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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Kildare Mayor challenges Maynooth to double tidy town's volunteers in 2011

Speaking at the Annual Maynooth Tidy Towns Awards presented on October 6th last, Mayor of County Kildare, Cllr. Brendan Weld called on more people to get involved in tidy towns in the town. He said that the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee members are working away quietly and are achieving excellent results. "I know that you are just five marks behind Naas and one mark behind Newbridge so as a Kildare town you are well up there when compared with some of the other larger towns in the county. I understand that the number of volunteers available to your committee is less than twenty people. What I am wondering is what kind of success would you have if you were able to double the number of volunteers overnight? I know that you get support from some businesses and this is welcomed. However, I would urge more people to get involved in Maynooth Tidy Towns and help this committee to make Maynooth the highest scoring town in Co. Kildare in the National Tidy Towns Competition in 2011"

As guest of honour at the awards night, Mayor Weld praised the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee for the way that they awarded local efforts, stating what is particularly nice about presenting local awards is that although the Tidy Towns Committee members are all volunteers you are rewarding other volunteers for their contribution to improving the local environment. "I would encourage both businesses and residents associations to strive to win one of these awards. I understand that the winners are rewarded for being most improved in the year so why not make a real effort for next year". (see list of winners inside)

Maynooth Tidy Towns seeks return of missing information panel

On Wednesday night October 6th the information board erected during the summer on the bank of the Joan Slade River in Parsons Street went missing. The board showed the wildlife in the river and was part of a project to rehabilitate that section of the river beside St. Mary's Church of Ireland. Maynooth Tidy Towns would appreciate it if the board could be returned. See picture and if you come across the panel anywhere or have any information text or call 087 3153189.



TIDY TOWN MEMBERS & GUESTS



Back: Richard Farrell, Sean Cushen, Fr. Liam Rigney P.P., Gavin Dumphy Garda Sergeant, Eddie Tobin, Mattie Callaghan, Brendan Weld, (Lord Mayor), Sue Doherty, Aidan O'Rourke, Ray Murphy, John Kavanagh, Elizabeth Callaghan, Paul Croghan, Front: Eilish Cushen, Rosaleen Higgins, Gen Nee, Ross Kavanagh, Keelan Murphy.

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EDITORIAL

The past month has probably been one of the most dramatic that ever occurred in recent Irish history. Whether people have come to terms with the enormity of the figures that were thrown around on 'Black Thursday' is questionable; it is nearly impossible to imagine what €50bn actually is. One of the red tops bore the headline 'Ireland R.I.P.' on a tombstone and it is difficult not to agree with their judgment. As young, and not so young people, leave the country in their thousands, it leaves less of us to bear the burden of the terrible legacy of the last 10 banking years. It is very difficult to accept that those of us who fought our way through the last recession that we are to fight our way through another one – and one that could have been avoided. When you measure this against the monumental waste that is still taking place at all levels in the Government as outlined by the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General – it is enough to make your blood boil. There seems to be no end to this waste either.

One of the solutions that the Government proposes is to encourage thousands of international students to come to Ireland to study. This is why the Tánaiste Mary Coughlan was visiting America when Fine Gael refused to pair her in the Dáil. The aim is to grow the number of students in higher education by 12,000 or 50% in five years. It is claimed to bring €1.2bn into the economy. Although the main target for the students coming to Ireland is to learn English, others will be attending Irish universities. But our schools and universities are already hugely under-funded, they were never properly funded during the boom years and they can hardly cope with the indigenous students never mind cope with all these extra people pouring in the doors.

Our near neighbours Britain are also cutting back and the new Conservative government has already targetted Child Benefit in the past week. Here, the government will have to raise taxes and consider property tax, water charges as well as savage cuts to all our services. But how can taking more billions out of an already stunned economy do any good? Surely, this will stop even more people from spending? We are saving more than ever as everyone fears for their future and their income. Looking at the number of quangos in the country and the salaries being paid to some of those in charge, would it not make more sense to look at these first?

There is the possibility of Ireland following Greece and being taken over by the IMF. That is unimaginable but by this time next year this may well happen. We have lost our sovereignty already in the sense that the EU are dictating what must be done economically. The fact that we are being pilloried abroad is not helping our image at present. There is a very serious need for us to look at how we got to where we are. There are those who would use the phrase 'we are where we are' and that we should just look forward. But have we learned the lessons of what occurred? Listening to some of the politicians, it would appear that they want the Celtic Tiger years back again. That bogus wealth was built on quicksand and smoke and the building sector should never return to the level they were at during the middle of the decade. Perhaps we should be a little less ambitious, a little less arrogant. Our track record in self-governance is not good to put it mildly. We have a lot to learn from what happened over the last fifteen years; will we learn? I wonder.

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre — Know Your Rights

Question

I'm unemployed at the moment and would really like to improve my computer skills but I can't afford most of the part-time training courses I'd like to do. What are my options?

Answer

There are a range of free courses available for jobseekers who want to improve their skills or to retrain. Some are provided by local or community-based organisations and others are provided by FÁS – the National Training and Development Authority. Many Vocational Education Committee (VEC) courses are free.

To apply for a place on a FÁS training course, you must first register with your local FÁS Employment Services Office. You will be interviewed in order to identify the course that will best suit your needs. You can search online for FÁS training courses at fas.ie. Your local FÁS Employment Services Office can also give you information on other courses in your area. The Labour Market Activation Fund supports education and training courses for unemployed people – especially people who are less skilled, who have worked in construction, retail and manufacturing, who are aged under 35 or who are long-term unemployed. The courses are run by a number of VECs, Institutes of Technology and other organisations. You must have been getting an unemployment payment for 3 months before starting the course. Visit qualifax.ie for a list of courses available.

If you plan to go on an approved short-term or part-time training course you can keep your welfare payment while you are doing the course for as long as you would normally be entitled to it (for example 9 or 12 months for Jobseeker's Benefit).

If you would like to go on a longer or full-time course there are a range of options including the Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) and the Back-to-Education Allowance (which includes a Part-time Education Option).

Question

My wife and I have worked together on our farm all our lives. I have been paying Class S stamps for most of my working life. We are now reaching pension age and are wondering about our rights to a pension?

Answer

If you have paid Class S PRSI contributions for most of your working life you will probably be eligible for a State Pension (Contributory) when you reach 66. You can then claim for your wife as a qualified adult on your pension – however any income she has will be taken into account. If your wife was a partner in your business she may be able to qualify for a non-means tested contributory State Pension in her own right.

If, in practice, you and your wife were farming in a partnership but did not claim to be in a partnership when making tax and PRSI returns you can claim partnership status retrospectively. Each case is investigated by the Department of Social Protection under the spouses' partnership criteria. If you wish to claim partnership retrospectively you will need to make sure that you have adequate supporting documentation for the relevant years.

When you work with your spouse in a business partnership, you must make tax returns under the Revenue self-assessment system (for self-employed people). These tax returns must show the partnership income of each spouse so that PRSI contributions can be calculated accurately. Your first step should be to

contact the Revenue Commissioners to register your farm partnership so your wife can begin paying Class S stamps.

If a Social Welfare Inspector from the Scope Section of the Department of Social Protection decides that a partnership existed* your wife can pay her Class S contributions retrospectively for the relevant years (if you each had an income of at least €3,174 each year). It is important to remember that even if a partnership existed and your wife pays any outstanding social insurance contributions this does not entitle her to a pension at age 66 unless she meets all the other criteria.

You should check the full eligibility conditions for benefits and pensions on welfare.ie before deciding whether to apply for retrospective partnership status. Your local Citizens Information Centre can help you work out whether you may qualify for a pension.

*If the deciding officer decides that a partnership did not exist you may appeal the decision to the Social Welfare Appeals Office.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

I have recently separated from my wife. She has custody of our three children and they will be staying with me at weekends and for school holidays. She works full-time but we have agreed that I will pay additional maintenance to support the children. What tax reliefs can I claim?

Answer

Maintenance payments that are made for the benefit of children are ignored for tax purposes. This means that you cannot claim the maintenance payments as a deduction against your tax and your wife does not pay tax on the payments since you have already paid tax on this income. (Note that maintenance payments to support a former spouse are treated differently for tax purposes.)

However both you and your wife are entitled to claim a One-Parent Family Tax Credit in addition to your normal personal tax credits. The credit is currently (2010) €1,830. This tax credit is available to a widowed, separated, deserted or unmarried parent who is not living together with a partner. You can claim this tax credit for any child that you support (including an adopted child or a step child). The credit remains the same regardless of the number of children. The child must live with you for some part of the tax year and be under 18 at the beginning of the tax year (or over 18 and in full-time education or any age if they became permanently disabled while under 21 or while in full-time education).

Both parents may claim One-Parent Family Tax Credit if they both meet all the conditions. Anyone who is eligible for a One-Parent Family Tax Credit is also entitled to an increase in the standard rate tax band. This means that in 2010 you can earn up to €40,400 a year before you have to pay tax at the top rate of 41%.

Question

I was seriously assaulted recently and have not been able to work as a result of my injuries. Is there any compensation available for injuries I have suffered as a victim of crime?

Answer

As a victim of crime you may be entitled to compensation. There are 2 types of compensation. In some cases, a court may decide that an offender must pay compensation to you. This may be one of a number of conditions that the court has imposed on the offender so that he or she can avoid a prison sentence. The court may ask the Probation and Welfare Service to supervise

the payment of the compensation.

If you were injured as a result of a crime, you may be entitled to compensation by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal. The Scheme of Compensation for Personal Injuries Criminally Inflicted pays compensation for expenses and losses suffered as a direct result of a violent crime or trying to assist in preventing a crime or saving a human life. The scheme covers expenses and bills (including loss of earnings). It doesn't compensate you for pain and suffering. When deciding the amount of the award, the tribunal will take into account any compensation paid by or on behalf of the person who assaulted you.

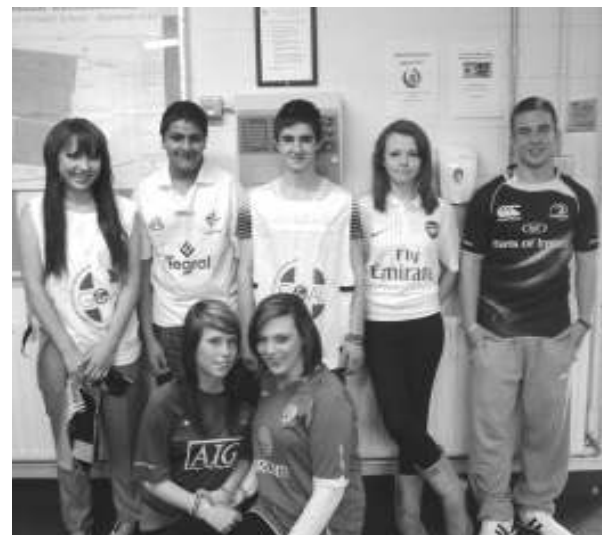
The injured person (or their immediate family if they have died) can claim compensation under the scheme. If someone has been looking after you and are out of pocket as a result of your injuries, they may also claim compensation. The time limit for making a claim is 3 months (unless the person assaulted has died as a result of their injuries). The crime should be reported to the Garda as soon as possible since the tribunal will look for a Garda report on the crime.

Compensation is not paid if: you were living with the assailant as part of the same household when you suffered the injury; the loss is less than €63.49; you do not give reasonable assistance to the tribunal; or your injury is the result of a traffic offence, unless there was a deliberate attempt to run you down.

You can get an application form from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal, 13 Lower Hatch Street, Dublin 2, Tel: (01) 661 0604, criminalinjuries@justice.ie.

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

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MAYNOOTH CASTLE

A Focal Point of Local History

As well as the foundations at Laraghbryan and Donaghmore we have a record of another monastery in the area, at Taghadoe, 2¼ miles south of Maynooth and also in the old territory of Uí Fáeláin or Offelan. The Annals of the Four Masters refer to Taghadoe under the year 765 when they record that “Folachtach of Teac Tuac, abbot of Cluain mic Nois, died.” One explanation offered for the meaning of Teac Tuac is “the house of St. Tua”, who is identified as Ultan Tua or Ultan the Silent, who was also connected with the neighbouring monastery of Clane. This is the meaning adopted by Lord Walter FitzGerald, one of the leading authorities on the history of the county, writing in *the Journal of the County Kildare Archaeological Society*, vol. i, no. 2, 1893. Father Mac Sweeney in his article in the *Irish Ecclesiastical Record* (quoted in the last newsletter) opts for an alternative explanation and suggests that the name may refer to a family or clan rather than to an individual. In this interpretation the name would mean “the house of Tuathal” and would refer to the O’Toole family and he points to the neighbouring townland of Toolestown in support. This is plausible since monasteries were often named after the clan who founded or supported them, as Laraghbryan itself was. The O’Toole territory was Uí Muiredaig, or Omurethy, lying to the south of Uí Fáeláin. The clan name was Uí Muiredaig, “the descendants of Muiredach”, a king of Leinster who died in 755. They and the Uí Fáeláin were related, and both traced their descent from Dúnlán, king of Leinster circa 241 A.D, and from him came the original clan name of Uí Dúnláinge. The Uí Dúnláinge split into three branches in the eighth century, the Uí Dúnhada in Mag Laigen, the plain of Leinster between the Liffey and the Wicklow mountains, the Uí Fáeláin on the east and west of the Liffey in North Kildare, and the Uí Muiredaig to the south between the Barrow and the Wicklow mountains.

When surnames began to be used by the Irish clans around the eleventh century, each of our families adopted the names of earlier kings of the dynasty, the Uí Fáeláin taking that of Brión and becoming “O’Byrnes” and the Uí Muiredaig that of Tuathal, another king of Leinster, and becoming “O’Tooles”.

While the annals give us little detail of the role of our monasteries in the lives of the people of the Maynooth area it seems likely that they supplied whatever pastoral care the people enjoyed. This was because the Christian Church in Ireland had developed in a unique way. Early in its life, not long after the time of St. Patrick, monastic life became very popular, and the number of monasteries mushroomed, reaching more than 800 by the end of the sixth century. The ruling clans founded or patronised monasteries and often supplied their abbots from within the clan itself. The abbots, thus linked with politically powerful, gradually usurped the administrative role of the bishops, while the place of the diocese as the unit of administration was taken over by the territories of the monastic *paruchia*, a group or family of monasteries all tracing their foundations back to a single saintly founder. Despite all the efforts of reformers this situation persisted until the twelfth century, and Professor P. J. Corish writing on “The Christian Mission” in *A History of Irish Catholicism* concludes that by the eleventh century the non-monastic pastoral clergy had disappeared and what pastoral care there was, was supplied by the monasteries.

The larger monasteries were the nearest approach to the modern town developed by Gaelic Ireland before the coming of the Normans. The towns of Dublin, Wexford, Waterford, Cork and Limerick were originally coastal strong-points established by the Viking invaders in the ninth century and which developed into commercial centres. Within the monastic settlements diversified crafts and trades developed. The inhabitants supplied all their own needs in food, clothing, building, tools, vehicles, books, sacred vessels, etc. In them were created illuminated manuscripts like the Book of Kells, that remain among the chief glories of Irish culture, and from them went out the great stream of Irish monks to Britain and the continent. The monastic settlement was usually enclosed by a circular stone or earthen bank, surrounded by an outer ditch. Inside stood the church or oratory made of wood or wattle and daub, and around it were the cells or huts of the monks, usually made of wickerwork. There would also be a guest-house and refectory, and, in the case of a larger monastery, a school and scriptorium. In those parts of the country where stone was more readily available than wood, the buildings would be of stone. Not every monastery was wealthy enough to support a scriptorium, and the fact that the Annals of the Four Masters record the death at Laraghbryan in 856 of Cormac, “bishop and scribe”, may indicate that it was a settlement of some importance.

(As well as the sources mentioned in the text, this article drew on information in Donncha Ó Corráin, *Ireland before the Normans*, in the Gill History of Ireland series, and Máire and Liam de Paor, *Early Christian Ireland*.)

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Seventeen of our members travelled to the Lake District and enjoyed a wonderful five days. The tour covered most of this most beautiful part of England. Staying at the historic Best Western Hotel, Cumbria we set off each day travelling over Cumbrian Hills and Fells. Carlisle was our first stop and from there we took a train along the Cumbrian mountains passing the highest railway station in the U.K., to Settle. Another trip took us up the Kirkstone Pass, to a restaurant 2000ft. above sea level in the Pennines, so many interesting sights and amazing scenery. Great weather enhanced our experience. At Grassmere we visited Wordsworth's cottage and reminisced about long ago school days as we read Wordsworth's poetry at Dove Cottage, his home. Another trip took us to Bowness, a little town on Lake Windermere. This was Beatrix Potter country where Peter Rabbit originated. This was followed by a boat trip on the lake where Donald Campbell broke his own speed record. Finally we took a short trip across the border to Gretna Green and found an amazingly pretty little hamlet. Needless to say shopping was availed of where possible. We arrived home, tired but very happy.

During August we had a visit from Adrian Boyle. She gave us an account of the forthcoming conference being held in the Davenport Hotel, Dublin. It is being held to celebrate UN International Day of Older Persons and is one of Age Action's key contributions to Positive Ageing Week. The keynote speech will be delivered by Minister Michael Martin. U3A have been invited to make a dramatic presentation conveying the message "The Poor Can't Pay". Under the tutelage of Kate, our drama teacher, our members are very busy rehearsing and will perform on Friday Oct. 1st, Break a leg! We were invited to participate in a 'Flashmob' highlighting National Day of Volunteering, also on Oct. 1st. Margaret Houlihan very kindly came along and demonstrated the dance routine to great enthusiasm. Sporting designer T-shirts, at the signal, coats off, dance begins, to the entertainment of the public in the Manor Mills. Margaret, sorry to hear of your accident and we wish you a speedy recovery. Fifteen members are booked to go to the dinner and cabaret at the Burlington Hotel in Dublin. Those who were there last year gave it the thumbs up.

Pat Tuite, one of our own and a gifted musician gave us a short talk on music in general. She kindly agreed to give lessons on the keyboard to those interested, but, of course you must have a keyboard.

**Meetings for October will be held on
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Curves members in Maynooth are being urged to support Action Breast Cancer, a programme of the Irish Cancer Society, by donating their old and unwanted bras to help raise funds for the charity.



Curves, located in Maynooth Business Campus, has installed a bra bank for both member and non-members to donate unwanted bras. For every each kilo of bras deposited, 1.10 Euros will be donated to Action Breast Cancer.

Last year Curves clubs across Ireland collectively raised over 7,000 Euros for the worthwhile charity through numerous fundraising events- they intend to do the same this year, and hope to better this great total.

This year Curves Maynooth wants to make an even bigger contribution to Action Breast Cancer so it would be great if all local women could raid their underwear drawers and lend their support to this fantastic cause.

Jim O' Malley, Corporate Partnership Manager at the Irish Cancer Society said: "We're really excited about working with Curves for another year and are incredibly grateful to all the staff and members at Curves Maynooth for their support. With their help we will be able to raise awareness of breast cancer in the local community while getting a step closer to achieving our mission of beating breast cancer."

The women-only gym, located on Maynooth Business Campus will also waive the 114 Euros joining fee for new members during the month of October in return for a donation to Action Breast Cancer.

As a women-only gym, Curves understand the importance of supporting the vital work carried out by Action Breast Cancer in Ireland.

For more information on the charity please visit <http://www.cancer.ie/action>.

For more information on Curves, call 01 6291000 or visit www.curves.ie.

Wildlife Gardening Tips for October

October—a month where some days are warmed by the last rays of summer and other days which are cold and wet. It is a very busy month planting, planning for next year and helping our wildlife guests prepare for the coming winter.

October is the last month to give us bees and butterflies. Red admirals feed on the fallen fruits and drink nectar from the flowers of the Michaelmas daisies, sedums and the last of the buddleia before they hibernate. Other butterflies such as painted lady will migrate south before the cold season arrives. The abundance of natural food for birds, such as seeds or fruits, mean they take less off our bird table. It is a good time for us to store some of these natural goodies to put out later in the year. Winter bird visitors begin to arrive such as green finches and thrushes but they may stay in the fields until the true winter weather comes.



1. Even if you don't have a big garden, you can create your own small habitat using either a window box, old bath or sink, or even an old chimney pot.
2. First of all try, where possible to plant native trees, shrubs and wild flowers. Only choose ornamental varieties, such as Buddleia the butterfly bush, if they benefit wildlife.
3. Start a compost heap from garden rubbish. Use the compost instead of artificial fertilisers. Avoid sprays used to control pests and weeds which may kill insects which are good for the garden. **Never** use peat because extracting it destroys peat bogs.
4. Don't be too tidy. Long grass, thick hedges and piles of leaves provide shelter for lots of birds, insects and small mammals. Windfall fruit is a

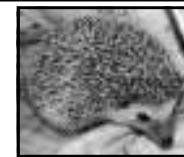
valuable autumn food supply.

5. Create a wild corner in your garden. Nettles are good for butterflies to lay their eggs on because the leaves provide food for their caterpillars. Brambles support many insects and the berries are food for birds and small mammals.
6. Never dig up plants from the wild as this is illegal. Don't collect seed from wild plants. Only buy them from a good garden centre which sells native stock, grown in peat-free compost. The aim of wildlife gardening is to create more habitats, not reduce them.
7. Don't disturb nesting birds. If you do you'll trample nearby plants making it obvious to predators. Provide food and water for birds all year round. But during early summer, when young birds are being fed, place whole peanuts in a peanut feeder.

Gardening tips for the month

- ◆ Cut the lawn for the last time.
- ◆ Split and divide herbaceous plants.
- ◆ Weed the herbaceous border and mulch. Remove diseased plants or parts of plants.
- ◆ Prune shrubs.
- ◆ Take hard wood cuttings.
- ◆ Sow tree and shrub seeds.
- ◆ Check tree stakes before the winter storms.
- ◆ Remove dead leaves from the pond.
- ◆ Remove excess vegetation from the pond. Take out about a third and leave on the bank side for creatures to crawl back in.
- ◆ Plant spring flowering bulbs.

- ◆ If you are having a bonfire check underneath for hedgehogs before lighting it.
- ◆ Clean out nest boxes.
- ◆ Store, dry or freeze a variety of seeds, fruits, berries and apples to give to birds in colder months.!



Create a bird feeding station

1. Find an area of the garden, not far from the house but near to shrubs. The area must be 2m away from the shrubs to be away from lurking predators.
2. Purchase or build a small bird table for scraps of food from the kitchen. Hang feeders from table. Position a tray on the ground for water drinking and bathing.
3. Provide a variety of hanging food sources:
 - ◆ Shelled peanuts in a net feeder for tits and sparrows
 - ◆ Sunflower seeds in a seed feeder
 - ◆ Fresh coconut in their shells.

Use the bird table for scraps including bacon rind, breadcrumbs, mixed dried fruits, cooked spaghetti or rice, soaked bread, cooked meat and fruit. Buy meal worms to put out.

Place some of the food on the ground for ground feeding birds. Put out only in the morning to deter rodents.

Only put out enough food to be eaten in one day and have a regular routine of cleaning the bird table feeders and water bowl. Always remove mouldy or uneaten food to prevent the transmission of salmonella.

Pet Corner

Keeping Gerbils as Pets

- Gerbils are easy to care for compared to many other pets.
- Gerbils do not smell as other rodents do. Gerbils are desert creatures. Therefore, they drink little and do not produce as much waste as other rodents.
- Because gerbils do not smell as much or produce as much waste, gerbils need a tank cleaning about every 2 weeks.
- Most gerbils do not bite. If a young gerbil nibbles, it is a habit easily broken.
- Gerbils are very inquisitive, playful, and fun to watch.
- Gerbils do not sleep all day and play all night. Instead, they have many sleep/wake cycles throughout the day and night.



What You will Need

- a glass tank (at least 5 gallons per gerbil)
- bedding
- a water bottle
- gerbil food
- a mesh wheel or a covered, gerbil-safe wheel
- cardboard tubes
- a secure wire mesh lid and lid clamps

Day to Day Responsibilities for your Gerbil

- Check your gerbils' food dish every day to make sure that there is enough to eat.
- Tap the end of the water bottle every day to make sure it dispenses water easily. Although gerbils' bodies process food in

such a way that they can live longer than most animals without water, gerbils are happier if they have easy access to water. A sick gerbil gets dehydrated easily. If the water bottle has leaked, clean the tank immediately. Large amounts of damp bedding can lead to mould which can be toxic to gerbils.

- Clean your gerbils' tank about every two weeks. Some people clean tanks every week, others every three weeks. Some types of bedding require more frequent tank cleanings. Follow your nose and your instincts when deciding what cleaning schedule is right for your gerbils.
- Interact with your gerbils every day. If it is possible to take them out of the tank to a gerbil-safe area for playtime, this is wonderful for your gerbils. If you do not have such an area, make sure your gerbils can hop onto your hand, crawl up your arm, and eat food out of your hand every day. This keeps them tame, entertained, and happy. It is also fun for you!!

Remember to keep all domestic animals indoors when the fireworks start. Keep your pet in a quiet and safe place on Halloween.

EXHIBITION

John Henry Newman and a Maynooth connection

On 8 October 1845 John Henry Newman, a leading theologian and later first rector of the Catholic University of Ireland, wrote to Charles William Russell, Professor of Ecclesiastical History in Maynooth College to tell him that he was about to be received into the Catholic Church. It was a turning point in his life. He was to write afterwards in the history of his religious opinions, *Apologia pro Vita Sua*, (1864), that Dr Russell 'had, perhaps, more to do with my conversion than anyone else.' Newman had been an influential force in the Church of England and was to be one in the Catholic Church, and in the field of education.

This pivotal letter which is now preserved in the Maynooth College Archives, is on exhibition in the Russell Library which was designed by Augustus Welby Pugin and completed in 1861. The Library houses other Newman letters and associated material, together with the splendid mahogany book cases with gilded ornament which were Newman's own when he was rector of the Catholic University on St Stephen's Green in Dublin.

John Henry Newman was beatified on 19 September 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI and is commemorated in the Church of England liturgical calendar (11 August) and the catholic calendar (9 October).

The letter is on display in the Russell Library, on the South Campus,

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This is just a note to remind you all that the **Newsletter** exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any organisation or indeed from individuals with something to say or suggest. We hope you continue to enjoy your monthly read and keep us informed of your activities.

October Diary Planner



Maynooth I.C.A.

Meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the Month at 8.00 p.m. in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour.
Crafts Every Monday Night at 8.00 p.m.
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Baking for Halloween

Halloween Brack

Ingredients:

- 225g / 8oz Self Raising Flour
- 375g / 13oz Mixed Dried Fruit (Sultanas, Raisins, Cherries, Peel)
- 300ml / 1/2 pint Cold Tea
- 125g / 4oz Brown Sugar
- 125g / 4oz Mixed Chopped Nuts
- 1 Egg (beaten)
- Good pinch Mixed Spice
- Ring or other Charms



Method:

- Place fruit and tea in bowl and leave to soak overnight.
- Add sugar, nuts, egg, flour and mixed spice and mix well.
- Transfer to a greased and base lined 900g/2lb loaf tin.
- Bake in a pre-heated oven 170°C/325°F/Gas 3 for approx. one hour or until risen and firm to the touch.
- Cool on a wire tray. When cold, wrap in greaseproof paper and keep for two days before cutting.

Halloween Cupcakes

Ingredients:

- 175g/6oz/6 tablespoons Self Raising Flour
- 125g/4oz/4 tablespoons Caster Sugar
- 125g/4oz Margarine (half a block)
- 2 Eggs
- 2 tablespoons Cold Water



Method:

- Preheat oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas 6.
- Put bun paper cases into bun tray.
- Put flour, sugar, margarine, eggs and water into a bowl. Beat all ingredients together with an electric mixer or wooden spoon until the mixture is smooth.
- Put heaped teaspoons of mixture into each bun case.
- Place in the oven on the top shelf and bake for about 15 minutes until golden.
- Cool on a wire tray. When cold, decorate.

Decoration:

Make some glaze icing and pipe into a web on the cupcake!

Nutty toffee apples

Ingredients:

- 6 eating apples
- 6 small wooden ice lolly sticks
- 225g/8oz granulated sugar
- 110ml/4fl oz water
- 30g/1oz butter



- 2 tbsp golden syrup
- 4 tbsp finely chopped mixed nuts.

method:

Push the wooden sticks halfway into the apples at the stalk end. Dissolve the sugar and water in a thick-bottomed pan over a gentle heat. Add the butter and syrup to the mixture and bring to the boil. Continue to boil, without stirring, until the toffee reaches 290C (use a sugar thermometer to measure this). Remove the pan from the heat and gently stir in the nuts. Carefully dip each apple into the toffee, making sure each apple is well coated, and set aside to harden on a baking tray lined with non-stick parchment.

Halloween biscuits

Ingredients:

- 100g/3½oz unsalted butter, softened at room temperature
- 100g/3½oz caster sugar
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 275g/10oz plain flour
- 1 tsp vanilla extract



To decorate
400g/14oz icing sugar
3-4 tbsp water
2-3 drops food colourings

Method:

- Preheat the oven to 190C/375F/Gas 5. Line a baking tray with greaseproof paper.
- Beat the butter and sugar together in a bowl until combined.
- Beat in the egg and vanilla extract, a little at a time, until well combined.
- Stir in the flour until the mixture comes together as a dough.
- Roll the dough out on a lightly floured work surface to a thickness of 1cm/½in.
- Using Halloween-style biscuit cutters, cut biscuits out of the dough and carefully place onto the baking tray.
- Bake the biscuits for 8-10 minutes, or until pale golden-brown. Set aside to harden for 5 minutes, then cool on a wire rack.
- For the icing, sift the icing sugar into a large mixing bowl and stir in enough water to create a smooth mixture. Stir in the food colouring.
- Carefully spread the icing onto the biscuits using a knife and set aside until the icing hardens.





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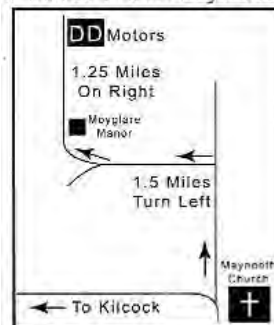
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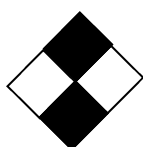
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A flashmob is when a group of people (10-15 or more) suddenly start to dance in the same way in a public place to a piece of music for a short period of time (5-10 minutes). Whilst the events seem to come out of nowhere, of course they are organised in advance.

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Date: Wednesday 27th October
Time: 11.00 a.m.

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JUNGLE DAVE

Date: Thursday 28th October
Time: 11.30 - 12.30 p.m.

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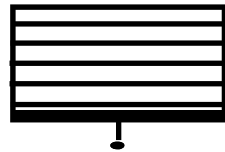
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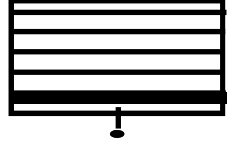
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Minister Finneran approves €60m for the purchase of houses and apartments for persons with specific categories of housing need.

The Minister for Housing and Local Services, Mr Michael Finneran T.D., today (21 September, 2010) announced the approval of €60 million for the purchase, by Approved Housing Bodies, of houses and apartments which will provide some 431 units of accommodation to meet the needs of persons with specific categories of housing need, including persons exiting temporary homeless accommodation, older people and persons with a physical, intellectual or mental health disability.

In respect to Kildare approval has been given for the following scheme(s).

Voluntary Body	Address of Project	No. of Units
KARE	Clane	4
Saint John of God Trust Ireland	Celbridge, Kildare	5
Circle Housing Association	Leixlip, Kildare	5

In welcoming this news, Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick said “ This is a practical, immediate and value-for-money approach to delivering urgently needed accommodation to meet a variety of special housing needs, including the long-term accommodation needs of persons currently housed in emergency and temporary homeless accommodation and who wish to progress to mainstream housing, older people requiring sheltered housing and persons with a disability who are capable of independent living in settings where low level tenancy and care supports are available. The objective is to deliver a responsive and flexible system of housing supports that takes into account a diversity of housing need but with particular focus on persons exiting homelessness, older people and people with a disability. The €60million investment will greatly assist in delivering on the commitments in the Programme for Government to enhance the range of housing supports and services available to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in our society.

Government appoints top-level group to draw up plan for research priorities
‘Intel’s Jim O’Hara to spearhead push for target areas that will create “smart” jobs’

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed this high-level group led by one of Ireland’s top industrialists which has begun work on a five-year prioritisation plan for Government investment in research and ‘smart’ jobs.

The research prioritisation steering group, which will be headed by Intel Ireland’s general manager, Jim O’Hara, will identify up to 20 target areas on which the Government should focus its allocation of public funding for research and development over five years.

Minister O’Keeffe, who appointed the steering group, has asked that work be completed within 12 months with an action plan for each priority area setting out specific goals over five years and he wants the group to focus on areas that will yield the best return for taxpayers’ investment in research and, ultimately, create high-quality jobs. This steering group draws on national and international expertise in the private and public sectors and the experience of other countries in drawing up similar plans, said Deputy Fitzpatrick.

This year, the Government is investing €598 million on academic and commercially focused research and development spread across all Government departments and agencies.

The project will take a year to complete and identify between 10 and 20 priority areas following extensive consultation.

New jobs focus should be good for Kildare – Fitzpatrick

Kildare North Fianna Fáil TD and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed the new plans outlined by An Taoiseach, Brian Cowen TD for job creation and protection.

“The new plans should have a positive impact on jobs and investment throughout Kildare and the rest of the country.”

“The new strategy follows a high level meeting between the Taoiseach and the heads of the State’s economic development, training and education agencies including the IDA, Enterprise Ireland, FÁS, Tourism Ireland Bord Bia and the Higher Education Authority. An Taoiseach outlined to them that jobs were top of the Government agenda and discussed means of helping the unemployed and ways to protect and create jobs in the future.”

“This is the first in a number of steps that will be taken this autumn which will help improve the jobs situation throughout Kildare and the rest of the country. Over the course of the coming weeks and months the Government is making an extra commitment to improving job and investment prospects.”

“The second part of the plan will be implemented when the Taoiseach launches ‘Trading and Investing in a Smart Economy’ in the coming days. This is a new action plan for growth in trade, tourism and investment.”

“The Taoiseach has also asked all the Government Departments to prepare plans by next month to look at reducing the cost of doing business in Ireland including to increase international competitiveness and assist job creation.”

“Additionally the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Innovation, Batt O’Keeffe TD will launch ‘Making it Happen’ a new integrated strategy for enterprise growth in Ireland shortly in conjunction with Forfás. There will also be a new strategy for higher education considered over the coming weeks, which is important given the strong links between higher education and job creation.”

“I am encouraged by An Taoiseach’s view that Ireland is still a successful country with huge potential for the

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future. We still have far more people at work than we did ten years ago and our people are highly-skilled and very well educated by international standards.”

“All these actions by the Government should have an impact on the jobs market throughout Kildare and the rest of the country as they are implemented. It is clear that job creation and job retention is going to be the major focus of the Government in the next few months and I believe that we will start to see the benefits of this approach in the near future,” concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Kildare Schools Receive High Speed Broadband

Communications Minister Eamon Ryan today announced that the €13 million Broadband to Schools Scheme has delivered 100 megabit high speed fibre and wireless broadband to 78 second level schools nationwide.

3 Schools in Kildare are among those selected-

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“The Renewed Programme for Government sets out that the Scheme will extend to all second-level schools nationwide in the next two years. Ireland is one the first countries in the world to deliver such a programme on a national level. The jobs of the future are in the digital economy and our children need to be confident and comfortable in the use of technology. Broadband of this capacity and quality will allow them to see and learn things in school that my generation could have only dreamed of.” said Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick.

With this Scheme, we are creating the digital citizens - the writers, the inventors and the businesspeople – of the future. I believe the provision of 100 megabits broadband will transform education in Ireland and place our children at the forefront of the digital revolution. "

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Maynooth Community Council's submission to the Draft Kildare County Plan 2011-2017 – an overview

A 'core objective' of the Draft Kildare County Plan 2011-2017 is to consolidate development within the existing urban footprint of the metropolitan towns of Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge and Kilcock, prioritising development of brown field sites along 'enhanced public transport corridors' to the city, linked to 'well designed urban environments'. Maynooth Community Council acknowledges the principles behind this objective, but has concerns over some of the policies suggested for achieving it. In our submission, we identified aspects of the Plan that – in the absence of additional planning input – we felt had the potential to negatively impact on Maynooth, and we outlined some amendments that we believed should be made. The main points in our submission are summarised below.

Population Targets, Zoning, Transport, and Collinstown

Clarity on population targets

Our submission posed questions about the high population target for Maynooth, and about how this target related to projections for the other metropolitan towns and the proposed town centre at Collinstown, Leixlip. We felt that there was lack of clarity on overall population targets. The Draft County Plan targets a population of 68,263 for the metropolitan-towns area by 2017, while the target for the area in the Draft Regional Planning Guidelines seems to be larger.¹ The Leixlip population target of 21,326 for 2017 includes Collinstown in its figure, but in the current economic climate Collinstown may not be developed within the timeframe of this County Plan. What would happen to the Collinstown allocation in that case? We asked for greater clarity on targets in the finalised County Plan, since zoning decisions and infrastructure provision will rest on these figures.

Zoning

The Draft Plan states that the four metropolitan towns in north-east Kildare have insufficient zoned land to cater for the target population allocation. Specifically it states that Maynooth has an under-supply of zoned land, and that it is the Council's policy to zone additional lands to meet population targets. We noted that Maynooth already has zoned but undeveloped land for almost 1,300 housing units and asked, in the interest of proper planning and maintaining the coherence of Maynooth's urban footprint, that the finalised Plan contain a policy that no further land will be zoned until the existing capacity has been fully utilised.

Lack of detail on provision of matching infrastructure

A population increase of over 5,000 is targeted for Maynooth by 2017 – an increase of approximately 50% on the current population of the town. In the absence of matching infrastructural development this has the potential to negatively impact on the quality of life of the existing community. Public transport, roads, social amenities, and schools would become greatly over-stretched. We pointed out that the Blacklion ring road had not yet been provided, and that the commuter train service to Maynooth was at close to maximum capacity. We also noted that Maynooth had no community centre, inadequate public car parking, no properly developed and maintained public parks, no internal public transport, inadequate pedestrian and cycle routes, and no theatre or cinema. We asked that the finalised County Plan contain detailed policies outlining how such a radical population increase would be matched by infrastructural and amenity provisions.

Transport capacity and commuter parking

The Maynooth train service is close to maximum

capacity. Further capacity increase is limited at peak times and, even if provided, must facilitate passenger growth along the entire West Dublin rail corridor. The opening of the Dunboyne line in 2010 will impact on Irish Rail's capacity to provide additional rolling stock. Also the capacity of Connolly Station to take more trains is limited due to signalling and platform space – so the dependence on rail to facilitate movement of additional commuters is dependent on factors outside the control of Kildare County Council. We believe that this should be acknowledged in the County Plan and that commuter-dependent developments should only be phased in line with the expansion of public transport services. We also believe that the demand for commuter parking needs to be specifically addressed on a wider scale than at present – otherwise it will result in commuters continuing to park in residential areas around Maynooth.

Local transport links

We believe that greater interconnectivity is needed between Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge and Kilcock, and we asked that the County Plan outline the public transport links required, and contain the objective of providing safe cycle lanes between the towns.

Potential impact of the Collinstown plan

The Collinstown Local Area Plan is integral to the Draft Plan's objectives for the metropolitan towns. It targets Collinstown as the 'major town centre' in north-east Kildare, linking Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth, and matching the retail capacity of Liffey Valley, Blanchardstown and Dundrum shopping centres. The Collinstown Plan appears to raise a number of important issues that have not been addressed in the Draft Plan:

Civic functions and potential for diversion of resources

We welcome the Draft Plan's policy to implement the Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan, and note that this plan aims to locate some key civic functions in Maynooth. This objective may conflict or overlap with the apparent strategy to locate 'civic' functions in Collinstown. We noted that Maynooth and Celbridge have long-standing applications lodged for town council status. Collinstown is also envisaged as providing amenities currently absent in the area such as cinema, swimming pool and theatre, diverting scarce public resources away from development of the existing town centres. We noted in our submission that long-expressed local aspirations and expectations might be superseded by the Collinstown plan.

Retail dilution

Large additional retail capacity at Collinstown would have the potential to further undermine the viability of current retail businesses in the existing town centres, which may well also have to compete with a new development at Donaghcomper, Celbridge. Meanwhile, most of the units in the already-developed Tesco Shopping Centre in Maynooth are empty. We believe that the metropolitan-towns area, which is so close to the Liffey Valley Shopping Centre, Blanchardstown, and the city centre, is in danger of becoming vastly 'over shopped'. We believe that the concept of 'retail leakage' from a county, used in the Draft Plan, is weak – shoppers and workers move quite freely across county boundaries and will continue to do so.

Detailed overall plan for metropolitan area including Collinstown

In the light of the observations above, we asked that a detailed Development Plan for north-east Kildare be produced in consultation with the communities of Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge and Kilcock to take account of the Collinstown plan. We noted that Local Area Plans, while essential in themselves, cannot substitute for an overall plan with the required level of coordination and integration.

Heritage, Landscape and Tourism Issues

Tourism should get more emphasis in Maynooth economic strategy

Maynooth is a heritage town containing many nationally and internationally important architectural features: a unique planned main street; Carton Avenue and Carton house and demesne; Maynooth Castle; St Patrick's College's Pugin buildings and attractive campus; the Royal Canal harbour. As such it is a tourism destination in its own right and this should be acknowledged in the County Plan. The local hotels and conference facilities should be recognised as significant visitor facilities with the potential to bring large numbers of visitors into the area.

Carton-Castle town link

The Carton-Castle town link should be developed as a key heritage attraction for international and national tourism in the north-east-Kildare area. Carton has been called 'Ireland's Versailles': the house and demesne were developed by one of the most historically prominent families in Ireland, with access to wealth and resources inconceivable today. It is closely associated with the FitzGerald's town residence, Leinster House, with Maynooth Castle, and with Castle town, to which it is linked by planned vistas through 'Connolly's Folly'. We asked that the County Plan recognise the unique tourism potential of Carton-Castle town as a tourist destination.

Carton demesne is open to public for walking

Much of Carton demesne with its wildlife and exceptional built and landscape heritage is open to the public for walking, and together with the impressive vistas along Carton Avenue, provides a unique walking amenity in north-east Kildare. This fact is not acknowledged in the Draft Plan and we request that it be added to the County Plan, and taken account of in tourism and walking-route planning in our area.

Protection of views over Carton wall

The Draft Plan mistakenly states that there are no views of Carton demesne over the estate walls. This error has serious implications in terms of the preservation of historic vistas, and we ask that it be corrected in the finalised County Plan as a matter of urgency. The greater part of the southern aspect of the Carton demesne landscape has been visible to, and loved by, thousands of travellers on the 66 bus route for more than 70 years, and by train travellers for a century and a half. Recent dense planting inside Carton wall will obscure these long established views within a few years if not appropriately thinned out in good time. Preservation of these views is of vital importance to the people of Maynooth and should be stipulated in the County Plan.

Designation of landscape of north-east Kildare

The Draft County Plan designates north-east Kildare as an area of low landscape sensitivity, describing it as the 'Most Robust' area environmentally, with a concentration of high capacity public transport routes, low density of ecological and landscape designations and high concentrations of serviced land.

We noted in our submission that, in fact, north-east Kildare contains some of the most scenic parts of the Liffey Valley. It also contains the Rye Water valley and tributaries, Carton and Castle town demesnes, stud farms with wide road-side verges, green belts, irreplaceable vistas of farmland, canal banks and environs. The combination of stone built heritage and rich farmland has given this landscape its unique and essentially eighteenth century character. There are also numerous national monuments and historic buildings

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requiring the preservation of their landscape context.

To the tens of thousands of people who live in our area, the afore-mentioned features of the landscape are treasured and irreplaceable aspects of the place we live. We do not accept that our area has a 'low sensitivity landscape' and requested that the County Plan list and acknowledge the great number of irreplaceable aspects of our local landscape that must be protected.

Other heritage issues

- We asked that the finalised County Plan update the Record of Protected Structures as it pertains to Maynooth, extending it to include all remaining heritage stone walls in the town, vernacular dwellings and streetscapes, and all the permanent buildings on the campus of St Patrick's College.

- We also asked that views of the Chapel spire of St Patrick's College, Maynooth – at c.173 ft one of the tallest in the country and a prominent landmark in Maynooth – be included for preservation in the finalised Plan.

- We asked that the County Plan contain the objective of providing written statements to accompany Architectural Conservation Area maps: a written statement is needed to accompany the Maynooth ACA map, setting out detailed guidelines for preserving the integrity of the historic town centre.

- We requested that the Rye River and its tributaries be included for protection due to their importance in terms of landscape and amenity value.

- We asked that the County Plan include a stipulation that permission will not be granted for any development on flood plains, and that where possible, flood plains should be restored.

- Town centre gardens are an important biodiversity and environmental resource. We asked that developments in town centres should be required to provide some permeable green space – that each town centre have a quota and a plan as to where the green space will be retained with a view to creating the corridors which are essential for biodiversity.

- We suggested that County Kildare needs a proper Parks Department. The north-east Kildare towns have become urban areas with large populations, and require attractive, multi-use, well-maintained green spaces. Across the county boundary in Lucan, the local authority provides park services, such as railed and gated parks with planting, flower beds, seating, shelters, and water features in the tradition of the Dublin City parks. We said that a similar service is needed for the metropolitan towns.

- We noted that the opportunity to create linear parks along riverbanks in towns such as Maynooth, and to retain or create public access to the riverbank, needs to be taken up before such lands are lost to private development. We ask that a policy of extending public access to the Rye river bank in Maynooth town centre by developing a 'linear park' be adopted in the County Plan as a matter of urgency.

¹ The Draft Regional Planning Guidelines target a population of 234,422 in Co. Kildare by 2016, with 35% i.e. 82,0477, allocated to the metropolitan-towns area.

Maynooth Community Council Notes**Maynooth Community Council Meeting 13 September 2010****Among the issues raised and discussed at the meeting were the following:****Youth Café Premises**

Hugh Gallagher (Chairperson Youth Café Committee) reported that the plan to rent premises for the Youth Café project at Manor Mills had fallen through, and that the main focus now was to find an alternative somewhere in the town centre as soon as possible, perhaps on the Main Street.

New format *Maynooth Newsletter* seeking more local material

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin (Secretary MCC) said that the new format *Maynooth Newsletter* was working very well and was being delivered to houses around the town. She thanked Paul Croghan (PDO MCC), and Brian Curtis and the Maynooth Community Council office staff, for their hard work on the project. She also said that the *Newsletter* was seeking additional community-news content and would welcome material from the various local organisations.

Local History Group

Hilda Dunne (Maynooth Local History Group) told the meeting that the group had been active over the summer with a tour of St. Patrick's College, which included a visit to the O'Growney memorial, and a 'FitzGerald Walk' to the graveyard in Carton Demesne. The present Duke of Leinster, Maurice FitzGerald, attended, and local historian Seamus Cullen gave a talk. The group's next talk will be given by Ruth Sweetman on the subject of 'The O'Rahilly', and will take place on November 16th at the Glenroyal Hotel.

Recycling Centre for North Kildare

In response to a question from the floor, Cllr. John McGinley (Labour) told the community councillors that a major recycling centre for North Kildare is planned and that it would be located opposite the Salesian College on the Celbridge to Maynooth road.

An Nuada Players annual pantomime

Gabriel Martin (Leinster Park Residents Association) told the meeting that An Nuada Players hoped to stage a pantomime, 'Aladdin', before Christmas, on the first two weekends of December.

Student behaviour

Tom McMullon (Vice-chairperson MCC) said that NUIM students were now returning to college and he raised the issue of students holding late night parties in rented houses on Maynooth estates, and causing a noise nuisance to other residents. He himself had been the victim of a riotous party that weekend. A great many houses in Maynooth were rented out to students by landlords who did not live nearby. He said that the NUIM authorities needed to take some responsibility for student behaviour in the town, but that writing to the college had not to date produced very much action on this problem.

MCC submission to Draft County Plan

Deirdre Cullen (Planning and Development Sub-committee) told the meeting that the sub-committee had sent a submission to Kildare County Council concerning the Draft County Plan. The submission posed questions about the very high population targets for Maynooth and the other metropolitan North Kildare towns, and about how these targets related to projections for the proposed new town centre at Collinstown, Leixlip. It drew attention to the shortage of infrastructure in the area to match the population targets. It pointed out that the Blacklion ring road had not yet been provided, and that the commuter train service to Maynooth was at close to maximum capacity. It also noted that Maynooth had no community centre, inadequate public car parking, no properly developed and maintained public parks, no internal public transport, inadequate pedestrian

and cycle routes, and no theatre or cinema.

Senior Citizens Committee seeks new volunteers

Josie Moore (Senior Citizens Committee) said that the committee had recommenced its activities after the summer break and that its programme would include a morning club, tea dances, coach trips and annual holidays. The committee needs new volunteers and J. Moore asked people interested in helping out to contact Joan Lennon (628 6012). She said that the committee's main fundraising event, the annual sale of work, would take place this autumn at the Aula Maxima, St. Patrick's College.

University of the Third Age

A member of Maynooth U3A told the meeting that the group's membership was growing, but that it was difficult to find a suitable premises in which to hold their meetings. Colm O'Cearúil (Chairperson MCC) suggested that the group use the space above Maynooth Community Council's offices, which was often free during the daytime at present.

Maynooth Scouts

Peter Garrad (Scouts) told the meeting that the Maynooth Patrol had represented Co. Kildare in the Phoenix Challenge this summer, and had won a silver trophy. He said that there was now a waiting list to join the Maynooth Scouts. They were still using the facilities at Maynooth Post Primary School for their activities, and were in pre-planning consultation with Kildare County Council about their plans to develop the Geraldine Hall as their new centre.

New NUIM Volunteers Outreach Group

Liz Murray (NUIM Students Union) told the meeting that the Students Union had set up a new outreach group aimed at tackling the stigma associated with mental health problems and at promoting more positive attitudes to talking about such problems. L. Murray said that the group's ethos was based on the principle that 'no matter what the problem is, we can talk about it'. The group hopes to engage with local schools with a view to setting up workshops and projects where young people could feel free to talk about mental health and suicide concerns. The group is composed of volunteers from NUIM, and is in contact with groups such as Headstrong and Inspire Ireland. It hopes to launch the new project in schools in Maynooth in early October. D. Cullen (North East Kildare Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention Group) welcomed this initiative and suggested that the student group might make contact with the Mental Health Promotion Group to explore the possibility of future collaboration.

Mental Health Promotion Group

D. Cullen told the meeting that the HSE-organised Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention Group for North East Kildare, of which Maynooth Community Council is a member, had run two very successful evenings of talks for parents before the summer. The talks covered the topics of safe social-networking, coping with exam stress, bullying, and substance abuse. The group is now looking into ways of making the papers presented at these sessions available to a greater number of parents. She told the meeting that Kildare Youth Services (a member of the Mental Health Promotion Group) has organised a theatre workshop project called 'Headspace' – a pilot project for young people in Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge, and Kilcock, aimed at facilitating teenagers in addressing and exploring mental-health-related topics. There had been good uptake of workshop places in Leixlip and Celbridge, and KYS was hoping to get the project going in Maynooth now that the schools are open for the new academic year. D. Cullen also told the meeting that the Mental Health Promotion Group is involved in the Headstrong Learning Network. As part of this association, it will be participating in research into the effectiveness of the mental health facilities currently available to young people in North East Kildare and other linked HSE areas. Groups from Tallaght and Dun Laoghaire will also be involved in this research project.

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Cllr. Catherine Murphy

Dublin Bus Network Review, including providing service to Moyglare Hall, stalled because Council not provided with funds.

Following the network review by Dublin Bus which a number of route changes were identified such as extending the 66 service to Moyglare Hall; re routing the 66 Leixlip services into the Easton Road Area; amalgamating the 67 and 67A both of which will terminate at Moyglare Road, Maynooth. These changes cannot be made until road adjustments are carried out, i.e. some ramps on Moyglare Road and Accommodation Road are not bus friendly also left turn from Easton Road to Accommodation Road would need to be altered. These changes cost money and Kildare County Council has not been provided with funds to do the work so they are all on hold. At the last Celbridge Area Meeting (which includes Celbridge, Leixlip, Maynooth, (Straffan) I sought an update on dialogue between Dublin Bus and the council on road modifications in response to the network review? Following is the very disappointing report

Report: *The Council does not have any finance available to implement traffic management schemes to facilitate changes to the Dublin Bus network. The bus company is aware of this constraint and unless funding is made available from an external source, including Dublin Bus, then there will be no update on the implementation process.*

The National Transportation Authority were recently given responsibility for

overseeing public transport services, it is to their budget Kildare will look for funding. I asked that a meeting is arranged with them as a matter of urgency and this was agreed to at the meeting.

National Transportation Authority to spend €1m on Kilcock Road "pilot" cycle scheme. This is the wrong priority – Murphy

The scheme is the brainchild of the National Transportation Authority and covers the area between Laraghbryan Cemetery and the Moyglare Road junction. The broad proposal is to narrow the carriageway and install bus/cycle lanes, take away the left turning lane from Kilcock Road onto Moyglare Road (for a period of up to 6 months). Included in the scheme is a pelican crossing on Moyglare Road near the schools this element will cost in the region of €35,000 however the overall scheme will cost almost €1m.

At a time of economic crisis I believe with the limited funds we have available they should be spent on measures that are essential rather than pilot projects. For example the Council will complete the Traffic Management Plan for Maynooth in October and the public will be asked to comment on it, there is little point in doing this

exercise if there are no funds to carry out the necessary works. A similar plan was completed for Celbridge in 2007 no funds have been forthcoming from the National Transportation Authority to implement the recommendations.

I believe this is not the way to spend taxpayer's money; yes the crossing is needed on Moyglare Road as are the changes to the ramps in order to extend the bus service to Moyglare Hall. I have already stated this could be done with the Councilors' Discretionary Funds to which I would be happy to contribute. I believe this is a trophy project for the National Transportation Authority and they are setting priorities with taxpayer's money when they should be responding to needs. If the Council was allocated the €1m many traffic management issues affecting pedestrian's cyclists and motorists could be addressed to the benefit of all. The County Council passed this scheme 28th September I was the only member of the Celbridge Area Committee not to support it.

Taking in charge of Castledawson - some progress

As Newtown Hall estate was unlikely to be completed and taken in charge for some time, Building Control Section would contact the developer of Newtown Hall with a view to taking in charge the pumping station in advance of the remainder of the estate. I asked if the developer had been contacted in relation to this matter and received the following report.

Report: *Building Control Section met with the developer of Newtown Hall on 8/9/10. He stated that he had no objection to KCC taking pump station in charge in advance of the remainder of the Newtown Hall estate. He is to provide 'As Constructed Drawings' of foul sewer from Castledawson to pump station and rising main from pump station to public sewer. Water Services Section will inspect the pump station and prepare a list of any*

outstanding works required.

The developer pointed out that he did not own the main access road in the estate. When he purchased the site, the vendor retained ownership of the main access road. Consent of this person will be required if the pump station, the rising main and of foul sewer from Castledawson is to be taken in charge. Building Control has established the identity of this person and will be in contact with him. I have sought an update on that issue for next months meeting.

Large increase in applications and public service embargo will delay payment of Student Grants

Cllr Catherine Murphy has expressed concerns about the inevitable delay in processing student grants. Details of the "Higher Education Grant Scheme", which is administered by Local Authorities and VEC's on an agency basis on behalf of the Department of Education, were notified in late May or early June. This year there were a number of significant changes, these have added to what is already a complex scheme. The complexity of the scheme means more time is required to process individual application's, this has happened at a time when numbers seeking grants has grown considerably. This is also occurring at a time when staff numbers have reduced because of the public service embargo.

The initial delight when a college place is offered and accepted, often turns into months of unnecessary worry and needless struggle. Students and in most cases their parents, are being put in an impossible position, with most students commencing their courses without having the necessary confirmation of grant approval, this might then take months to arrive. On the other hand many Local Authorities/VEC's are struggling to process the huge number of applications within a very limited time period. The same staff often have to deal with queries at the counter, answer phones, emails etc. The only obvious solution is for a relaxation of the public service embargo, in order to employ staff, on a temporary basis, to deal with these applications.

The second thing that must change is the way the scheme is administered. Kildare County Council wrote to the Minister for Education earlier this year, they sought a change whereby the grant scheme is notified to them at the beginning of the year, if that occurred it would allow time for staff training and processing of applications could be done over a much longer period, with only the final details, such as course acceptances, being required to complete the process.

Finally the Department of Education needs to consider how the scheme can be simplified in order to reduce the time taken to process each application. Cllr Murphy concludes.

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Cllr. McGinley submits motion on the Refusal to Grant permission for a cinema complex at Maynooth Road, Celbridge.

In addition to lodging observations in support of the appeal by Longport Development Ltd. to An Bord Pleanala against the decision by Kildare Co. Council to refuse planning permission for a Cinema Complex at Crodaun, Celbridge, Cllr John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

"Further to the decision of the Council on the application for a multiplex cinema facility in Celbridge (File 09/1273) that the policy under which it was refused be reviewed, namely, that the objective in another Local Area Plan, namely Collinstown, could prevent or supersede the development of such a facility in Celbridge in perpetuity."

The "High Road" at Old Greenfield

Cllr. McGinley motion:

"That increased measures be taken to rectify the problems arising from the 'High Road' constructed in Old Greenfield, Maynooth, under planning permission ref: 06/424"

Got the following response from Council officials:

"A meeting was held on 4th March 2010, which was attended by Martin Ryan (Executive Planner) and Adrian Barrett (Executive Engineer, Transportation Dept.) on behalf of Kildare County Council. In attendance on behalf of High Degree Construction were Larry Holton, Dan Reilly and Ed Horan. It was agreed at the meeting that High Degree Construction Ltd would revert to Adrian Barrett with a more comprehensive response to the issues raised in the Warning Letter dated 11th January 2010. No response has been submitted to date."

Cllr. McGinley pointed out that it is completely unacceptable that the Planning Department did not get back to the developer for the last 6 months and he asked that they do so immediately.

Lack of Public Car Parking Facilities in Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley question:

"What steps are being taken to provide additional public car parking spaces in Maynooth now that Hibernian Autoparks have been refused permission for their proposed car park for 132 cars at The Harbour?"

Got the following response from Council Officials at the September Area Meeting:

"Improvements in the provision of car



Emmet Stagg T.D.

parking services, including the introduction of paid parking services will form part of the Maynooth Town Traffic Management Plan, to be brought to Public Consultation in October 2010. The scheme is due to include observations made as part of the consultation process for the R148 Kilcock Road Scheme. No available lands for public off street car parking have been identified within the town to date."

John pointed out that the extension of the public car park at Supervalu should be pursued as a first priority. Hibernian Autoparks have appealed the Refusal at the Harbour to An Bord Pleanala.

National Transport Authority's Proposals for Kilcock Road are Amended:

The National Transport Authority's (NTA) Plans for Kilcock Road were approved at the Council Meeting on 27 September following acceptance of amendments submitted by Cllr. John McGinley and members of the public.

The two main amendments are:

1. The left turning filter lane from Mill Street to Kilcock Road will remain open. In the Council's words:

"With reference to point 2 on page 24 of the Manager's Report (September 2010), it is proposed to amend the scheme to retain a left turn lane from Mill Street onto Kilcock Road. The existing free-flow lane, controlled by a "flashing-amber" signal will be amended geometrically to improve the alignment of the existing cycletrack on Mill Street approaching the Moyglare Road junction and to allow for a shorter crossing time for pedestrians at this junction. Traffic will continue to be permitted to use this left turn lane at all times. This amendment is to facilitate improved safety measures for pedestrians and cyclists whilst mitigating against a back up of stationary traffic from this junction through the town centre, thereby increasing the risk to vulnerable road users elsewhere in the town."

2. The closure of the left turning lane from Kilcock Road to Moyglare Road will be monitored to check on the impact on traffic movements. In the

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Cllr. John McGinley

Council's words:

"An additional item (number 9) is to be included on page 25 of the Manager's Report, proposing to close the left turn lane from Kilcock Road onto Moyglare Road, as a temporary measure for a duration of 6 months. This will allow the monitoring process of the pilot project to confirm (or not) that the deletion of this lane will not have a significant effect on traffic safety and blocking back from this junction through the adjoining junction at the entrance to the Manor Mills Shopping Centre. Should there be no demonstrative impact on traffic flows then the measure will be made permanent."

At the Council meeting on 27 September Cllr. McGinley was given an assurance that the re-opening of the left filter lane from Kilcock Road to Moyglare Road would not have to wait six months if there was obvious problems from Day One.

John would like to thank the members of the public for their support, particularly those who sent in submissions.

As a follow on from this the Maynooth Town Traffic Management Plan is being brought to Public Consultation in October. Funding for the implementation will be sought from the NTA and as the Council's Director of Services stated at the meeting it was important to show that we could work with the NTA and not jeopardize future funding.

Cllr. McGinley Submits motion on Public Open Space at Leinster Park, Maynooth

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

"That the Council seeks a Court Injunction to force the removal of the Unauthorised Development on the public open space at Leinster Park, Maynooth, which is preventing the use of the open space by residents of the estate and preventing the County Council from taking the estate in charge."

STAGG CRITICAL OF SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY SERVICE FOR CHILDREN – OVER 2,000 AWAITING ASSISTANCE

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Health in relation to the number of children in Kildare awaiting assessment for Speech and Language Therapy, the numbers awaiting therapy following assessment, and the waiting times involved.

The HSE responding to Deputy Stagg on behalf of the Minister has provided alarming figures as at 30th June this year which show that 470 children in Kildare are awaiting actual therapy following assessment whilst 1,588 children in Kildare are awaiting assessment.

The breakdown of the numbers and waiting times are as follows:

AWAITING THERAPY – TOTAL 470 CHILDREN

Number of Children on Priority Waiting List stood at 103 with waiting time for therapy 4 to 6 weeks.

Number of Children on General Waiting List stood at 367 with waiting time for therapy 4 to 6 months.

AWAITING ASSESSMENT – TOTAL 1,588 CHILDREN

WAITING TIME OF CHILDREN	NO.
Up to 4 months	379
4 months to 8 months	326
8 months to 12 months	421
12 months to 18 months	383
18 months to 24 months	79

Commenting on the figures Deputy Stagg stated that the Speech and Language Service for Children was in disarray in Kildare and the Government don't appear concerned. Early intervention is critical for these children in their developmental years and International Studies have shown that for every €1 spent on early intervention you save €7 at a later stage. Children who do not receive appropriate timely therapy can suffer from emotional, psychological, social and educational disadvantage.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he intended to raise the issue further in the Dail and that he would be calling for the recruitment of additional Speech and Language Therapists for the service in Kildare.



Maynooth GAA News

A JOURNEY WORTH WAITING FOR

At 2am the rain knocked on his window and asked him if he was still serious. Pacing the floor in the hallway Eamon O'Flaherty thought about the heroes of 1916. There wouldn't be a plaque to commemorate them in the town square if they'd decided the weather was too bad to march into Dublin the night before the Easter Rising.

O'Flaherty, yet to be commemorated by plaque or statue (though no doubt the good people of Longford will see sense some day), looked into his heart and decided that if winning All-Ireland Finals was no easy business then getting to them could hardly be any easier. By 6am his fears still hadn't subsided but Niall Gillick had the croissants cooking in the Twist oven - there was a smell of hope in the air.

By 6.45am the rain had cleared and although daylight hadn't broken through, a line of luminous yellow bibs brightened the dark corners outside Twist. In the warm cafe the Ennis brothers stifled yawns as Paul Flood necked his latte - no one would have known these men had helped Maynooth qualify for a senior football championship quarter-final for the first time in living memory the night before. Even Mick Gillick wore a smile for the first time in living memory. As the caffeine flowed the lights flashed outside - Mattie Callaghan and his camera had arrived. Then it was the turn of Fr Liam Rigney to bless the congregation. After Mattie had recorded the group on celluloid for posterity, it was time to depart.

Mick O'Riordan led the way, looking fitter and fresher than men half his age, but still proud that he was three times the age of the average walker. Ann Delaney powered down the canal, the mucky inclines from Clonsilla to Castleknock no deterrent even as the men trailing behind got stuck in the mud. Mutser complained about his blisters and Dermot Canning felt the chill on his ears as the branches stole his woolly hat.

In the battle of the chairmans, football supremo Pascal Ennis charged into the lead only for hurling maestro Aidan Sinnott to reel him with a mile to spare - while jogging backwards.

At noon the group set sail for Drumcondra and Croke Park, marching en masse through the throngs of All-Ireland supporters. Mick Cotter shouldered his canoe down Clonliffe Avenue and the Down fans wondered if they were seeing things or was that really a 'man with a boat?'

It was only when they faced Mattie's camera again outside the Hogan Stand that the rain returned but O'Flaherty had no worries now. His work, and the work of 80 brave walkers, was done for now. Before a ball had been kicked. Mick O'Riordan, 73 years young, got ready to watch his Rebels claim an All-Ireland football crown after 20 years and 16 miles. The destination would be nothing without the journey

Brendan Coffey
Maynooth GAA Club PRO

U12 CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS

Maynooth 4-0
Naas 0-3

Congratulations to our u-12 camogie team who captured the Division 1 county championship after a battling performance against a strong Naas team in Kilcock on Sunday morning. Goals from Roisin Forde, Aoife Lynch, Roisin O'Neill and Aoife Walsh were enough to bring the title back to Maynooth for the first time in the club's history.

Maynooth u-12 camogie followed on from the success of the senior teams last weekend with a battling performance against a strong and talented Naas team on Sunday morning to bring home the Division 1 title. Played in ideal conditions Maynooth started the faster of the two teams and opened the scoring after just 5 minutes. A fine delivery by Bronagh Kearney found the unmarked Roisin Forde on the edge of the square and Forde made no mistake driving the ball to the back of the Naas net. Maynooth continued to control the game but determined tackling by their opponents meant that the girls struggled to get into their usual rhythm. Maynooth knew they would have to match the battling qualities of their opponents if they were to get anything out of this game and every one of the girls lifted their game accordingly. Roisin O'Neill and Laoise Millar went toe to toe with their midfield opponents to ensure a constant supply of balls for the Maynooth forwards, while the half forward line of Roisin NiChoinichan, Aoife Lynch and Katie Merrick showed wonderful combinations of skill and tenacity to keep Naas pinned back. This pressure was rewarded when a free from O'Neill found Lynch 10 yards out from the Naas goal. Despite being under tremendous pressure Lynch somehow managed to lift the ball, evade her tacklers before handpassing the ball to the back of the net to give Maynooth a two goal lead after 10 minutes. Maynooth continued to press but were unable to add to the score. Instead it was Naas who got the final score of the half when a well struck 45 sailed over the bar to the leave the half-time score Maynooth 2-0 Naas 0-1.

Any thoughts that a 5 point lead would be sufficient to see Maynooth home were soon banished as Naas started the second half very strongly. This pressure was rewarded when two further frees from their fine centre back cut the deficit to just 3 points with 10 minutes remaining. The momentum was clearly with Naas at this stage and only some wonderful defending by half-backs Anne Ward, Laura Millet and Catherine Bristow kept Maynooth's lead intact. Spurred on by the defensive display Maynooth lifted their game again and following good pressure from Kearney the Naas full back was forced to turn the ball behind her own end line. The resulting 45 metre from O'Neill had too much power for the Naas keeper to deal and she could only watch as the ball flew into the back of the net to restore Maynooth's two goal cushion. Despite this setback Naas pushed forward in search of a score that would bring them back into the game. That it didn't come is only down to some wonderful defending by keeper Sinead Hever and her full back line of Aoife Smith, Catherine Jones and Sinead Monaghan.

With Naas pushing forward the Maynooth forward line were finally afforded the space needed to display their range of skills, and what a display it was. A long clearance from Millet, found Aoife Walsh 20 metres out with her back to goal. In one movement Walsh lifted the ball, turned her defender and drove and unstoppable shot to the roof of the net. It was always

going to take something special to see off this Naas team and Walsh's strike left them with too much ground to make up with only two minutes remaining. Despite their best efforts Naas were unable to breach the Maynooth backline in the time remaining and the final whistle was greeted with scenes of jubilation as Maynooth celebrated a deserved and hard fought victory.

Captain Sinead Hever accepted the cup on behalf of the entire Maynooth squad. Maynooth worked with a panel of over 30 players during the year and while not everyone was involved on Sunday, every single member of the squad played their part throughout the year in bringing about this fantastic victory. The girls celebrated in fine style showing off the cup as the team travelled up the Moyglare road and into the clubhouse to a roar of carhorns and screams.

Maynooth panel: S. Hever, A. Smith, C Jones, S.Monaghan, A.Ward, L.Millet, C. Bristow, R. O'Neill (1-0), L.Millar, R.NiChonichan-Bhrian, A. Lynch (1-0), K.Merrick, R.Forde (1-0), B.Kearney, A.Walsh (1-0), A. Monaghan, E.Coyle, A-M Howard, L. Boyle, C. Condren, T.Ganly, A.Ennis, S.Doyle, A.Hafdioui, B.Boylan, M.Hogan, M.Cowhey, E.McCourt, M.Doran

LADIES UNLUCKY AT SEVENS

The Maynooth Ladies had an enjoyable outing at the All Ireland Sevens in Naomh Mearnóg on Saturday. Now they started under a major handicap as a Kildare Camogie Final in which Maynooth were involved clashed so the dual players were out and a very young team set out for the 9am registration deadline.

The team was made up of Rachel Tallon, Zoe Dunbar, Sinead Murray, Eilis Ni Chorcora, Sarah Quinn, T Dolan, Michelle Carey, Clodagh Bradley, Jenny Moore, Ellen Sweeney, Roisin Kearney and Michelle O'Connor.

In game 1 Maynooth had an 0 – 8 to 1 – 3 lead going into the finals seconds only to see Arklow Geraldines stitch a goal with the last kick. They then lost out to Glenamaddy/Williamstown, again by that heart-breaking one point margin 1 – 6 to 0 – 8. Having got into the swing of things Maynooth then had a great win over Tyrone side Galbally Pearses, 2- 8 to 0 – 5 but lost out in the last game to a strong Cappawhite (Tipperary). Some very young girls involved but they got the experience and in the Managers words “a great day had by all”.

MAYNOOTH'S CAMOGIE QUEENS

It was victory on the double for Maynooth's camogie queens in Clane on Saturday (25 September) when they claimed the junior B and intermediate championship titles after wins against Moorefield (junior) and Leixlip (intermediate). Mags Farrell and Gillian O'Hurley, the respective captains, collected the cups after tense battles in both games but Maynooth showed great heart and courage to come out on the winning side. After three Maynooth players helped Kildare to an All-Ireland title earlier this month it marks a bumper year for Maynooth camogie. Well done to all.

Brendan Coffey
Maynooth GAA Club PRO

Funds Allocated to Maynooth Boys National School for IT Facilities says Brady

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady, has confirmed that Maynooth Boys National School has been allocated €15k to enhance the IT Facilities at the school.

"I welcome this allocation, and taken together with the recently completed extension to the Boys school, the completed extension to the Maynooth Girls National School, the completed extension to the Maynooth Post Primary School and the approval to build a new 16 Classroom at Maynooth Gaelscoil Uí Fhiach, will substantially enhance the teaching environment and improve the Educational Infrastructure for the community in Maynooth."

"Last week, we received confirmation that Straffan NS has approval for 4 additional mainstream classrooms and improved ancillary accommodation, the €2.5m 11 classroom extension to Scoil Choca Naofa in Kilcock is currently underway, a number of weeks ago we received confirmation that approval was given to build a new school at Ardclough. In May, the Department of Education approved a grant for the provision of three additional classrooms to Clane Secondary School which allows the school to purchase temporary accommodation or to build a permanent structure."

"I will continue to work with all the Boards of Management, Principals and Parents Associations to build on the progress already achieved," concluded Minister Brady.

Major step forward for Competence Centre at NUI Maynooth – Brady

A major step forward has been taken for the planned Competence Centre at NUI Maynooth that will help to create local jobs according to local Fianna Fáil Minister of State, Áine Brady.

"I am delighted that Martin Delaney who has 25 years experience in the information technology industry has just been appointed as a technology leader at NUI Maynooth to provide guidance and support in the area of IT."

"In recent months the Government announced the establishment of Competence Centres to link business and academia to produce new products. The focus will be on marketable products that will in turn grow industry and help to create and safeguard jobs."

"The Government's Competence Centre programme is a joint initiative between the job creation agencies, Enterprise Ireland and IDA Ireland."

"The Government is supporting the Competence Centre Programme with extra funding of over €37 million over the next 6 years."



Áine Brady, Fianna Fáil T.D.

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"It is vital that every practical support is given to the creation of high quality, sustainable jobs and it is evident that bringing academia and industry together will be of great assistance."

"The appointment of Martin Delaney along with five others based at different academic institutions will enhance the work of the Competence Centres and I am confident that we will see very positive results," concluded Minister of State Brady.

New Support Booklet Launched for Cancer Patients says Brady

Local TD and Minister of State at the Department of Health, Aine Brady, has welcomed the publication, by the Irish Cancer Society, of a Social Welfare Support Guide to assist cancer patients in finding out what benefits they are entitled to and the best approach to adopt to secure their entitlements.

"The Irish Cancer Society recently published a report entitled the Financial Impact of Cancer Diagnosis which details the heavy financial burden that a cancer diagnosis places on a patient."

"Notwithstanding the significant progress achieved to date in relation to Cancer Care, Cancer patients are often out of work for long period and must pay for expensive medications. Many patients do not know what state aid they are entitled to, and this Practical Guide is designed to give a clear understanding of financial benefits available."

The Guide gives a comprehensive information about Social Welfare supports for cancer patients. A copy of the Booklet can be obtained by ringing the National Cancer Helpline 1 800 200 700 or e-mail helpline@irishcancer.ie or contacting me at my constituency office or e-mail me at aine.brady@oireachtas.ie concluded Minister Brady.

Flood Relief Works continue as Maintenance Works on the Morrell River edges towards completion says Brady

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine

Brady, has been informed by Kildare Co. Co. that Maintenance Works on the River Morrell will be completed within the next week. These works are part of Kildare Co Co's plan to minimise the risk of future flooding in the county.

"Maintenance works on the river Morrell have been on-going in recent months and it is expected that these works will be completed in the coming week."

"The Tenders for the Butterstream Flood Relief Works are currently being considered by Kildare Co Co and works will begin shortly, Works at Johnstown are on-going, Part 8 on Sallins Phase 2 Works are due for decision at September's Council meeting and it is hoped that works will begin before the end of the year. Newtown Flood Relief Works are projected to start within the next couple of weeks."

"Works in Leixlip at the Rye Water and Shileachan Rivers were completed last year. The works, costing €2.5m, are paying dividends as Leixlip was not affected by flooding last November. Works at the Toni River in Celbridge was also completed in 2009 to minimise the risk of future flooding in Vanessa Lawns and Sallins Flood Relief Works Phase 1 was completed earlier this year."

"Earlier this year, I requested the Minister for the OPW, Martin Mansergh TD, to view the flood alleviation schemes that were approved to minimise the risk of future flooding in the area. These site visits, between council officials, public representatives, and OPW staff, took place in July. I am anxious that focus is maintained on all the approved flood relief projects until they are completed." concluded Minister Brady.

Economy – Report from Liam Aylward MEP – European Parliament

Highlights of the session on the Economy are outlined below and full details of the issues that I have been

involved in can be found on my website: www.liamaylward.com. You can also log on to my Facebook page for the latest updates on what's happening in the European Parliament.

Le Meas,
Liam Aylward MEP

Bankers' bonuses capped and cut

- MEPs voted on a number of economic measures. They called for financial supervision package and adopted a resolution on banking crisis management.
- They voted on the salaries of directors of listed companies and policies in the financial services sector. Caps will be imposed on upfront cash bonuses and at least half of any bonus will have to be paid in shares.
- MEPs also toughened rules on the capital reserves that banks must hold to guard against any risks from their trading activities and from their exposure to highly complex securities.

Combating Youth Unemployment

- The economic crisis has hit young people hard and youth unemployment is a very serious problem in many European countries.
- MEPs supported the introduction of a European youth guarantee, which will ensure that young persons are not unemployed for longer than four months. After four months they should be offered training, education, up-skilling or a real job.
- Contributing to the debate Liam Aylward stated that "Young people often face discrimination on the grounds of their age when entering the labour market and I strongly welcome the provisions in this report for promoting youth access to the labour market, in particular outlining a framework for the creation of more and better jobs by encouraging employers to invest in young people."

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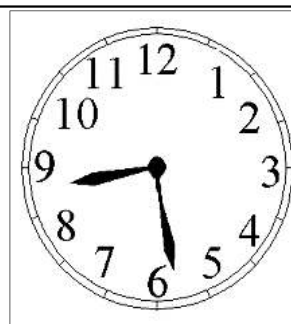
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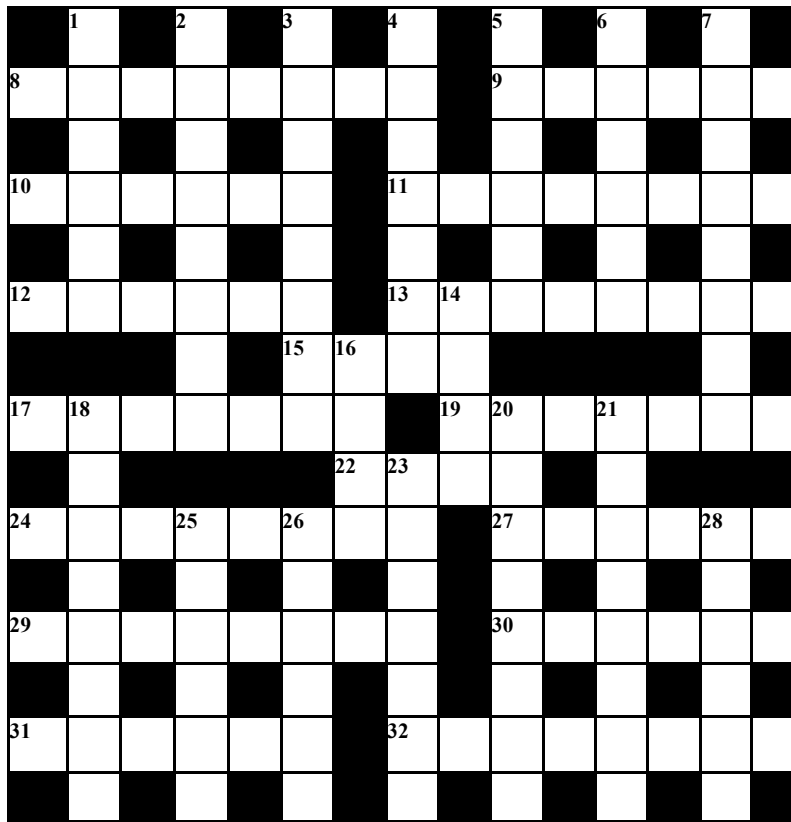
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October 2010 Crossword—No: 385

ACROSS

- 8. Express discontent (8)
- 9. Spain and Portugal (6)
- 10. Curved closed line (6)
- 11. Not derived or copied from anything else (8)
- 12. Make a rush at (6)
- 13. In the direction of the Orient (8)
- 15. Titled Peer (4)
- 17. Milk substitute for babies (7)
- 19. Died by submersion (7)
- 22. Hurry, surge (4)
- 24. Unable to relax or be still (8)
- 27. Once every 365 days (6)
- 29. Showing gratitude (8)
- 30. Sincere, upright (6)
- 31. Progression through working life (6)
- 32. Cutting implement (8)



DOWN

- 1. Make smooth and glossy (6)
- 2. Crumpets can provide the full array of colours (8)
- 3. Goodbye and good luck (8)
- 4. Expose, unveil (7)
- 5. Musical half notes (6)
- 6. Critique, appraisal (6)
- 7. Differ, take issue (8)
- 14. Appends (4)
- 16. Implements of propulsion on water (4)
- 18. Operating cost (8)
- 20. Rich myth strangely recurs at regular intervals (8)
- 21. Flaw, failing (8)
- 23. Having no purpose (7)
- 25. Took care of (6)
- 26. Exertion, elbow grease (6)
- 28. Brightness from reflected light (6)

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Super Difficult								
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