

# Maynooth Newsletter

**December 2010 / January 2011**

**Local News FREE**

## Maynooth Local History Group: Joan Challenges People of Maynooth to Make More Use of Maynooth Castle

On Monday, 22nd November 2010 Maynooth Community Library hosted a reception to mark two important events for both Maynooth Local History Group (MLHG) and the Community Library. There was a presentation of the keys of Maynooth Castle and the presentation of a Collage to MLHG.



**Gerard & Joan Howard Williams**

### "The Keys of the Castle"

MLHG Member Dr. Mary Cullen, gave a brief account of the history of Maynooth Castle since its foundation and its central importance through various phases of Irish history. In 1849 the Duke of Leinster carried out some very serious restoration work. Mary recalled how in 1989 a representative group, popularly known as "The Castle Committee" lobbied for the transfer of the ownership of Maynooth Castle to the Public. Joan Howard Williams was Secretary of the Group and her husband Gerard a member. Joan and Gerard displayed tireless energy and patient negotiation which in October of 1991, resulted in the successful transfer of the ownership to the then

Office of Public Works (OPW).

Gerard and Joan replied suitably, with Joan pointing out that her interest in Maynooth Castle developed from a local "Social Audit" that she was associated with while a member of Maynooth Community Council.

Gerard presented the Castle Keys, which he received in 1991, to Peter Nevin the Chairperson of MLHG.

MLHG have placed the keys for permanent public viewing along side the Book of Maynooth in Maynooth Community Library. A contemporary photograph of the handover of the keys in 1991 now sits between the Collage and the Book of Maynooth.

## Maynooth Students Help Other Children Celebrate Christmas Operation Christmas Child

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**Maria Herrero, Rachael Wilson.**



**Austin Dunne, Aimhirin Cleary.**

*More Photos Inside*

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**Tomas**—"I lost 25kg (over 4 Stone) in 6 months & have kept it off now for 7 years!"



**Theresa**  
My results after  
3 months!!  
(1 WLC Class)



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### Start before or after Christmas.

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They also operate the new 'Community Weight Loss Challenges', in Carlow, Portlaoise and Straffan.

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The emphasis is on changing your shape and not just losing weight, so measurements are taken as well as weight each week. There is a high standard of personal attention and support given to each participant so numbers are limited. There's still time to fit into that special evening gown for Christmas!

Many doctors and cardiologists have attended, and in turn have sent their families and friends along to lose weight and gain the nutritional information.

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## EDITORIAL

We would like to take this opportunity to ask our readers to support the local businesses in Maynooth when shopping for Christmas. There is a wide variety of outlets in the town and it is easier to remain in the locality, avoid the hassle of driving and parking or dragging parcels onto public transport. It is heart-breaking to see the boarded-up shops and businesses day by day. Each of these represents a loss of jobs to the employees and a greater cost to Social Welfare.

The extension of the bus service to the Meadowbrook area and the Moyglare Road, dependant on the changes to the ramps, is to be greatly welcomed. The further extension as far as Merrion Square is also a great addition to the existing service. But it is a pity that at the same time Dublin Bus proposes to bring to an end the bus to Kilcock and the 66X to Belfield.

The National Roads Authority has shown its usual inability to plan properly – the proposal to close the M4 from 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> December and from 10<sup>th</sup> January to 16<sup>th</sup> January was insane. This was to put up Portal Gantries that are unnecessary and the traffic would be diverted through Kilcock, Maynooth and Leixlip until 9am in the morning. This quango obviously lives on another planet and has no idea how much traffic uses the M4 at that time of the morning or how much traffic already travels through Maynooth in particular. To carry out such a plan during the summer months would have been crazy enough but to carry it out coming up to Christmas and the New Year was complete madness. Luckily, our public representatives have persuaded the NRA to change their minds and the work will be deferred until the New Year and the traffic will be taken out of the towns by 5am instead of 9am.

It is difficult to avoid mentioning the present dreadful difficulties that Ireland faces as we approach Christmas and a New Year. Perhaps the production of the National Recovery Plan means that the country understands the full extent of our indebtedness and that we may have to default. What would follow such a scenario is impossible to imagine or to predict. There is the temptation to use the phrase “we are where we are” and to concentrate on “moving forward” but if we do not learn the lessons of history there is the danger of replaying the mistakes. The next three years will be extremely tough without a doubt. There is the possibility of real anger and social unrest although it would appear that Irish people are very slow to take to the streets. There is an increasing feeling of total helplessness and that no-one will ever be held to account for the billions that the country owes to those faceless “bonds men” and “markets”.

Irish people are exceptionally talented in many different areas of life; there are constant references to the well-educated and flexible workforce. It is the writers and artists of this country who have flown the flag abroad. Colm Toibin has stated that the arts community in general was the only group who had stood apart from the 13 years of Celtic Tiger madness. The authors, poets, novelists, short-story writers, the musicians, singers and artists – these are the people who have made us famous as a nation. We need to turn to our strengths now including the cultural heritage of the country. These are the things that tourists want to see but their numbers are declining as well.

Maynooth is a particularly good place to live in a crisis like this. There is still a sense of community, this is a University town, there is a sense of vibrancy and life about the place that is lacking in others places with a similar population. The new-look *Newsletter* would like to take this opportunity to wish the readers and advertisers a peaceful Christmas and hopefully many of you will see friends and family whom you do not see very often and enjoy their company. And let us hope that 2011 is better than 2010; it can hardly be worse. It would also like to take the opportunity to thank those who work so hard to produce this publication.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

## Prominent Evening at Maynooth Library

**Maynooth Library hosted two significant events on the evening of November 22<sup>nd</sup> '10 in which the Maynooth Local History Group played an integral part.**

### Castle Keys

Firstly, Gerard Howard-Williams presented the Maynooth Local History Group with the keys to Maynooth Castle and a minute book of the former Maynooth Castle Committee.

In return the Maynooth Local History Group presented Gerard with a framed picture of the previous handing over of the keys in 1991, when the Castle Committee accepted the keys from the then owner of Carton Estates, David Nall-Cain and Denis Fitzgerald of the famous Maynooth dynasty.

Gerard spoke of the hard work the Castle Committee performed in cleaning, preserving the castle and making it safe and available for Maynooth people and visitors. Gaining formal ownership was tedious and challenging given the legal aspects of such work. But thanks to Gerard, his wife Joan and the committee the Castle is well cared for and open to the public and guided tours for 6 months of the year through the management of the Bord of Works. Gerard would encourage more work to be done i.e. installation of essential services, so that more use could be made of the Castle which is the heart of our heritage in Maynooth.

### The Collage

The second event of the evening was the formal unveiling of the Collage of Maynooth, created by Felicity Satchwell and presented to the Maynooth History Group and now in a permanent home in the Library. The Collage includes many aspects of Maynooth heritage and art and includes the Fitzgerald crest, the Castle, St. Mary's Church and Laraghbryan window, Parson's Street, the Pugin Building in the College etc, all framed under the glorious rays of the sun. It reveals not only important aspects of Maynooth's heritage, but what Maynooth stands for in many ways over the centuries, learning, art, conservation, spiritual and cultural enlightenment.

The evening concluded with Library Staff presenting Felicity Satchwell and Joan Howard-Williams with flowers.

The Maynooth History Group wishes to extend thanks and appreciation to the Library Staff, June Brannigan, Lorraine Day and Barry Smith for their kind hospitality and for being such wonderful hosts.

### Maynooth Local History Group

Please note that the Maynooth History Group are planning some interesting events and some challenging historical work for the coming year and would like to invite people to join and participate in the Group. Allowing for the Christmas, the next meeting of the Group will take place on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. in the Community Council Offices near the Post Office.

**Peter Nevin - Chairman**

## Mass Times and Church Services Over the Christmas Period

### St. Marys Parish Maynooth

Friday 24th December Christmas Eve  
5:00 PM Family Mass  
7:00 PM Mass  
9:30 PM Midnight Mass

Saturday 25th December Christmas Day  
9:00 AM  
10:15 AM  
11:30 AM  
12:45 PM

### Ladychapel

Friday 24th Dec. Christmas Eve  
8:00 PM

Saturday 25th Dec. Christmas Day  
10:00 AM

***Please note there will be no 6pm mass on Christmas Day***

### St. Marys Church of Ireland, Maynooth

Sunday 12th December

Ecumenical Service 8:00 PM

**PLEASE NOTE THIS SERVICE WILL BE HELD IN ST. MARYS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH MAYNOOTH.**

Sunday 19th Dec.

Carol Service 11:30 AM

Saturday 25th Dec. Christmas Day

10:00 AM

Sunday 26th Dec. St. Stephens Day

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## Would you like an Allotment?

Kildare Co. Council have been asked to use the council land at Carton Avenue/Boreen opposite Tesco to provide allotments for people living in Maynooth. The Council is refusing to do this at the moment because firstly there is no water supply at the site and no funds available to extend the water supply to the site. Another reason given is:

"In addition the experience of the pilot scheme to date in The Wonderful Barn has resulted in a large amount of administrative work associated with the scheme and because there is only one staff member to deal with this in addition to the existing varying and large list of works being undertaken across the county the addition of a further scheme of allotments is not possible within the resources available at the current time."

This was the answer given to Cllr John McGinley when he raised the matter recently at the Celbridge Area meeting.

There is a scheme being operated by the Council at the Wonderful Barn in Leixlip and in other places and if sufficient people were to come forward there might be a change of mind. Would anybody interested get in touch with the Transition Maynooth group with a view to forming a committee.

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# Filiócht Na Nollag

## A Christmas Childhood

Patrick Kavanagh  
(1904—(1967))

My father played the melodion  
Outside at our gate;  
There were stars in the morning east;  
And they danced to his music.  
Across the wild bogs his melodion  
called  
To Lennons and Callans.  
As I pulled on my trousers in a hurry  
I knew some strange thing had hap-  
pened.  
Outside in the cow-house my mother  
Made the music of milking;  
The light of her stable-lamp was a  
star  
And the frost of Bethlehem made it  
twinkle.  
A water-hen screeched in the bog,  
Mass-going feet  
Crunched the wafer-ice on the pot-  
holes,  
Somebody wistfully twisted the bel-  
lows wheel.  
My child poet picked out the letters  
On the grey stone,  
In silver the wonder of a Christmas  
townland,  
The winking glitter of a frosty dawn.  
Cassiopeia was over  
Cassidy's hanging hill,  
I looked and three whin bushes rode  
across  
The horizon - the Three Wise Kings.  
An old man passing said:  
"Can't he make it talk" -  
The melodion, I hid in the doorway  
And tightened the belt of my box-  
pleated coat.  
I nicked six nicks on the door-post  
With my penknife's big blade -  
There was a little one for cutting  
tobacco.  
And I was six Christmases of age.  
My father played the melodion,  
My mother milked the cows,  
And I had a prayer like a white rose  
pinned  
On the Virgin Mary's blouse.



## Mise Éire

Pádraic Mac Piarais (1879-1916)

Mise Éire:  
Sine mé ná an Chailleach Bhéarra

Mór mo ghlóir:  
Mé a rug Cú Chulainn cróga.

Mór mo náir:  
Mo chlann féin a dhíol a máthair.

Mór mo phian:  
Bithnaimhde do mo shíorchiapadh.

Mór mo bhrón:  
D'éag an dream inar chuireas  
dóchas.

Mise Éire:  
Uaigní mé ná an Chailleach Bhéarra

Is Mise Raifteirí - I'm Raftery

Is Mise Raifteirí an file,  
Lán dúchais is grádh,  
Le súile gan solas,  
Le ciúnas gan crá.

Ag dul síar ar m'aistear  
Le solas mo chroí  
Fann agus tuirseach  
Go deireadh mo shlí

Féach anois mé  
Is mo chúl le bhfalla  
Ag seinm ceoil  
Do phócaí folamh



Impression of the poet,  
Anthony Raftery,  
1784—1835  
by Donal MacPolin

# December Diary Planner



## Maynooth I.C.A.

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

## Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

December Club Night is on  
the 7th in Loftus Hall,  
Maynooth College at 8 pm  
Demonstrator:  
Margaret Collins  
"Christmas Spirit"  
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A voluntary community  
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# Christmas

## How to be happy at Christmas

Most people are naturally happy at Christmas as they have their family and loved ones around them.

However for many people Christmas is not a happy time, for instance if they have recently divorced or separated and therefore feel isolated and miserable.

The key to being happy at Christmas is to absolutely keep busy. There is nothing worse than moping around to compound feelings of sadness or being miserable.

Therefore be sure to visit some relatives or some friends for Christmas so that you are around other people. If you have children then try your best to be happy and excited for them, and you should find that you get through Christmas and manage a smile or two as well!

## Decorate you mantelpiece

If you have a mantelpiece, then it is probably the centrepiece for family photos or vases and other decorations. At Christmas, consider replacing these with something simple but elegant.

One of the nicest decorations is to get some candles - either all white, or coloured, but of varying heights: these will look great but elegant.

Then light them on Christmas day or on occasions when the family is around!

## Make use of your Christmas Cards

Rather than throw away the Christmas cards you receive each year, why not reserve them for posterity by scanning them in!

If there are any designs that you really like then you

might like to consider setting them as the screensaver on your computer.

Or if you design your own cards why not personalise and tweak and make the style your own for the following year!

## The Mistletoe

One tradition at Christmas that is in place in a lot of countries is with regard to mistletoe, and specifically kissing under the mistletoe.

What is the origin of this tradition and how did it come about?

Well it was not actually a Victorian thing, unlike many Christmas aspects!

In fact there was always something called a kissing bough used for these purposes and the traditional people were worried that it might get overshadowed and usurped by the Christmas tree as the place for this sort of thing.

Therefore in order to safeguard it they created their own one made of mistletoe and holly, and this became the reason for this tradition and how it is associated with mistletoe.

## There is no limit to what you can decorate at Christmas.

Whilst most people concentrate on ceilings and windows and of course the tree, there is no reason why other areas of the home are out of bounds.

For instance, if you have a prominent doorway in the house you might like to decorate around that.

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### Question

My employer has gone into liquidation. I didn't get any notice and I'm owed back pay for the previous month. Will I get a redundancy payment and what about the pay and untaken holidays that I am owed?

### Answer

Under the Redundancy Payments Scheme all eligible employees are entitled to a lump sum payment on being made redundant. You are entitled to two weeks' statutory redundancy pay for every year of service, with a bonus week added on, subject to a maximum ceiling on gross weekly pay (€600). If your employer is insolvent the full amount is paid from the Redundancy Payments Scheme (part of the Social Insurance Fund). Generally this is done only after a request from the liquidator with a completed Redundancy Certificate RP50 application.

Under the separate Insolvency Payment Scheme (which is also part of the Social Insurance Fund), you are entitled to payment of other entitlements (including outstanding wages, payment in lieu of notice and any outstanding holiday pay) provided your employer is legally insolvent or has died. Claims under this scheme can only be processed if a company is legally insolvent (under the Protection of Employees (Employers' Insolvency) Act 1984) and a "relevant officer" – normally a receiver or liquidator – has been appointed and certifies the claims.

However, there is a cap on the amount that can be paid from the Social Insurance Fund under the Insolvency Payment Scheme. This is currently €600 per week for entitlements based on pay. There is also a limit of eight weeks' pay for arrears of pay, sick pay or holiday pay. Payments under the scheme are taxable as normal.

Any balance owed to you is counted as one of the company's preferential debts. This means that you are a preferential creditor in the liquidation. However whether you get this money in full or in part depends on what assets remain after the liquidation of the business.

You should contact the company liquidator for information. You can also contact the Employment Rights Information Service of the National Employment Rights Authority (NERA) at **Lo-call 1890 80 80 90 or [nera.ie](http://nera.ie)** or the Insolvency Payments Section of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Innovation at Davitt House, 65a Adelaide Road, Dublin 2.

### Question

This Christmas falls over a weekend. What days off am I entitled to?

### Answer

Christmas Day (25 December), St Stephen's Day (26 December) and New Year's Day (1 January) are public holidays. In 2010 Christmas Day falls on a Saturday and St Stephen's Day falls on a Sunday. In 2011 New Year's Day (1 January) falls on a Saturday.

There is no specific provision in law governing what happens when a public holiday falls on a weekend. This means that you do not have an automatic legal entitlement to take the next working day off work. You are entitled to the normal alternative arrangements for public holidays. These are:

- A paid day off within a month of the public holiday
- An additional day of annual leave
- An additional day's pay
- The nearest church holiday to the public holiday as a paid day off.

Under the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997 you may ask your employer, at least 21 days before a public holiday, which of the alternatives will apply to you. Your employer should respond to you at least 14 days before the public holiday. In practice most employers will give employees Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 December and Monday 3 January off in lieu of the public holidays – but it is important to remember that this is not an automatic entitlement. You can make complaints about public holidays to a Rights Commissioner at the Labour Relations Commission, Tom Johnson House, Haddington Road, Beggar's Bush, Dublin 4, Tel: (01) 613 6700, Lo-call 1890 220 227.

### Question

I have three children and there seem to be endless requests from their school for money for extracurricular activities and for school materials. Do I have to pay all these charges?

### Answer

Schools can ask pupils for some types of payment. However, schools cannot operate charges, in any form, that are in effect mandatory fees. This would be contrary to the principle of not charging fees. Schools can legitimately ask for:

- Payment for school books or photocopied material provided by the school where the charge is reasonable and reflects the true costs concerned. (There is a School Books Grant Scheme that can help with the cost of books and some schools operate book rental schemes.)
- Charges for meals and refreshments, provided pupils are not forced to purchase these and can bring their own refreshments to school (for example, in a lunchbox).
- Services and activities provided by the school in addition to those included in the general school programme, provided pupils do not have to take part in these activities (for example, supervised after-school study, school tours, or visits to theatres or sporting events).
- Schools can ask parents for voluntary contributions, provided it is made clear to parents that they do not have to pay and that a child's place in the school or continued enrolment is not dependent on a willingness to make a contribution.

### Question

What can I do if I feel my privacy at work has been threatened?

### Answer

You have the right to privacy at your workplace, but there are legitimate circumstances where your privacy may be limited by your employer. Your employer is obliged to make you aware of any infringements of your right to privacy, for example, within your terms of employment or in your staff handbook. Any encroachment on your right to privacy must be for a legitimate and reasonable purpose, be clearly explained and respect data protection law. For example, an employer is entitled to use closed circuit television (CCTV) in the workplace. However, there must be good reasons for its use, such as preventing theft or protecting staff from harm, and it cannot be placed in areas where a person would expect total privacy, such as changing rooms or toilets. These reasons must be made clear to staff and it is best practice for employers to reach agreement with staff on the use of CCTV before installation. Once installed, CCTV can only be used for its stated purpose. For example, if it was officially installed to monitor theft, it cannot be used for monitoring attendance. In addition, your employer is obliged by data protection law to ensure the images taken are not inappropriately accessed, and that there is a system in place for you to access images on request.

These principles apply to other areas of privacy, such as searches, telephone and internet monitoring, and recording attendance. If you feel your privacy in work has been threatened, you should consider these principles:

- What is the proposed system required for and is it justified?
- Is there an equally effective system that does not affect privacy?
- Have employees been properly informed about the new system before it is put in place?
- Was the system, and its purpose, clearly communicated to new employees and reflected in their contract and staff handbook?
- Does the system comply with data protection law, including the safe keeping of information about employees?
- Is the system actually being used for its stated purpose?

**For more information on protecting your privacy, and other information on human rights, visit the Irish Council for Civil Liberties Know Your Rights page [www.knowyourrights.ie](http://www.knowyourrights.ie).**



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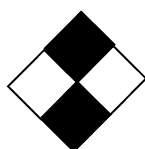
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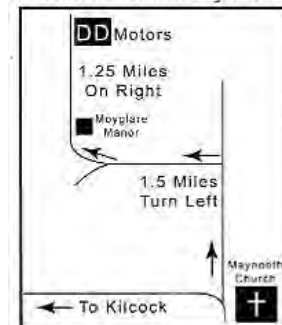
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## Maynooth GAA News

### 2010 was another successful year for Maynooth Camogie.

In the Intermediate Championship Maynooth were victorious in defeating Leixlip in the final on a scoreline of 2-6 to 2-4.

The pivotal moment of the contest arrived in the dying moments of the first half when Maynooth full forward Eimear Connolly struck for the opening goal of the match.

The standard of play improved greatly in the second half and while Maynooth always held the advantage on the scoreboard, their great rivals proved dogged and resolute right to the end.

A second goal from Eimear Connolly 10 minutes from the final whistle gave Maynooth the momentum to withstand a strong fight back from Leixlip and hold out for a deserved victory.

#### Maynooth team + scores

Brid Byrnes

Ann Comerford      Aisling Farrell      Ann Marie Farrell

Sharon Malone      Gillian O Hurley      Michelle Gillick

Karen Lynch      Louise Doran

Elaine McAuliffe (0-2)      Louise Walsh (0-3)      Tanya McGrath

Samanta Ward      Eimear Connolly (2-1)      Elaine McNamara

Subs: Kate Montgomery for Karen Lynch, Siobhan McCourt for Samanta Ward

In the Junior B Championship final Maynooth defeated Moorefield in a thrilling encounter. Two goals in both halves eased Maynooth to a seven point win in the end. The highlight of the first half was a superb goal by Maynooth corner forward Ciana Heneghan who latched on to a pass from Karen Feehan soloed 40 yards through the heart of the Moorefield defence and struck an unstoppable shot to the roof of the net. It was an inspirational score and helped to give Maynooth the upper hand in this final.

Maynooth led at half time by 2-1 to 0-2 with the other goal coming from Elaine Kelly.

The winners dominated for most of the second half but missed a lot of scoring opportunities. A classy goal from Nicki Carew 3 minutes from the end sealed victory for Maynooth and so there were scenes of great joy and jubilation when Mags Farrell received the Cup after the match. It was indeed a proud moment for Mags who has given sterling service to her club over a number of years

#### Final Score: Maynooth 4-2      Moorefield 1-4.

Team + scores

Laura Corcoran

Naomi Devereux      Mags Farrell      Michelle Doran

Roisin Hoban      Siobhan O Shea (0-1)      Laura Tierney

Karen Feehan      Sarah Greally (0-1)

Nicki Carew (1-0)      Nicola O'Hurley      Elaine Kelly (1-0)

Ciana Heneghan (1-0)      Therese Doran (1-0)      Stephanie Gavin

Subs: Niamh Kearney for Stephanie Gavin, Yvonne O Shea for Roisin Hoban

A special word of congratulations and thanks to team manager Pat Comerford (Intermediate), Eamon Toomey (Junior B) and trainer Mick Ward for all their hard work during the year.

**Tom Coffey**  
**Maynooth GAA.**

## Maynooth Golf Society



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**Captain: Tom Flatley**

**Vice Captain: Pat Connolly**

**Secretary: Marty Maguire**

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### Result Sheet

Athlone Golf Club	October 2010
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#### Portugal Trip 2010

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1st Prize	Mick Flynn Jnr	93pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Martin Deveney	90pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	David Weafer	79pts
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Norman Kavanagh	77pts
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Martin Maguire	72pts
Nearest the Pin		
Day 1	Martin Maguire	
Day 2	Martin Deveney	
Day 3	Martin Maguire	

Connolly)

The Maynooth Golf Society away trip to the Oceanico Golf Resort in Portugal was held from 8<sup>th</sup> to 13 October, 3 courses were played The Faldo, the O'Connor and the Old Course. The overall winner for the third time in a row was Michael Flynn Jnr. with a combined score of 93points. Second was Martin Deveney on 90 points.

We would like to thank our sponsors for this outing Euro Farm Foods (Pat Connolly)

### Maynooth Band Prepares For Busy season

St. Mary's Band, Maynooth are currently preparing for the busiest part of their year in the lead up to Christmas. An ever present part of each year is the Annual Mass for Deceased Members which this year is being held in St. Mary's Church on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 11.30am. An invitation is extended to the families and friends of these deceased members who have helped to keep the doors of the Band Hall open for many, many years.



Another regular feature of recent years in the Christmas Concert which will be held in the Glenroyal Hotel on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. This Concert gives the Band an opportunity to show the fruits of their labours during the year with a very varied programme of music to suit all tastes as well as the obligatory Christmas numbers to match the festive season.

The Band will also be seen around the town in the lead up to Christmas playing Christmas Carols to add to the occasion. Of course it costs money to run the Band and, thanks to the Dunne's Stores in the Manor Mills Centre, band members will be bag packing there between the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> December and hopefully the response will be positive to ensure that the tradition of Bands in Maynooth is maintained. Maynooth has been fortunate in having a Town Band for many, many years where much larger towns in the County have failed.

**Finally, the Band will be making their annual contribution to Christmas when they play a selection of Christmas Carols after 11.30 Mass in St. Mary's Church of Christmas morning, a tradition that has endured for more years than some of the older members would care to remember.**



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## Christmas Recipes

### Salmon marinated with dill and Pernod

#### Ingredients:

400 g piece of unskinned salmon  
85 ml sunflower oil  
½ lemon, juice  
1 tbsp chopped dill  
2 tsp Pernod  
1 tsp caster sugar  
1 tsp chopped chives  
½ tsp salt  
10 turns of freshly ground black pepper



#### Method:

1. Put 4 plates into the fridge together with the salmon fillet and leave them to get really cold. Shortly before serving, mix all the remaining ingredients together in a bowl.

2. Put the salmon fillet, skin-side down on a board. Hold a long, thin-bladed knife at a 45-degree angle and, starting at the tail end of the fillet, cut the salmon into very thin slices. Lay the slices, slightly overlapping, on each chilled plate and spoon over the dressing. Leave for 5 minutes before serving.

### Roast Duck with Orange Sauce

Preparation time: 15 minutes

Cooking time: 90 minutes

Serves: 4

- 1 free-range whole duck, around 2 to 2.2kg (4½ to 5lb)
- Pierce the skin of the duck all over with a skewer. Place on a rack in the kitchen sink, and pour over 2 full kettles of boiling water. Pat it dry with kitchen towel and leave it to dry on a plate in the fridge for an hour. You do this to release the subcutaneous fat layer under the skin to give crispy, not fatty, duck.
- Preheat the oven to 200 C, 180 C fan, 400 F, gas 6. Place the duck on a rack or trivet over a deep roasting tin, as it will release around 300g (10oz) fat into the tin.
- Add plenty of sea salt and roast for 90 minutes. Strain off the fat and keep it for the best roast potatoes ever.
- Don't try to carve a duck; joint it. Remove the legs just as you would a chicken. Now take the whole breasts off the bone, which will make the duck go much further. Ease your knife along the breast bone then slice the breast. This will give four good servings of tender meat without any fattiness.



### Orange Sauce

#### Ingredients:

½ cup orange juice  
2 teaspoons lemon juice  
grated rind of ½ orange  
⅛ teaspoon salt  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla

#### Method:

Separate eggs into yolks and whites. Beat egg yolks slightly. Mix together grated orange rind, orange juice, lemon juice, sugar, salt and egg yolks. Over low heat cook this mixture, stirring constantly, until it thickens. Remove from heat. Beat egg whites until stiff. As you continue to beat your warm mixture, gradually add your beaten egg whites. Cool and stir in the vanilla.



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#### Ingredients:

1 x 2lb Sponge Loaf or Sponge Sandwich  
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415g tin Fruit Cocktail (drained, keeping the juice)  
4 tablespoons Sherry (optional)  
500g carton Ready to Serve Custard  
170ml carton Cream (whipped)

#### To Decorate

Sprinkles or Grated Chocolate or alternatively Chopped Walnuts

#### Method:

1. Dissolve jelly in 300ml / 1/2 pt of boiling water, stirring well. Bring up to 600ml / 1 pint with the reserved juice, sherry, if used, and water.  
2. Break up the sponge and arrange in the base of a large glass bowl.  
3. Pour over the jelly mixture, press down well with the back of a spoon and smooth the top. Allow to set.  
4. Place the fruit cocktail on sponge, then pour over the custard and spread evenly, next spread over the whipped cream and finally sprinkle over the decorations.



### Mulled Wine

#### Ingredients:

- 1 Bottle of Red Wine
- 150ml Grand Marnier
- 100ml Brandy
- 1 Orange peeled
- 1 Lemon peeled
- 4 tbsp Clear Honey
- 3cm piece of Root Ginger
- chopped
- ½ tsp Whole Cloves
- 1 Cinnamon Stick

#### Method:

Slowly heat the alcohols in a large saucepan and gently simmer for about 10 minutes. Add the orange and lemon peels, honey, ginger and spices, then remove from the heat and let it infuse for at least 20 minutes. Before serving, reheat gently, then strain into a jug





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Peter Nevin & Felicity Satchwell

It is now on permanent public display in the Library where it is now a public work of art.

The evening concluded with Maynooth Community Library presenting flower bouquets to Mrs. Joan Howard Williams and Mrs Satchwell.

MLHG wishes to acknowledge the assistance and input of Kildare County Council and Maynooth Community Library in the preservation and public display of such items of local interest.



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Reindeer are a species of deer located in the Arctic regions of the world. The largest Reindeer can reach up to four feet high at the shoulder and weigh as much as 250 pounds. It is believed that there are no longer any wild Reindeer, the entire species seeming to have been domesticated. Each Reindeer can pull up to twice its own weight, making it an ideal animal for pulling a sleigh loaded down with any amount of cargo. Reindeer were first domesticated approximately 2000 years ago and, in the Arctic Circle, the Lapps would herd them in much the same way as other nations herded cattle. Reindeer are well-adapted to living in cold regions and under rugged conditions, able to smell-out food even when it is buried under deep snow. Reindeer have large broad hooves which act like snowshoes to support them over snowy and boggy ground. These hooves emit a "clicking" sound as the animal walks, caused by a tendon in the foot rubbing against a bone. The coat of the Reindeer consists of thick fur and stiff hairs which protect them from the worst of the weather. A thick woolly undercoat keeps out the deep cold by trapping air near the skin. These thick coats are also waterproof and, during migration, Reindeer are able to cover vast distances, crossing both rivers and lakes, in search of favourable feedings grounds. The calves are born in early Summer and have the ability to run almost from the moment they are born...a necessary trait if they are going to keep up with their mothers. The antlers of a male Reindeer are larger than those of the female. An antler span of four feet has been recorded.



The original **Rudolph** did not rise to fame when Santa singled him out from the rest of the reindeer herd because of his **shiny, red nose**. Rudolph was discovered quite by accident when Santa noticed the glow emanating from Rudolph's room while the kindly old gift-giver was delivering presents to Rudolph's house. Concerned that the thickening fog, already the cause of several accidents and delays, would keep him from completing his Christmas Eve deliveries, Santa called upon Rudolph to lead the team of reindeer, observing upon their safe return.



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## Maynooth Post Primary School.

10th December is the closing date for First Year 2011/12 application forms.

16th-19th December: Students will be bag packing in Tesco Maynooth to raise money for the school musical.

18th-19th December: Carol singing in Manor Mills Shopping Centre to raise money for the school musical.

21st December: Christmas concert at 7.30pm in school sports hall.

23rd December: Close for Christmas holidays.

2nd January: Rehearsals begin for school musical.

29th January: Enrolment for first years.

9th-13th February: The school musical "Hairspray" will run in the school sports hall. Tickets will be on sale from the school in early January. This a huge cost for the school both financially and time wise. Support from the local community is welcome as we aim to bring a bit of Broadway to Maynooth for the week.

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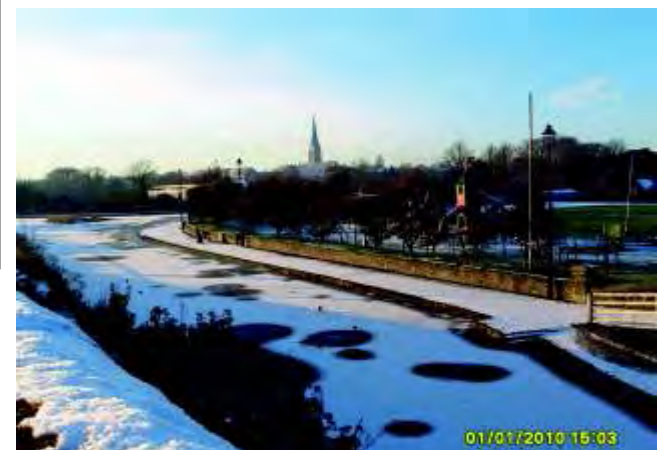
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### Irish customer bank deposits secured with extension of guarantee scheme

The extension of the Eligible Liabilities Guarantee (ELG) Scheme in the Dáil up to 31 December 2011 gives absolute reassurance that 100% of customer deposits in Ireland are guaranteed according to Kildare North Fianna Fáil Michael Fitzpatrick.

"The extension of the ELG Scheme was passed in the Dáil this week."

"Under the existing Deposit Guarantee Scheme, the first €100,000 for each person in each institution is already guaranteed. Given that the vast majority of people's deposits are below €100,000, they have full protection under this scheme."

"In addition to that deposit guarantee, the ELG Scheme, which was extended today to 31 December 2011, guarantees the full amount of any deposit over €100,000. In effect, between the two guarantee schemes, any deposits in Irish banks are fully guaranteed."

Full details of the qualifying institutions and other useful information can be found on the website of the National Consumer Agency [www.itsyourmoney.ie](http://www.itsyourmoney.ie)."

"The Government has passed the extension of the guarantee and people can now rest assured that their money is safe," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

### Lending to small firms by the country's two main banks is improving

The Credit Review Office which hears appeals from small and medium-sized enterprises refused loans by Bank of Ireland AIB, has published its quarterly report and indications are that the situation for small businesses is 'continually improving' according to Kildare North Fianna Fáil TD and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"The Credit Review Office independently adjudicates on appeals from small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) which were refused loans by the two banks and offers an opinion on whether the decisions were justified."

"Given the importance of a steady flow of credit to job creation and economic recovery, the news of an improving lending situation is very encouraging."

"The Government, via the Credit Review Office, is ensuring that AIB and BOI meet their commitments to provide a total of €12bn in extra lending to the small and medium businesses over the course of this year and next."

"The head of the Credit Review Office John Trethowan has also pointed out that the perception that the banks are not lending to the SME sector was based on experiences from six to nine months ago."

"The SME sector which employs 700,000 workers and accounts for some 270,000 Irish businesses is the bedrock of our domestic economy. Recognising that small and medium sized businesses will play a vital role in our economic recovery, the Government has introduced a number of measures aimed at supporting the sector. These include:

- Requiring Departments to pay their business suppliers within 15 days
- Overhauling the public procurement policy to ensure



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greater SME access to public contracts.

- Banning upward only rent reviews
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- Providing financial support to almost 2,000 companies through the employment subsidy scheme and the enterprise stabilisation fund.
- Providing €278 million to Enterprise Ireland in 2010
- Establishing the employer job (PRSI) incentive scheme to reduce business costs associated with hiring new employees."

"The situation is far from perfect. We all know the challenges faced by business today. However, we should take heart from the fact that things have moved on and we are on the right road," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

### Over €900,000 in grants for Kildare schools - Fitzpatrick

Twenty-four schools in Kildare are to receive over €900,000 in Government funding according to local Fianna Fáil TD Michael Fitzpatrick.

"This funding these twenty-four Kildare schools is to enable them to purchase high-tech equipment for classrooms."

Among the schools listed is Maynooth Post Primary School, Moyglare Road which will receive 67,285.48

"The funding is part of the Government's strategy to make technology an integral part of the learning process."

"This allocation is in addition to the €21 million in ICT grants for post-primary schools around the country on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October."

"The Tánaiste, Minister for Education and Skills Mary Coughlan TD has requested that the schools in receipt of these grants use them to cater for the new mathematics syllabus Project Maths when purchasing their new equipment."

"I am delighted at this further investment in Kildare schools which I know will enhance the learning of the pupils concerned," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

### Funding of over €1 million for ICT for Kildare primary schools - Fitzpatrick

The Government has allocated over €1 million to 102 Kildare primary schools for high-tech equipment according to local Fianna Fáil TD Michael Fitzpatrick. "The funding of €1,086,995 will assist the schools with the purchase of high-tech equipment to assist pupils and teachers in their learning."

"Primary schools throughout Kildare will receive a block grant of €1,700 and an additional payment of €35.70 per pupil. DEIS schools will get a higher basic grant of €2,550."

"I am delighted to see this investment in Kildare schools. It is important, that even when funds are restricted that we continue to invest in the future of children and their education."

"It is important to familiarise children at a young age with technology and it will assist them in their future education."

"To assist schools in availing of these grants, primary school principals attended nationwide seminars this year on eLearning Planning and all schools received detailed supports in how to maximise use the high tech equipment."

"Primary schools have been asked to ensure that all classrooms will use this grant to obtain a wireless mouse, keyboard and fixed digital projector is installed in every classroom."

"The better use of technology at a young age will benefit pupils into the future. Investing in this technology is an investment in the Smart Economy which is key to economic growth and national competitiveness," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Among the Maynooth Schools which will benefit are, Maynooth Educate Together NS, Maynooth BNS and Presentation Girls Primary School.

### Firms to save €29m by filing annual accounts online – Fitzpatrick.

Firms are expected to save €29 million as a result of a

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# Maynooth Castle

## A Focal Point of Local History

When Maurice FitzGerald came to Ireland he was a man of sixty. With him came a large assortment of his relations, a colourful group of half-Norman, half-Welsh adventurers, all related to each other through the famous and beautiful Nesta, daughter of Rhys ap Tewdwr, Prince of South Wales. By her marriage to Gerald Fitzwalter, Constable of Pembroke, Nesta had four children, one of whom was our Maurice FitzGerald. Two of Maurice’s sons, Nesta’s grandsons, came with him on the Irish adventure. Another son of Nesta and brother of Maurice was William FitzGerald of Carew, whose son Raymond le Gros was Strongbow’s second-in-command and his best military commander. Nesta’s daughter Angareth FitzGerald married William de Barri and their son, the nephew of Maurice, was Giraldus Cambrensis, the historian of the invasion. The third FitzGerald son, David, became bishop of St. David’s and he too made his contribution to his family’s Irish enterprise. Before her marriage to Gerald, Nesta had been mistress of King Henry I of England. Their son was Henry FitzHenry, and his two sons, grandsons of Nesta, Meiler and Robert FitzHenry, were among the invaders. Finally, Nesta married or had an affair with Stephen, Constable of Cardigan, and their son Robert FitzStephen was Maurice’s half-brother and chief partner in the first expeditions.

The immediate cause of the arrival of FitzStephens and FitzGeralds in Ireland in 1169 was what seemed at the time a relatively unimportant episode in Irish history and not the water-shed it turned out to be. We have seen that the kingship of Leinster was not in the possession of any one ruling family, but was competed for by the rulers of the various tuatha within Leinster, including our own Uí Fáeláin. In 1134 Diarmait MacMurrough of Uí Chennselaig in South Leinster established himself as King of Leinster, but for the next thirty years was involved in the unending wars of twelfth-century Ireland. Eventually he found himself

on the losing side in a struggle for the high-kingship between Rory O’Connor of Connaught and Muirchertach MacLochlainn of the northern Uí Néill. Diarmait was the ally of MacLochlainn but O’Connor won, and then all the enemies Diarmait had created over the years turned on him. These included the rulers of Uí Fáeláin and Uí Muiredaig. Diarmait was deposed both in Leinster and in Uí Chennselaig, and, as he could see no hope of finding new allies in Ireland, turned in desperation to the new Norman rulers of England. The King of England, Henry II, was not himself interested in getting involved in Ireland at the time but he did give permission to his subjects, if they wished, to help Diarmait re-establish himself, and so Diarmait came to Wales where he met Maurice FitzGerald.

Though the Normans had conquered England in 1066 they were far from settled or secure in Wales where they had to fight to win and hold the lands granted to them by the king. Diarmait first approached a likely candidate for adventure in Ireland, Richard FitzGilbert, Earl of Pembroke, famous in Irish history as Strongbow. He was a likely candidate because he was out of favour with his king and had little to hope for from him, and also because he had the resources to raise a substantial force to bring to Ireland. To him Diarmait held out the biggest inducement at his disposal.

He offered him the hand of his daughter Aoife in marriage, and with her the succession to the kingship of Leinster. By Norman law this could seem a legitimate transaction but it could have no validity in Irish law. By Irish law Diarmait could not nominate his own successor in Uí Chennselaig, and still less in Leinster. Strongbow accepted Diarmait’s proposal but was in no hurry to cross the Irish sea. It was a group of his vassals, the Geraldines and their relations and friends, who were the first to accept the challenge of the Irish

adventure. They were relatively impecunious but able adventurers who hoped to make their fortunes in Ireland, acquire lands and wealth there and perhaps, if they were lucky, even establish themselves as kings. The historian Edmund Curtis describes them as “a family party, putting their stock into a common enterprise, and ready for the great jump-over into Ireland.” Robert FitzStephen, the half-brother of Maurice FitzGerald, was in particular difficulties when Diarmait arrived on the scene. He had for three years been the prisoner of the Welsh Prince of South Wales, Rhys ap Griffith, who was also a nephew of the famous Nesta. Robert’s half-brothers, Maurice FitzGerald and David the bishop, persuaded Rhys to set him free if he promised to go to Ireland to help Diarmait. To Robert and Maurice, Diarmait promised the town of Wexford and two cantreds of land in return for their assistance and the deal was struck. Diarmait returned to Ireland with a small group of Normans, Flemings and Welsh under Richard FitzGodebert, re-established himself in Uí Chennselaig, re-asserted his claim to Leinster, was again crushed by the high-king, and then sent word to FitzGerald and FitzStephen that he needed them now. Robert FitzStephen arrived in Bannow Bay in Co. Wexford on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1169. With him, according to Giraldus, he brought “30 men-at-arms, of his own kindred and retainers, together with 60 men in half armour and about 300 archers and foot-soldiers, the flower of the youth of Wales.” They had embarked at Milfordhaven and crossed the sea in their long open single-masted ships. As well as a sail they used oars, and each ship carried about 120 men, plus some horses and supplies. When they ran these flat ships onto the beach at Bannow Bay the Norman invasion of Ireland had begun.

Mary Cullen.

### Michael Fitzpatrick T.D. (contd)

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move by the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Innovation, Batt O’Keeffe TD, to allow them to file their annual accounts online.

Under the law, firms must file an annual return to the Companies Registration Office (CRO) with a set of accounts attached and signed by two directors.

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick, Convener of the Enterprise, Trade & Innovation Committee describes the move as another ‘simple and commonsense’ approach to cutting business costs and improving competitiveness.”

Until now, only hard-copy accounts with hand-written signatures could be filed. Now, an electronic system for filing annual returns with signed accounts is available for the first time at the CRO.

A PDF set of accounts can now be appended in a way that is as simple as adding an attachment to an email. Company directors can sign these accounts using their Revenue Online Service digital signature so this is now an entirely paperless filing transaction. Filing an annual return to the CRO with a set of accounts attached and signed by two directors costs firms €247 each on average in printing, paper and postage.

The online move is now estimated to cost €45, saving 145,000 firms across the country €200 each, or €29 million altogether.

The shift to electronic filing of annual account aligns well with the Government’s strategy to drive economic recovery, because it allows firms to invest their money in jobs and growth rather than wasting it on needless red tape and bureaucracy.

The move saves the CRO having to re-scan accounts so their presentation to the public on the companies’ register will be faster and clearer.

The Government is determined to take costs out of businesses and, since 2007, measures we have implemented have saved small firms almost €53 million in red tape overheads.

We want to make Ireland a cheaper place to do business and cut needless bureaucracy out of the system,’ said Deputy Fitzpatrick.

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## Party Political-Labour News



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### Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

#### **The NRA and Kildare County Council have confirmed that the M4 will be open from 5am during the closure and NOT FROM 9am as advertised.**

They also stated that the closure is weather related i.e if there is good weather (not windy, cranes being used) that the closure could last around 3 nights. And that the closure will be eastbound one night and westbound the next night.

According to the Council the money has to be spent this year, hence the closure before Christmas. There is a meeting of The Council, the NRA, Gardai and the Ambulance Service today to discuss the plan.

#### **Cllr. McGinley Demands that Dublin Bus Restores the Direct 66X from Maynooth to Belfield.**

When Cllr. McGinley asked Dublin Bus why they had stopped this valuable service he was advised as follows by: "The bus is no longer departing from Cluain Aoibhinn due to the reversing of the bus in an estate and the lack of a turning circle/bus stop infrastructure.

All 66X's from Maynooth will take the same alignment thus giving a wider area a better service." As a result of this highly unsatisfactory answer Cllr. McGinley asked his colleague, Deputy Emmet Stagg to raise the issue with the Chairman of CIE to try and resolve this serious issue.

#### **Update on Extension of 66 and 67 Buses to Meadowbrook and Moyglare Hall**

Cllr. McGinley has been advised that Dublin Bus are liaising with Kildare County Council, The National Transport Authority (NTA) and the Moyglare developer on the provision of turning bays for the buses. The one Page Advertisement in the National Press on 18 November outlining the proposals for the 66 and 67 in the New Year had many mistakes including that of the 66 going via Parson Street. The intention of Dublin Bus is to get a turning point for the 66 in Newtown and that the bus would then turn right at Bond Bridge up the Meadowbrook and Meadowbrook Link Road to the Straffan Road. It would seem as if the NTA will cover the cost of ramps for Moyglare Road if they get funding from Government next year but that no such funds would be made available for the 66 extension. This is

the sort of un-joined thinking, as the country is being run at present.

#### **Name Needed for the "Meadowbrook Link Road"**

Cllr. John McGinley had the following motion on the Agenda for the Area Meeting on 19 November:

"That a name be given to the new road between Straffan Road and Meadowbrook Road and that appropriate sign posts be erected."

While he did not consider it to be a high priority issue John stated that putting a name on the road would stop visitors from going astray. He suggested that the name currently used by most people, the Meadowbrook Link Road, is probably the most appropriate name for the road

The Council will advise the members of suitable names and then commence the statutory process.

#### **Cllr. McGinley Wants an End to Illegal Parking at Parsons Street**

Cllr. John McGinley had the following motion on the Agenda for the Area Meeting on 19 November:

"That the Garda at senior level be asked to ensure that parking regulations are adhered to in Parsons Street, Maynooth in order to put an end to cars and four wheeled vehicles parking on the footpath and in order to permit vehicles to drive in two lanes."

It was agreed that the Council would write to the Chief Superintendent and also ask Traffic Wardens to visit Parson Street to enforce the law.

#### **Missing Public Lights**

Cllr. John McGinley had the following motion on the Agenda for the Area Meeting on 19 November:

"When are the missing public lights at the rear of Carol Barton's house and at 757 Old Greenfield, Maynooth going to be re-installed?"

#### **John was given the following report:**

" This issue has been reported to the Council's current Public Lighting Maintenance Contractor (Airtricity) and is on the list of repairs to be completed before the end of 2010."

John pointed out that the lights were

removed by private contractors some two years and they need to be replaced; not repaired.

#### **Lights or Roundabout Needed at junction of Straffan Road/ Meadowbrook Link Road:**

Cllr. John McGinley had the following motion on the Agenda for the Area Meeting on 19 November:

"What progress has been made on the provision of traffic signals at the Straffan Road/Meadowbrook Link Road junction?" John was given the following report:

"As previously advised, a number of planning permissions in the area have been conditioned to provide / contribute towards traffic signals at the above location. To date no progress has been made by the private sector in this regard. Unfortunately, Kildare County Council does not have any funding to carry out this type of work unless it is funded from an external source."

Cllr. McGinley pointed out that this was a very serious safety issue as cars have great difficulty turning right from Meadowbrook Link Road to Straffan Road. Some of them are turning left and do a U Turn at Carton Court and put the residents here at considerable risk. John asked that the developer be again written to asking him to put the traffic lights in place or better still to provide a roundabout now that Dublin Bus say that they are moving their terminus early in the New Year.

#### **Cllr. McGinley Calls for Action on Derelict Houses at Parson Street:**

Cllr. John McGinley had the following motion on the Agenda for the Area Meeting on 19 November:

"That immediate action be taken against the owner of derelict row of houses in Maynooth (details supplied) under the derelict sites act."

Council officials advised Cllr. John McGinley that they had given one of the developers 4 weeks to board up the windows and doors. John stated that boarded up windows would look very bad and that new windows and doors should be demanded. Council officials stated that under the Derelict Sites act they cannot compel the developer to install new windows and doors. The Act just states that the building must be secure and safe from access. John and other Councillors then called for the windows to be fitted with cement blocks and pebble dashed as it would look better.

The developer of house number 16 is being asked to replace the pebble dashing and guttering.



#### **TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - NOTICE OF INTENTION**

#### **M4 SIGNAGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

#### **M4 Kildare (Between Leixlip and Maynooth)**

Notice is hereby given, by Kildare County Council, in accordance with Section 75 of the Roads Act, 1993 and Article 12 of the Roads Regulations, 1994, of the following proposal to close a public road.

The National Roads Authority is currently undertaking a project to improve the overhead signage on the M4 motorway. On the M4 Kildare between Leixlip and Maynooth there will be 5 portal gantry signs (spanning the entire carriageway) and 5 cantilever gantry signs (spanning the hard shoulder and left hand lane). These signs will be located at Junctions 5, 6 and 7 Eastbound and Westbound.

- To facilitate the safe construction of the signage on the M4 Westbound and M4 Eastbound, alternate closures will be scheduled between consecutive junctions to ensure one side of the motorway will remain open at all times.

- These closures will occur from the 4th to the 28th January 2011 during the off-peak overnight hours of 21.00 to 05.30 Eastbound, and 21.00 to 06.00 Westbound.

- There will be no overnight closures on Friday and Saturday nights.

Traffic will be directed off and back onto the motorway at clearly identified locations.

Objections may be made in writing to the Senior Executive Officer, Transportation Department at the address below, or by email to roads@kildarecoco.ie, on or before 5.00p.m. on Friday 17th December, 2010.

#### **Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year**

Cllr. John McGinley, Deputy Emmet Stagg and the Maynooth Branch of the Labour Party would like to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.

#### **Cllr. John McGinley can be contacted at:**

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## Party Political—Áine Brady T.D.

### New measures to help homeowners in arrears

Recommendations made by an expert group set up to look into the issue of personal debt and mortgage arrears have the support of the government and will be implemented shortly. Included in these recommendations are;

- A Deferred Interest Scheme for borrowers can pay at least 66% of the interest. This would give borrowers up to 5 years to get back on their feet.”
- Lenders should consider facilitating borrowers in negative equity who wish to trade down to a more affordable home.
- Where a mortgage is unsustainable, assessment for social housing should be done before repossession takes place. A mechanism is recommended to allow repossessed borrowers to remain in their homes for a time, allowing the housing authority time to source appropriate accommodation.
- It is furthermore recommended that a statutory non-judicial debt settlement system should be established.

### Progress to date

- Protecting family homes is a major priority for me. Current policy measures to assist families include the mortgage interest Supplement. We have refocused Mortgage Interest relief to help those who bought their homes at the peak of the market.
- Banks must now wait at least twelve months before they can apply for repossession.
- I would urge those who are worrying about their mortgage repayments to talk to their lender. In addition confidential free advice on managing debt problems is always available with MABS.
- The MABS National Telephone Helpline – 1890 283 438 is available from 9am to 8pm Monday to Friday and the MABS website can be accessed 24 hours a day at [www.mabs.ie](http://www.mabs.ie).
- Local MABS Address:  
MABS, Unit 3, Millenium House, Harbour View,  
Kilcock, Co. Kildare  
Tel: (01) 6284466 Fax: (01) 66284469  
Email: [kilcock@mabs.ie](mailto:kilcock@mabs.ie)  
See also website – [www.keepingyourhome.ie](http://www.keepingyourhome.ie)

### Dublin Bus set to Launch Network Direct for North Kildare Commuters says Brady.

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady TD, has been informed by Dublin Bus that it is to role out its Network Direct project for North Kildare commuters in the coming weeks to improve the services its offer to commuters in the area.

'Last week, I met with the National Transport Authority, who have overall responsibility for Transport issues in the Greater Dublin area, to outline key concerns of our commuters.'

'Dublin Bus's initiative will deliver more direct, high frequency and punctual bus services to commuters from Leixlip, Maynooth and Celbridge. The aim of the Network Direct project is to deliver a simpler network that is easier to understand provide more frequent and direct services, reducing travel time and improving reliability. Details of the changes can be obtained by please visit [www.dublinbus.ie/Network-Direct](http://www.dublinbus.ie/Network-Direct).' 'Part of the service improvements, include a service to Moyglare Road and Meadowbrook in Maynooth and Gleneaston in Leixlip.'

'The National Transport Authority, set up in December 2009, is now adopting a co-ordinated approach to Transport Policy in the Greater Dublin Area. On Monday of this week, they met with Community Groups in Kilcock to discuss the concerns of reduced level of service following the withdrawal of Dublin Bus services. Later this month, they will carry a Real Time Passenger Information Pilot in Dublin and next year, this will be rolled out to the Greater Dublin area giving up to date information on Bus Times.'



### Áine Brady, Fianna Fáil T.D.

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#### Advice Centre Details:

Every Monday at 11.30 am	Constituency Office, No. 4 Centre Point Mall, Maynooth
1st Monday of every month at 8 pm	Leixlip GAA
Every Monday at 2.30 pm	Fianna Fáil Office, Main St., Celbridge
1st Monday of every month at 7 pm	O'Keefe's, Kilcock

*Seasons Greetings To All My Constituents*

'Since getting elected, I have continued to highlight the importance of improving our Public Transport Infrastructure in North Kildare. We have seen improvements to both the Bus and Rail services. Recently, the Transport Authority has allocated a €1m investment to improve the public transport infrastructure in the Maynooth. I will continue to work with all concerned to make further improvements to the public transport infrastructure in the county.' concluded Minister Brady.

### Community Services Programme renewed for OK Transport says Brady

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady, has been informed by Minister Eamon O'Cuiv, that he has renewed the contract, for services provided under the Community Services Programme, for OK Transport. 'The Government has approved the offer of three years funding (2011-2013) from the Community Services Programme to employ people on a full-time basis and over €127,000 has been allocated to OK Transport for the programme.'

'The Community Service Programme is designed to work in partnership with local service providers where gaps are identified in the services or there is insufficient demand for services that would normally be provided by the public and/or private sectors.'

'OK Transport provides valuable service for the people of Kildare. Communities in Maynooth, Ardcloagh, Carbury, Derrinturn, Clane, Broadford, Johnstownbridge and Kilcock all benefits from the services that OK Transport provide.' stated Minister Brady.

### Investment in School – Making Progress

Since getting elected in 2007, I have worked hard to make progress on increasing our school capacity and improving our teaching and learning environment for pupils and teachers. Each of the schools listed below have; works just completed, construction – work in progress, or are scheduled to have works carried out in the near future. (These works include – Extensions, New Schools, additional facilities etc).

Maynooth Post Primary School: Extension completed.  
 New Kill National School – work will be completed by the end of this year.  
 Naas CBS – Construction of Extension started in late 2009 and was completed last month.  
 Aghards in Celbridge – Approval for 3 additional classrooms.  
 Clane Secondary School – Approval given

for the construction of 3 new classrooms.  
 Ardcloagh National School – tenders are currently been considered for the construction of the new school and work should start on the 16 Classroom new school. Approval given to Kildare VEC to purchase facility at Manor Mills Maynooth, which will be home to an Integrated Further Education and Training (FET) Campus.  
 Kildare VEC has been given approval to purchase land on the Moyglare Road for future Educational requirement of the area. It could potentially be a home for a Gael Colaiste in the future – given that we have three Primary Gael Scoils in the North Kildare area.  
 Scoil Choca Naofa in Kilcock – Approval given for Extension and works are on-going.  
 Straffan NS – Extension approved - 4 additional mainstream classrooms and improved ancillary accommodation  
 Maynooth Boys National School – Extension completed.  
 Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich Maynooth – The construction of a new 16 classroom approved.  
 Colaiste Chiaráin Community School in Leixlip – approval for an ASD unit.  
 Staplestown NS – Extra Accommodation approved (3 Rooms).  
 St Farans Prosperous National School – approval for 3 extra classrooms and an ASD room.  
 Piper Hill Educational Campus in Naas– Opened in September 2009. New Community Primary School to open in September. Primary on the Moyglare Road will each receive high  
 Coláiste Naomh Mhuire on the Sallins Road in Naas, the Salesian College in Celbridge and Maynooth Post speed broadband under the €13 million Broadband to Schools Scheme. The schools will get 100 megabit high speed fibre and wireless broadband.  
 Kilshanroe National School – Extension completed  
 Extension Works Completed for Maynooth Girls National School  
 Extension to Maynooth Boys National School – completed earlier this year.  
 Significant investment in IT facilities in all Kildare Schools.  
 Timahoe National School – Approval given for school yard works.  
 48 Summer Works Schemes for Co. Kildare in 2010 – including St Laurences NS in Sallins, Rathcoffey NS, St Patricks NS Johnsbriidge, Kilshanroe National School, St Conleths Derrinturn, Straffan NS, Newtown NS, San Carlo NS Leixlip.





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What happened when the snowgirl fell out with the snowboy?  
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What do snowmen wear on their heads?  
Ice caps!

What do snowmen eat for lunch?  
Icebergers!

How do snowmen travel around ?  
By iceicle !

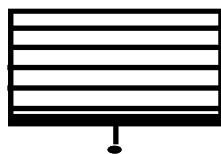
What sort of ball doesn't bounce ?  
A snowball !

#### The first reindeer seen in a bar

One evening, in a busy lounge a reindeer walked in the door, went up to the bar and ordered a martini. Without batting an eye, the bartender mixed and poured the drink, set it in front of the reindeer, and accepted the twenty Euro note from the reindeer's hoof.

As he handed the reindeer some coins in change, he said, "You know, I think you're the first reindeer I've ever seen in here."

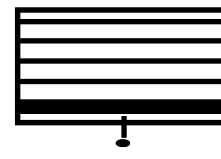
The reindeer looked hard at the hoofful of change and said, "Hmmmmpf. Let me tell you something, buddy. At these prices, I'm the last reindeer you'll see in here."



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## Party Political—Catherine Murphy Independent Cllr

### Motorway Closure – People Power force Authorities to see sense.

Hours of M4 closure reduced dramatically. The advertisement by Kildare County Council announcing that the motorway would close between 16<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> January and between 10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> January, between, 8pm and 9am, has been substantially changed. The contractor will now finish work no later than 5am. May I take the opportunity to thank all of those who complained to Kildare County Council before 24<sup>th</sup> November, people power certainly worked on this occasion. Myself and other Councilors also complained about the fact that we were not informed about the closure and the fact that the advertisement was limited to the Leinster Leader, again assurances were given that this will not re-occur.

### Changes to Dublin Bus services:

I have received quite a lot of complaints about changes to the Dublin Bus Services which were implemented with their timetable changes on 21<sup>st</sup> November. As I receive complaints I seek a response from Dublin Bus. While some changes benefit commuters that is occurring at the expense of others, for example, those getting the City-speed from the new terminus at UCD benefit, however, those waiting at bus stops in the city centre now find the buses are arriving full, this is adding very considerably to commuting times. There is clearly a capacity issue that must be addressed by Dublin Bus as a matter of urgency, otherwise we will simply force commuters back into their cars.

### Cycle Lanes and Road Markings in Maynooth.

Contact was made with me by the Maynooth Cycling Campaign following which I placed their concerns on the agenda. They wanted to know what approach was taken by the Council in relation to repainting cycle lanes and tracks, they had provided me with photographs that graphically demonstrated the problem. They also sought a policy change in the County Development Plan, which is currently under review, whereby cycle lane markings close to busy urban schools receive a higher priority than the markings on rural roads. At the Celbridge Area Meeting I stressed the need to favour the more sustainable types of transport such as walking and cycling. I also said I favoured a proactive rather than a reactive approach to applying road markings in this respect.

**I was provided with the following report:** “The Council is awaiting the publication of the National

Cycle Manual by the National Transport Authority in 2010. This document will make reference to the maintenance of cycle tracks and best practice for this and other issues. Highlighting cycle facilities at conflict points would be considered a reasonable initiative, however, prioritising markings solely based on the type of road is not recommended. Furthermore, the availability, or lack of funding, must be considered.”

The National Cycle Manual includes the Kilcock Road Scheme which is estimated to cost a whopping €1m. The National Transportation Authority await notification of their funding for 2011 until that occurs it is not known if this will be included.

### Traffic Chaos Maynooth Morning Peak – Are the Lights the problem?

Following complaints about the daily problems, particularly in the mornings, at Straffan Road, Maynooth, I placed the following item on the agenda. The reason I tabled it in the way I did was because it has been stressed to me, by numerous people, that the traffic flows better when the lights are switched off.

**Motion:** In view of the traffic problems on Straffan Road, Maynooth particularly at the morning peak that the council considers the role played by the traffic lights at the junction with Main Street, Main Street and Mill Street and Main Street and Kilcock Road, we consider what changes can be made specific to morning peak times, if turning off some of the lights for these times would contribute towards a solution and if so how pedestrians can be safely accommodated.

**I received the following report:** As reported previously, the traffic signalling arrangement in Maynooth Town is managed by a state of the art Urban Traffic Control System (SCOOT) and this provides optimum signal timings for the motorised demands at all junctions. This type of control is used in all of Ireland’s main cities and Kildare is the first non-metropolitan county to install and maintain such a sophisticated system. Towns in Kildare currently using the system are Newbridge, Naas and Maynooth. The computerised UTC system balances the demands at all junctions linked within Maynooth Town and this is demonstrated by the passage of vehicles from the Straffan Road/Main Street Junction to the Kilcock Road/Moyglare Road Junction (in both directions). Delays to traffic on the approaches to these junctions

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are not as a result of the signalling arrangement but due to the high levels of motorised traffic wanting to use the junctions. Co-ordination between the signals allow for pedestrian crossing timings to be run together to minimise the delay to traffic and maximise the amount of time allocated to crossing pedestrians. The suggestion to turn off some or all of the lights would be counter-productive and would result in creating traffic hazards for both vulnerable road users and motorists. When signals are off, there is no safe facility for turning traffic or for crossing pedestrians. I have since taken the matter up with those controlling the SCOOT system in Kildare County Council.

**Unauthorised Developments** are developments that require planning permission and proceed without it. Sometimes they have permission but are not constructed in accordance with the permission granted. I have long complained that the system is not working as it should, this undermines the integrity of the planning system when developments can occur without permission and it can take an unacceptable length of time to come to a conclusion.

**The Committee received the following report:** It is the policy of the Planning Authority to protect the confidentiality of the complainants and it is for this reason that the files are not accessible to the public or the members. Unauthorised developments can be identified on the relevant maps through the Council’s on-line web service once a Warning Letter and/or Enforcement Notice has been served. The database system provides detailed information on all UD cases and can be searched by name, address and UD number. There are too many UD cases in the Celbridge electoral area to provide information on all of them to the members. However if a Councillor has a query on a particular UD case, we can provide them with an update on that case.

The database that has been referred to does not appear to be available online, I questioned where it could be found. The committee agreed to set aside time at our December meeting to have a full discussion on the issue of Unauthorised Developments. The very fact that the report states that they are too numerous in the Celbridge Electoral Area to provide a detailed report shows there is a significant problem.

**Tree Pruning:** At our October meeting I queried the issue of tree pruning. This is a list of those that are currently being attended to.

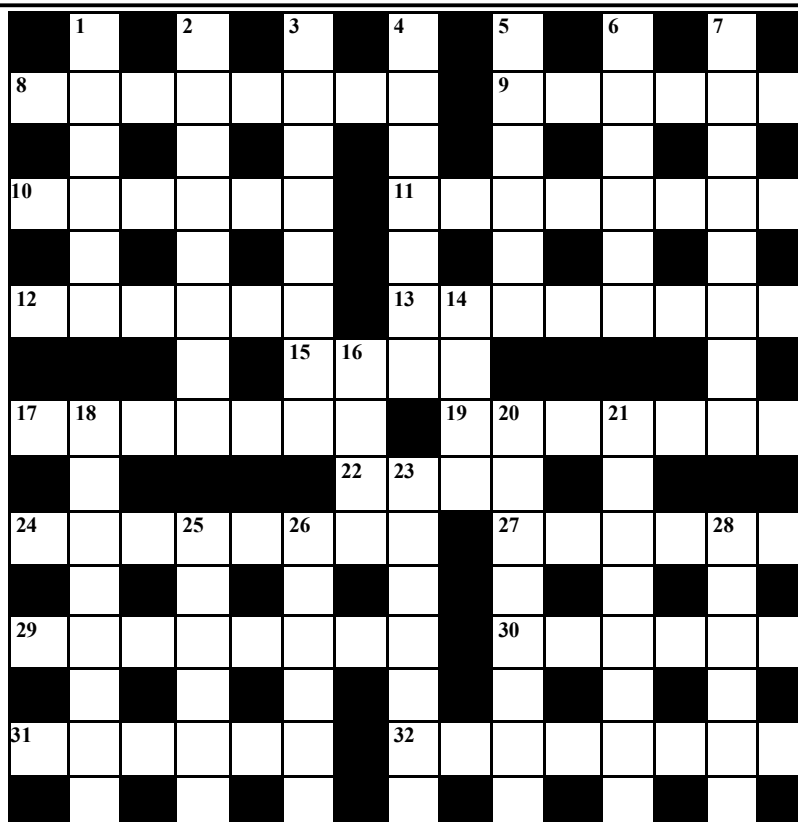
Town	Estate	House No	Description	Comment
Maynooth	Main Street	Leinster House	tree blocking light to office	Mature Lime, reduce crown 30% and clear away branches from windows
Maynooth	Beaufield Crescent	13	tree requires pruning	
Maynooth	Carton Avenue	Open space	124 Mature Limes suckers to be removed	remove suckers
Maynooth	Railway Park	23, 30-40	estate requires pruning	insufficient information for costing
Maynooth	O'Neill Park	all		Grind down tree stumps
Maynooth	Rockfield Avenue	Whole Avenue	crown lift	crown lift 9 trees by 1metre
Maynooth	Rockfield Green	Open space		crown lift 20 Semi Mature Mountain Ash by 1m
Maynooth	Rockfield Green	opp 11& 12		semi mature Mountain Ash remove and grind stump
Maynooth	Rockfield Green	opp 23	removed lower branches	semi mature Mountain Ash remove and grind stump
Maynooth	Rockfield Green	opp25	tree is falling over	semi mature Mountain Ash remove and grind stump
Maynooth	Rockfield Avenue	2	tree is falling over	semi mature Mountain Ash remove and grind stump
Maynooth	Rockfield Avenue	opp10	2 trees falling over	semi mature Mountain Ash remove and grind stump
Maynooth	Rockfield Park	opp 25	3 trees to be removed	semi mature Mountain Ash remove and grind stump
Maynooth	Rockfield Grove	12	to be looked at	semi mature Mountain Ash remove and grind stump
Maynooth	Rockfield Square	entrance on open space		semi mature Mountain Ash remove and grind stump
Maynooth	Parklands estate		visibility poor for bin lorries	
Maynooth	Greenfield Drive	49	Semi Mature Cherry	Reduce crown by 30%
Maynooth	Greenfield Drive	Opp 31 on Open space	Mature Alder	crown lift by 2m
Maynooth	Greenfield Drive	Opp 32-33	Bush Hawthorn	tidy up habit
Maynooth	Kingsbury	first cul de sac on left	Mature Dogwood & Maples	Prune back Dogwood by 2m from kerb and crown lift 10 Semi Mature Maples
Maynooth	Kingsbury	73&74		crown lift trees by 2m



## December 2010/January 2011 Crossword—No: 387

## ACROSS

8. Exquisitely fine, easily damaged (8)  
 9. Note acknowledging a source of information (6)  
 10. Holiday spot (6)  
 11. Exhaustive, complete (8)  
 12. Closer (6)  
 13. Gathering congregation (8)  
 15. Not in action or at work (4)  
 17. Study of words and sentences (7)  
 19. Servers at tables (7)  
 22. Orient (4)  
 24. Small migratory birds (8)  
 27. Frequently visited places, hangouts (6)  
 29. Three-sided figure (8)  
 30. Director of publication (6)  
 31. Go or come back (6)  
 32. Distorting, turning (8)



## DOWN

1. Strict, stark (6)  
 2. Unit of mass (8)  
 3. These organisms are in bait race (8)  
 4. Near the middle (7)  
 5. Reflections of sound (6)  
 6. Change for the better (6)  
 7. Denoting one (8)  
 14. Does needlework (4)  
 16. Made lines on a surface (4)  
 18. Offered something for a service or achievement (8)  
 20. Fit and active (8)  
 21. Holidaymakers (8)  
 23. Facets, views (7)  
 25. Old units of distance (6)  
 26. Body parts and musical instruments (6)  
 28. Sharp-pointed tips on stems (6)

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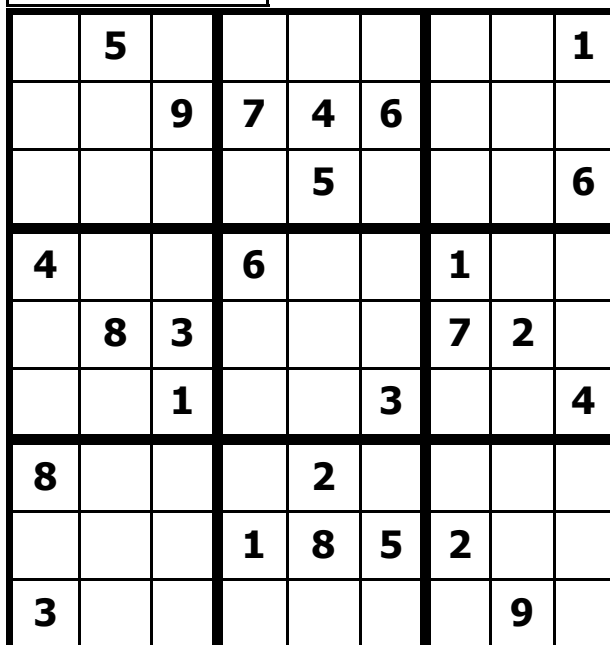
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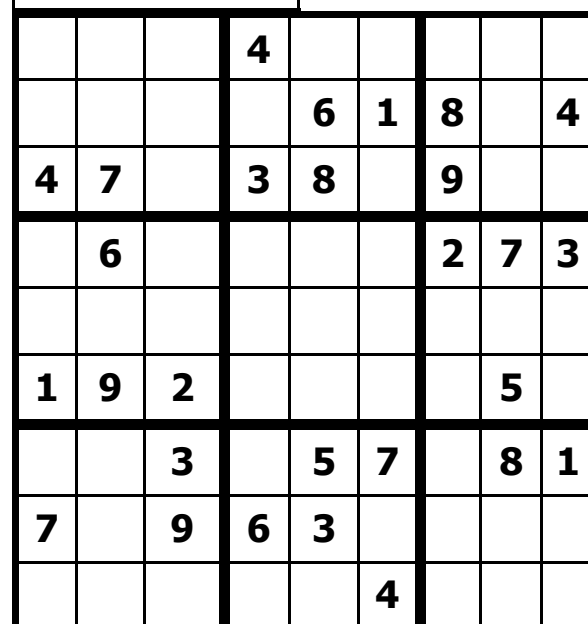
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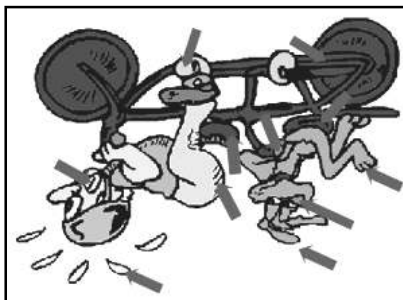
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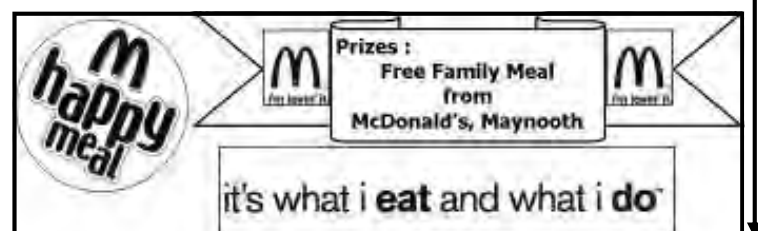
## November Winners:

Age: 3—5 Kallum Gilligan, Laragh, Maynooth.

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## Maynooth Tidy Towns

We wish to thank everyone who helped us in any way throughout the year. As you are relaxing over Christmas perhaps you may wish to make a resolution for the New Year to help with the 2011 Tidy Towns campaign to keep Maynooth looking beautiful.

Everyone has a part to play and all talents are welcome.

On behalf of Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee we wish all the readers of the Maynooth Newsletter a very happy Christmas and a litter free new year.

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## Christmas Gardening



**Let it Hoe, Let it Hoe, Let it Hoe**

### Preparing for Christmas

\* Sprigs of rosemary, thyme, bay, garlic and chillies can all be added to wine and cider vinegars to make attractive and interesting presents.

\* Collect pine cones and add a couple of drops of essential oils onto them. Hang them from the Christmas tree using ribbon or simply lay them around a candle. The scent will be as refreshing as a walk in a pine forest.

\* To make herbal bath salts mix 200g of Epsom salts or coarse sea salt with a large handful of pine needles or rosemary leaves. Then add about 20 drops of essential oil – rose geranium will add a floral, seasonal note – and decant into pretty jars.

\* Christmas pot pourri is simple to make from dried garden herbs and store cupboard ingredients. Mix juniper sprigs, dried rosebuds, bay leaves, rosemary sprigs, cinnamon chips, cloves, and assorted pine cones together until it smells great and looks interesting. You can also add essential oils for extra scent and orris root as a fixative to help retain the aroma.

\* Pomanders create a natural alternative to the plug-in room fresheners. They are easy to make

and smell delicious. Here's a recipe to get you started. Take one large Seville orange and insert cloves through the skin to cover about 75% of the surface. You may need to use a knitting needle to make holes first. Roll the whole thing in dried cinnamon powder and orris root powder, then leave to dry for 3+ weeks in a warm dry place, such as an airing cupboard. Use to scent and repel moths from wardrobes and clothes drawers or place in a room to add a delightful seasonal scent.

\* Use herbs as a living garnish for your plate setting: tie mint, rosemary sprigs, bay leaves on stems, and bundles of fresh parsley together and place them in a napkin ring on a pristine white serviette.

### Christmas Wish List

\* As a gardener my number one present, even to myself has to be a plant. You simply can't go wrong.

\* A herb pot next to your front door can be enjoyed by all your Christmas visitors. Buy a bay leaf tree or a rosemary bush that will bring joy for months and years to come.

### Protecting against Jack Frost

Lets face it, our chances of a frost free Christmas period are very slim. We have only to remember last year when we were taken unawares, so this year we will be ready!? Keep an eye on the weather forecast and you will be prepared for action. The plants most vulnerable to frost are soft woods, actively growing bloomers, and potted plants.

- Cover up before dusk! By the time it gets dark much of the stored heat in the garden has already been lost.
- If you have time, build a simple frame around the plant, or row of plants. (Even a single stake can be used in many cases.)
- Then drape a cover of newspaper, cardboard, plastic tarps, bed sheeting or any other lightweight material over the frame to create a tent.
- If you don't have time to create a frame, lay the protective cover directly onto the plant. This will help to slow the loss of heat rising from the foliage and the ground.
- Remove the covers in the morning, once the frost has thawed, to let the light and fresh air back in, and to prevent overheating by the sun.
- For smaller individual plants you can use glass jars, milk jugs with the bottom removed, paper cups upside down flower pots as heat traps.
- Don't forget to remove these covers in the morning.



If you are unable to move your container plants indoors or under cover remember to also wrap the pot in bubble wrap, or simply bury the pot in soil in addition to protecting the foliage.

Alternatively you can bring them indoors if they are not too heavy and return them to the garden when it is safe. I bring in my camellia all the time and it remained indoors last year and produced a beautiful profusion of flowers much earlier than I expected. The buds are there now and frost would destroy them in no time.

Don't forget to remove indoor plants from windowsills, behind curtains so that they will not freeze to death!

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