Dunne from Dowdstown Developments came up with the mini-digger and van. After an estimated thirty hours of voluntary labour from the committee the job was completed.

The story doesn't end there as McDonald's have promised to help keep the area litter free.



***Pictured from left are tidy towns members: Ray Murphy, Paul Croghan, Mattie Callaghan, Elizabeth Callaghan, Eilish Cushen and John Kavanagh***

**Paul Croghan  
Vice-Chair  
Maynooth Tidy Towns**

# Puzzles-Sudoku

Easy

4			2	9		8		6
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8		4			6	2		
3	6		7		4		8	
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Medium

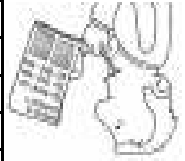
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		9		1				3

Difficult

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

Super Difficult


Solutions



Easy

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

Medium

9	2	3	8	5	7	1	4	6
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Difficult

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

Super-Difficult

1	7	5	2	6	9	8	3	4
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8	5	4	9	1	7	3	6	2
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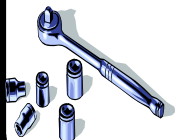
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# Tasty Recipes

## Warm salad of spring vegetables with griddled lamb

### Ingredients:

1 bunch asparagus , trimmed and sliced  
140g frozen peas,  
140g frozen broad beans,  
3 tomatoes  
6 tbsp olive oil  
1 tbsp coriander seeds  
2 tbsp red wine vinegar  
handful tarragon leaves  
handful mint leaves  
6 large lamb chops



### Method:

1. Get a bowl of iced water at the ready and bring a large pan of salted water to the boil. Cook the asparagus in the water for 3 mins, then scoop into the iced water with a slotted spoon. Cook the peas for 2 mins, then place in the iced water. Cook the broad beans for another 2 mins, pop into the iced water, then remove them from their skins. Cut a cross in the bottom of each tomato, then blanch in boiling water for about 10 secs before placing in iced water. Peel, quarter and deseed the tomatoes and cut the flesh into small chunks.
2. Heat the oil and coriander seeds gently in a small saucepan, then take off the heat and stir through all the veg and the vinegar. Season with salt and pepper, and stir through the tarragon and mint.
3. Heat a large griddle pan or barbecue. Season the lamb with salt and pepper, and cook for 4 mins on each side for medium, or 6 mins for well done. Serve each lamb chop with the vegetable dressing.

## Chicory & orange salad with ginger dressing

Ingredients:	
For the Dressing	For the Salad
2 tsp finely grated fresh root ginger	3 oranges
1 garlic clove , crushed	2 large heads of chicory
1 tsp Dijon mustard	50g bag lettuce
½ tsp finely grated orange zest plus 2 tbsp orange juice	85g bag watercress , large stalks removed
3 tbsp lemon juice	
2 tsp clear honey	
100ml groundnut oil	

### Method

- Shake all the dressing ingredients together in a jar. Season and chill.
- Peel and deseed the orange. Cut the segments from the membrane and chill.
- Slice the chicory in half diagonally so you get loose leaves and a solid stalk end. The leaves will be easy to separate, thinly slice the stalks, add the orange, lettuce, and watercress. Chill until needed.
- To serve, toss in the dressing.

## Lemon chicken

### Ingredients

- 1 large quartered chicken
- 8 slices lemon
- 2 tablespoons black peppercorns
- Juice of 2 lemons
- 3 sprigs of rosemary, leaves removed from stalks
- 6 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 tablespoon of coarse sea salt
- 4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Rocket and parmesan salad to serve
- Method



1. Remove and discard the elastic holding each chicken, turn the chicken over, breast side down, and cut along just to the side of the backbone with a pair of strong kitchen scissors to open out the bird. Cut along the other side of the backbone to neaten that edge. Open out the bird, breast side up and press down onto the bird with the ball of your hand to flatten and butterfly. This process is also known as spatchcock. Wash and pat-dry the birds on kitchen paper. Take two slices of lemon and insert under the skin of each chicken.

2. Next, crush the peppercorns with a pestle and mortar or a bowl and end of a rolling pin will do. Add the rosemary leaves, garlic and sea salt and crush again with the peppercorns, then add the lemon juice and olive oil. Rub all over the chickens, cover and leave to marinate.

3. Cook on the barbeque for 45 minutes, turning occasionally. Make sure your bbq is not too hot as it will only burn the chicken and the inside will be raw! Serve with a rocket and parmesan salad.

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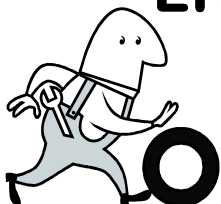
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# Maynooth Post Primary School.

## *Green Schools Energy Flag*

On Tuesday March 23rd Maynooth Post Primary School unveiled its new Green School's Energy Flag. This is the second flag the school has been awarded as part of the An Taisce Green School's Programme. It is a great success for the Green School's Committee of Transition Year Students, led by teacher Elaine McKeown. The event included speeches by Transition Year Student, Kevin Peelo. Former members of The Green School's Committee also spoke. Guests included a representative from the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee. Guest of honour was former Mayor of Kildare, local councillor and former Principal of Maynooth Post Primary School Mr. Senan Griffin.

The award of the flag was made based on Energy conservation in the school. A "Turn off the lights" campaign was supported by the formation of a "Shutdown Countdown" for each classroom. This was a five step guide to shutting down the school's power efficiently at the end of each day. In the last year the school has been completely insulated and double glazing has been installed to prevent heat loss. 2920 litres of waste is recycled each week. Regular monitoring of electricity usage and school wide awareness has added to the programme. Four Cherry Blossom trees have also been planted as a way to offset our carbon emissions.



***Johnny Nevin (School Principal),  
Elaine McKeown (Teacher).***



***Elaine McKeown, Cllr. Senan Griffin,  
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## May Day

The first day of the month of May is known as May Day. It is the time of year when warmer weather begins and flowers and trees start to blossom. It is said to be a time of love and romance. It is when people celebrate the coming of summer with lots of different customs that are expressions of joy and hope after a long winter (and boy did we have a long one this year).

We celebrate our May Day holiday on the first Monday of the month. This Monday is a bank holiday in Ireland, a day off school and work.

**Gemstone : Emerald**

**Flower : Lily of the Valley**

# Maynooth Post Primary School.

## Opening of New Library

The official opening of the Maynooth Post Primary Library took place on Wednesday 24th March. Guest of honour Tom Mc Caughran cut the ribbon. Former RTE security correspondent and currently an Irish Times Journalist and Children's author was an apt guest for a literary event. The school is delighted to now have a fully functioning and lending library. The school would like to thank the staff in the NUI Maynooth Library who assisted with the training of the library staff. The School would also like to thank the Parents Association in particular for all their assistance and funding without which the library would not have been possible.



***Áine Ní Chatháin, Mikeala McDonnell.***



***Tom McCaughran (Author).***



***Theresa Murray (Board of Management),  
Tom McCaughran (Writer), Cllr. Senan Griffin,  
Gerry Quinn (Board of Management),  
Johnny Nevin (School Principal).***



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Regina Richardson (NUI Library Maynooth).***



## Maynooth Post Primary School.



### "Stars in Yer Eyes"

"Schools Stars in Yer Eyes" came to Maynooth Post Primary School on Thursday 25th March. Twelve acts took to the stage, representing students from all years in the school. The talent ranged from Bobby Darren to Cher to current favorites The Saturdays and Lily Allen. An electric atmosphere filled the school assembly hall for the evening. The competition was extremely tight on the night but the audience vote went to Nicole Lambe of 6th year who performed a song from the Broadway musical "Wicked".

Nicole will now represent Maynooth PP in the final of "Stars in Yer Eyes" in the Hazel Hotel, Monasterevin in late April. Also through to final were the Back Street Boys, the hunks from Transition Year.

**Well done to all involved and thanks to Ms.O'Connell for all her hard work organising the event.**



*Chloe Doyle (Leona Lewis).*



*Jessica Hackett (Cher).*

## St.Patricks Day Parade.

On March 17<sup>th</sup> Maynooth Post Primary School participated in the Maynooth Parade for our very first time. We had a fantastic time. Our float was based on our school musical "Joseph". We also had students from sports teams, Green Schools, Science, The Student Council and more. To make the day even better we won a trophy for all our hard work. Well done to Ms O'Connell and her team.

## Basketball.

Our Basket ball girls teams have had great success in recent weeks. First Years won the Dublin final in the Tallaght Arena. Well done to Ms. Cushen and Ms. Murphy and their girls.

## "Driving Awareness".

There is plenty more planned for the rest of the year. Transition Year students will be attending a "Driving Awareness" day and on April 26<sup>th</sup> will learn how to sail in Dun Laoighaire Sailing School. They will also be attending a TV Production Day and will have their end of year mystery trip. Sports teams continue to train and compete. Meanwhile there is a real focus on study for all our exam classes. Good luck to all who are preparing for leaving cert and junior cert.



## Our National Flag – protocol

Over the last number of weeks, the issue of how to treat our national flag has been mentioned on radio shows and it was raised at the AGM of the Community Council in Maynooth. I was asked to look at the topic and to write an article to help people **with the protocol regarding the flag**. This was made very easy for me as there is a full document on the flag to be found on the Taoiseach's website and this was mentioned on the Joe Duffy show. So that was where my search began. There are a number of topics covered, including the history of the flag, guidelines, design, display, placing and precedence, how and when to hoist and lower the flag, the salute, what to do when it wears out, respect for the flag, when the flag is flown and what not to do. This is followed by 'further advice'.

Proportion	=	2:1
Each colour	=	1/3 width
Colours:		
Green	=	PMS 347
White		
Orange	=	PMS 151

In recent years, flags of different nationalities are flown in strange places – for example in front of apartment complexes abroad to indicate the nationalities who normally stay there. But the Union Jack in particular can be found on swimming trunks, mugs, towels, T-shirts etc. This is now being followed by similar use of the Irish flag. It is a question for us all if we find this use of the flag acceptable at one level but there is no doubt as to the official protocol – these uses are unacceptable and should be avoided.

The 1937 Constitution, article 7 formally recognizes the present National Flag and says: 'The national flag is the tricolour of green, white and orange'. But this was not the original flag that was used during the previous century although it was flown during the 1916 Rising and this is how it became the banner of the new Ireland. It was used from 1922 until its formal recognition. Originally, the flag was a green one with a harp and this went back as far as Eoin Rua Ó Néill in the 1640s. From 1848, the tricolour is mentioned. But the green flag was the one most used until 1916. Until then there were different arrangements of colours as well. The proportions of the flag and the arrangements of the colours are clearly laid out in the protocol as well as the display and where it is placed. No other flag should be placed higher than it, and the national flag should be given the place of honour when shown with others. There are also strict guidelines as to where it should be placed when there are a series of flags involved and only one national flag should be displayed. When displayed on a platform the national flag should be above and behind the speaker's desk. While being carried the national flag should only be dipped to commemorate the dead during memorial ceremonies. When the national anthem is being played, people should face the flag, salute and remain like that until the anthem is over. A worn out flag should not be displayed.

The flag can be used as a lapel button, rosette or part of a table centerpiece. It should be taken down every night and hoisted again in the morning, it should not be left up permanently or overnight. The hours of sunrise and sunset are specified for each period of the year. There are specific times when the flag is flown and it is normal to have it at military post and certain State buildings.

### What not to do

The flag should not cover a speaker's desk or be draped over the platform when displayed on a platform. It should never have logos, pictures or letters on it. It should not be draped on cars, trains or boats, it should never be carried flat except when on a coffin, the green should be at the head of the coffin. It should never touch the ground, trail in water or be allowed to catch in trees etc. When the flag is at half-mast – no other flag should be at half-mast.

[http://www.taoiseach.gov.ie/eng/Youth\\_Zone/About\\_the\\_Constitution\\_Flag\\_Anthem\\_Harp/National\\_Flag.html](http://www.taoiseach.gov.ie/eng/Youth_Zone/About_the_Constitution_Flag_Anthem_Harp/National_Flag.html)  
 Hayes-McCoy, G.A., *A history of Irish flags from earliest times* (1979, Dublin).

**(Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin)**

<p><b>Further advice may be had from</b>  <b>The Protocol Section</b>  <b>Department of the Taoiseach</b>  <b>Government Buildings</b>  <b>Upper Merrion Street</b>  <b>Dublin 2</b>  <b>Telephone: (01) 6194000</b></p>	<p><b>E-mail: <a href="mailto:protocol@taoiseach.irlgov.ie">protocol@taoiseach.irlgov.ie</a></b>  <b>Fax: (01) 6789791</b>  <b>This booklet is available on the Government website.</b>  <b>ISBN 0-7-76-9101-X</b></p>
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Further Information from Dr. Bob McCormack at the DARA Community Support Programme on 01 6271484.

DARA Community Support Programme,  
8 The Avenue, Castletown,  
Celbridge, Co. Kildare.  
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# Maynooth Cycling Campaign

## News and Commentary

**B**ike Week 2010 is fast approaching. It runs from 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June. Maynooth Cycling is organising a series of events to mark the week. Full details will shortly be available on our website <http://www.thphys.nuim.ie/cycling/> or on the Bike Week 2010 website <http://www.http://bikeweek.ie/>.



We all know that Ireland is in the midst of a deep recession and that the public coffers are empty. We also know that speeding on the roads is a leading cause of serious accidents. It is also the main reason given by parents for not allowing their children to cycle.

Why does the government not impose **draconian fines** on motorists who show a flagrant disregard for the safety of others, at a time when it has chosen to cut back expenditure on education, hospitals and unemployment benefits?

Targeting speeding motorists would not be a long term strategy – it is hoped that the Irish driving culture of speeding would quickly peak and thereafter decline.

It should be noted that road accident injuries impose a heavy burden on our over-stretched A & E, intensive care, neurology and rehab services. So a dramatic improvement in road safety, as well as avoiding tragedy and improving our quality of life, would supply immediate financial savings to the country.

**John Murray (Secretary) Maynooth Cycling Campaign Tel: 0864000881**

## Clubs, Organisations & Societies

### MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

#### **Off to the All Irelands**

#### **The Table Tennis Team under 13 Boys**

#### **Aisling Coakley Art**

**T**he Table Tennis Team Boys under 13 headed off to St. Fiaca's School in Carlow on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March for the Leinster championships.

Maynooth East beat Westmeath's Devlin in the Semi Final 4 to 0 and outclassed Bannow/ Ballymitty from Wexford 4 to 1 in the final.

Well done boys Shane Hurley, Evin McGovern, Donie Mullally and Alex McGovern.

Congratulations to all the team coached by Conor Mullally and managed by Jacqui Mullally. This is a very dedicated team and so dedicated that one of the boys changed his flight going on holidays for Easter, to play in the Leinsters.

Aisling Coakley came out on top in the Kildare Finals winning a gold medal in Art.

Well done Aisling.

**Good luck to all in the All Irelands in Athlone in May.**



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# Horoscopes



**ARIES—March 21—April 20**

Away from career responsibilities, new friendships will offer an opportunity to involve yourself in an interesting project. This will help divert your thoughts from earlier problems and frustrations. An older relative will offer some advice you should carefully consider. Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 7, Colour Green.



**TAURUS—April 21—May 21**

Trust in your judgement; don't let other people divert you away from what you feel is the right course of action. Although some relationships will be tense for a wee while, you do have the potential to gain on a grand scale, as long as you stick with your original intentions. Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 2, Colour Blue.



**GEMINI—May 22—June 22**

This year is marked by strong emotional chemistry. You approach your endeavours with passion and embrace what comes. A rush of romance through May and June is followed by a surge of creativity. Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 5, Colour Red.



**CANCER—June 23—July 23**

If there are young people close by there is some mischief in the air. A youngster is pushing the boundaries and testing your patience with their bad behaviour. The best thing you can do is let everything flow over you without reacting. Your lucky day is Monday, Number 15, Colour Purple.



**LEO—July 24—August 23**

Organising your time can be a problem when everyone wants a slice of it. On top of this, minor complications in a friend or neighbour's life could knock your own plans into a cocked hat. Your lucky day is Friday, Number 34, Colour Silver.



**Virgo—August 24—Sept 23**

You have a lot of things in common with the people you're spending the day with. It will be a joy to work with colleagues and staff who are always on your wavelength. The harmony you share makes you wish you and a loved one who have recently fallen out could find a way to get on better. Your lucky day is Wednesday, Number 19, Colour Violet.



**LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23**

Even if you are a little suspicious about the motives behind an invitation, it is still worth your consideration. It could be to your mutual benefit to listen to what a friend or workmate has to say. Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 22, Colour Cream.



**SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22**

You might look forward to sharing the company of someone you don't see very often. Sharing old memories will be a positive experience in that it will make you realise how far you have come over the years. Your lucky day is Thursday, Number 27, Colour Midnight Blue.



**SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21**

A new understanding will buy you some extra time if you are working to a deadline. People in positions of power aren't as unyielding as you expected them to be. Your lucky day is Monday, Number 55, Colour Salmon.



**CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20**

A friend who owes you a debt wanders into your field of view just when you need them the most. Good luck is meant to be used, so jump on the opportunity and let them help you as only they can. Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 8, Colour White.



**AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19**

Your impulsive side is making you a little crazy, but not in a scary way. The worst that is likely to happen is that you end up paying more than you should for something you don't really need. Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 16, Colour Petrol Blue.



**PISCES—Feb 20—March 20**

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"Bealtaine" Tea-dance  
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Sunday 16th May in the GAA Club.

## University of Third Age

April's meetings Friday 7th & 21st  
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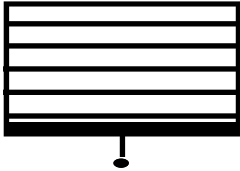


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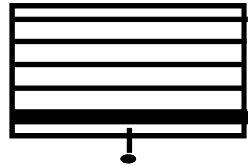
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### *Bed in Summer*

*In winter I get up at night  
And dress by yellow  
candle-light.*

*In summer quite the other way,  
I have to go to bed by day.*

*I have to go to bed and see  
The birds still hopping on the tree,  
Or hear the grown-up people's feet  
Still going past me in the street.*

*And does it not seem hard to you,  
When all the sky is clear and blue,  
And I should like so much to play,  
To have to go to bed by day?*

*by Robert Louis Stevenson*

### *The Lost Heifer*

*When the black herds of the rain were  
grazing,  
In the gap of the pure cold wind  
And the watery hazes of the hazel  
Brought her into my mind,  
I thought of the last honey by the water  
That no hive can find.*

*Brightness was drenching through the  
branches  
When she wandered again,  
Turning sliver out of dark grasses  
Where the skylark had lain,  
And her voice coming softly over the  
meadow  
Was the mist becoming rain.*

*by Austin Clarke*



### *The Black Lace Fan My Mother Gave Me*

*It was the first gift he ever gave  
her,  
buying it for five five francs  
in the Galeries  
in pre-war Paris. It was stifling.  
A starless drought made the nights stormy.*

*They stayed in the city for the summer.  
The met in cafes. She was always early.  
He was late. That evening he was later.  
They wrapped the fan. He looked at his watch.*

*She looked down the Boulevard des Capucines.  
She ordered more coffee. She stood up.  
The streets were emptying. The heat was killing.  
She thought the distance smelled of rain and  
lightning.*

*These are wild roses, appliqued on silk by hand,  
darkly picked, stitched boldly, quickly.  
The rest is tortoiseshell and has the reticent  
clear patience  
of its element. It is  
a worn-out, underwater bullion and it keeps,  
even now, an inference of its violation.  
The lace is overcast as if the weather  
it opened for and offset had entered it.*

*The past is an empty cafe terrace.  
An airless dusk before thunder. A man running.  
And no way to know what happened then—  
none at all—unless, of course, you improvise:*

*The blackbird on this first sultry morning,  
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feels the heat. Suddenly she puts out her wing—  
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*by Eavan Boland*



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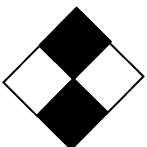
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**Well done to all concerned.**



*Eiron Cross, Lisa Sexton, Orlaith Elliott, Kate Jordan, Hannah Byrne, Saoirse Gillmore*



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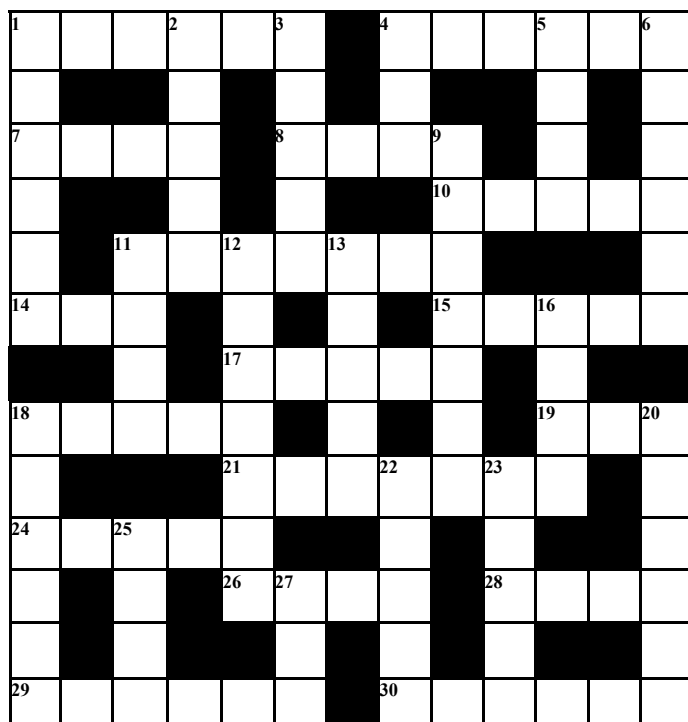
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## Across.

1. Not very much (6)
4. Angel (6)
7. Suffer (4)
8. Tatters (4)
10. Perform (5)
11. Fiendish (7)
14. Golf Peg (3)
15. Customary practice (5)
17. Purvey food (5)
18. Scour (5)
19. Mischievous child (3)
21. Spiny anteater (7)
24. Strength (5)
26. Jimmy \_ \_ \_ football presenter (4)
28. Blood vessel (4)
29. Sell (6)
30. Tell (6)

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## Down.

1. Capitate (6)
2. Devour greedily (5)
3. Trunk (5)
4. Tooth (3)
5. Famous acting academy (1. 1. 1. 1.)
6. Baby's shoe (6)
9. Fastened (7)
11. The \_ \_ \_ \_ Hunter film (4)
12. Shakespearean tragedy (7)
13. Small groove (5)
16. Continent (4)
18. Cook gently (6)
20. Royal personage (6)
22. Lounger (5)
23. Maritime (5)
25. Horned animal (4)
27. Unwell (3)

## Solutions to Crossword No. 87.

Across: 1. Delegation, 8. Useless, 9. Lasso, 10. Sage, 11. Lion, 12. Toe, 14. Afraid, 15. Repair, 18. Tap, 20. Greg, 21. Stan, 23. Alien, 24. Apricot, 25. Remarkable.  
Down: 1. Dredger, 2. Leek, 3. Gossip, 4. Talented, 5. Onset, 6. Substantial, 7. Pomegranate, 13. Virginia, 16. Attache, 17. Remark, 19. Price, 22. Grub.



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### Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

#### **Cllr. McGinley Secures Pilot Scheme for Maynooth on Tackling Litter**

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of Kildare County Council at it's monthly meeting:

*"That this Council writes to all businesses advising them of their obligations under the litter laws and that in the event of non compliance that prosecution will follow."*

John's motion got a very good airing at the Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> April with the debate lasting around half an hour. He pointed out that the Council spends €1.5m annually on litter control and that if business people met their obligations under The Litter Laws this money would be available for use elsewhere. If all of the business people adopted the approach that McDonalds have taken with Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee we would be well on the way to solving our chronic litter problem.

Cllr. McGinley proposed that the County Council carry out a Pilot Scheme with the business people in Maynooth, using the carrot rather than the stick approach, to get them to buy in to litter management outside their premises (as they are obliged to do by law). The County Manager agreed to John's proposal and he has asked the Council's Environmental Awareness Officer to draw up proposals for the approval of the Celbridge Area Committee.

#### **Cllr. McGinley Seeks Clean up and Safety Measures for Carton Avenue**

Cllr. McGinley asked the Council to remove the suckers from the lime trees and also submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

*"That measures be taken to clean up Carton Avenue, Maynooth and that the illegal late night drinking be stopped through occasional patrols by Gardai and the prosecution of offenders."*

#### **Council Officials replied as follows:**

*"A clean up of the litter in Carton Avenue was carried out on 16/17 March and litter will be monitored on an ongoing basis in the future. In addition quotations will be sought as part of the annual tree pruning works to attend to the suckers on the Lime trees. The implementation of this work may have to be done on a phased basis depending on the overall cost of the work and the finance available to carry it out. The matter of antisocial behaviour will be referred to the local Gardai for attention"*

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

Council Officials advised Cllr. John McGinley at the March Area Meeting as follows:

*"Allotment holders will be encouraged to use water butts on the site and we will liase with our colleagues in the Environment Department about availability. However water butts alone will not provide all the water needed and*

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*therefore this will have to be supplemented with a water connection."*

Cllr. McGinley stated that owners of allotments at Carton Avenue would be prepared initially to start off without a water supply as it would only be needed in very dry weather.

John further stated that it would not be very difficult to lay a wavin pipe for water along Carton Avenue to the allotments field. Also the cost of setting up allotments in Maynooth would be 10% of the cost of the €65,000 proposed for Leixlip as parking was already available at Maynooth (TESCO across the road is free for three hours).

## **Cllr. McGinley Gets Safety Improvements for O'Neill Park:**

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion to the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council at the request of the Secretary of O'Neill Park Residents Association:

*"That double yellow lines be painted at the large concrete projection between O'Neill Park and the bus stop (opposite Tesco) in order to prevent cars from parking there and thereby causing a blind spot for drivers emerging from O'Neill Park."*

The Council agreed to John's motion. In order for double yellow lines to be enforceable a drawing of the placement of the yellow lines must be sent to the Garda Commissioner and approval received in writing before any yellow lines can be put in place. John believes that the Gardai will have no problem approving the yellow lines.

## **Update on Cllr. McGinley's Proposal to Ban HGV from Straffan Village**

The results of the traffic count were presented to the members at the March Area Meeting. Michael Kane stated that the movement was 5.2% (300 HGV's per day) and that up to 14% was acceptable. Cllr. McGinley stated that over 300 HGV's per day going through a small village like Straffan was intolerable and that the Council proceed with banning them.

## **CE 02/03/2010 Draft Maynooth Traffic Management Plan**

Council Officials presented the members with a report on the Draft Maynooth Traffic Management Plan. Cllr. McGinley proposed a number changes to the plan

before it goes on public display for 6 weeks. He further asked that Council Officials hold a public meeting in Maynooth so that the public will have a chance to discuss the Plan. He also asked that the Draft Pay Parking By Laws be available at the public meeting. Council Officials stated that without funding from the National Transport Authority the Traffic Management Plan won't go ahead.

## **Back Lane and Pound Lane Maynooth**

The Celbridge Area Committee considered the following motion submitted by Cllr. McGinley at the March meeting:

*"That road markings be painted at the entrances to Back Lane and Pound Lane, Maynooth, as they are completely faded at present and that the missing No Entry Sign at the entrance to Back Lane be put back on the pole, in the interest of public safety and law enforcement."*

A report from the Transportation Department stated the "No Entry" sign had been replaced and the lining renewed as requested.

Cllr. McGinley stated that only one "No Entry" sign had been replaced. Director Sonya Kavanagh stated she would get the area office to review this.

## **Traffic signals at junction of Meadowbrook Link Rd/Straffan Rd Maynooth**

The Celbridge Area Committee considered the following question submitted by Cllr. McGinley at the March meeting:

*"When are the traffic signals going to be installed at the junction of the Meadowbrook Link Road/Straffan Road, Maynooth?"*

A report from the Transportation Department stated that unfortunately, there was no funding available for the installation of new traffic signals by Kildare County Council.

Conditions number 41 and 42 of planning register reference 08 / 2174 (GRANTED on 10/08/09) required the developer to signalise the junction of the Meadowbrook Link road and the Straffan Road.

Condition number 22 of An Bord Pleanala decision on planning register reference 08 / 1274 (ABP ref 09.234521) GRANTED on 25/11/09 required the developer to pay a financial contribution to the local authority to improve safety at the Meadowbrook Link Road and the Straffan Road.



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Neither development has commenced as yet Cllr. McGinley stated that he had raised this issue before and requested that the developer be asked to carry out these works.

It was agreed that the developer be asked to carry out the works as required by the planning permission as a matter of urgency.

### **KILDARE LOCAL AUTHORITIES HOUSING BUDGETS SLASHED BY A FURTHER 46% IN 2010**

Deputy Emmet Stagg has reacted angrily to news that a further cut has been imposed in 2010 of 46% in Kildare Local Authority Housing allocations for 2010.

This follows on from a cut of 25% in 2009 stated Deputy Stagg and effectively stalls the Council Housing Programme where we have nearly 4,000 families waiting on housing.

In overall terms covering all of the programmes such as Council Building, the Capital Assistance Scheme, Rental Accommodation Scheme, Improvement works to Housing Stock, the following shows the dramatic fall in allocations to the 3 Kildare Local Authorities:

2008	ALLOCATION	€66,200,000
2009	ALLOCATION	€49,915,000
2010	ALLOCATION	€27,065,000

Deputy Stagg stated that since 2008 the Allocation of funding for Social Housing had been cut by 44% in the State down from €1.5 Billion in 2008 to €852 Million in 2010. Kildare Local Authorities on the other hand had seen a cut imposed of 59%.

The draconian cuts imposed by the Government will severely impact on those unable to provide their own housing accommodation and does nothing to assist workers in the building industry where many completed homes lie idle which could have been acquired for Local Authority Housing at competitive prices thus injecting funding into the building industry. The priorities of this Government remain at the bailing out of the Banks and Developers with no attempt to create employment or deal with the acute housing needs of low income families.

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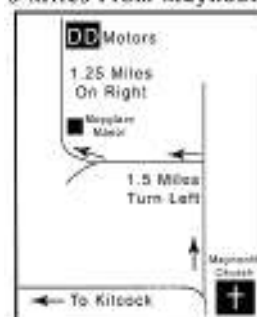
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### **Some 100,000 jobs supported under Government Employment Subsidy Scheme – Fitzpatrick**

Some 100,000 jobs will be supported under the Government's Employment Subsidy Scheme, according to Kildare North Fianna Fail TD and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick as the second round of successful applicants are about to be notified.

"The Employment Subsidy Scheme can be availed by companies employing 10 or more full time staff that can identify a number of full or part time jobs at risk due to the current economic downturn."

"The maximum full time subsidy is €9,100. The maximum part time subsidy is 70% of the full time subsidy €6,370."

"The scheme runs for 52 weeks from the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November 2009 to the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2010."

"Employment subsidies of up to €200 per week per full time employee and €120 per part time employee are available for the first 26 weeks and then on a reducing scale up to a maximum amount of €500,000."

"Companies who are participating in the Scheme must commit to maintaining a multiple of the number of jobs that are covered by the employment subsidies."

"A further 1,213 companies are to be supported under the Employment Subsidy Scheme as part of the second call of the Scheme. This is a very important development and shows that the Government is serious about helping people to stay in work and support employment."

"A total of 1,670 companies, eligible for support, will now benefit from subsidies under the Scheme, which will allow them to keep on staff they otherwise may have had to let go."

"An investment of more than €133 million between last year and this year is being used to sustain the Scheme, to protect vulnerable jobs and to keep people in the work place."

"Companies that have been successful in securing support as part of the second call of the Scheme will be formally notified by Enterprise Ireland in the coming week," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

### **Minister imposes commitment to SMEs as measures to stabilise banking sector outlined – Fitzpatrick**

Fianna Fail TD for Kildare North and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed the news that the Minister for Finance is imposing specific lending targets for SMEs on the AIB and Bank of Ireland as the measures to recapitalise the banks and transfer loans to NAMA is announced.

"The provision of credit to viable businesses has been a very serious concern for this Government. Local businesses, particularly SMEs are vital local employers and have an essential role to play in our economic recovery."

"In recent times SMEs have seen their credit dry up and found it increasingly difficult to secure loans from their banks. It is essential that viable businesses are supported and the banks need to lend more."

"As part of his solution to stabilise the banking sector, the Minister for Finance has imposed lending targets on

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AIB and Bank of Ireland. Both banks will have to lend not less than €3 billion each for new or increased credit facilities to SMEs in both 2010 and 2011."

"Both banks will also have to make €20 million each for Seed Capital to Enterprise Ireland supported ventures and will each set up a fund of up to €100 million for Environmental, Clean Energy and Innovation projects."

"The banks will also be required to commit resources to work with Enterprise Ireland and the Irish Banking Federation to develop expertise in modern growth sectors and develop new credit products where cashflow is the basis for lending rather than property."

"AIB and Bank of Ireland need to submit their plans for lending to the Government's Credit Reviewer. These plans need to take into account a geographic and sectoral balance and will be submitted within 6 weeks to ensure a speedy commencement of lending to hard pressed businesses."

"It is only right that banks who will benefit from recapitalisation play their part in supporting SMEs, fuelling the economy and creating employment," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

### **Boost for Kildare farmers with EU approval of Agri-Environment Scheme – Fitzpatrick**

There is good news for Kildare farmers as the Government's Agri-Environment Options Scheme (AEOS) has been given EU approval according to local Fianna Fail TD Michael Fitzpatrick.

"The REPS 4 scheme that many Kildare farmers availed of was closed last year on very necessary budgetary grounds."

"I was keen that something should replace the Scheme and the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Brendan Smith TD announced that an alternative scheme would be put in place."

"This alternative scheme which is called the Agri-Environment Options Scheme and it has just received EU approval from the EU Rural Development Management Committee."

"Funding of €50 million for up to 10,000 participants has been approved for the 2010 scheme that will be paid in 2011."

"The new Scheme will focus on the areas of

biodiversity, water management and climate change."

"The Scheme will offer a variety of measures that farmers can choose from provided they complement the environmental profile of their farm. In order to make the Scheme accessible to as many farmers as possible, many of the measures are similar to those covered by REPS."

"Details on the operation of the new Scheme are currently being finalised and it will be launched pending the approval of the EU Commission that is expected within the next few weeks."

"The Minister is keen to make the Scheme as accessible, simple and cost effective for farmers. To this end it is envisioned that it will be possible for applicants to draw-up plans and submit applications without the need for a professional planner in many cases. A simple plan, which should cost significantly less than the cost of a REPS plans will only be required for Natural land and non-Natura Commonage."

"Following the launch of the Scheme it will be open for applications until 15 May 2010 and following eligibility checks, approvals for a 5 year contractual period will be issued."

"I look forward to the commencement of the Scheme and hope that Kildare farmers will be able to benefit. Supporting farm families and the rural economy is a real priority for this Government," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

### **Fitzpatrick encourages proposals for the Labour Market Activation Fund**

Fianna Fail TD for Kildare North and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick TD has encouraged local submission of proposals to the Labour Market Activation Fund.

"The Labour Activation Fund has been launched by the Tanaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Mary Coughlan TD."

"The Fund, to which the Government has allocated €20 million, is designed to provide training and upskilling for those who are currently seeking work."

"Any training or education provider in the private, community or voluntary sector can apply and it is targeted towards approximately 3,500 jobseekers."

"These training and education places are in addition

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to the 145,000 places that are currently funded through the Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment."

"The Fund will specifically target those who have become unemployed due to their sector declining such as construction, retail or manufacturing workers. The under 35s and the long-term unemployed will also be targeted."

"There will also be a focus on those who have very low levels of education to allow them to do their Leaving Certificate."

"Losing a job can have a devastating effect and especially when the work environment is changing, it is important that we support people in gaining back their confidence if they have lost it and increase their skills and education to be able to move into a different sector if necessary."

"Any training or education providers can apply to the Labour Market Activation Fund with their proposal. The tenders need to be returned to the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment by Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2010. It is expected that contracts will be awarded by the end of April. Further information can be found at [www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie)."

"This scheme will potentially bring revenue into other training agencies in Kildare. I am pleased that community and voluntary organisations will be able to tender for the work as well as private and public educators as this will increase the training and upskilling options open to local people. I would urge any local organisation or group who think that they might meet the criteria to put forward a proposal to the Fund," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

## **Boost for NUI Maynooth with participation in Competence Centre scheme – Fitzpatrick**

Local Fianna Fail TD and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed the inclusion of NUI Maynooth in the Government's Competence Centre scheme.

"The Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment Mary Coughlan TD has announced the NUI Maynooth is to be included in an innovative new scheme that will boost opportunities for innovation, growth and jobs."

"The Competence Centres will be delivered jointly by

Enterprise Ireland and the IDA."

"The Centres will allow clusters of companies in an area to come together to share research and other information that will allow them to grow their businesses, create new products and services. It is hoped that all of these activities will result in the creation more jobs."

"The Centres will be industry led and will aim to meet the needs of local business and enterprises."

"There will be 180 SMEs and multinational companies working in nine Centres, five of which have now been established."

"The five Centres that have been established will cover Bioenergy & Biorefining, IT Innovation, Applied Nanotechnology, Composite Materials and Microelectronics."

"The four additional Centres will concentrate on Manufacturing Productivity, Energy Efficiency, Financial Services and E-learning. These Centres are at different stages of completion."

"Each centre will be based in a University to deliver the research needs."

"Enterprise Ireland has already allocated €32 million for the initial five Centres and anticipates investing a further €24 million over the next five years."

"It is expected that the Competence Centres will not only bring together and share information but will also transfer commercially viable intellectual property in the form of technology licences, create jobs for engineers, scientists and researchers and increase the levels of R&D in Irish companies and overseas companies based here," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

## **Government Innovation Taskforce Report a blueprint for Jobs - Fitzpatrick**

The publication of the report of the Government Innovation Taskforce is a further step forward in our efforts to ensure Ireland remains a location for quality jobs according to Kildare North Fianna Fail TD and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"The Taskforce wants Ireland to become a Global Innovation Hub, and believes our transformation into such a location could create up to 250,000 new jobs."

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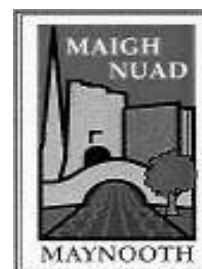
'No one can do everything, but everyone can do something'. With our AGM approaching perhaps now is a good time to consider the above quote. Can we identify one thing we as individuals will do for our group to further enrich it. Generally speaking there is a big gap between what we can do and what we actually do. Now to the present, where there is lots happening. Those of us who unfortunately are staying at home will be eagerly awaiting details and photos of the trip to Áras an Uachtaráin. Hopefully the invitation will be repeated at some future date. Our 'Go for Life' programme has taken off with a rather lively and almost boisterous session. We aim to be trimmed, toned and streamlined, if not for the polka dot bikini at least for the rather chic one-piece. While playing the game of curling, the competitive spirit raised its ugly head again. Helen, can I remind you that it is never nice to gloat over an opponent's misfortune! Don't you believe in Karma?

Of course, we have our very own Dermot O' Neil in Irene. After the harsh weather conditions, listening to her inspirational talk, we could once again, see light at the end of the tunnel! Thank you, Irene.

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"The Report contains many interesting recommendations and I would encourage business interests in Kildare to take time to examine them and see what role they can play in the implementation of the plans."

"The document is wide-ranging and much of what is proposed is worthy of serious consideration. Key plans include

- Transforming the seed, angel and venture capital environment in Ireland
- Introducing a European Accelerator Programme to attract the European HQs of fast-growing private US companies
- Encourage overseas entrepreneurs to come to Ireland to start and grow their companies
- Transform our Intellectual Property (IP) arrangements and make Ireland an International Innovation Services Centre (IISC)
- Use Flagship projects, where public procurement will grow clusters of companies, addressing global needs, with innovative products\services for export
- The education system needs to be better connected to the needs of innovative enterprises, including bonus points for high level maths.

"The publication of the report and the priority which the Government has placed upon it sends out a strong message that Ireland remains open for business."

"I would encourage all those involved in the development of the knowledge economy to examine the full report and executive summary which are available on line at [www.innovationtaskforce.ie](http://www.innovationtaskforce.ie)", concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

## **Businesses to benefit from funding and new Credit Review Office – Fitzpatrick**

Kildare North Fianna Fail TD and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick, has welcomed the establishment of the Credit Review Office, an independent dedicated centre to ensure that the credit system is operating effectively for small and medium-sized businesses. SME's are businesses with less than 250 employees, turnover of less than €50m, and/or a balance sheet value of less than €43m.

"This office is designed to make sure credit flows to viable businesses that are making valid requests to the banks that are being covered by NAMA."

"We need credit to flow to protect jobs."

"The review process will cover cases where credit is refused, reduced or withdrawn; or where an application to restructure credit facilities or debt is refused. It will cover applications for credit of between €1,000 and €250,000."

"It's very important that as many people as possible are aware that this appeals process is in place for businesses. The banks participating in NAMA (AIB, Bank of Ireland, EBS, Anglo Irish Bank and Irish Nationwide Building Society) have been requested to display information in branches highlighting the office and publicise the Credit Review Office in their correspondence and dealings with their customers. It's very important that the banks do this very quickly."

"As well as having access to this new review process the Minister for Finance Brian Lenihan is imposing strict lending targets on AIB and Bank of Ireland to benefit businesses. Each bank will be required to submit SME lending plans both by geography and sector for 2010 and 2011 to the Department of Finance within six weeks. The two banks will make available not less than €3 billion each for new or increased credit facilities. This will maintain and create jobs in SMEs, which are the engine of our economy."

"More information on the functions of the Credit Review Office is available at [www.creditreview.ie](http://www.creditreview.ie) and a dedicated helpline is available for queries on 1850 211 789. The office can also be emailed on [info@creditreview.ie](mailto:info@creditreview.ie)," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.





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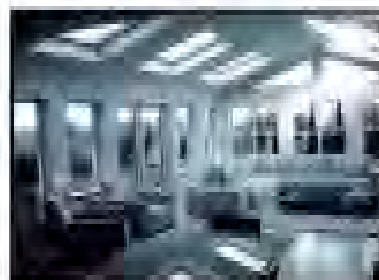


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Áine Brady T.D.

### Kildare Credit Unions get greater freedom to help clients – Minister Brady

Credit Unions in Kildare and throughout the country are to be given more freedom to help people who are under pressure to repay their loans, according to local Fianna Fáil TD and Minister of State at the Department of Health, Áine Brady.

"In recognition of the important role played by credit unions in our communities throughout Kildare and in every county, the Government has decided to loosen the regulations which govern the loans they provide to families and individuals."

"At present each credit union must ensure that only 20% of the loans on their books are for five years or more. However, the Government is now extending that to 30%."

"The move may appear technical but it will allow credit unions to assist people who are facing difficulties in repaying their loans by giving them the space to reduce repayments over a longer period."

"The measure amounts to practical help while at the same time safeguarding the financial future of credit unions so as they can continue to help local people into the future."

"The Government has supported the development needs of credit unions to ensure they continue to provide for the financial, saving and borrowing needs of the communities they serve. Many credit union members are experiencing difficulty in meeting loan repayments due to unfavourable changes in their financial circumstances in the current economic environment."

"Increasing the lending limit for credit unions and formalising arrangements in the area of the rescheduling of loans will facilitate credit unions in their wish to ease the position of these members," concluded Minister Brady.

### Good news for Kildare homeowners as flood relief funding awarded – Minister Brady

There is good news for Kildare homeowners as the Government has awarded over €900,000 to Kildare County Council for flood relief according to local Fianna Fáil TD and Minister of State, Áine Brady.

"Late last year, I saw first-hand the devastation to north Kildare homeowners caused by the unprecedented flooding in the area. The difficulties and expense to homeowners and families was compounded by the fear that something similar could happen again."

"In response to this, the Government has awarded funding of over €900,000 to Kildare County Council for flood relief that will concentrate efforts in the areas that are most at risk."

"As a result funding will be allocated to Butterstream in Clane for the construction of flood relief structures, to Ardclough for the construction and replacement of canal and road crossings, to Confeigh in Leixlip for the upgrade of the culvert and to Newtown in Kilcock for construction of an overflow pipeline."

"It is hoped that these measures will reduce the risk to homeowners and others should we experience such bad weather again."

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"The Office of Public Works co-operated closely with Kildare County Council to identify these schemes and I hope that the work begin as soon as possible," concluded Minister Brady.

Flood Relief Programme 2010			
Local Authority	Project Location	Project Details	Funding Allocation €
Kildare County Council	Butterstream, Clane	Construction of flood relief structures	356,142
	Ardclough	Construction / Replacement of canal & road crossings	306,410
	Confey, Leixlip	Upgrade culvert	66,556
	Newtown, Kilcock	Construct overflow pipeline	237,912
			967,020

### Intel and NUI Maynooth to cooperate on Government Competence Centre – Minister Brady

North Kildare based multinational Intel is to strengthen their links with NUI Maynooth under Government's Competence Centre scheme according to local Fianna Fail TD and Minister of State, Áine Brady.

"The Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment Mary Coughlan TD has announced a new innovative scheme to bring together business, enterprise and universities into designated Competence Centres."

"The Centres will allow clusters of companies in north Kildare and the wider area to come together to share research and other information that will allow them to grow their businesses, create new products and services."

The Maynooth Centre will be the IT Innovation Centre with the assistance and cooperation of Intel and will be delivered jointly by Enterprise Ireland and the IDA."

"The Maynooth Centre will research and develop tools and approaches that can help companies and public sector organisations to improve their IT investment. The Centre will also focus on green computing by researching ways to reduced the energy used by servers and other IT technology."

"The Centre in Maynooth is one of five Centres that have already been established. The other Centres will

cover Bioenergy & Biorefining, Applied Nanotechnology, Composite Materials and Microelectronics."

"Four additional Centres will be planned and will concentrate on Manufacturing Productivity, Energy Efficiency, Financial Services and E-learning. These Centres are at different stages of completion."

"The Centres will be industry led and will aim to meet the needs of local business and enterprises. It is hoped that all of these activities will result in the creation of more jobs. Intel must be commended for their participation in this project and for their commitment to north Kildare," concluded Minister Brady.

### New Working Group on Commercial Rents to address needs of hard pressed retailers – Brady

A new Working Group on Commercial Rents has been established in response to a motion placed before the Fianna Fail Parliamentary Party according to Kildare North Fianna Fail TD and Minister of State Áine Brady.

"A motion was placed before the Fianna Fail Parliamentary Party about the need to address the issue of commercial rates around the country."

"This issue has come to the fore in recent times, particularly with hard pressed retailers who were finding their rents spiralling out of control, forcing many out of business."

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"The Minister for Justice, Dermot Ahern who is responsible for this area brought into law a provision that barred the upward only commercial rent review clause that resulted in hardship for many business owners."

"While this was a welcome move it did not have any effect on current leases and only applied to newly signed leases."

"As a result those who signed leases in recent years had no respite."

"Following the motion to the Parliamentary Party meeting, the Minister for Justice, Dermot Ahern TD confirmed that he is establishing a new Working Group to report to him on the issue of commercial rents and the difficulties being faced by business tenants."

"The Working Group will invite all of the relevant stakeholders to submit their views and I would encourage everyone who can to take part in the process."

"Retailers and other commercial business owners form the heart of any town or village. They are a vital source of local employment and an important part of the local economy so we need to come up with practical measures to support them. I am hopeful that this Working Group will be able to establish some ways of assisting the sector," concluded Minister Brady.

### **€20 million Labour Market Activation Fund welcomed by Brady**

The Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Ms. Mary Coughlan, T.D., informed Local TD and Minister of State at the Department of Health and Children that her Department launched a call for proposals to be funded under the new €20 million Labour Market Activation Fund.

"The Tánaiste has put the €20 million fund in place to stimulate innovation in the provision of training and activation measures for jobseekers. The call for proposals was open to all providers, including those in the public, private, community and voluntary sectors and is targeted at assisting some 3,500 jobseekers this year."

"The establishment of this €20 million Labour Market Activation Fund is about leveraging the market's capacity to deliver substantial training and education

programmes targeting specific priority groups among the unemployed."

"The priority groups the Government have targeted among the unemployed include the low skilled, and those formerly employed in declining sectors – such as construction, retail and manufacturing sectors, with particular emphasis on the under 35s and the long-term unemployed."

"The Government's approach here is two-pronged. Firstly, we want to ensure that unemployed people with low levels of education are given the chance to gain qualifications bringing them up to at least Leaving Certificate level, and thus to instil in them the confidence that they too will be better able to benefit from labour market opportunities as they return. Secondly, we recognise that those with higher-level qualifications need to be assisted to re-skill and prepare themselves for occupations in new and different sectors of the economy, where their skills will be in demand as economic recovery gets underway" concluded Minister Brady.

### **Useful Numbers for our Older People in Maynooth**

#### **Citizens Information Board Head Office**

George's Quay House  
43 Townsend St  
Dublin 2

**Tel +353 1 605 9000**

**Fax +353 1 605 9099**

**e** info@ciboard.ie

**www.citizensinformationboard.ie**

**Free Travel Pass:** Free Travel Section, Social Welfare Services, College Road, Sligo.  
Lo-call: 1890 500 000.

**Passports:** If you are aged 65 or over, there is no fee for the issue of a 10-year passport. This applies to all Irish citizens, wherever they live. **Recorded information (24-hour service): (01) 679 7600 or Lo-call 1890 426 800**

**Security for older people:** A revised **Scheme of Community Support for Older People** will be introduced in 2010. Details will be available from the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, Teeling Street, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo. Tel: **(01) 647 3000 or (071) 918 6700.** www.pobail.ie

**Aids and appliances** The **Assist Ireland website and helpline**, provided by the Citizens Information Board, gives **information on assistive technology**

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and a directory of products available from Irish suppliers. **Lo-call: 1 890 277 478; SMS (text): 086 383 7644 Website:** [www.assistireland.ie](http://www.assistireland.ie) Email: [support@assistireland.ie](mailto:support@assistireland.ie)

**Warmer Homes Scheme** Available to low-income households in certain areas, where **community-based organisations** provide services such as attic insulation and draught-proofing. The criteria for qualifying can vary in different areas. There may be a small fee. For local provider details contact Sustainable Energy Ireland, [www.sei.ie](http://www.sei.ie) **Freephone: 1800 250 204.**

**Home Energy Saving Scheme Grants to homeowners for insulation of roofs and/or walls; installation of high-efficiency boilers; upgrade of heating controls;** Building Energy Rating (BER).  
Apply to Sustainable Energy Ireland, [www.sei.ie](http://www.sei.ie)  
**Lo-call: 1850 927 000**

**Greener Homes Scheme Grants for homeowners for installation of new renewable energy heating systems.** Maximum grant is €3,500.  
**Lo-call: 1850 734 734**

### **Grants for home improvements/adaptations**

The **Mobility Aids Grant Scheme** provides grants for mobility equipment in the home for older people (up to 100% of costs with a maximum of €6,000).

The **Housing Aid for Older People Scheme** provides grants to improve the houses of older people (over 60 generally). Maximum grant is €10,500.

The **Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability** is a means-tested grant to make a house suitable for a person with a disability. Maximum grant is €30,000 (€14,500 for new houses).

**Apply to the Housing Department of your local authority for each of these schemes.** You may need an Occupational Therapist (OT) to assess your daily living needs in support of your application. The local authority can arrange an OT assessment, or you can employ a private OT. You can recoup up to €200 of the cost as part of the total grant. Contact an OT through the Community Care section of your local health office or through the Association of Occupational Therapists of Ireland (AOTI), Tel: (01) 633 7222, [www.aoti.ie](http://www.aoti.ie) **Department of Social and Family Affairs**  
**Lo-call (Information line): 1890 66 22 44**  
**Lo-call (Leaflet line): 1890 20 23 25**  
[www.welfare.ie](http://www.welfare.ie)

### **Health Service Executive (HSE)**

CallSave: 1850 24 1850: [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie)

### **Age Action Ireland Ltd.**

30-31 Lower Camden Street, Dublin 2

**Tel** (01) 475 6989

**e-mail** [info@ageandopportunity.ie](mailto:info@ageandopportunity.ie) [www.ageaction.ie](http://www.ageaction.ie)

### **Carers' Association**

National Office, Market Square, Tullamore, Co. Offaly

**Tel:** 057 932 2920 **Freephone** 1800 240 724

**e-mail** [Info@carersireland.com](mailto:Info@carersireland.com)

[www.carersireland.com](http://www.carersireland.com)

### **Money Advice and Budgeting Services:** (MABS)

Tel. 1890 283 438

### **The Revenue Commissioners**

[www.revenue.ie](http://www.revenue.ie)

### **Sustainable Energy Ireland**

[www.sei.ie](http://www.sei.ie)

### **Assist Ireland**

[www.assistireland.ie](http://www.assistireland.ie)

## Transition Group

The Transition Group in Maynooth will hold a meeting on Wed. May 12 at 8pm in Room 2 Rowan House North Campus NUIM. We continue to hold meetings every two weeks. We are discussing the setting up of Working Groups on such issues as Food, Energy, Transport, Skills and Reskilling.

All welcome

David Walsh  
**(David.Walsh@nuim.ie)**

# Children's Colouring Competition

May 2010



**Prizes :**

**Free Family Meal  
from  
McDonald's, Maynooth**

it's what i eat and what i do

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

## LAST MONTH'S WINNERS

Age: 3—5 , Ruairí Jordan, Hortland,  
Age 5—7, Tara Crawford, Rathcoffey North,  
Age 7 & over, Emma Monaghan, Rockfield Sq.,

Prize for each age group to be collected at:  
Maynooth Community Council Office , Unit 5 Tesco Shopping Centre, Maynooth,



**McDonald's**

**Maynooth**

**Breakfast**  
**from**  
**5am**

Applies to Maynooth Restaurant only. Available until 10.30am.

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