

Maynooth Newsletter

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September issue

Local News

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HERITAGE WEEK 2010

“CALLING ALL FITZGERALDS”

This was the second Heritage Week Event organised by Maynooth Local History Group. The purpose of the event was to celebrate the unique contribution that the Fitzgerald Family brought to Irish Politics, Culture and History. In medieval Ireland their centre of power was Maynooth which they effectively made into the political capital of Ireland.



L/R Declan O'Connor, Hilda Dunne, Maurice Fitzgerald (Duke of Leinster) Colm Ó Cearúil (Cathaoirleach, Maynooth Community Council) and Fiona Fitzgerald (Duchess of Leinster), Céad Míle Fáilte to the Fitzgeralds back to Maynooth.

The event commenced at 2.30pm on Saturday 28th August 2010 at St. Mary's (COI), Parsons Street, Maynooth. This was the third successive year that the Group organised this event. Attendance was approximately 35, a disappointing fall from an estimated 100 in 2009.

Maurice Fitzgerald, the Duke of Leinster, was in attendance with his wife Fiona. Seamus Cullen, a group member, gave a history of the Church and some of its very unique features and afterwards Maurice Fitzgerald laid a wreath at the base of the tower in memory of his ancestors. A respectful minute's silence followed.

The walk then proceeded into St. Patrick's College to the nearby "Silken" Thomas Yew Tree. Matt Kennedy, a group member, gave a brief talk about "Silken" Thomas Fitzgerald, who as a young man, went into open rebellion against King Henry VIII. Matt pointed out that "Silken" Thomas was now a largely forgotten figure in Irish History and that his life and achievements

deserved a review and rehabilitation. Councillor Shane Fitzgerald from Leixlip placed a commemorative wreath at the tree and tied a yellow ribbon to it. Local legend is that "Silken" Thomas, in some free artistic and quality time, played his lute under this tree.

The walk proceeded down Main Street where certain buildings and memorials associated with the Fitzgerald Family were pointed out, including Williams Bridge (in Mill Street), the Leinster Arms, Caulfields Pub (formerly the Geraldine Arms) and the 1798 Memorial at the head of Carton Avenue.

Proceeding through Carton Avenue and into Carton Demesne, the group assembled at the private cemetery of the Fitzgerald Family where Seamus Cullen spoke about a number of the Fitzgerald family who were interred there. Maurice Fitzgerald then gave a brief address in reply, thanking the attendees. There was a sad and poignant moment when the Duke and the

Duchess recalled the tragic death of their only son in a Road Traffic Accident in Ireland and he said it was their intention to plant a Memorial Tree in the Cemetery. The assistant Editor of the Kildare Archaeological Journal, Eamon Kane gave a bi-lingual address and presented Maurice Fitzgerald with a current copy of its Journal. Eamon pointed out that he remembered meeting Maurice Fitzgerald when he (Maurice Fitzgerald) was a young boy living in Kilkea Castle.

The event took approximately 2 hours, the rain threatened but held off and interesting conversation followed over cups of tea and coffee in Carton House.

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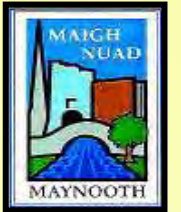


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Editorial

September is always the month of new beginnings, particularly in Maynooth as all the schools return to education but here the University students also arrive or return to the College. This makes Maynooth quite unique in Ireland, the only small town to boast not one but two Universities. This year there are more students than ever before entering the third-level institutions and Maynooth is no exception. The state of the economy means that more and more people consider full-time education as the only way to get a decent job. There will be a greater strain on the creaking facilities in all Universities; the funding was inadequate in boom times and now the cuts are becoming obvious as tutors disappear and the retiring staff are not replaced in most cases. The question of how Universities should be funded will raise the issue of fees again and this debate will surely rage during the next number of years. There are additional facilities at the National University of Ireland Maynooth this year as a further new building is unveiled and there are plans in place for the new library. Even so, there are hardly enough lecture theatres for the incoming students. This September is also a month of endings as the present President, Dr John Hughes, leaves for Bangor University in Wales. His place will be taken temporarily by Dr Tom Collins and he takes office on 1st October.

The issue of funding arises in the case of FÁS also, with the money for training being questioned by the EU. The Community Council has funded projects since its inception, through good and bad times, and the present newspaper is produced by such a project. We would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate these project workers and supervisors who work so hard for the Council and for the *Newsletter*.

The last week of August was Heritage Week and there seems to be an upsurge of interest in cultural and heritage events. There was a very varied programme of events all over the country with the Heritage Council funding some of these.

Here in Maynooth, the Castle and the Fitzgerald family were the focus of events as can be seen from the story feature on our front page. In the neighbouring country of Meath, the third Feis Teamhra (Festival of Tara) took place beside the Interpretative Centre on the Hill of Tara. This is also featured in the paper this month. Perhaps the economic downturn has changed people's priorities and focused attention on what is really important to us and indeed what we are really good at – creative writing, music, singing and culture in general. One of those who epitomized for many what it was to be Irish was Mick Lally aka Miley in Glenroe. His sad passing this week cannot go unmentioned. He began his acting career while a student in NUI

MAYNOOTH CASTLE

Stone-built castles like that at Maynooth were a novel feature on the Irish landscape in the late twelfth and early thirteenth centuries. Giraldus Cambrensis, the contemporary historian of the Normans in Ireland, tells us that the Irish “pay no regard to castles, but use the woods as their strongholds and the marshes as their entrenchments”. He also noted that the Irish were at a disadvantage because they went “naked” into battle against the heavily armoured Norman knights. (By this he meant simply that the Irish wore no armour - not no clothes!) For the Normans the castle was a key factor in both their military and their settlement policy. When they occupied a new territory they built a castle at the best available position for defence, in the case of Maynooth at the junction of two streams. Then, around the castle and under its protection, the Norman dominated community could develop.

But all this was in the future when Maurice Fitzgerald came to Maynooth in 1176. Maynooth, in Irish Magh Nuadha, Maigh Nuad or Má Nuad, “the plain of Nuadha”, was part of the tribal kingdom of the O’Byrnes called Uí Fáeláin, or, by the invaders, Offelan. Uí Fáeláin means “the descendants of Fáelán”, an eighth century ruler of the clan who became over-king of all Leinster. The name O’Byrne, or Uí Briúin, “the descendants of Brión”, comes from another member of the dynasty, who lived in the fifth century and his name survives today in the townland of Laraghbryan, a mile and a half from the town of Maynooth on the road to Kilcock. Laraghbryan, Láithreach Briúin, means the place or area or sanctuary of Brión or the Uí Briúin. The position of Offelan/Uí Fáeláin and its relation to the fourteenth-century county of Kildare can be seen on the accompanying maps. It was one of a number of sub-kingdoms competing for dominance and the title of king of

MAYNOOTH CASTLE

Leinster. Uí Fáeláin, whose territory was east and west of the Liffey around Naas and northern Kildare, had produced several kings of Leinster, one of whom, Máel Mórda, fell fighting with his Norse allies against Brian Boru at the battle of Clontarf in 1014. But at the time of the Normans arrival the king of Leinster was Diarmait MacMurrough of Uí Chennselaig in south Leinster, whose capital was at Ferns. Dublin at this period was a Norse town ruled by a Norse king.

In an interesting article in the *Irish Ecclesiastical Record* for February 1940, “Maynooth Parish Church Centenary (1840-1940)”, the V. Rev. Michael T. MacSweeney P.P. traces references in the Irish annals to the Maynooth area in pre-Norman times. These annals are the great records of Irish history compiled by the monks in some of the larger monasteries, often incorporating material from earlier annals, now lost, of smaller monasteries. The annals set out in the form of a calendar, year by year over the centuries, the events which the compilers thought worthy of record. Unfortunately, they seldom thought it worth noting the doings of anybody except kings, abbots, bishops and the powerful, so we cannot hope to learn from them anything of the lives of the ordinary people of the Maynooth area. But they do give some interesting references to the area. The Book of Leinster tells us that the Nuadha who gave his name to Maynooth was Nuadha Neacht, king of Ireland around 110 B.C., and that he was an ancestor of the famous Finn, the leader of the Fianna. Fr. MacSweeney also discusses the possibility that the site of the ruined church and graveyard at Donaghmore/ Domnach Mór, or Grangewilliam, just to the east of present day Maynooth may have been a resting place for St. Patrick on one of his journeys.

The clearest and most unambiguous references to the Maynooth area in the annals are to the monastery of

Láithreach Briúin or Laraghbryan. The references are brief and scattered but they cover a period of five hundred years before the coming of the Normans. They begin with the tantalisingly brief report for the year A.D. 656 that a cow appeared at Láithreach Briúin “which calved four calves” No explanation is given of the importance of this phenomenon which made it worth its place among the battles and deaths of the great of that year, and Fr MacSweeney speculates that it may have been a copying error. For A.D. 766 the death of Glaindibur the abbot of Láithreach Briúin is recorded; for the year 856 that of “Cormac, scribe and bishop”, and for 901 the death of another abbot, “Fogartach, son of Flann.”

Finally there is a last sad double entry in the Annals of the Four Masters. For both 1036 and 1040 the annalist reports that Láithreach Briúin was burned and plundered by the men of Meath. The eleventh century was one of particularly fierce struggle for the high kingship of Ireland. This involved most parts of the country at various times, and the map shows how vulnerable Láithreach Briúin, in Uí Fáeláin at the very north of the province of Leinster, must have been to raiders from Meath which was then a separate province.

Mary Cullen



Features for September

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Galway before joining the Irish language theatre, *An Taibhdhearc*, and then joining Garry Hynes and Marie Mullen to form Druid. The accolades that flowed into all the media over the last number of days demonstrate the love and the appreciation that people felt for this man. His humanity, intelligence, sense of fairness, his love of books, his love of the Irish language, his extraordinary eloquence in both languages touched the entire country, particularly through his roles on television. He did not look down on soap opera and he proved this again in the past two years when he worked with *Ros na Rún*. We have a lot to learn from Mick – particularly to build positively on where we excel.

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Generations of Maynooth people have been members of St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band and it continues to be an important asset to the town. The first reliable evidence of a band in Maynooth can be traced back to the late 18th century (1796) when it was recorded that a band led a parade of dignitaries through the town on the way to the laying of the foundation stone for new buildings in the college which was founded the previous year in 1795.

However, in the mid 19th century there appears to have been two competing bands in Maynooth "Mahon's Band" and "Bagnet's Band" and there are stories told of both bands playing up and down the town vying for recognition.

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band has performed at several important historic events including the funerals of Daniel O'Connell, the great Irish Liberator (1847) and Charles Stuart Parnell (1891) as well as religious events in Dublin's Phoenix Park, the Eucharistic Conference (1932) and the visit of Pope John Paul in 1979.

Public Transport

Have you noticed how the paving on the footpath outside "Mantra" in Main Street has curved lines unlike any other part of the footpaths which were replaced as part of the town streetscape upgrade in the late 1990's following the opening of the M4 Motorway in 1995?

The reason for the curved paving is to mark the original line of the footpath which dates back to the early 19th century when the original building was a coaching house. The coaching house was served by the regular Bianconi horse drawn carriage service and the footpath was curved in to allow the carriages to pull in. The Bianconi service survived in many areas until it was replaced by the railways.

Sport

With the recent success of Kildare GAA football in reaching the Senior Football Semi-Final and particular interest with two players from Maynooth (Paul & Karl) involved and three local girls playing for the county in Junior Camogie there were many club flags evident around the town. Did you know that the now familiar black and white were not the original Maynooth colours? Maynooth GAA Club colours were originally green and orange. They were changed to black and white in 1889 to commemorate the death of Tommy Cullen, a nephew of Cardinal Cullen at a match in Monasterevin.

Maynooth's Spire

Did you know that Maynooth's most famous landmark, the spire was completed in 1902? It is the tallest spire in the Republic. It got something of a bad press in some quarters when it was first built being described as a "dagger through the heart of Ireland". It was funded by diocesan collection with the levy for each diocese based on the number of free places it enjoyed at the college for its seminarians. For the Millennium (2000) the local community came together and with the agreement of St. Patrick's College and financial support from local business the spire was illuminated. At night it can now be easily identified from several high points in every direction outside Maynooth. Keep an eye out to see if you can see it.

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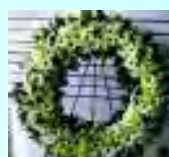
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Tidy Towns Competition 2010

Adjudication Report

Centre:	Maynooth	Ref:	377
County:	Kildare	Mark:	275
Category:	F	Date(s):	June 2010

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2010
Overall Development Approach	50	44
The Built Environment	50	36
Landscaping	50	42
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	29
Litter Control	50	30
Waste Minimisation	20	11
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets, and Back Areas	50	32
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	400	275

Overall Development Approach:

Maynooth is welcome to the 2010 National TidyTowns Competition. Thank you for your submission which was helpful in adjudication, particularly your map. It is good to note your coordinated and integrated approach to your TidyTowns activities and the participation of all town stake-holders in the TidyTowns Competition and in particular well done on the support from the business community. We note your communication activities which appear to be most effective in raising awareness of the work of the TidyTowns group. Well done on the liaison officer who maintains a close contact with the Green Schools committees in the three primary schools and the post-primary school. This will make an important contribution to the success of TidyTowns in Maynooth in the years to come. Finally, your endeavours to build good relations between the 6,500 student population and the local community are commendable and congratulations on the outcome of the letter emailed to students regarding their impact on the town during Rag Week. We wish you success in the implementation of your five year rolling work plan 2010-2015.

The Built Environment:

Maynooth features an attractive layout and street pattern with interesting laneways and enjoys high visual amenity in terms of its streetscape in the town centre. Business premises are for the most part maintained to a high standard and indeed there are some very attractive properties, the Fitzgerald, the Roost Bar and Lounge Restaurant being one example. Avoid canopies and awnings like those featured on the Moulin Rouge premises. Congratulations on work achieved to date under this category in the competition. Encourage shop owners to pay attention to their window display, particularly in respect of the positioning of posters and other signs as these can spoil an otherwise good shopfront. Be cognisant also of the streetscape at night in respect of window displays and the negative impact of security shutters. Maynooth enjoys an excellent heritage in terms of its built environment and there is strong commitment to its protection.

Landscaping:

The gracious visual amenity value of the trees along Main Street has been noted in previous reports; your adjudicator this year respectfully suggests that you maintain the boles of trees clear of growth to highlight their profile as a feature. Yet again the overall presentation and maintenance of your hard landscaped Market Square is noted. Container flower displays and flowerbeds, have been admired at numerous locations around the town. Perhaps the plinth to the road edge to the GAA club premises could feature container flower displays also. The feasibility of greening the overpass on the entrance to the town from the Kilcock road might be explored to soften its visual impact.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The wildflower displays along the verges on the Moyglare entrance to the town looked wonderful at the time of adjudication, perhaps the roadside edge of the verge could be maintained neatly trimmed to give it greater definition. The same

suggestion applies for verges along the entrance from the Kilcock approach road. The Laraghbyrne Cemetery is neatly maintained and access here is good. The canal amenity area / harbour was being enjoyed at the time of our visit by fishing enthusiasts as well as families with young children feeding the ducks; your fishing return policy is noted. We wish you every success with your reinstatement plans for The Green and small Pound Parks which will include wildlife areas and hopefully funding will be secured for your new wildlife signage. It is anticipated that your meeting with Waterways Ireland and FAS regarding the island and the Canal Harbour will be fruitful. Your flagship project for 2010 on the banks of the Joan Slade river is commendable and no doubt you will get all the support that you need from volunteers for its maintenance.

Litter Control:

Litter control appears to be strong in Maynooth however some was noted at the Budgies Pet Shop premises and some on Charter School Road, amounts were not significant but worth noting nonetheless. The problem of the stolen litter bin lids is unusual and we note your commitment to replacing these. The TidyTowns school liaison person, which is new role in 2010 and involves litter pick as part of an adopt an area initiative, is commendable and well done to all the children who are involved, well done also to the Junior TidyTowns members. Your other initiatives such as the mobile phone text system and the encouragement to business owners to take responsibility for the area outside of their premises are noted as is the provision of new bins.

Waste Minimisation:

Congratulations to the Maynooth Post-Primary School on the achievement of their second Green Flag for waste minimisation; the proposed report on waste minimisation activities at the university will provide the necessary information to motivate other town stake-holders to review their waste processes. Well done on the sixteen tons of electrical waste which was recycled in Naas through the school websites and other media. Your pilot project with SuperValu Maynooth should become a permanent and significant part of recycling in Maynooth and the medical aids initiative working with the Jack and Jill Foundation is unusual and most fruitfull.

Tidiness:

Your initiative regarding advertisement hoardings is noted and we wish you every success with site and property owners in relation to these. Hopefully the extra large advertisement hoarding on the gable of the Avenue Café premises will be one of the ones that will be removed. Wirescape in Maynooth is not particularly visually obtrusive and what does exist is hidden by the foliage of the trees along Main Street. Lanes and side areas in general look well and no doubt the few undeveloped sites will be either developed in the short term future or successfully screened. Weed control is quite good.

Residential Areas:

A number of boundary walls to dwellings along the Moyglare road were in need of improvement. The charming terrace of single storey dwellings along Charter School Lane are being nicely maintained and the presentation of Pebble Hill and Carton Square on Charter School Road is admirable. The feasibility of providing more planting to the apartments over the shopping centre might be investigated as these have quite a high profile when viewed from the Kilcock road together with the overpass bridge, both present a harsh visual impact. Well done on the annual awards which make an important contribution to the overall appearance of residential areas within Maynooth.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Road and footpath surfaces are quite good throughout the town and on approach roads and your representations to Kildare County Council to have cycle lanes freshly delineated are applauded. Street furniture overall is well presented with just a few items in need of cleaning and street nameplates were both numerous and in good condition; a few litter bins were in need of washing. Your representations to Kildare County Council to resurface back lanes and repair kerbing are noted and we look forward to the completion of the project to name roundabouts and bridges in the town. Good luck also on your lighting and signage initiative as part of reinstatement works for the Small Pound and the The Green.

General Impression:

Well done on yet another fine presentation, congratulations on projects achieved to date and the best of luck regarding future projects, particularly those that involve undeveloped sites and derelict properties and thank you for a fine submission in 2010.

Maynooth GAA News

MAYNOOTH GAA NOTES

ALL-IRELAND WINNERS

Well done to the Kildare camogie team who were crowned All-Ireland Junior A Camogie Champions at the end of August when they beat Armagh in the final in Ashbourne.

Three players from Maynooth lined out on the team – Brid Byrnes in goals and Gillian O'Hurley at right half-back while Louise Walsh came on as a late substitute, scoring a crucial goal that helped the Lilies win by 3-10 to 2-8.

U12 CAMOGIE BLITZ

Maynooth's under-12 camogie enjoyed a very successful weekend at the Dublin blitz organised by Naomh Brid in August. Representing Kildare against the leading clubs from other counties, Maynooth fielded two teams, in itself a wonderful achievement. The Group A team topped their group with a 100 per cent record following comprehensive victories over Lucan Sarsfields, Ballinasloe and Ballinteer. In the semi-final the girls met a strong, physical Castletown-Geoghegan (Westmeath) team and despite leading at half-time, could not hold out for victory, losing to a goal scored in the closing stages. The Group B team had some difficult matches in the group stages but saved their best for last,

narrowly losing to a much older Ballinteer team in the shield semi-final. The eventual winners of the blitz were Lucan Sarsfields (Cup) and Ballinteer (Shield). Congratulations to all the girls involved in what was a great day.

U13 GIRLS FOOTBALL

Girls under-13 football training has resumed. Training is on Friday nights 7 - 8.30pm in the GAA club. The girls will play in Division 2 of the Autumn League along with Ballykelly, Cappagh, Castledermot, Na Fianna and Naas.

First match is at home to Naas on Wednesday, 8 September at 6.30pm

UNDERAGE TRAINING

Under-8, Under-7 and Under-6 hurling training resumed from Saturday, 28 August (kids born since 2003). Training is held from 10-11am in GAA Club every Saturday. All newcomers are welcome and we have a small number of hurleys and helmets for use by beginners. Please contact one of the coaches if you have any questions.

U10 FOOTBALLERS

Maynooth under-10 footballers won the annual Sallins GAA football blitz on Saturday, 21 August 2010. A fine performance with some well scored points and cracking goals, saw Crom

Abu top their group with full points seeing the boys into a well-deserved semi final against JK Brackens GAA club from Templemore in Co Tipperary. A thrilling game and excellent defence saw Maynooth win this semi by two points and a place in the final against Athlone GAA club. The final was a low scoring game which demonstrated the quality of the two sides. A point won the game for Maynooth, however credit must be given to an important block by the Maynooth full backs denying Athlone a very late equaliser. The "never give up" attitude of the Maynooth boys coupled with an enjoyment of the game led to a great day of for all.

A big thanks to Sallins GAA for an excellent day out and a very well run event.

MAYNOOTH: Eoin Harrington, Conor Lynch, Cian Burke-O'Neill, Eoin Franklin, James Heaver, Cathal McCabe, Alex Kelly, David Bonass, Adam Doherty, Daniel Waldron, James Wallace, Janis Berzens, Conor Loftus, Daire Whelan. Mentors : Seán Waldron, Des Lynch and Colm Kelly.

DAWN OF A NEW ERA

It has taken years of hard work to get this far - and there are plenty of years of hard work ahead - but Maynooth GAA club turned the page on a new era in the

club's history when work began on new, state of the art facilities at Moyglare Hall. The diggers rolled in two weeks ago as site clearance work began in preparation for the installation of 5 new all-weather pitches. This is a joint development between Maynooth GAA and Maynooth Post Primary School.

The job is being undertaken by Dar Golf, a specialist pitch contractor with 37 years experience in Pitch Development and maintenance. When completed there will (including the existing pitch) be 3 full size and 3 juvenile pitches on site. The works being undertaken will also include an all weather walking/Jogging path. Stay posted to the club website for news on the development as the club moves onwards and upwards.

MAYNOOTH INTERMEDIATE COMOGIE team started off their championship campaign with victory over Leixlip played on 30/8/10.

Maynooth dominated the first half and had scored 3 points within the first 10 minutes with Elaine McNamara. Samantha Ward and Tanya McGrath getting on the score board. Hesitancy in the Leixlip defence in the 14th minute of the first half was seized upon by Maynooth corner forward Samantha Ward who struck an unstoppable shot

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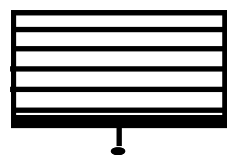
to the net. Further points from county player Louise Walsh and Elaine McAuliffe in the last 10 minutes left the score at half time.

Maynooth 1-5 : Leixlip 0-0

The Leixlip side improved their performance dramatically in the second half and by the 24th minute of the second half had reduced the margin to 3 points, scoring 2-3 in this period while Maynooth had tagged on a further 4 points with a brace from Elaine McAuliffe and Louise Walsh. The winners defence played very solidly in the remaining 6 minutes of the game and a pointed free from Louise Walsh 2 minutes from the end gave Maynooth the cushion they needed to hold out for victory.

Maynooth go on to play Sarsfields in their next match and if successful will reach the final of this championship. A positive feature of this performance is the fact that 5 of the forwards scored and manager Pat Comerford will be encouraged by this aspect of

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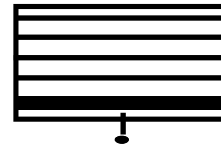


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Maynooth GAA News - continued

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the match, while the return from injury by Siobhan McCourt will have given the team a much needed boost

Final Score Maynooth 1-10 : Leixlip 2-3

Maynooth (team + scores)

Brid Byrnes:, Anne Comerford:,
Aisling Farrell:, Michelle Gillick:, Sharon
Malone:, Gillian O Hurley:, Louise Doran:, Siobhan
McCourt:, Karen Lynch:, Elaine McAuliffe:
(0-3), Louise Walsh: (0-4), Tanya McGrath: (0-1),
Samantha Ward: (1-1), Eimear Connolly:,
Elaine McNamara: (0-1).
Sub. Annemarie Farrell for Louise Doran

MINOR FOOTBALL

MFC A QUARTER-FINAL

ATHY 1-15

MAYNOOTH 1-7

Maynooth's minors bowed out of the championship at the quarter-final stage for the third year running - and for the third time against Athy - as the reigning champions overpowered the Crom Abú in the final ten minutes. It was a brave fight from Maynooth, who were level with 11 minutes to go but the winners hit 1-6 in the closing quarter to seal their place in the semi-finals.

Athy powered their way into the semi-finals of this year's minor championship but the defending champions had their work cut out for most of the game.

The south Kildare side were on the back foot after just two minutes when Maynooth's full-forward Conor Davin pounced in front of goal to find the net after a brilliant break from midfield involving Martin O'Connor and Josh Gunne. Davin, who's just out of the under-14 ranks, showed great strength to hold off his marker before clipping his shot in off the left post. Three minutes later Mark Donnellan added a point to complete the ideal start for Maynooth, who knew they

were up against a formidable force in the shape of the three-in-a-row chasing Athy.

Boasting two county players in midfield - the elegant Liam McGovern and the powerful Kevin Feeley it wasn't long before they recovered the lost ground and by the ninth minute they had two points on the board courtesy of McGovern and another county minor, Niall Kelly.

A typically lung-bursting run from John Comerford yielded another Maynooth point as they kept their noses in front but they were reeled in by the 21st minute when Feeley pointed a free. McGovern kicked Athy in front two minutes later but it was level at the break (1-4 to 0-7) when Niall Kelly and Comerford traded points.

The resumption brought stalemate for eight minutes until McGovern finally opened the second half scoring with a fine point off his weaker right foot but it was all square again with 11 minutes remaining as Maynooth continued to frustrate their opponents.

While Athy were wasteful in front of goal in the first half - kicking eight wides - it was Maynooth's turn to miss in the second period. Although only four shots went wide, they coughed up possession on numerous occasions during the course of promising attacks. Twice their forwards could have fisted over simple points but elected to hunt for goals instead - a policy that yielded nothing but frustration.

When Athy finally took control, they did so in style. In the space of two minutes they kicked over four points, two from the irrepressible Niall Kelly, and in a flash they were four clear, 0-13 to 1-6. After two more points put the game to bed, Michael Keogh added the coup de grace with a well-taken goal in the 57th minute.

All Maynooth's hard work had been undone in six minutes - a sign of just how good Athy can be when they get going. Their three-in-a-row ambitions look in safe hands.



Maynooth Under 10 Football Team



Maynooth Under 10 with the Sallins GAA Trophy

T.A.D.D.A - Does your child have an interest in performing?

Founded this summer by Sharon Sexton, the Theatre Arts Dance and Drama Academy aims to provide fun and exciting new classes in dance, drama, singing and musical theatre for the children of Maynooth. The classes cater for boys and girls aged 3 - 16 and give the students the opportunity to learn new skills, make friends, gain confidence, perform and have lots of fun in a creative environment.

All of the teachers are fully qualified and experienced professional performers. They are all really excited about meeting people on Tuesday 21st!!

OPEN DAY: Try it out for FREE and bring a friend!

The classes will be held in the Educate Together School, Maynooth on Tuesday evenings.

The School will hold an **open day on Tuesday 21st Sept**, where students aged 3 - 7 can attend from 3.30-4.30 and students aged 8 - 16 can attend from 4.30-6.30 to try out a class for **FREE** and join up! For more info. a flyer or a booking form please don't hesitate to contact taddaschool@gmail.com or **087 1486812!**



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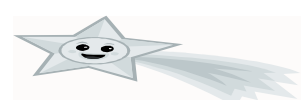
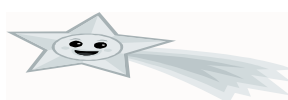
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Information for senior citizens

For many of us, the prospect of retirement from work provides an opportunity to seek fresh directions and new challenges. You may, for example, be thinking of taking up a different area of paid or voluntary work, learning some new skills, embarking on some travel or just spending more time on a favourite hobby or pastime.

Planning for your retirement will give you the best chance of maximising your time, adjusting to this lifestyle change and help you budget for the type of financial security you would like during retirement. People in Ireland today are living longer, healthier lives so it's important to plan in advance for this new phase in life.

Lifestyle changes

For most of us, the transition (or move) from work to retirement takes place on a specified date and is not negotiable. In other words, you retire from work when you reach a particular age or another date that is set out in your contract of employment. Other people may be in a position to gradually ease into retirement by reducing their workload or doing part-time work. The following information outlines the various issues that may arise as you make the change from work to retirement and provides information that may help you to make a smooth transition. A number of organisations throughout the country provide pre-retirement courses which may help you to prepare for retirement. Active retirement is a concept which has become increasingly popular in Ireland and there are a range of [active retirement organisations](#) which promote education and leisure activities for retired people.

Working in retirement

Some retired people may simply have retired from one occupation. For that reason, you may regard retirement as a job change rather than a total withdrawal from the labour market. Retiring from work therefore may simply signal a career change. Most legislation dealing with the protection of employees in Ireland does not have an upper age limit. This means that if you are [working in retirement](#), then you have the same employment rights as everyone else. If you decide to work part-time, you can find out about [employment rights of part-time workers](#).

Retirement age

Despite the misconception, there is no single retirement age in Ireland, although 65 is generally regarded as the age most people retire at. There are upper age limits that restrict entry for various activities, such as entry to some professions.

Most contracts of employment have a mandatory retirement age - the age at which you must retire. The usual retirement age in contracts of employment is 65. Many employment contracts, however, make provision for early retirement from age 60, (or in some cases, from age 55). Most also make provision for early retirement on health grounds.

The Employment Equality Acts provide for [age equality in employment](#) but they do not prevent the setting of different ages for retirement. If you opt for [early retirement](#), you may need to take various steps to ensure that you maintain your entitlement to [social welfare pensions](#).

Income supports while retired

Before you decide to retire from work, you may need to know what income supports are available. If you are a farmer, you may need to know about the [Farm Retirement Scheme](#) which aims to encourage farmers to pass on their land to younger farmers.

If you are taking early retirement, you may consider yourself unemployed rather than retired and you may need information on benefits for unemployed people. If you are made redundant you may be entitled to a [statutory redundancy lump sum](#). If you retire early, for whatever reason, you may be entitled to [Jobseeker's Benefit](#) and subsequently, to [Jobseeker's Allowance](#). You may also be eligible for a range of [back to work](#) and [back to education](#) schemes.

Pensions

There are various types of pension available. You may have contributed to a pension scheme during your working life, in which case you will get an [occupational pension](#) or have a [personal pension](#) arrangement. You need to deal directly with the pension provider to find out exactly what benefits your pension gives you.

If you made sufficient PRSI contributions during your working life and you retire at 65 you may be entitled to the [State Pension \(Transition\)](#). At 66, you may be entitled to the [State Pension \(Contributory\)](#). If you have not made sufficient PRSI contributions, you can apply for a [State Pension \(Non-Contributory\)](#), which is means-tested. You may also be entitled to [Free Travel](#) and to the [Household Benefits Package](#).

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

Garden Tips September

It might be just at the last days of summer but still the sun shines and we can have some very pleasant days. These are especially good if you have lots to do in the garden!

However what we do need though is some decent downpours of rain as the ground is very dry some late summer flowering shrubs look a little thirsty. Make sure you are not neglecting to water your plants in borders and in tubs, troughs and hanging baskets.

Topical Tips

Sow sweet peas as they will be quite happy going through the winter and if sown now will give earlier flowering next year. Just find a dry sheltered spot and sow in shallow drill for best results and try the double varieties which in my view have the best perfume.

Give conifer hedges a last light trim before autumn sets in and add a slow release granular fertilizer at the base of the hedge to give a good boost of energy for a thicker hedge next year. Conifer hedges will dry out very quickly in the warm days at present so make sure the ground is kept moist near the root area.

Now is the time to buy spring flowering bulbs. The garden centres are full of them and they are now at their best as the suppliers have only just released the new stock.

Dig over the border area to be planted and plant the bulbs at least three times their own depth into the ground, the same being for bulbs to go in pots or troughs. Firm in the bulbs and cover with light layer of compost or leaf mould to keep the moisture in.

September is a great time to plant trees, shrubs, bulbs, perennials and grass seed. Plants that are planted in the autumn enjoy cooler temperatures and ideal growing conditions that allow roots ample time to grow into the surrounding soil. Use starter plant fertilizer mix when planting.

Plants and trees that provide colour in the month of September include Cotoneaster, Viburnums, Hypericum, Hydrangeas, Potentilla, Pyracantha and Butterfly Bush.

Do not prune Azaleas, Rhododendrons and other spring flowering shrubs because they have already set their buds for next year's blooms. If you feel these shrubs do need to be pruned, however, you can prune them now, but you will sacrifice next spring's flowers.

Time to feed your plants with a good quality, slow release plant food made for perennials and flowering shrubs and trees that contains slow-release nitrogen, sulphate of potash, iron and other micro nutrients for overall plant growth and development.

Feed evergreens (Hollies, Boxwoods and Yews) and deciduous trees (Maples, Oaks and Ash) with a tree & shrub food. This product contains slow-release nitrogen, sulphate of potash, iron and other micro nutrients for overall plant growth and development.

Spring blooming bulbs are best to plant in October. Plant Iris, Tulips, Crocus, Daffodils and many others for glorious colour next spring.

Pruning Lavender

It takes about three years for a Lavender to reach full size. Plants should be pruned **every year** immediately after bloom. **Pruning** should not be confused with harvesting. Pruning is necessary to extend the life of the plant. Lavender flower wand stems are usually a bright green while Lavender leaves are grey. Cut back not only the flower stem, but also about a third of the grey-leaved stems as well. If the plant has been neglected, it can be cut back further, but avoid pruning back so far that only woody stems with no leaves are showing. A plant pruned into the wood may push out latent (sleeping) buds or it may die.

Drying Hydrangeas Naturally

The blooms on these beautiful shrubs are magnificent this year despite the harsh winter conditions we experienced. Years ago when there was a very heavy late frost all the buds on my hydrangeas were literally scorched with the frost and not a bloom was to be seen that year—very disappointing!

Leave blooms on the shrub until late summer. Toward the end of the summer the petals will begin to age and take on a vintage look. If left on the shrub a while longer, many blooms will pick up interesting shades of burgundy and pink. One can cut the blooms, strip off the leaves, arrange them in a vase, with or without water, and leave them to dry. It is not necessary to



hang hydrangeas up side down to dry unless the stems are very thin and weak.

- To retain extremely natural hydrangea colour, use Silica Gel to dry fresh blooms.



Decorating with Hydrangeas at Christmas

Much as I am loath to mention the “C” word so soon, stunning Christmas tree ornaments, wreaths, and arrangements can be made with Hydrangeas. Leave bloom heads natural or spray them gold or silver or (believe it or not) red.

I have found that “gaudy” red blooms can make some of the most stunning displays. In arrangements, combine with fresh ivy, berries and holly. On the tree, one can use a gold bow with each hydrangea head.

Hanging Baskets in the Autumn

There is no reason why you cannot have hanging baskets over the Autumn/Winter period. Winter displays can be quite alluring although they are subtler. Last year I planted up some herbs in the basket and the different coloured foliage was very attractive and it also smelt divine!

Winter baskets are low maintenance they only need occasional watering unless weather is unseasonably dry.

Before planting think about the type of compost to use i.e. if planting heathers use ericaceous compost. Any compost used should be free draining. When planting, remember plants grow more slowly in winter so plant closer together or buy larger ones. Winter baskets, especially those containing winter flowering plants should be planted as early as possible as plants will not grow much in the winter and so won't initiate flower buds.

Containers

Here's a list of some of the popular plants that are available for containers, all of them can be planted out into the garden when it's time to put in summer flowering plants, or alternatively leave them where they are and they will come back next year.

Violas. Very colourful and very hardy plants. This year we can see even more varieties in the shops.

Winter Pansies. There are loads of different colours available. Make sure they are sturdy plants and not too leggy, plant them a bit deeper to stop them wobbling around in the wind. With pansies and violas they will flower a lot longer if you deadhead them regularly. Save the seeds and plant them out in spring.

Trailing Ivy. Both plain and variegated ones look good. This plant brings shape to a container and fills them out.

Dwarf conifers. Dark or light green, take your pick.

Primulas and polyanthus. Both will give colour in spring and will spread nicely in the garden for next year. Again there are loads of colours available.



Herbs. Buy small plug plants if you can get them, they will soon fill out and provide plenty of foliage.

Heathers. I have found the winter flowering ones grow really well in baskets; they will flower well into the spring too.

Pet Corner

The Bionic Cat

Oscar the cat may have lost one of his nine lives, but his new prosthetic paws make him the world's first bionic cat.

After losing his two rear paws in a nasty encounter with a combine harvester last October, the black cat with green eyes was outfitted with metallic pegs that link the ankle to the foot and mimic the way deer antlers grow through skin.

Oscar is now back on his feet and hopping over hurdles like tissue paper rolls.



After Oscar's farming accident, which happened when the 2½ year-old-cat was lazing in the sun in the British Channel Isles, his owners, Kate and Mike Nolan, took him to their local veterinarian. In turn, the vet referred Oscar to Dr. Noel Fitzpatrick, a neuro-orthopedic surgeon in Easing, 35 miles southwest of London.

Together with biomedical engineering experts, Fitzpatrick gave Oscar two metal prosthetic implants that are a bit wobbly, to imitate a cat's natural walk. But first, he covered the brown implants with black tape to match Oscar's fur.

Fitzpatrick said he and biomedical engineers designed the artificial paws so that they would be fused to the bone and skin. "That allows this implant to work as a seesaw on the bottom of the animal's limbs to give him (an) effectively normal gait", he said. "Oscar can now run and jump about as cats should do."

The veterinarians then inserted the peg-like implants by drilling them into Oscar's ankle bones in his rear legs. The metal implants are attached to the bone where Oscar lost his paws and were coated with a substance that helps bone cells grow directly over them. The cat's own skin then grew over the end of the peg to form a natural seal to prevent infections.

After rehabilitation training that taught Oscar how to walk again, the cat was on all four feet in less than four months. Oscar's owners said they hoped his new paws would also further the technology for developing artificial limbs for humans.



Watch Out for The Harvest Mite

Harvest mites are pests that will bother every kind of mammal known to man. Your dog is especially susceptible to them though. These bugs are small and difficult to detect. They are about the size of a pin head. They land on the skin and begin their "harvesting". When they begin to harvest, it is likely the dog will begin to scratch incessantly at the affected area.

The signs that your dog might have harvest mites are as follows: Small red lumps forming on the skin, scratching or biting at infected area, crust on the bumps and sometimes oozing. If your dog is showing any of these signs, it is important to get treatment for him right away.

8th Kildare Scouts

This is an update to let you know what we have been up to over the summer. The Scouts in Maynooth started by having another family fun day in the harbour field as part of the Geraldine festival. We would like to thank the public for attending in such large numbers.

Our aim was to let the community know about scouting in Maynooth, see some of our skills and take part in some of the activities. The Scouts ran a cake stall and there was also a raffle. The prizes were donated by local businesses. All the junior members and Scouters had a job on the day! Tents were set up to look like a typical Scout camp. Some of the tents had activities such as kite making, colouring and the disgusting tent (you had to put your hands in various basins which contained an object hidden in things like maggots, beans). As usual the burgers and tea went down a treat.

A Leonardo bridge took centre stage. There was a TeePee and a large circular German tent as well as regular Scout tents. We were delighted to welcome the many dignitaries who paid us a visit too. The day also gave us a chance to outline the current situation in relation to our plans for a new Den in the harbour field, our Den will also be available for use within our community for other groups.

July - To finish the year for the Beavers and Cubs there was a trip organised to Rathbeggan lakes. The day was full of fishing, pedal boats and lots of water! The highlight of the day was definitely the enormous water fight at the end where the leaders were the main target.

July - The annual Scout camp was to Portlick Scout Centre which was on the beautiful eastern shore of Lough Ree. They have 5 acres of grassland and purpose built camping facilities. The Scouts took part in various activities such as archery, hiking, canoeing, bowling, a zip wire and raft building. They tried crate staking (standing on crates, building them up as high as you can go while standing on them). This was an exciting action packed trip.

August - The annual venturers camp was very exciting. The challenge set was to cross Co. Clare and get to Lahinch in 4 days. They were split into two teams and they had to work together to complete numerous mini challenges along the way. The trip got off to a shaky start when the bus arrived in Maynooth full. Fortunately another one came along and off they went.

Day One - The blue team started in Kilcolgan and made their way to Kinvara where they spent the night in the grounds of a castle! The Green team started in Ardahan and met a friendly farmer who provided them with water and a spot to camp.

Day Two - The Blue team covered a mammoth 37 kms to make it to a wood near Lisdoonvarna. The Green team covered a modest (!) 27 kms and made it to another farm. This time in Corofin next to a lake.

Day Three - Last day of the trip and both teams were getting closer to their destination, Lahinch. The Blue team camped the third night in the grounds of a hostel so managed to get clothes dried. 17 kms left for the last day. The Green team stayed yet again with a local farmer who gave them tea and somewhere to stay. The Green team have 8 kms for the last day. The leaders had a great time too, driving around, finding the teams and being tourists for a few days.

August - The Phoenix Challenge.

One weekend in August Scout patrols from all over the country took part in a national challenge, known as The Phoenix Challenge. A Patrol from Maynooth Scouts qualified to participate having come in first place in the Cill Dara county prequalifiers earlier in the year. The Scouts had been training very hard over the last few months. They met every Sunday on top of their usual weekly meetings. This was to make sure that every aspect of their craft and teamwork was perfected. We are delighted to say that all their hard work paid off. The Maynooth Scouts achieved Silver Standard. Congratulations to all the Scouts and not forgetting the leaders who put them through their paces. Over the weekend the team worked together to set up the site, cook their own food, kept a daily log and partook in different activities such as raft building, puzzle solving etc.

Sunday 29th August - In preparation for the new Scouting year there was a training weekend in the beautiful Glendale Lodge in the Wicklow mountains. Leaders had a chance to catch up with one another and also it was a chance to refresh their skills and also learn new skills. One of the funniest parts was pitching tents while blindfolded.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 087 6200182.
Cynthia.

University of the Third Age

This being the silly season a lot of our members are on holidays. However, we are not entirely bereft. The craft classes are continuing. We owe thanks to the Dept. of Housing Community and Culture in Kildare County Council for providing funding for us. On the 15th July we had the first of our flower arranging classes given by Imelda Desmond, one of our own, in the ICA hall.

We learned how to prepare a container with oasis and the proper way to prepare the flowers and insert them in the oasis. There is more to this than meets the eye! Our second class with Imelda was on the 23rd July. We had a talk on how to prepare various flowers for arranging, how to decorate a table for a party or Christmas or whatever. We learned how to cover containers with leaves and fill with flowers. Then we had to do our own arrangements.

The grand finale was a photo was taken of all our efforts surrounded by us! Art classes were given by Elizabeth Pringle on 30th July and 6th August in the ICA hall, We were given a prepared canvas and a still life arrangement of dead sunflowers to paint with acrylic paint. Can't say any of us are budding van Goghs. I have to say the fun was trying to describe what each of our efforts looked like.

A number of us visited Ballindoolin Gardens near Edenderry. An enjoyable outing and all said the gardens were worth seeing. Last Thursday we visited Larch Hill Arcadian Gardens near Kilcock. The place has a very interesting history. It is said that a man by the name of Watson lived there in the early 1800s who believed in the transmigration of souls and he maintained that he would return as a fox, so he build a fox covert that he could escape into if the hounds got too near for comfort. It is there to be seen to this day. The gardens are beautiful. The best of all was a visit to Coolcarigan House and gardens. We were met on arrival with tea and scones, then Robert the owner gave us a tour of the house with an account of its history, then we were left to wander and enjoy the really wonderful gardens.

Nola Campbell gave me a letter from the Irish Heart Foundation saying that World Heart Day is on Sunday September 26th. There is a World Heart Day 5k Walk in the Phoenix Park on that day which is guaranteed to be a fun, family day, all are welcome. For further information ring Grainne Kennedy 01 668500.

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The Dance Academy has been operating successfully in Bray, Maynooth and Mount Merrion for a number of decades and most recently in Edenderry. Sadhbh personally teaches every single pupil and she hopes to welcome you back in September for another exam year.

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Fish Cakes

Ingredients:

2 fillets of Fish
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4 potatoes
1 onion
1 large egg (or 2
small eggs)
½ teaspoon parsley
salt and pepper to taste
Flour for coating
Oil for frying.



Method:

1. Cook the fish by boiling it. Once the fish is cooked, drain and remove the skins, debone and flake the fish and place into a dish.
2. Boil the potatoes. Mash the cooked potatoes and add to the fish.
3. Chop the onion finely and add to the fish mixture with the parsley, salt and pepper.
4. Add the beaten egg and stir till well blended.
5. Take tablespoonfuls of mixture and roll in the flour.
6. Heat the oil and fry the fishcakes till browned on both sides.

Turkey Meatballs in Tomato & Fennel Sauce

Ingredients

400g turkey mince
25g fresh white
breadcrumbs
2 garlic cloves ,
crushed
2 tbsp olive oil
1 onion, chopped
1 carrot, diced
1 tsp fennel seeds
400g can chopped tomatoes
1 tbsp tomato purée
400g spaghetti, cooked, to serve



Method

1. Put the mince in a mixing bowl with the breadcrumbs and half the garlic. Season and mix well to combine. Using your hands, shape the mixture into 12 balls, then chill for 10 mins.
2. Meanwhile, heat 1 tbsp oil in a pan. Add the onion, carrot and remaining garlic. Cook for 5-6 mins until softened. Add the fennel seeds and cook for a few secs. Tip in the tomatoes with half a can of water, then stir in the tomato purée. Season and simmer for 15 mins until thickened. Using an electric hand blender, whizz until roughly smooth.
3. Meanwhile, heat the remaining oil in a non-stick frying pan and fry the meatballs for 8-10 mins until cooked through.

Transfer to the sauce and simmer until piping hot. Serve with spaghetti.

Minestrone In Minutes

Ingredients:

hot vegetable
stock
400g tin chopped
tomatoes
100g thin spaghetti, broken into short
lengths
350g frozen mixed vegetables
4 tbsp pesto
drizzle of olive oil
coarsely grated parmesan-style cheese,
to serve.



Method:

1. Bring the stock to the boil with the tomatoes, then add the spaghetti and cook for 6 mins or until done. A few minutes before the pasta is ready, add the vegetables and bring back to the boil. Simmer for 2 mins until everything is cooked.
2. Serve in bowls drizzled with pesto and oil, sprinkled with parmesan.

Brown Bread (the easy way)

Ingredients:

450 g/1lb coarse
wholemeal
2 level teaspoons
bread soda
25g / 1oz pinhead Oatmeal
4 tablespoons Demerara sugar
100g packet chopped walnuts
(optional)
50g / 2oz margarine
1 teaspoon Treacle
400ml Guinness.



Method :

1. Preheat oven to 190°C/ 375°F/ Gas 5
2. Lightly grease a 2lb loaf tin.
3. Put margarine and treacle into a saucepan over low heat and allow the margarine to melt.
4. Meanwhile, put the wholemeal, pinhead, sugar and chopped walnuts into a bowl. Sieve in the breadsoda and mix well.
5. When the margarine has melted. Add the Guinness and stir.
6. Add the liquid to the dry ingredients and mix well. Transfer mixture to prepared tin and bake for about 40 to 50 minutes until risen and when tapped underneath has a hollow sound.
7. Wrap in a clean tea towel and allow to cool.



Cake Recipe

Old fashioned Chocolate Cake

Ingredients

200g plain flour
200g caster sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon of bicarbonate soda
40g of best quality cocoa
175g of soft unsalted butter
2 large eggs
2 teaspoon real vanilla extract
150 ml of sour cream.
Frosting
75g unsalted butter
175g best dark chocolate, broken into
small pieces
300g icing sugar
1 teaspoon golden syrup (or light corn
syrup)
125 ml sour cream
1 teaspoon real vanilla extract
Sugar flowers optional.
Cake

Method :

1. Take everything out of the fridge so that all the ingredients can come to room temperature.
2. Preheat oven to gas mark 4/ 180°C and line and butter two 20 cm sandwich tins with removable bases.
3. Now all you have to do put all the cake ingredients— flour, sugar ,baking powder, and bicarbonate soda, Cocoa , butter, eggs, vanilla and sour cream, - into a food processor and process until you have a smooth thick batter. If you want to go the long way around just mix the flour, sugar and leavening agents in a large bowl and beat in the soft butter until you have a combined and creamy mixture. Now whisk together the cocoa, sour cream, vanilla and eggs and beat this into your bowl if mixture.
4. Divide this batter, using a rubber spatula to help you scrape and spread into the prepared tins and bake until a cake tester, or thin skewer, comes out clean which should be about 35 minutes but it is wise to start checking at 25 minutes. Also . It might make sense to switch the two cakes tins around In the oven halfway through cooking .
5. Remove the cake in their tins, to a wire rack and let cool for 10 minutes before turning out their tins.
Don't worry about any cracks as they easily to covered by the icing later.

Frosting

1. To make this icing melt the butter and chocolate in a good sized bowl either in the microwave or suspended over a pan of simmering water . Go slowly, either way, you don't want any burning.

2. While the chocolate and butter are cooling a little, sieve the icing sugar into another bowl. Or easier put the icing sugar into the food processor and blitz. This is by far the least tedious way of removing lumps.
3. Add the golden syrup to the cooled chocolate mixture, followed by the sour cream and vanilla and then when all this is combined whisk in the icing sugar. Or just pour the mixture down the funnel of the food processor onto the icing sugar with the motor running.
4. When you 're done you may need a little boiling water— say a teaspoon or so— or indeed some more
Icing sugar. It depends in whether you need the icing to be runnier or thicker, or indeed it may be right . As it is. It should be liquid enough to coat easy and thick enough not to drop of.

5. Choose your cake stand or plate and cut out four strips of baking parchment to form a square outline. On it. (this stops the icing running on the plate) . Then set one of the cakes , uppermost (ie. Slightly Domed) side down.
6. Spoon about a third of the icing on to the centre of the cake half and spread with a knife or spatula until you cover the top of it evenly. Sit the other cake on the top normal way up, pressing gently to sandwich the two of them together.
7. spoon another third of the icing sugar onto the top of the cake and spread it in a swirl, textured way (though you can go for a smooth finish if you prefer, and have the patience). Spread the sides of the cake with remaining of the icing and leave a few minutes till set. Then carefully pull away the paper strips.
8. I love to do the top of this with sugar pansies—and you must admit, they do look enchanting - but there really is no need to make a shopping expedition out of it, or indeed nothing we do.



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A Turn at Tara – the Third Feis Teamhra

This was the third such event on the Hill of Tara. This year the artists performed outdoors in the shaded shadow of the Interpretative Centre. Singer Susan McKeown and Pulitzer prize-winning poet, Paul Muldoon, organized this event again and they were the movers behind the original idea in 2007. Both were involved in the campaign to move the M3 away from Tara's Gabhra Valley. Paul Muldoon was Master of Ceremonies introducing each act with his light hearted humorous manner and these included none other than Seamus Heaney. He was joined by Michael Longley who told the audience that the nation has been taken over and wounded by tar and concrete and we are suffering from cultural Alzheimers. Susan McKeown an Irishwoman living in New York sang to the accompaniment of Aidan Brennan, one of the songs was about the rivers of Ireland. Laoise Kelly, one of Ireland's foremost young harpers, played Planxty Wilkinson by Carolan. The Wilkinsons still live at Baronstown in Meath. Paul himself read from his own latest collection and the novelist Colm Toibin read a contemporary account of the Daniel O Connell Monster Meeting at Tara where he protested against the unjust Union to a crowd of at least of 750,000 who had gathered there in support. He acted the part and got the crowd to fill in the cheers as necessary! Seamus Heaney recited translations of some Old Irish poems and Mad Sweeney's Praise of the Trees. It was a wonderful day, and the sun shone on Tara for the entire event. Paul has promised that there will be a fourth Feis Teamhra. (Sponsored by the Heritage Council)



Laoise Kelly



Seamus Heaney



Colm Tóibín



Seamus Heaney & Michael Longley



Susan McKeown & Aidan Brennan



Paul Muldoon



Michael Longley

Open Week At GUI National Golf Academy

The GUI National Golf Academy, located in Carton Demesne just off the Maynooth to Dunboyne Road, is holding an Open Week from Friday 24th September to Thursday 30th September inclusive.

The facility, which opened to the public in 2006, boasts a magnificent Driving Range, Putting Green and Short Game Practice Area, all of which are open to the public and available to all.

To mark the staging of the Ryder Cup, in which no fewer than five Irishmen will be involved in, the Open Week will allow those who want to see the facilities for themselves to come along and see, the world class set up that is the GUI National Golf Academy.

Speaking about the Open Week, Alan Kelly, who manages the facility was very upbeat about it. "This is a wonderful opportunity for the people of Maynooth and surrounding areas to call in to the Academy, and see for themselves the quality of the range, putting greens and short game area".

"You never know who you will bump into at the Academy. In the past 12 months, we have had Peter Lawrie, Shane Lowry, Paul McGinley and Padraig Harrington at the Academy, along with a special visit from Rory McIlroy early in the season who spent some time using the Short Game Area."

As part of the Open Week, members of the public will be able to use the Driving Range free of charge, and at set times, use the putting greens and short game area. There are a host of activities arranged, including Ladies Lessons, Complete Beginners Classes (with clubs provided), Flop Shot Competitions, Nearest the Pin Competitions and Longest Drive Competitions.

With prizes supplied by Titleist, there are lots of ProV1 golf balls to be won, along with one Vokey Wedge per day!

The schedule of events is as follows:

TIMETABLE OF EVENTS -

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(Subject to change)

Friday 24th September

9am – 9pm Free Range Balls & Putting Green

11am Ladies Lesson Hour
Join in a group of up to ten ladies for a golf lesson
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2pm Short Game Seminar
Demonstration of Short Game Technique
All Abilities Welcome (no under 18s) - Pre Registrations Only on 01 5054040

5pm Long Drive Competition
All Abilities Welcome - No Pre Registration Required

Saturday 25th September

9am – 4pm Free Range Balls & Putting Green

9am – 2pm Short Game Area – Open to All
All Abilities Welcome (no under 18s)
Pre Registrations Only on 01 5054040
Limited to 10 people per hour & 1 hour per person

12pm Long Drive Competition
All Abilities Welcome, No Pre-Registration Required

2pm Nearest the Pin Competition
All Abilities Welcome, No Pre-Registration Required

Sunday 26th September

9am – 4pm Free Range Balls & Putting Green

9am – 2pm Short Game Area – Open to All
All Abilities Welcome (no under 18s)
Pre Registrations Only on 01 5054040
Limited to 10 people per hour & 1 hour per person

11am Long Drive Competition
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1pm Nearest the Pin Competition
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3pm Children's Putting Competition
All Abilities Welcome No Pre Registration Required

Monday 27th September

9am – 9pm Free Range Balls

9am – 1pm Short Game Area – Open to All
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Limited to 10 people per hour & 1 hour per person

10am Ladies Lesson Hour
Join in a group of up to ten ladies for a golf lesson
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12pm Nearest the Pin Competition
All Abilities Welcome - No Pre Registration Required

2pm Short Game Seminar
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5pm Long Drive Competition
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7pm Adult Beginners Class
Absolute Beginners – Clubs Provided
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8pm Beat the Pro Chipping Challenge
All Abilities Welcome - No Pre Registration Required

Tuesday 28th September

9am – 9pm Free Range Balls & Short Game Area

10am Ladies Lesson Hour
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All Abilities Welcome - Pre Registrations Only on 01 5054040

12pm Long Bunker Shot Competition
All Abilities Welcome - No Pre Registration Required

2pm Putting Clinic
Join in a group of up to ten for a putting lesson
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5pm Long Drive Competition
All Abilities Welcome - No Pre Registration Required

7pm Adult Beginners Class
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Wednesday 29th September

9am – 9pm Free Range Balls

10am Ladies Lesson Hour
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2pm Putting Clinic
Join in a group of up to ten for a putting lesson
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4pm Flop Shot Competition
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7pm Adult Beginners Class
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Thursday 30th September

9am – 9pm Free Range Balls

10am Adult Beginners Class
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12pm Nearest the Pin Competition
All Abilities Welcome - No Pre Registration Required

2pm How to Warm Up & The Pre Shot Routine
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4pm Long Drive Competition
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Result Sheet

Athlone Golf Club

21 / 8 / 10

Shay Moore Memorial Cup Sponsored by The Moore Family

1st Prize	Terry Moore	37ptsB9
2 nd Prize	Norman Kavanagh	37pts
3 rd Prize	John Saults	33pts
4 th Prize	Kevin Loftus	32ptsB6
5 th Prize	Eamon Murphy	32pts
6 th Prize	Barry Farrell	31ptsB6
7 th Prize	Tom Coffey	31pts
Front 9	Mick Flynn Snr.	16pts
Back 9	Brendan Leigh	15pts
Visitors	Brendan Coffey Jnr.	38pts
	Maura Moore	35pts
Nearest the Pin	Joe Moore	
2's	Not won	

The Shay Moore Memorial Cup was played for at Athlone Golf Club on 21st August. 36 members and visitors played this superb 18-hole parkland course situated by the shores of Lough Ree. Its tree-lined fairways and undulating terrain make it a true test of golf. For the first time in many years it was dry and warm for most of the day, which made the event all the more enjoyable for all who took part.

The winner with a score of 37 points was Terry Moore closely followed after a count back by Norman Kavanagh also on a score of 37 points. Third place was John Saults with 33points.

This was Terry's 3rd time in a row to win the cup dedicated to his late brother Shay which is a great achievement, in his acceptance speech he said he was delighted to win the cup again and like Kilkenny hurlers he was now going for 4 & 5 in a row.

The Cup and prizes were presented in Brady's to all of the prize winners by our captain Tom Flatley. We would like to thank the Moore family for there sponsorship and their attendance at this annual event.

Our next outing is Paddy Foy's Presidents Prize on Saturday 11th September

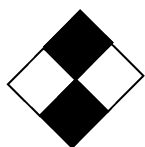
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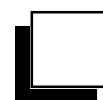
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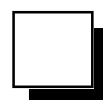
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McGINLEY CALLS FOR REDUCTION OF PETROL PRICES IN MAYNOOTH

Cllr. John McGinley has today called for a reduction of petrol prices in Maynooth.

All three stations in the town, ESSO, Maxol and TESCO have unleaded petrol at €132.9 per litre. This price is 3c dearer than petrol in Dublin. Up until quite recently petrol in Maynooth was cheaper than Dublin. When TESCO first started selling petrol in the town there was competitive pricing. Why have they now all got the high price?

It is Cllr. McGinley's view that motorists are being hit from all angles without having to pay over the top for petrol. John also finds it extraordinary that all three stations in Maynooth charge the same high price. What happened to competition?

John also checked the prices at stations in Leixlip and Celbridge and in both towns there is competition with prices comparable to Dublin prices. Interestingly, the price at Maxol in Maynooth is 2c dearer than the price at the Maxol stations in Leixlip and Celbridge.

Cllr. McGinley demands an end to the rip off of drivers in Maynooth and calls for the re-introduction of competitive pricing in the town.

The "High Road" at Old Greenfield

Cllr. John McGinley sent the following E mail to the Council Planning Department on 2 August: "Has any progress been made on resolving this very serious problem". How could the Developer, High Degree, be granted Planning Permission for 14 houses at the same location on 1st July 2010? I would have thought that under the Planning laws the Council could have refused planning until he rectified the errors under 06/424.

"If I don't get a positive response soon I will have to send in a further motion to the Area Committee."

As John has not got a satisfactory response he has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

"That increased measures be taken to get the Developer, High Degree, to rectify the problems arising from the "High Road" constructed in Old Greenfield, Maynooth, under Planning Permission Ref: 06/424

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

What steps are being taken to provide additional public car parking spaces in Maynooth now that Hibernian Auto-parks have been refused permission for their

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proposed car park for 132 cars at The Harbour?

Daft Proposals of the NRA for Kilcock Road, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has made the following submission to the Council on the daft proposals of the National Transport Authority (NTA) for Kilcock Road:

"The NTA proposal to spend €1m on this pilot cycle scheme is senseless. There are very few cyclists on this road as students who cycle use the Parson Street entrance to NUIM. Creating a bus lane on this few hundred metres is laughable at a time when Dublin Bus are doing away with the 66 service to Kilcock. It is also worth noting that there are only eight houses on the Kilcock Road from Laraghbryan cemetery to the Moyglare Road junction at the Church.

It would make much greater sense to spend the money on a similar pilot scheme for Moyglare Road where there is a Primary School and Secondary School with 1,600 pupils and an entrance to the north campus of NUIM and student accommodation. There are also 700+ houses.

My main complaint is that if the scheme is put in place it will result in traffic chaos in Maynooth. This will arise as a result of the plans for the junction at the Church i.e.

Removal of the left turn filter lane from Mill Street to the Kilcock Road will result in a build up of traffic back to Main Street. The traffic turning on to the Kilcock Road is going to NUIM North campus, Dunnes Stores, ALDI as well as Kilcock direction.

Likewise the removal of the left turn filter lane from Kilcock Road to Moyglare Road will result in a build up of traffic on the Kilcock Road.

Finally I would like to point out that the Planning Conditions imposed on NUIM recently for the new Library will enhance safety on the Kilcock Road and that the proposed spend of €1m on the cycle plans on this road is a complete waste of money".

Proposed Extension of the 67 Bus to Moyglare Hall

Cllr. John McGinley advised residents of the Moyglare area of the plans of Dublin Bus to extend the service as far as Moyglare Hall and he asked for feedback. As he expected most residents of Moyglare Hall are opposed to the bus turning at The Walk in the middle of the estate. John advised Gareth Quinn, Area Manager of Dublin Bus that the residents wanted the turning point to be at the pull in bays on the entrance road instead. Mr. Quinn E mailed his staff on the 29 July as follows:

"Please see the email below from Cllr John McGinley in Maynooth".

As you can see the residents of Moyglare are opposed to having the new 67 terminus in the middle of their estate.

Can you please contact KCC and arrange for one of the "inlets" to be extended to cater for the turning of our buses. I suggest the outbound inlet should be extended

30m into the estate thus enabling 2 buses to layover and then move off on their time, turning into the opposite inlet and picking up our customers.

I met Donal Hodgins (KCC) out there and he knows what is needed if you could just organise and sign off on it. If you need to meet me out there just give me a call.

Regards,

Gareth Quinn

Area Manager, West

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Cllr. McGinley Again Seeks Noise Abatement Measures for the M4

The Council agreed to Cllr. John McGinley following motion at its last monthly meeting:

"That the NRA be asked again for their proposals for the introduction of noise abatement measures on the M4, specifically, when will they be laying a low noise surface from Leixlip Bridge to the Meath border and the erection of noise barriers where there are houses at Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock?"

STAGG CALLS FOR ADDITIONAL STAFFING AT CELBRIDGE HEALTH CENTRE TO CLEAR BACKLOG OF MEDICAL CARD APPLICATIONS

Deputy Emmet Stagg has called on the Minister for Health to investigate the serious delays in issuing Medical Cards at Celbridge Health Centre and to provide additional staffing in the Medical Card Section to clear the backlog which has arisen.

The Staff in the Medical Card Section stated Deputy Stagg are working under serious pressure and in some instances applications have not been dealt with within 4 to 5 months. If the situation is to be corrected then additional staff will have to be assigned to the office. Once the backlog is cleared and the time for dealing with cases is back to acceptable levels, then the additional staff can be reassigned back to their former posts.

Deputy Stagg stated that it was unacceptable that people who are entitled to a Medical Card should be denied same for so long because HSE Management cannot allocate resources as required. In fact the HSE were denying people their entitlements under the Law of the Land and he expressed the hope that this system was not in place simply to save money. People on Social Welfare and Low Incomes cannot afford to go to a Doctor unless they have a Medical Card so they will inevitably have to suffer on with illnesses, a situation which is simply unacceptable.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he awaited the response from the Minister for Health.

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STAGG ADDRESSES DIAL MANAGEMENT COMPANY REGULATION BILL

Deputy Emmet Stagg spoke in the Dail on Thursday July 8th during the Second Stage Debate on the Multi Units Development Bill 2009, a Bill which outlines rules governing the operation of Management Companies.

In his address Deputy Stagg welcomed the Bill and the fact that with agreement with the opposition the Government had agreed to conclude Second Stage on July 8th allowing the Committee Stage of the Bill to proceed during the Dail recess.

Whilst accepting that the drafting of the Bill was complex, Deputy Stagg stated that the gestation period of some 6 years was extraordinarily lengthy but he indicated that the Bill was an honest attempt to deal with the problems for families arising from unregulated management companies.

Referring to problems he encountered with Management Companies in North Kildare Deputy Stagg stated that the main problem he encountered was their imposition in traditional housing estates although he had come across a Management Company in an apartment complex in Clane in which the company and agent were directly under the control of the developer and residents were effectively excluded from the decisions that affected them. In relation to traditional housing estates the first to start the rot in the 1990's was Sean Dunne's company Mountbrook who required homebuyers to sign up to a Management Company when purchasing their homes in St. Raphaels Manor in Celbridge. The only service provided is grass cutting which was the responsibility of the developer in any case. Subsequently the Planning and Development Act 2000 allowed for the imposition of a condition of planning permission establishing Management Companies and in Kildare a raft of Management Companies were imposed on homeowners with in the case of a traditional housing estate in Straffan the condition read as follows: *'Each individual property owner shall be a party to the management company agreement and this agreement shall be registered as a burden on the individual property folios in the Land Registry upon the sale of each unit'*

The imposition of such conditions in an unregulated area gave developers the power to impose whatever charges they liked on young families with heavy mortgages and hive off their responsibilities until their housing estates were taken in charge by the Council. The effect of the decision was to create a new form of Ground Rent with young, debt burdened families left to the tender mercies of the developers.

Deputy Stagg called for the Planning and Development Act to be amended to prevent a continuation of the setting up of Management Companies in Traditional Housing Estates. He stated that there was no need for them and that Residents Associations charge a modest fee, get the job done and build up a sense of community in new estates.

The urgency of passing the Bill was because young families were being ripped off and because of the close relationship between developers, Management Companies and their agents. Where developers have gone into liquidation the Management Company and Agents have disappeared also leaving the burden of unpaid fees on the title to houses. As a result the householder cannot get clear title and cannot sell the property.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg expressed the hope that when the Bill is passed next Autumn that it would give authority to residents over their own affairs and remove the power of developers and their agents.

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New processing of Medical Cards by the Health Service Executive

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick T.D. has been informed by the Minister Mary Harney T.D. Minister for Health and Children of the new processing format for Medical Cards.

Under the Health Service Executive's (HSE) 2009 service Plan, it was agreed that the processing of medical card applications would be centralised and transferred to the Executive's Primary Care Reimbursement Service in Dublin. The process commenced in January 2009 when the Primary Care Reimbursement Service took over the processing of all medical card applications for persons aged 70 or over. The second phase commenced in September 2009 with the transfer of the case load from two local health offices in Dublin.

To date the new central office has launched a number of new customer focused initiatives to ensure a high standard of customer service;

- Applications for medical cards are being processed in 15 days (where all relevant information has been furnished to the HSE) – down from the current 12 to 16 weeks;
- The central office has issued 121,468 Medical Cards since January 2009;
- Staff in Local Health Offices will have more time and resources to meet pressing front line service need, i.e. Primary Care Team support;
- A new call triage telephone system, which provides customer focused information and call routing, as well as other services to support clients who have enquiries about medical cards or their application or review has been put in place;
- At the new website – www.medicalcard.ie – any person who has applied through national central office – currently 29% of all application nationwide – can now view the status of their medical card application or review online, using a unique reference number which is provided to each applicant immediately on application receipt;
- A new review process for Medical Card holders aged 70 years and over has been introduced in the Central Office Primary Care Reimbursement Service. A simplified declaration process has replaced the more onerous application/review form;
- All HSE Local Health Offices now have, for the first time, full visibility of the national database of Medical Card clients, including historic records. This allows them to track the current status of applications and review being dealt with by the central office and answer queries locally in respect of current clients, new applicants or review clients. Also, doctors have access to weekly updates of their panel listings – more than 75% of Doctors currently use this service;
- The Central office has now launched a new online facility that will enable people, anywhere in the country, to apply for a medical card online.

Benefits of the new online application process:

- Provides immediate confirmation of eligibility under the income guidelines.
- Guarantees a 15 day turnaround time for card issued to eligible applicants.
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The HSE has advised that 85% of review cases, where the required information was supplied, were completed within 20 days and 95% within 30 days. The HSE has no control over delays where relevant information is not provided but it has confirmed that when the required information is received, the review is processed without further delay.

The HSE has also advised that the transfer of the case load from the two local health offices included a backlog of some 6,500 cases. These were dealt with as a matter of urgency by the primary care reimbursement service. The HSE intends to transfer the processing of all new medical / GP visit card applications and new reviews / renewals from the other local health offices to the primary care reimbursement service later this year. Any applications / reviews received before the date of transfer will be dealt with by the relevant local health office.

The local health offices will also continue to deal with queries of a general nature about the medical card scheme and will provide any assistance with the application process. The decision to centralise the medical card application and review process to the public and realise overall savings (approximately €10 million per year) through the great usage of shared services. This decision is in line with the Government policy 'Transforming Public Service' Programme announced by the Taoiseach in November 2008.

New Community Library in Kilcock

Following representations Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick T.D. has been informed by the Kildare Library & Out Services that contracts have been exchanged and signed for a property, located on School Street, Kilcock. The developer is currently completing the internal library specification works to include stud wall partitioning, ceiling, flooring, welfare facilities, accessible entrance,

and accessible toilets, mechanical and electrical provisions.

The library service capital project team will then progress the fit out and stocking of the new library. This will involve the integration of stock from the old library to the new.

The anticipated delivery date will be circa June 2011. Kildare Library Service envisages that this date will be deliverable.

New Initiatives for Facilitating SME access to Public Procurement

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick T.D. has been informed by Minister for Finance, Brian Lenihan T.D. that new Initiatives for facilitating access to Public Procurement by SMEs are being implemented. Public procurement can be an important source of business for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and Government wishes to ensure that such firms are not hindered in competing for contracts that they could perform effectively.

The Minister for Finance, together with his colleagues Minister of State Mansergh (who has responsibility for the National Procurement Service) and Minister of State Calleary (who has responsibility for Transforming Public Services) has had his Department develop new guidance for all public bodies which will improve the access of small businesses to public contract opportunities. Deputy Fitzpatrick who is a member of the Enterprise, Trade & Innovation Committee welcomes these new guidelines saying that "in making tendering for public contracts easier, the new guidance will make public purchasing more accessible to small businesses while still securing optimal value for taxpayers' money".

The clear message is that public bodies are required to run their tendering processes for public contracts in a manner that facilitates increased participation by SMEs, while continuing to ensure that all public sector purchasing is carried out in a manner that is legal, transparent, and secures optimal value for money for the taxpayer.

The new guidance issued by the Department of Finance is to be used by all public sector purchasers. It sets out policy and measures to facilitate small and medium

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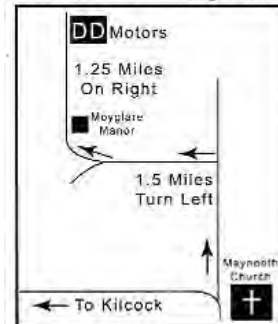
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sized enterprises (SMEs) in competing for public contracts and focuses on further opening up opportunities to bid for State business; simplifying and streamlining the public procurement process; and reducing the administrative burden on businesses who want to tender for public contracts.

The guidelines outline measures such as use of frameworks that enable SME participation, dividing contracts in smaller lots where feasible, appropriate advertising, possibilities for innovation etc.

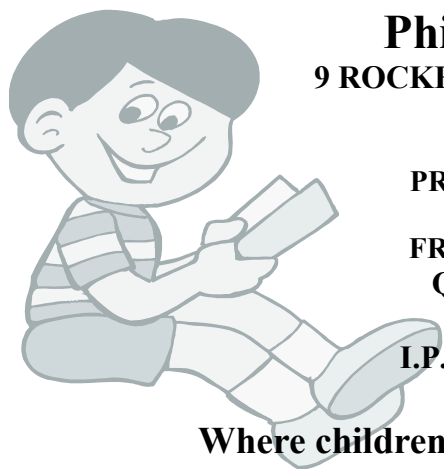
A few of the specific measures set out in the guidelines include –

The threshold for advertising for all supplies and general services contracts on the Government's public procurement website www.etenders.gov.ie being reduced from €50,000 to €25,000. As before, contracting authorities are encouraged to advertise contracts of lower value also where this would be useful.

The "pre-qualification" process is no longer necessary. Under the new guidelines, all advertised contracts up to €250,000 for works and €125,000 for supplies and general services must now be open to all potential tenderers without a prequalification process.

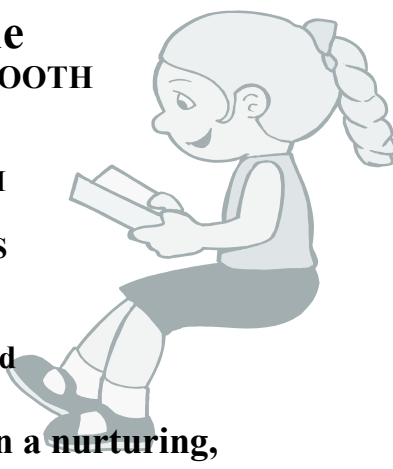
The guidelines now prohibit public bodies from using arrangements which involve potential tenderers having to pay so as to access competitions for public contracts, as this would represent a particular problem for SMEs.

Under the new guidelines, much of the documentary evidence of a tenderer's capacity to undertake a project will no longer be sought by the contracting authority early on in the tendering process. Instead, tenderers will be asked to declare that they have the necessary capacity to undertake the contract, and to confirm that they can produce the necessary documentation when requested. This will reduce the amount of paperwork involved in submitting tenders, considerably easing the administrative burden on businesses bidding for public contracts.



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Additional Funding for Maynooth Boy's National School approved says Brady

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady, has been informed by the Minister for Education that additional funding has been provided to complete the extension to the Maynooth Boy's National School and this is in addition to the funding already allocated for the summer works.

"The additional funding for the Maynooth Boys National School is in relation to the extra costs associated with the site works. Over the last year or so, I have made repeated representations to both the current and the previous Minister for Education to provide resources to improve the school facilities at Maynooth BNS. stated Minister Brady.

"I am delighted with this news and following on from recent positive news in connection with the new school for Ardclough, the new Gael Scoil for Maynooth, the extension to the Maynooth Post Primary School, three extra classrooms for Aghards in Celbridge, the extension to Scoil Choca Naofa in Kilcock, we are making significant progress in improving the school facilities in North Kildare."

"I will continue to work with all concerned to ensure that we make further progress and great credit is due to the Principals, Boards of Management and the Parents who have worked hard to ensure that these investments were secured," concluded Minister Brady.

Approval given for New Library at NUI Maynooth says Brady

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady, has been informed by the Minister for Education that NUI Maynooth have received approval to go to tender for the construction of a new Library at the college.

"I welcome this approval for the construction of the new Library in Maynooth and I understand that up to 100 people will be employed during the construction phase of the project, and I hope that local people will be employed in the building of this new facility."


"As a local TD and Minister, I fully appreciate the importance of NUI Maynooth, as a significant local employer, as an educator of students and also as a knowledge provider to local Industries. In recent years, the college has managed a successful transformation from a purely academic institution to a modern and relevant source of knowledge and support to companies like Intel."

"NUI Maynooth plays a vital role to the local economy, and it is important that we invest in NUI Maynooth so that it can be an effective educational provider. I congratulate the college for their work in preparing the relevant documentation for this approval. Once the tenders have been received and considered by the Department, the project should proceed without delay as Kildare Co. Co. have already granted planning permission early this year." concluded Minister Brady.

Comprehensive Flood Alleviation Capital Programme in Place for Kildare says Brady

A Comprehensive Flood Alleviation Capital Programme is in place for the county of Kildare according to local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady TD following a recent meeting between the Minister for the OPW, Dr. Martin Mansergh, Officials from the OPW and Kildare Co. Co. Officials, at her request.

"Earlier this year, I requested that Minister Mansergh




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view the flood alleviation schemes that were approved to minimise the risk of future flooding in the area. We met with the council officials last week to get an overview of the capital programme and then made site visits to many of the areas affected by flooding in recent times. I am anxious that focus is maintained on all the projects until they are completed."

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

"Part 8 of the planning process has been cleared by the council, last week, to enable the €500k flood relief works to begin at Butterstream in Clane. The €1.5m Flood Relief Works at Johnstown commenced last month and Sallins Phase 2 works, which includes the augmentation of the existing culvert below the railway line and the regrading of the existing Canal feeder channel upstream of the Railway, are planned to begin in coming weeks. In total €1.1m has been allocated to Flood Relief works for Sallins." stated Minister Brady.

"Flood Relief Works at Confey and at Newtown will also commence in the coming weeks. Later in the year, Flood Relief Works at Ardclough will also begin."

"Great credit is due to the council management for their professional and partnership approach that they have adopted with all the stakeholders. They were one of the few councils in the country that had a dedicated section for Flood Alleviation Works in place and have demonstrated through their work with other agencies, including the OPW, Waterways Ireland, ESB and CIE, that significant progress has been made to minimise the risk of future flooding in the area."

"Flood Alleviation in Kildare is a significant Engineering challenge, given the predominantly flat topography and the number of waterways flowing through the county. However, considering the works already completed and works planned for the next two years, an investment of €10m in total, this will give greater comfort to Kildare Residents in the future." concluded Minister Brady.

Minister Brady encouraged by Expert Group report on mortgage arrears

Kildare North Fianna Fáil TD and Minister of State, Áine Brady has welcomed the publication of the interim report of the Expert Group on Mortgages and Personal Debt chaired by Hugh Cooney. Over 40% of homes in Ireland have mortgages on them and the commuter belt of north Kildare this number is even higher.

"In recent time I have heard devastating stories from constituents about how loss of work, reductions in pay and hours has impacted their ability to pay their mortgage."

"This Expert Group report is an encouraging start in responding to those homeowners have fallen behind in their mortgage repayments."

"I am hopeful that the recommendations can be identified by Mr. Cooney can be implemented without delay which should help to alleviate the pressure on families in mortgage arrears."

"The Expert Group has recommended that lenders cease to charge Penalty Interest or Arrears Charges to borrowers who are taking part in an Arrears Resolution Process and that the code of conduct on mortgage arrears is amended and extended. In addition, it is recommended that a mortgage arrears and resolution process and framework be developed. The Department of Social Protection is also urged to make amendments to their existing Mortgage Interest Supplement Scheme."

"The Expert Group has reported that the Financial Regulator has committed to consult with lenders regarding the recommendations and I am hopeful that they will adopt them."

"This is only the start for the Expert Group who will now move to evaluate all proposals they received. They will also look at practices in other jurisdictions and examine how it could be applied to Ireland. The Group will report again at the end of September."

"The protection of the family home must be prioritised. Where families engage with their lender every support must be given to them in their bid to retain their home. I am encouraged by this report and look forward to the implementation of the recommendations by lenders," concluded Minister Brady.

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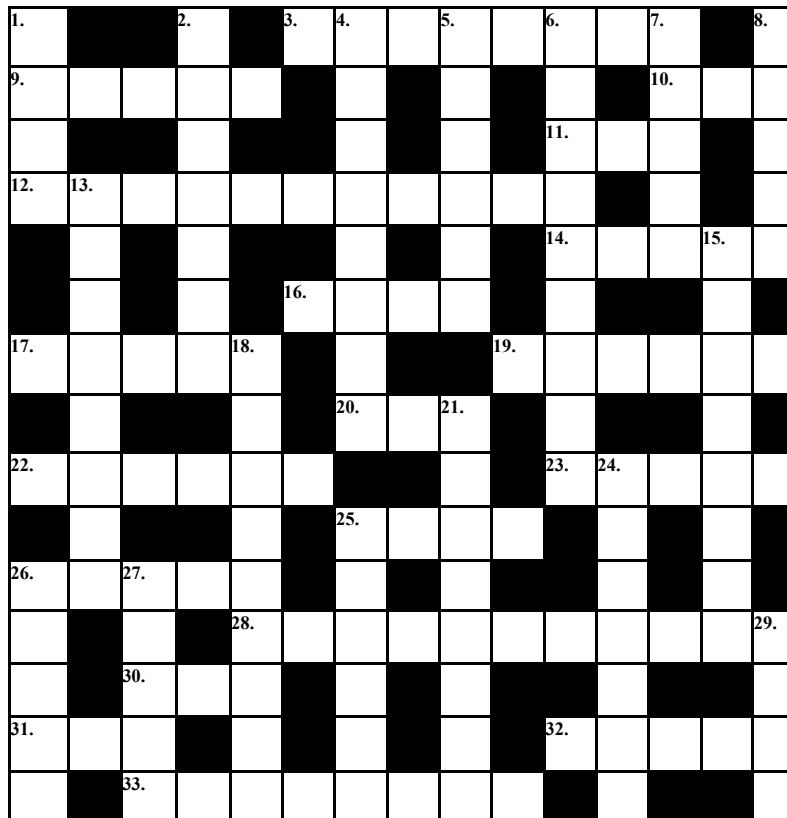


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Across.

3. Extremely hot (5, 3)
 9. Participant (5)
 10. Large island in the Channel (3)
 11. Pull laboriously (3)
 12. Basic (11)
 14. Paddled (5)
 16. Back of the neck (4)
 17. Crawl (5)
 19. Act properly (6)
 20. A failure (3)
 22. Hovers (6)
 23. Sound (5)
 25. Speech defect (4)
 26. Set apart as sacred (5)
 28. Not qualified (11)
 30. Impair (8)
 31. Young bear (3)
 32. Arranges in groups (5)
 33. Superficial (4,4)



Down.

1. One of two equal parts (4)
 2. Farewell (4-3)
 4. One's native land (8)
 5. Grow feet (6)
 6. Evening of October 31 (9)
 7. Large Cat (5)
 8. Weapon (5)
 13. Portable weather protection (6)
 15. Visualise (8)
 18. Medley (3-6)
 21. Space between two objects (9)
 24. Outward movement (7)
 25. Neither gas nor solid (6)
 26. Trail (5)
 27. Explosive weapons (6)
 29. Partial darkness (5)
 30. In that place (4)

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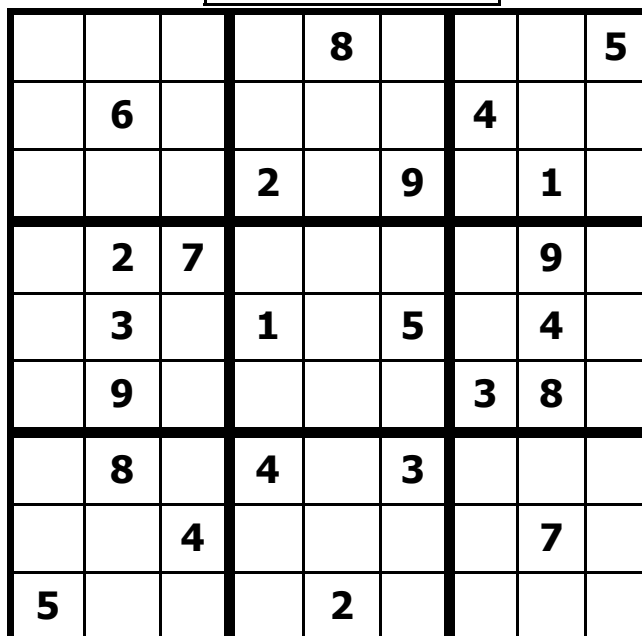
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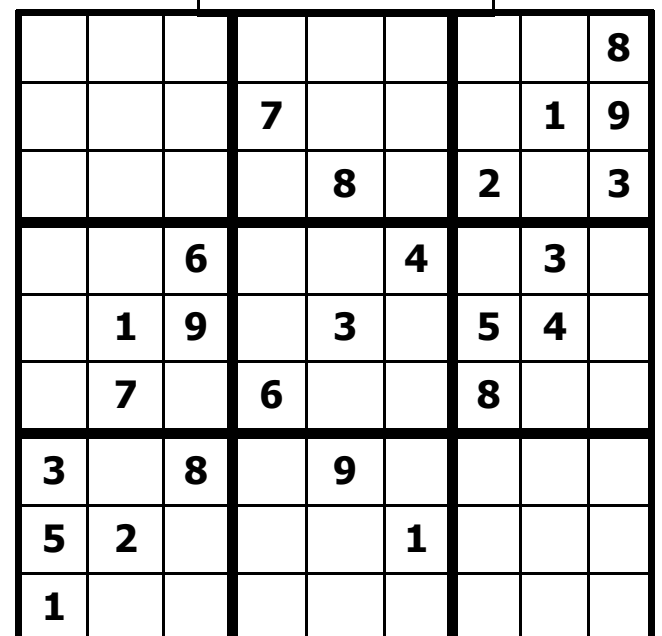
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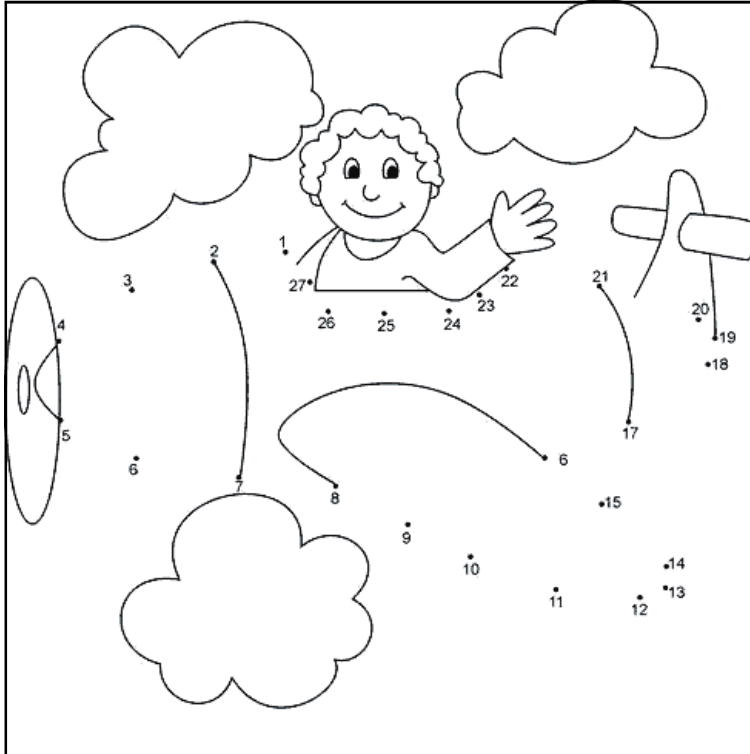
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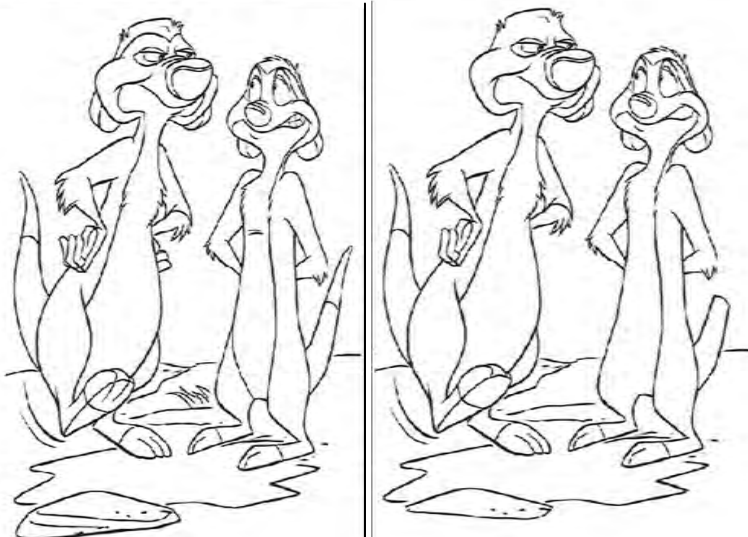
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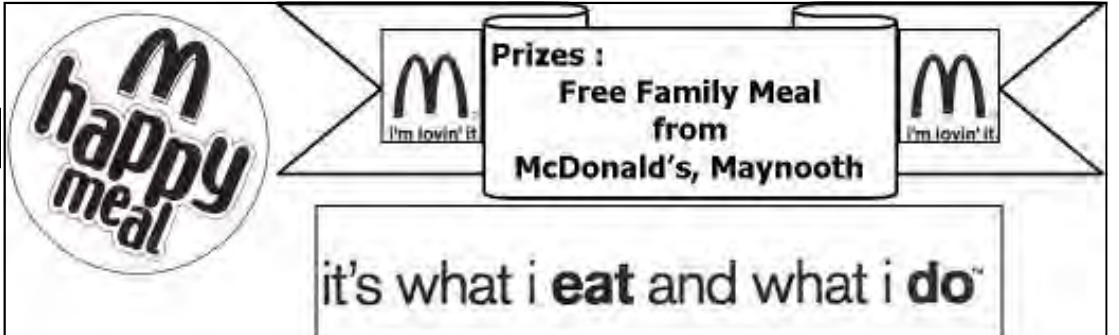
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