

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

Every year St. Mary's Boys' National School, Maynooth Post Primary School, and Presentation Girls' School take part in Operation Christmas Child.

Coming up to Christmas the children are asked to fill a shoe box with presents suitable for children. Some contribute second hand toys in good condition that they no longer need while others spend their pocket money on buying new items.

The boxes are then wrapped in Christmas paper and labelled for either a boy or a girl. They are then sent off to parts of the world less fortunate than ourselves. This simple act of generosity gives hope to children caught in the midst of wars, natural disasters and extreme poverty and shows them they have not been forgotten. The gifts will be much appreciated and treasured for many years to come. By participating in this worthwhile project we are showing that we care and we are helping to make the world a better place.



Maria Herrero, Rachael Wilson.



Austin Dunne, Aimhirin Cleary.

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



Theresa
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Start before or after Christmas.

John and Bernie Walsh are qualified nutritionists and wellness coaches who recently won the DSAI New Best Direct Seller 2010 award in conjunction with Herbalife. They operate private nutrition and weight loss clinics from their home outside Monasterevin and from their Fitness Centre in Straffan close to the K Club.



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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.

John and Bernie are also looking for people nationwide who are interested in nutrition, to train as wellness coaches, to work from home and as community challenge leaders.

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Seasons Greetings To All Our Customers & Staff

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 16th to 22nd December and from 10th January to 16th 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 22nd ‘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 26th 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	Ladychapel
Friday 24th December Christmas Eve 5:00 PM Family Mass 7:00 PM Mass 9:30 PM Midnight Mass	Friday 24th Dec. Christmas Eve 8:00 PM
Saturday 25th December Christmas Day 9:00 AM 10:15 AM 11:30 AM 12:45 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	No service.

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"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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A Christmas Childhood

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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.

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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.

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Go deireadh mo shlí

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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
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Crafts Every Monday Night
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New Members Welcome

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

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Maynooth Community Library

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University of Third Age

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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** 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?

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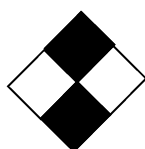
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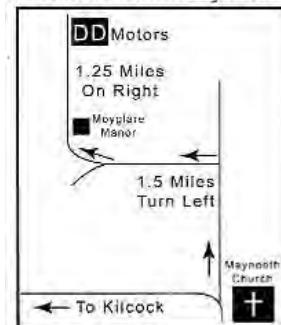
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Maynooth GAA News

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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2 nd Prize	Martin Deveney	90pts
3 rd Prize	David Weafer	79pts
4 th Prize	Norman Kavanagh	77pts
5 th 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 8th 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 21st 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 19th 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 22nd and 24th 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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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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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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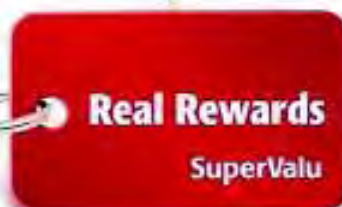
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Maynooth Local History Group *"The Collage"*

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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.



Peter Nevin, Chairman Maynooth Local History Group, & Gerard Howard Williams, Castle Committee

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The Reindeer

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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John McGinley (6285293 (H) or 087-9890635 (M))

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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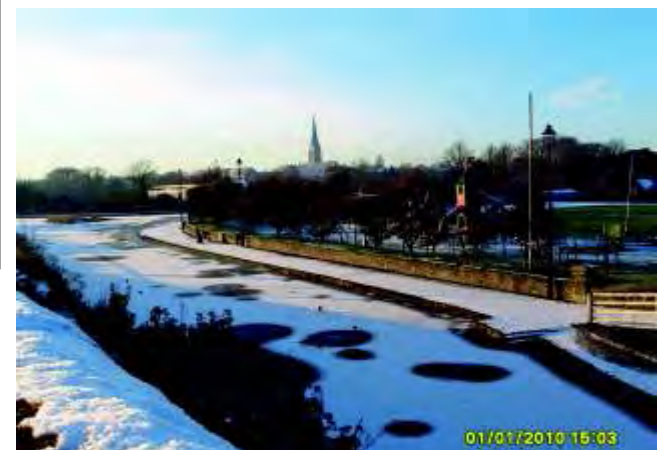
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Irish customer bank deposits secured with extension of guarantee scheme

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."

"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
- Establishing a High Level Group on Business Regulation which has identified more than €20 million worth of administrative cost savings for business
- 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 15th 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 1st 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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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.

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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.
- Local MABS Address:
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Email: kilcock@mabs.ie
See also website – 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.' '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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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.

Ardclough 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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Christmas Jokes

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Ice caps!

What do snowmen eat for lunch?
Icebergers!

How do snowmen travel around ?
By iceicle !

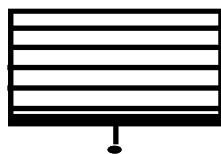
What sort of ball doesn't bounce ?
A snowball !

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."

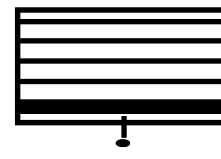
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Motorway Closure – People Power force Authorities to see sense.

Hours of M4 closure reduced dramatically. The advertisement by Kildare County Council announcing that the motorway would close between 16th and 22nd January and between 10th and 16th 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 24th 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 21st 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.

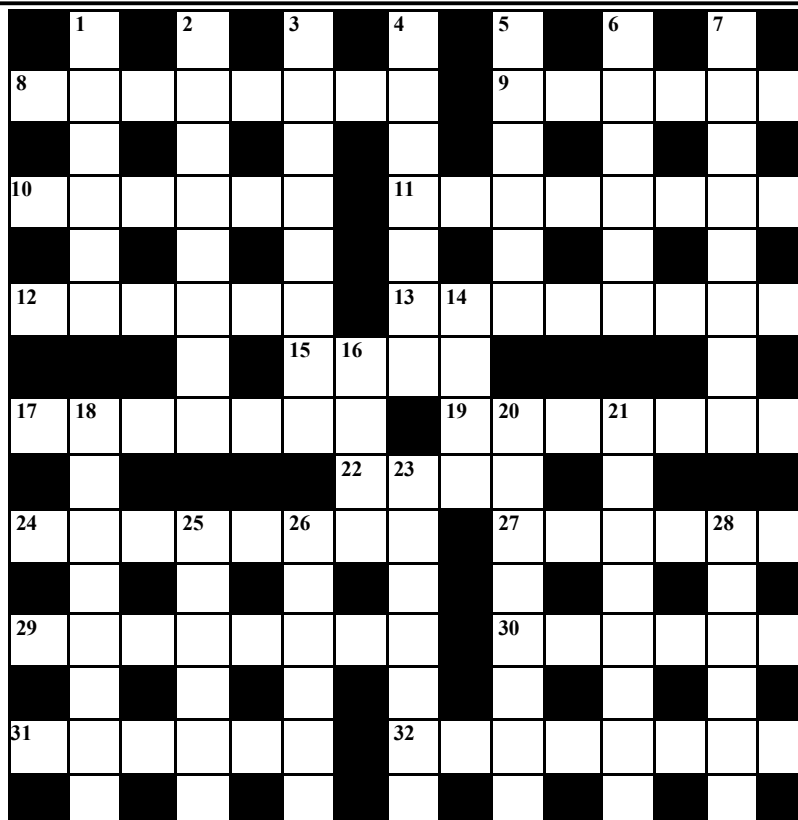
Tree Pruning: At our October meeting I queried the issue of tree pruning. This is a list of those that are currently being attended to.

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)

Solutions to No. 386

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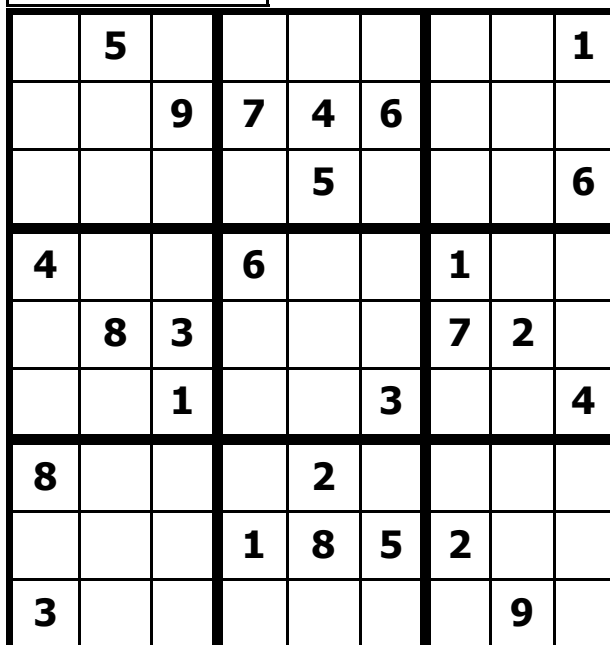
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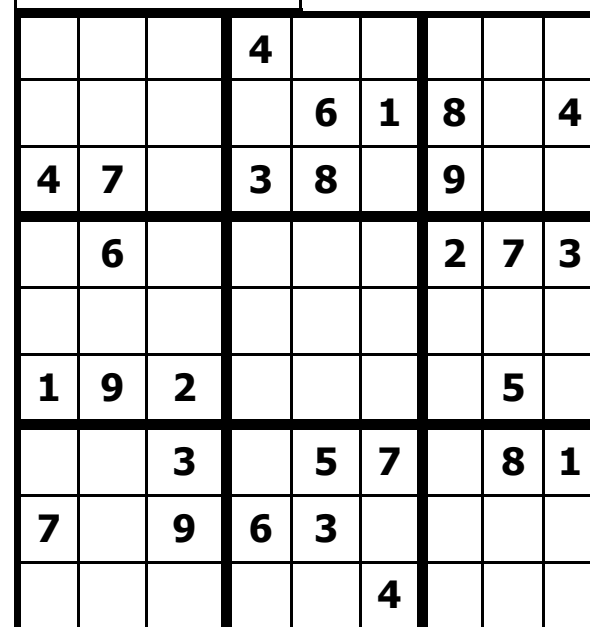
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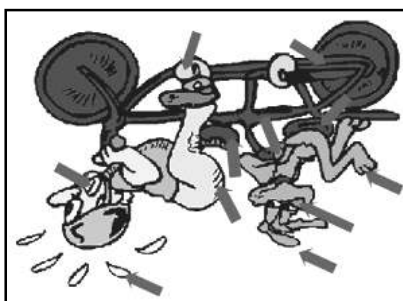
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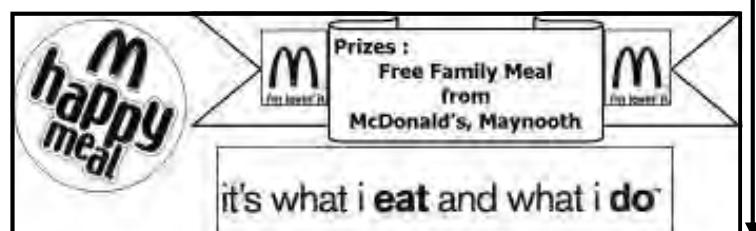
November Winners:

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Age: 7 & Over: Conor Van Duyvenvoorde, Brokfield Ave.

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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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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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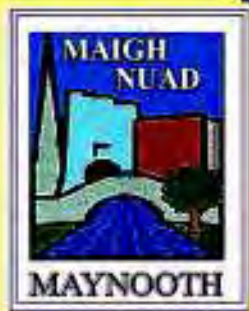
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Local News

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Maynooth Post Primary School. Run for Fun to Support our Sport. Launch of 10K Challenge.



(L – R) Johnny Nevin (Principal Maynooth Post Primary School)
Arthur McGauran (Sales Executive Carton House),
Deirdre O'Brien (Director of Sales Carton House),
Ciara Hewson, David Campbell, Paul Robinson.

The Maynooth Post Primary School 10K Challenge will take place on May 22nd 2011 at 10am.

This is a fundraising event which aims to raise money for the development of the school's playing pitches and the introduction of a 1.3K walking/running track. There will be full changing and shower facilities.

The development will be located on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth. The run is proudly supported by **Carton House**, also thanks to **Ross of Maynooth Photo Centre**.

Organised by our active Parents Association, details and application forms can be found on the Run Ireland website.

<http://www.runireland.com/events/maynooth-post-primary-school-10k-challenge-0>

Application forms are also available from the School reception and will be printed in the Maynooth Newsletter. You can also find us on *Facebook*. *Maynooth10kmchallenge*.

The route will take runners through the historical centre of learning that is Maynooth. Carton House Hotel Golf and Leisure have kindly allowed us to enjoy their grounds and we will also take in the historic St. Patricks College. The event will be filmed by Kildare TV.

It is hoped to have over 500 competitors on the day. This event is aimed towards all runners, joggers and walkers. It could provide a useful addition to the running schedule of those training for upcoming events such as the Women's Ladies Marathon. Senior students from the School are welcome to take part but must be over 16 years. A number of teachers are also ready to air out their runners and do

their bit for the school. It is hoped that the local community will come on board and any athletic Maynooth residents are encouraged to turn up!

This is the first time an event like this has been organised for the school. In these recessionary times it is vital for us to raise the money so we can invest back into the future of our young people.

Sport plays a fundamental role in our school community here in Maynooth Post Primary School. Through involvement in sport, young people learn discipline, commitment, respect. They experience teamwork. It builds confidence. Not least of all it helps keep a body healthy. Sport is essential to our school and the community with which we will share this new facility. As parents and teachers, we recognise the benefits and thus promote sport and other extra curricular activities for all.

Guests.

David Campbell.

Past pupil of Maynooth Post Primary School, David is Ireland's fourth Fastest man in the over 800metres category. He has represented the Country at the 2006 European Athletic Championship and the 2007 World Athletic Championships. In 2007 he achieved the title of Double National Champion in the 800 metres and 1500 metres. In 2009 he was again national 1500 metre champion. He is one of an elite group to have run a sub 4 minute mile. David currently studies Physiotherapy in UCD.

Paul Robinson.

Son of a staff member, Paul is the National Under 20, Mile Record Holder. In 2009 he represented Ireland in the European Juniors and the World Juniors. He is ranked second in the World Under 20, Mile Category. Paul studies Economics and Law at DCU. Both David and Paul run for St. Coca's Athletic Club Kilcock.

Ciara Hewson.

Ciara is a third year student in Maynooth Post Primary School. In 2009 she came third in the All Ireland Cross Country and second in the Junior Schools All Ireland. In 2010 she achieved second in the All Ireland Under 16 Cross Country and third in the All Ireland School's Intermediate. She has represented Ireland three times in International Competitions. A true inspiration to her peers, Ciara continues to run and has high ambitions for her future.



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Maynooth February Diary Planner

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

Senior Citizens Club

Club meets every Tuesday & Thursday morning in the Community Care Unit until Easter after which they will then return to the I.C.A. Hall. Valentine Tea dance takes place Sunday 20th February in the GAA Club.

History Group

Next meeting Thursday 24th February in the Glenroyal Hotel at 8.00 p.m. An evening in Carton is planned for March 14th when Dr. Pat Cosgrove of NUI Maynooth will present a history topic on Carton House and Estate at 8.00 p.m. New members welcome Peter Nevin Phone: 086 0222880

Taekwon-Do

Children's Classes for 5 years and up held every Wednesday in St. Mary's Boys School, Moyglare Road & on Fridays in Educate Together, Celbridge Road 6.30 p.m.—7.30 p.m. For details: Contact Stephen Doyle 087 6986491

Parent & Toddler Group

A voluntary community service for babies and toddlers. They meet in the GAA Club, Moyglare Road every Tuesday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. All are welcome.

U. 3. A.

February meetings Friday 4th & 18th at 11.00 a.m. in the Community Library. New Members Welcome Enquiries : Bernadette Phone: 6289131

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Irish Girl Guides

Meeting Wednesday evening in Maynooth. For further information contact Jackie on 085 1413787 or visit I.G.G. website www.irishgirlguides.ie

Toastmasters

Februarys meetings take place 14th & 28th at 7.45 p.m. in the Glenroyal Hotel

Community Library

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Recipes for Freezing

Shepherd's Pie

Ingredients

1 tbsp sunflower oil
1 large onion, chopped
2-3 medium carrots, chopped
500g pack minced lamb
2 tbsp tomato purée
large splash Worcestershire sauce
500ml beef stock
900g potatoes, cut into chunks
85g butter
3 tbsp milk

Method

1. Heat the oil in a medium saucepan, then soften the onion and carrots for a few mins. When soft, turn up the heat, crumble in the lamb and brown, tipping off any excess fat. Add the tomato purée and Worcestershire sauce, then fry for a few mins. Pour over the stock, bring to a simmer, then cover and cook for 40 mins, uncovering halfway.
2. Meanwhile, heat the oven to 180C/ fan 160C/ gas 4, then make the mash. Boil the potatoes in salted water for 10-15 mins until tender. Drain, then mash with the butter and milk.
3. Put the mince into an ovenproof dish, top with the mash and ruffle with a fork. The pie can now be chilled and frozen for up to a month. Bake for 20-25 mins until the top is starting to colour and the mince is bubbling through at the edges. (To bake from frozen, cook at 160C/fan 140C/gas 3 for 1 hr-1 hr 20 mins until piping hot in the centre. Flash under the grill to brown, if you like.) Leave to stand for 5 mins. before serving, or freeze once assembled

Beef & Stout Stew

Ingredients

2 tbsp vegetable oil
1kg stewing beef, cut into chunks
1 onion, roughly chopped
10 carrots, cut into large chunks
2 tbsp plain flour
500ml can Guinness
1 beef stock cube
pinch of sugar
3 bay leaves
big thyme sprig

Method

1. Heat oven to 160C/140C fan/gas 3. Heat the oil in large lidded casserole dish, brown the meat really well in batches, then set aside. Add the onion and carrots to the dish, give them a good browning, then scatter over the flour and stir. Tip the meat and any juices back into the dish and give it all a good stir. Pour over the Guinness and crumble in the stock cube. Season the stew with salt, pepper and a pinch of sugar. Tuck in the herbs and bring everything to a simmer.



2. Cover with a lid and place in the oven for about 2½ hrs until the meat is really tender. The stew can now be chilled and frozen for up to 3 months - defrost completely before reheating until piping hot.

Crisp Crumb Fish Cakes

Ingredients

700g floury potatoes, cut into large chunks
600ml milk
800g boneless white fish, skin on
1 tbsp wholegrain mustard
5 tbsp mayonnaise or tartare sauce
6 spring onions, finely sliced
zest 1 lemon
handful parsley, roughly chopped



FOR THE COATING

100g plain flour, well seasoned, plus extra for your hands
1 egg, beaten
175g fresh breadcrumbs
2 tbsp sunflower oil, for frying

1. Boil potatoes for 15-20 mins until tender. Meanwhile, place the milk in a frying pan; season well. Bring just to boiling point, then add the fish, skin side down. Gently cook for 5-10 mins, until the fish is translucent and just flaking.
2. Remove the fish from the milk, discard the skin (this will come away easily) and milk, then wipe out the pan. Break the fish into large flakes, then drain on kitchen paper. When the potatoes are done, drain, return them to the pan, then briefly heat on the hob to dry them out. Mash well, stir in the mustard, mayonnaise or tartare sauce, spring onions, lemon zest, parsley and flaked fish, then season well.
3. Using floured hands, divide mixture into 8, then shape each portion into a large patty. Put the flour, beaten egg and breadcrumbs on 3 large plates. Dip each fish cake in turn into the flour, egg and finally the breadcrumbs, shaking off any excess as you go. Sit the fish cakes on a piece of greaseproof paper while you prepare the others. Heat the oil in the frying pan, then fry the fish cakes in batches for about 3 mins on each side, until golden and crisp. Keep the first batch warm in the oven while you finish cooking the rest.

Tips on freezing fish cakes

The fish cakes will freeze beautifully for up to 2 months. To cook your fish cakes from frozen, place them on a lightly oiled tray, then drizzle with a little more oil. Cook on the middle shelf under a medium grill for 12-15 mins until golden, flip over, then cook the other side for 5 mins. It's just as easy to make two large fish cakes for everyone to share. Simply cut them into wedges before storing as above and freezing.



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EDITORIAL

You couldn't make it up, the political shenanigans of the last week. As it happens your writer was out of the country until Sunday and watched this pantomime from afar with ever-increasing embarrassment and alarm. Surrounded by English, Swedish and German tourists, I was being bombarded with questions as to why the government wanted to hold on? What was the Taoiseach doing? I couldn't give them an answer as I began to worry whether Ireland would still exist when I returned? Did I want to return? Would there even be a plane since Aer Lingus were on strike? Ryanair came to the rescue - triumphantly.

However bizarre the last week has been, before the end of February we will probably have a new government. These weeks will be exciting for those interested in the blood sport that is politics but probably infuriatingly boring for those who have no interest. But perhaps this time, people will see, for the first time in a long time, how relevant politics and ideology are to their real lives and that all parties and politicians are not the same. The sight of Brian Cowen resigning as the leader of Fianna Fáil but not as leader of the country seemed even more bizarre and puzzling. Not good enough for Fianna Fáil but good enough for the country? All we seemed to hear was what was good for the party; hardly a word about the good of the country. This is the problem that has brought us to where we are today - the tribal, parochial concerns of some, indeed many, politicians. I doubt that many of the electorate really care about who the next leader of Fianna Fáil will be, the question is – will however they chose manage to get elected or will the party be forced to have a second election? GUBU without a doubt.

This is a strange election, the outcome is clear already – all that remains are the numbers. How many Fianna Fáil and Green TDs will lose their seats? Will Fine Gael or Labour win the most seats and, as a result, who will be the next Taoiseach? Is it possible that history will be made? That there will be a Labour Taoiseach? Nearly as fascinating will be the make up of the Opposition benches. The number will be small without a doubt, but will Fianna Fáil or Sinn Féin be the leaders? Will Gerry Adams lead the Opposition in the Republic of Ireland? As I say, you just couldn't make it up.

At a local level, the parking by-laws will go on public display soon and then the public can have their say. There has been prolonged discussion on this issue at Community Council meetings over the past year and beyond. There is still a need for additional car parking spaces in the town centre in particular. There will be an information meeting where people can ask questions about the plans. Other local concerns that arose at the last Community meeting was the dangerous condition of the stone walls along both sides of Mill Street Bridge and the problems that some elderly weekday Mass-goers are having with parking near the Church.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask people again to get involved in the local community. The meetings for the St Patrick's Day Parade will begin soon and volunteers are needed on the day in particular. Get involved in your resident's association and become a representative to the Community Council – have a say in the planning of your town and environment. Get involved in the Festival. You can make a change and a difference.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

Maynooth Castle

A Focal Point of Local History

The arrival in Ireland of Robert FitzStephen gave new strength to MacMurrough. These reinforcements were professional fighters, including cavalry of knights and esquires, mailed men-at-arms, and archers, Normans, Flemings and Welsh. Together MacMurrough and FitzStephen took Wexford which, together with the promised two cantreds of land, was promptly handed over to FitzStephen for himself and Maurice FitzGerald who had not yet arrived in Ireland. Then they set out to restore MacMurrough's authority in Leinster. This operation included ravaging Offelan and Omurethy, the lands of the O'Byrnes and the O'Tooles. At this stage O'Connor, the high-king, moved against MacMurrough and the result was a treaty by which Diarmait was to be allowed remain King of Leinster if he sent his Norman allies home. This he failed to do, and Maurice FitzGerald landed at Wexford at the end of 1169 to join his half-brother, bringing with him according to Giraldus, ten men-at-arms, thirty mounted retainers and about a hundred archers and foot-soldiers.

Thus strengthened, Diarmait began to think of making a bid for the High-Kingship himself. He discussed this with the two Geraldines, FitzStephen and FitzGerald, and appears to have offered to marry his daughter Aoife to either one or the other. But they advised him to send for their overlord, the Earl of Pembroke, Strongbow, and ask his help. Strongbow was impressed by the success of the Geraldines and made ready to come. He sent ahead his chosen lieutenant, still another Geraldine, Raymond le Gros, the son of Maurice's elder brother, William.

Raymond landed on the coast near Waterford in May 1170 with a small force of ten men-at-arms and seventy archers. While awaiting the arrival of Strongbow, he was attacked by a large army of Irish and Norse from Waterford but Raymond's leadership inspired his men to victory. Raymond appears to have been the most outstanding military leader among the first wave of invaders, and Giraldus has left us a description of him. As his name suggests he was "very stout and a little above the middle height; his hair was yellow and curly and he had large, grey, round eyes. His nose was rather prominent, his countenance high-coloured, cheerful and pleasant; and although he was somewhat corpulent, he was so lively and active that the incumbrance was not a blemish or inconvenience." He was also noted for his care for his troops. Giraldus was somewhat partial to his cousins the Geraldines, but there seems to be a consensus of opinion that Raymond's victory at this point was decisive for the success of the invasion, and so of course also for the subsequent history of Ireland. If he had been defeated, Strongbow might never have come to Ireland and the invasion might have remained what it was up to this point, a Geraldine adventure which would probably have ended by their assimilation into the Gaelic race or their expulsion. Hence the old rhyme:

At the creeke of Baginbunne
Ireland was lost and won.

At last Strongbow arrived near Waterford in August 1170 with an army of two hundred men-at-arms and one thousand other troops. Giraldus described him also: "His complexion was somewhat ruddy, and his skin freckled; he had grey eyes, feminine features, a weak voice and short neck." In character he was a man of "great generosity and of courteous manner." Together, Strongbow and le Gros took Waterford. MacMurrough and his daughter Aoife, and FitzGerald and FitzStephen, joined them and Strongbow and Aoife were married. Richard Roche, in *The Norman Invasion of Ireland*, pictures the "mail-clad Normans

and their Flemish, Welsh and Irish allies cramming the aisles to catch a glimpse of the famed Strongbow and his bride." Daniel Maclise's famous painting of the marriage hangs in the National Gallery in Dublin. The invasion now became a more serious affair with MacMurrough's Norman allies dictating the action. Together they took Dublin in spite of the efforts of O'Connor. MacMurrough died in May 1171, leaving Strongbow as his heir to the kingship of Leinster. But, as this legacy had no validity in Irish law, Strongbow soon found the tribes of Leinster in revolt against him. Meanwhile, the high-king was gathering an army, and the recently expelled Norse king of Dublin was attacking the city from the sea. Strongbow could not expect much help from England or Wales since his own overlord, Henry II of England, was displeased with him for ignoring his orders to return home. However, Henry had decided to come to Ireland himself. He had for long been interested in the project and had taken the trouble to get Pope Adrian IV, an Englishman, to issue the famous Bull, *Laudabiliter*, in which he granted Ireland to Henry on condition that he undertake the reform of the Irish Church. But Henry's real motivation was his fear that his Norman vassals might set up an independent lordship. Strongbow hastened to make his peace with Henry before the royal expedition set sail, but the Geraldines were still a threat and Henry wanted the Irish to accept his authority also. So Henry sailed for Ireland in October 1171 with the largest army yet. He brought 500 knights and 1,000 others, carried on a fleet of 240 ships, according to the Annals of the Four Masters, with huge amounts of bacon, beans, cheese, salt, wheat and oats to feed them all. The ships also carried large supplies of clothing and military equipment. The mighty army achieved its purpose and did not have to fight even one battle. Everyone submitted to Henry, the Geraldines and the Irish kings and hierarchy. He stayed in Ireland for six months, during which time he summoned the synod of Cashel to further ecclesiastical reform, gave Dublin a charter which granted the city to the men of Bristol, re-organised the Norman-occupied lands along feudal lines and set up an administrative machinery and a legal and a legislative system as in England, and he kept in his own hands both Waterford and Wexford when he left Ireland in April 1172. The success of the invasion so far had been mainly the work of the Geraldines. Now the king had stepped in and taken it over and reduced them and the other Normans to a subordinate position as his vassals. He had also taken Wexford, MacMurrough's original bribe to Maurice FitzGerald and Robert FitzStephen. The Geraldines would have to look for new territories.

(This article is based largely on Richard Roche, *The Norman Invasion of Ireland*.)

Mary Cullen

Proposed Public Meeting

As a parishioner of St Mary's parish, Maynooth, I am proposing to hold a meeting to discuss the feasibility of organising a series of seminars to inform ourselves, the laity of issues in the church, of our role as the church and our privilege and responsibility of being Christian witnesses.

The meeting is scheduled for 8 o'clock on Wednesday, February 16th in Maynooth Post Primary School.

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Maynooth Senior Citizens

Well it's a new dawn and a new year and hopefully we have seen the last of the snow. Speaking of which I would like to thank all who helped us keep our older people safe during those terrible days. The good neighbours and general public who contacted us with their concerns. Our transport people Sean, Jim and Tom for their patience and cooperation with all the changes I had to make in the interest of safety and to Billy McCrory for delivering the fuel at short notice. Our club is in full swing again in the Community Unit until Easter at which time we will return to the I.C.A hall. Many thanks to Margaret, the H.S.E and the I.C.A for these facilities.

Our Valentine's Tea -Dance will take place on Sun. Feb. 20th and the dates for subsequent Tea-dances are: April 17th, May 15th and June 19th which will take us up to the Summer break. Many thanks to the G.A.A. club for their facility and to Colm and Martin for their ongoing kindness and support. Our A.G.M. will take place on Tues. Feb. 1st in The Health Centre, Leinster Street at 8pm. This is an open meeting and all are welcome. We would also welcome new members. Perhaps there are people out there with a little time on their hands or who would like a challenge. Perhaps you thought about it but did not have enough information. If this is so do come along to this meeting and you will get all the information you need. If by chance you can't make this meeting I can be contacted on 087.9002296 or Patricia on 087-2982455 or email Jo@greenvilla.eu. Finally It was with regret that I learned of the untimely passing of Vincent Doyle. I have known Vincent all my life and I found him to be a kind and gentle person with a brilliant talent. He was quietly generous to our organisation and we remember him fondly. May we extend our sympathy to his daughter Rachel his brothers Martin and Desmond and all his extended family.

Ar dheis De go raibh a Anam.

Josephine Moore
Chairperson.



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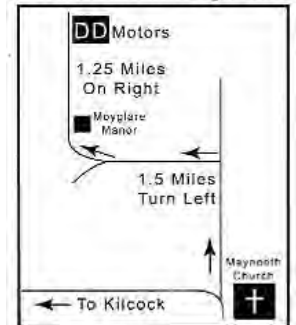
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Maynooth Community Council - Notes

Maynooth Community Council Meeting 10 January 2011

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

Concerns about possible school location

Councillor John McGinley (Labour) said that Maynooth Community Council should write to the Department of Education regarding the recent purchase by Kildare Vocational Educational Committee of 40 acres of land near Moyglare Hall, Maynooth. This location was far outside the town, he said, and to date the policy has been to have an additional second-level school, preferably an 'all Irish' one, at the 'M4 end' of the town. Paul Croghan (PDO, Tidy Towns Committee) said that there seemed to be a change of policy in favour of larger schools and multi-use campuses, and that he was concerned about this location, so far from the town centre.

Deirdre Cullen (Planning and Development Sub-Committee) said it was very good for the town to have a school that pupils could walk to, and it was good for the town centre, both socially and commercially, to have their daily presence in the town. She said that if there was a policy shift towards bigger second level schools and multi-purpose, multi-school campuses, the Community Council should seek information on the thinking behind it. The meeting agreed to write to the Department of Education for clarification on policy and plans, and to express concern at the location of the purchased lands.

2. Parking problems continue at Catholic Church

Joan Lennon (U3A Group) raised the issue of continuing parking problems for senior citizens attending weekday morning Mass, and who are no longer allowed to use the car park at the former Parish Hall site. Tom McMullon (Vice-chairperson) said that the Boys National School had written to the Community Council to say that for insurance reasons they could not allow parking in the playground during school hours. He said that there seemed to be a lack of co-operation between the school and the Church on this issue, and that at present elderly mass-goers are having to park along the very narrow Moyglare Road, causing a danger both for themselves and for other road-users and pedestrians. He said that the playground area was a large space and had previously been a community area. Only twenty to thirty elderly mass-goers needed to use the space for just one hour per day, at a time that does not coincide with the school break time.

Josie Moore (Senior Citizens Committee) pointed out that businesses or organisations usually have to provide for parking requirements but that this didn't seem to apply at church locations. Gabriel Martin (Leinster Park Residents, An Nuada Players) asked what the role of the Community Council in all this was. T. McMullon said the Community Council's interest came as a response to representations from many people in the town. The meeting agreed that the Community Council would write to the Parish Priest about the problem.

3. Twinning project with Canet-en-Roussillon making good progress

A very positive letter about the twinning project from the Mayor of Canet-en-Roussillon in France was read to the meeting. Eddie Tobin (Twinning Committee) furnished the community councillors with copies of a report that he and P. Croghan had prepared about their visit, as the Maynooth delegation, to Canet. The focus of the visit had been on sport, education and tourism. An extensive and comprehensive group of Canet people had expressed great interest in twinning with

Maynooth and had turned up to meet the delegates.

The first major outcome of the project would be an exchange visit between a number of pupils from Maynooth Post Primary school and a school in Canet. The students will travel in March 2011 and it is hoped that a group of Canet students will visit Maynooth in May. MPPS have asked the Community Council to help organise events for the visiting exchange students. Colm Ó Cearúil (Chairperson) said that there was a possibility of summer work in Canet for pupils from MPPS.

P. Croghan reported that since the report was written, Aer Lingus have introduced flights to Perpignan at reasonable rates. This service is very convenient for visiting Canet: the flight takes one hour, and Perpignan is twenty minutes from Canet. He said that the accessibility between the towns would be an important factor in making the twinning project work.

P. Croghan said that a key thing in making the project sustainable would be to have a lot of ongoing activities and interaction involving a lot of different groups. E. Tobin said that arts and culture would be an important strand. T. McMullon said this strand would be of great interest to young musicians in Maynooth, and that it should be publicised. C. Ó Cearúil said an equivalent group from Canet was very interested in forging links with the Maynooth U3A (University of the Third Age) group.

The Community Council adopted the twinning report, and P. Croghan said that it would be sent to Kildare County Council who would be asked to help provide funding for the twinning project.

4. Scouts' anniversary and planning application for Geraldine Hall

Peter Garrad (Maynooth Scouts) announced that the Scouts would be celebrating the 36th anniversary of their presence in Maynooth shortly, with a mass in the College Chapel, celebrated by Bishop Kieran O'Reilly of Killaloe. This would be preceded by a parade from Carton Avenue to the College led by St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band.

He also said that the Scouts were ready to lodge the planning application for their development of the Geraldine Hall. They would preserve the old structure and demolish the temporary structures, building a new single storey structure on the grounds. P. Croghan asked what grounds would remain around the Hall. P. Garrad said that the grounds would be the same as at present, except for the area taken up by the new structure. He said that funding was not yet in place for the project, and that the Scouts would be fundraising over the coming years. D. Cullen asked the Scouts to show the plans to the Community Council when they're ready.

5. Tidy Towns winter work and dangerous condition of Mill Street Bridge walls

Mattie Callaghan (Tidy Towns Committee) reported that winter planting had been done around the town and that a clean-up had begun. On New Years Day trailer loads of rubbish were cleared from the slipways around the town, and he thanked everyone who helped. P. Croghan said that a plaque, decorated with the Maynooth crest, was being made for the Pound and would be ready soon.

He reported that the walls at Mill Street Bridge were damaged along both sides of the road, were in a dangerous condition, and should be restored as a matter of urgency. These walls are part of the important eighteenth and nineteenth century stone-wall/masonry heritage of Maynooth and urgently need to be restored in the interest of both public safety and the protection of important and irreplaceable local heritage. The

Community Council agreed to write to KCC asking to have the walls restored as soon as possible.

M. Callaghan congratulated the shop owners on their Christmas window displays. He said that some of the Main Street trees have no Christmas lights and that there needed to be forward planning to improve this situation.

He also said that illegal parking on the Town Centre paths was still an issue. D. Cullen agreed and said that during the recent bad weather cars were parked on the Main Street blocking the pavement that had been cleared by the Army, so that pedestrians had to climb over mounds of ice in order to walk along the street.

6. Senior Citizens

Josie Moore (Senior Citizens Committee) said there had been no injuries and no lack of water among her group of senior citizens during the bad weather, and that there had been good co-operation from the local suppliers. This was the 46th anniversary year of the Maynooth Senior Citizens committee in Maynooth. There would be a drive for new members this year, as some members of the committee are now senior citizens themselves! The Senior Citizens AGM takes place at 8.00pm on 1 February 2011 at the Health Centre and everyone is welcome.

7. St Patrick's Day Parade

J. McGinley reported that businesses were now being circulated about the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The committee would welcome new ideas and any additional volunteers. Last year there had been thirty-nine floats, which was an improvement on the previous year's number. He said that there would be a meeting shortly and that all community councillors were welcome to attend. He pointed out that the parade was a very important source of funding for the Community Council.

8. Nuada Players

Gabriel Martin reported that there had been three full houses at Nuada Players' recent production of the pantomime Aladdin.

Community Council Report
D. Cullen PRO

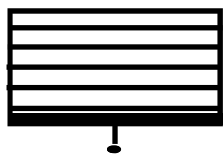
Allotments for Maynooth

The Transition Group in Maynooth is organising a campaign to secure Council allotments. Anybody who is interested in getting an allotment is invited to contact us at transition-maynooth@googlegroups.com; we would welcome any assistance in this regard. We are asking people to support this initiative by canvassing local councillors in the coming weeks. With an election coming in March there is a good opportunity to make this case to any canvassers, particularly local councillors, who come seeking votes.

A public meeting was called by Transition Town Maynooth on Jan.19th to consider the provision of County Council allotments for Maynooth. It was decided to write to each of the local councillors for the Celbridge Area urging them to support this proposal. It is now late January and this matter is urgent if anything is to be done for the coming spring. We ask the council to give its full support and to do what it can to advance the issue. .

Yours Sincerely

David Walsh

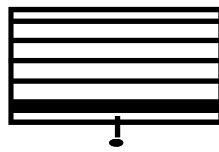


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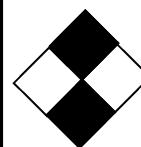
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Maynooth Newsletter Notes January 2011

Tree Pruning

Some tree pruning was done in Beaufield Estate by Kildare County Council recently. Many of the trees here were obscuring public lighting. One tree may still have to be removed, this is because it is right beside a lamp standard, following completion of the tree pruning that will be considered again. Tree pruning at Woodlands Estate is also being carried out by the Council, who are in dialogue with the Residents Association.

New School Site – Moyglare Road.

The existing Post Primary School was constructed to accommodate 800 pupils, currently there are over 1,000 pupils and demand for places continues to rise. The site is much too small to allow further extensions, because of this the VEC decided it would be necessary to build a replacement school. I have been told by the VEC that several sites were considered, some were not sufficiently large while others were deemed unsuitable by the Council's Planning Department.

The VEC have now purchased a site on the Moyglare Road, beside the entrance to Moyglare Hall, they used VEC funds for this purpose. The site is large enough to become an education campus similar to that located in Pipers Hill, Naas. Such a campus could accommodate a direct replacement for the Post Primary School, in addition, an all Irish Secondary School, could be constructed, this would serve as a regional school for North Kildare where there are three all Irish primary schools.

The new Moyglare site, while not ideal, does have some things going for it, it has the advantage of being located beside the schools sports facilities. There is a continuous footpath and public lighting from Mill Street. The delivery of a new school could be advanced reasonably quickly because the site is available. It is also sufficiently large to meet future needs. I have been told that a section of the ring road would be constructed in conjunction with the school development.

On the downside there is already a problem with traffic congestion. Only a small section of Moyglare Road is included in the National Transportation Authorities cycle scheme for Maynooth, which is set to cost an estimated €1m, that scheme would need to be extended. The ring road, intended to relieve traffic problems is only at the early design stages.

While this site is not ideal, it is difficult to see where

there is a sufficiently large alternative site within the town. Sites on the far side of the Motorway are highly unlikely to be granted planning permission.

Old Carton - road accidents

I tabled the following motion for consideration at our next Area Meeting. Concerns had been raised with me following several traffic accidents at Old Carton. "In view of the number of accidents that have occurred on the road at Old Carton that the Council arranges to apply a road surface with a rough finish in order to increase the road holding of vehicles in that location."

The Council carried out work late last year, at this location, which included pressure hosing the road surface. Following an inspection the Council found there was a build up of grit, the road holding was impacted as a result. A more permanent solution would be to apply a different type of road surface on the bends, rather than intermittently repeating the power hosing. Some vehicles have turned over at this location so it is highly dangerous.

Damaged road surfaces

The condition of many road surfaces has deteriorated noticeably following the extreme weather conditions, Main Street, Maynooth, is a case in point. Kildare County Council expect to be informed of the extent of the road budget by the Department in January. In advance of this, I tabled the following question for our next meeting.

"Has an estimate been done on the cost of repairing roads/paths within the Celbridge Electoral Area following the recent severe weather, if so what is the outcome, if not, will an estimate be done?"

Loss of drinking water

I also tabled a motion for the next meeting about the loss of water during the cold spell. Many homes were without water for a protracted period and for some this is not an isolated experience. The purpose of motion is to gather facts and consider solutions.

"The Celbridge Area committee are provided with a report on the recent water disruptions, including: (1) the locations where no running water was available within our electoral area; (2) the availability of water and what are the shortcomings in supply, what action is needed to remediate this; (3) the locations where there is a persistent problem and what action can be taken. (4) The capacity for the Council to respond i.e. tanker provision, information provision etc."

I will provide responses to the Maynooth Newsletter when they are to hand.

Maynooth Parking bye-laws to go on public display

At our meeting on 12th January it was agreed to put the Draft Maynooth Parking Bye on public display. This will occur once details of additional off street parking is finalised. Prior to their display an advertisement will appear in the local media. I proposed, and it was agreed, that there would be a public session where officials from the Council's Road Section will be available, at a local venue, to meet members of the public where they will explain the bye-laws and listen to concerns.

What the bye-laws look like:

- 1) A set of map's, which show the locations where parking bays are to be provided, **or**, where there are amendments to existing parking, disabled and loading bays. New road markings such as double yellow lines are also indicated on the maps.
- 2) The by-laws also take the form of a written document. This document includes the locations where pay parking is intended, together with, the variety of tariffs and the number of hours a motorist may park in any particular location.

The bye laws that will go on display are very much a **draft**, your views and comments on all aspects of the bye laws are important

8TH KILDARE MAYNOOTH SCOUTS.

We are celebrating 35 years of scouting in Maynooth. To mark the occasion, we are having a mass and party on Saturday 12th February 2011. The foundations of the troop were laid during the winter months of 1974. Under the leadership of James St Ledger, Kieran O'Reilly SMA., Joseph Lofrano and Billy Flood, a small group of local lads were trained in the basic skills of scouting.

The first scouts were invested on February 16th 1975. The investiture service was followed by mass in St. Mary's Parish Church. In January 1976 a further sixteen boys were admitted to the troop, bringing the numbers up to twenty.

It was in 1976 that uniforms were introduced, this made it possible to take part in many parish functions, among them the Corpus Christi procession.

Scouting in Maynooth, although in its infancy was deemed a success and all the members showed great enthusiasm. Extensive programmes were planned with patrol camps, annual camps and skills training. The current scouters are still as enthusiastic. The birthday bash is being organised to celebrate how far we have progressed over the last thirty five years. Currently we have over one hundred youth members and thirty leaders - we also have a very strong Parents and Friends Committee which are a vital support to the group as they continue to raise much needed funds to support all our activities.

The day starts at 11.15 where we gather at the entrance to Carton Avenue, we will parade to the College lead by a colour party of two members from each section. We will be accompanied by St. Mary's Brass and Reed band.

At twelve we will have mass followed by the investiture of the new members. The Folk Group have been invited to join us during mass.

We follow mass with a buffet, games etc., for scouters, their families and invited guests.

Here's to many more years of scouting in the future.

Maynooth Tidy Towns

2011 has been designated as the year of the volunteer, if you have an hour or two to spare each week why not help your community by volunteering to work with us to beautify Maynooth.

We can be contacted at 087-3153189.

Next month we hope to have details of the WEE electrical recycling date for Maynooth.

Finally thanks for the nice comments about the photographs published in the last newsletter these were taken as are all our Photographs by our Chairman Mattie Callaghan.

Richard Farrell,
PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns

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Next year will see our national launch but this year we would really value your help and participation in our latest pilot programmes here in Maynooth. There are three things we would love you to do:

Celebrate with us and with our wider community at the 2011 Saint Patrick Breakfast.

This year's event will be held in Carton House and like last year will run from 8.30am to 9.30am sharp

on March 17th. As before, and to enable as many as possible to come, the tickets are partially subsidised by us and will be €12.00 for adults and €6.50 for kids under 12. Children under 4 will be free. The Saint Patrick Breakfast is first and foremost an opportunity for all the different members of our community to meet with one another, enjoy the best of the cultures that now make up our town, and to pause in the midst of our Patron Saint's celebrations to pray for our leaders and those in need around the world. You can reserve your tickets for this at our website: www.saintpatrickfoundation.org.

Join with us in the Saint Patrick Foundation Parade Float.

Especially if you are not originally from Ireland and are now part of our "new" community here in Maynooth, we would love you to walk with us on March 17th and allow all the colour, tradition and fun of your home nation to be enjoyed as part of the spectacle during the Maynooth Parade. Last year we had the flags of almost 30 countries as part of our float and this year we would love you to join us and to wear your national costume as part of what we do. For more information and to register for our parade float please send us your details at

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Help us to choose the recipient of this year's Spirit of Saint Patrick Award.

The Spirit of Saint Patrick Award is a community based award scheme that seeks to honour those who have given significant input to the forming and developing of healthy and inclusive community within our town. Last year we were delighted to have Cllr Brendan Weld, Mayor of Kildare, along to our Breakfast to present the inaugural award to Maynooth Tidy Towns and to have it represented at during the Maynooth Parade. To help us with this year's Award, we would invite you to nominate the person/group that you feel is most deserving this time around. Just send us your name, the person/group you would like to nominate, and why you feel this person/group deserves to win this year's Award to office@saintpatrickfoundation.org. You will again find more information on our website.

The goal of the SPF Patrick Project is to reconnect Saint Patrick's Day to the ancient legacy that gave it birth and to see March 17th become one of the most significant community and reconciliation events in the world's annual calendar. We'd be delighted if you could join us in any of the above and in seeing that goal begin to be realised.

Dr Keith McCrory, Chairman.

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KOALAS



Koalas aren't bears. They aren't even related to bears. The koala is a small bear-like, tree-dwelling, herbivorous marsupial with big ears and a big nose. They eat only Eucalyptus leaves (also known as gum leaves), and only drinks when ill or times when there is not enough moisture in the leaves (during droughts etc.).

Koalas are related to the kangaroo, but it's closest living relative is the wombat. Adults reach 25 to 30 inches in length and weigh between 15 to 30 pounds.

A koala cub is blind when it's born, and stays in the mother's pouch for 5 months.

The koala can only live in one place in the world, the East coast of Australia (Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia). They live and sleep in the eucalyptus trees (sleeping up to 19 hours a day!). Koalas are mostly nocturnal animals and they are most active during the night and at dawn and dusk, when the hours are cooler and they are less likely to lose precious moisture and energy than they would during the hotter daylight hours. Koalas live for 12 to 16 years in the wild, and up to 20 or more years in captivity.

The koala used to be endangered because people would kill the koala for its fur. But now it's against the law to kill the koala. Over 2 million koalas were killed between 1908 and 1927. Occasionally koalas are taken by Goannas, Eagles, and Owls. Humans are koala's worst enemies. Dingoes will kill the koala. Now there are 2,000 to 8,000 koalas in the wild.

The koala's territory is getting smaller because people are cutting down trees and making farms on them. Koalas can only live in this one place in the world and they only eat Eucalyptus leaves. Koalas in the wild are facing unprecedented pressure as their trees are cleared, existing habitat becomes more vulnerable and isolated and more roads bisect their territories resulting in more koalas being run over.

Loss of koala habitat is the major threat facing koalas today. Since the white settlement of Australia, roughly 80% of the koala's habitat has been destroyed and of what remains, most occurs on privately owned land. Almost none is protected.

Koalas face threats such as road death, dog attack, disease and bushfire. Many are killed by dogs and cars each year. In the 1920s, approximately 3 million koalas were shot for their fur. Today the koala is a protected species but its habitat is not protected.

The only way to save koalas is to save their habitat, the eucalyptus forests where they live, and which they must have to survive. The Australian Koala Foundation is trying to achieve this.



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Enda Clavin & Jane McNulty

This week we say goodbye and good luck to two of our colleagues Enda & Jane who are moving on to greener pastures. May we wish both of them all the best in their further endeavours. You will both be sadly missed from the office as you played such a major role here for the past few years. **Bon Voyage!!!**



Local Band Fever Felt on All Ireland Talent Show

On Sunday Feb. the 6th local band Fever Felt will represent Kildare and the East on RTE's All Ireland Talent Show at 6.30 PM.

Having been successful at the audition stages the band is now looking forward to appearing on the live show and hoping that the local community will get behind them and vote for them on the night.

Fever Felt are regular buskers on Grafton street. Band member Eoghan Konstantin is a transition year student and well known member of his GAA club. Eoghan is also involved with the Kildare GAA Development squad. He plays percussion specializing in Cajon (Wooden Drum).

Lead vocalist Oisín Tarrant is 16 years old. Oisín plays a variety of instruments and composes his own songs for the group. He can be heard on Youtube by entering 'ois94'.

The third band member is twenty year old Cian Tarrant, former under 16 and under 18 concertina champion of Kildare (Fleadh Ceoil). Cian is a 2nd Year Architecture student at UCD and plays Guitar, vocals and harmonica.

All members are former pupils of Scoil Ui Dhalaigh while Oisín and Eoghan are currently attending Colaiste Cois Life. All are very proud of their Gaelscoil and speaking Irish.

The band's influences are The Script, U2, One Republic, Coronas, John Meyer, Damien Rice. For pictures, music and more go to <http://en-gb.facebook.com/feverfelt>

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 T-Shirt Size (XS, S, M, L, XL): * _____

(* = Must be completed)

Completed applications to be returned to reception of Maynooth Post Primary School, Moyglare Road, Maynooth, in an envelope marked "Maynooth 10km Challenge", along with cheque or postal order made out to Maynooth 10km Challenge. Cash not accepted.

Early entry fee of €20 before 17th March. Late entry fee is €25 from 17th March to closing date 13th May.

Online entries can be made at www.runireland.com at the below address:

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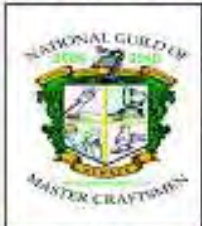


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Maynooth Post Primary School

Junior Gael Linn Debating

The Ulster-Leinster Regional Final of this competition took place on Thursday 13th Jan 2011 in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth. Representing Maynooth were Ciana Ni Tharlaigh, Ciara Ni Eislin and Roisin Ni Orain. They were arguing in favour of the motion “is miotas e cairdiúlacht mhuintir na hEireann” (“it’s a myth that Irish people are friendly”). Unfortunately our team narrowly missed out on progression to the next round but well done to our team and thanks to our supporters on the night.

Maynooth 10K Challenge

The launch of the Maynooth 10K Challenge took place on Monday 17th January. This event will be held on May 22nd. It will be a run, walk or crawl for anyone interested, around the historic centre of learning that is Maynooth. We encourage everyone to come and take part. The event is being held to raise money for the development of playing fields on the Moyglare Road. The facility will include 6 pitches and a 1.3k running track. Also provided will be full shower and dressing rooms. The Challenge is proudly supported by Kildare Internet TV and Carton House. Application forms for the run are available at www.runireland.com/events/maynooth-post-primary-school-10k-challenge-o. Also forms will be printed on the Maynooth Newsletter!

Young Scientist

Congratulations to Daniel Hobbs and Cillian Campbell on their recent participation in the BT Young Scientists exhibition.

Musical: Hairspray

The annual Maynooth Post Primary School Musical will run from Feb 9th to 13th. This year energy is high with the all singing all dancing “Hairspray”. Always a huge event in the school calendar, this year is sure to meet all expectations. Rehearsals are well under way; the set is being constructed as we go to print! Don’t miss out. Get your tickets from the school reception now!!

Sport

Congratulations to our Senior Boys Footballers. They won the Leinster VCE Quarter Final against Nobber. Good luck to the lads against Dunlavin in the Semi!

Good luck to the Under 16 Boys who will be playing Naas CBS in the Kildare Championship Semi-final.

Well done to the Under 16s on their success in the Leinster Ladies Football against St Wolstans.



Boys from Maynooth Post Primary
Show off their new GAA Kit

Maynooth Post Primary 10k Challenge Launch

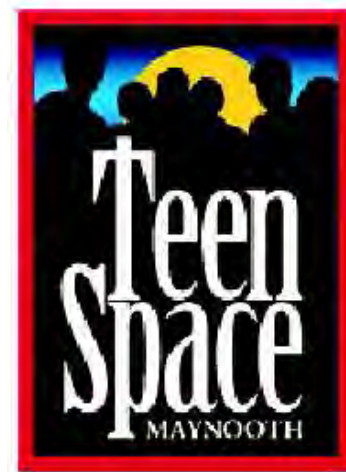


(L –R) Mary Molloy, Fiona Maguire
& Gráinne Egan



(L –R) Gerry Quinn(PTA)
Deirdre O’Brien(Carton House)
Deirdre Glynn(PTA)

Maynooth Post Primary Musical (Hairspray Rehearsal)



TeenSpace Maynooth

A group of dedicated parents and youth leaders have been working away, paving the way to create a Christian Youth Club in Maynooth. This effort resulted in the successful launch of TeenSpace Maynooth on Friday January 21st.

All teens from third to sixth year are welcome to the club, who aims to create a fun, safe and activity filled environment. Teens will have the opportunity to take an active role, build friendships, develop their skills and interests. This will be done in an environment that nurtures curiosity for Christianity and creates space to explore faith.

TeenSpace Maynooth will organize 2 events a month. The upcoming events are on Friday Feb 18th and March 4th from 7-9pm in The Coffee Mill, Mill Street,

Maynooth. The admission fee of €2 will give the teen a free coffee/tea or soft drink and a refill. Snacks and other food will be available for purchase. Come along, bring your friends and let the fun begin!

The group is supported by 4 local Christian churches: St Mary’s Catholic Church, Maynooth Community Church, Life Sanctuary – The Redeemed Christian Church of God and St Mary’s Church of Ireland.

Youth leaders and committee members have been trained and garda vetted by Catholic Youth Care (CYC) and are all participating on a voluntary basis. For further information, you can contact Mieke Sanders, chairperson of TeenSpace at 086 100 94 84.

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Cllr. McGinley Wants an End to Illegal Parking at Parson Street:

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

"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".

John got the following reply from the Director of Services:

"I have written to the Chief Superintendent as per the members request at the November meeting. I will advise the members when a response is received. The Council have also asked the Litter/Parking Wardens to monitor this area."

Cllr. McGinley Wants the Pathway From the Train Station to The Harbour, Maynooth Tarred:

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

"That the pathway from the train station canal bridge to the Harbour, Maynooth, be tarred out of next years Road Works Budget."

John got the following reply from the Director of Services:

"This is not the property of Kildare County Council and any funding available to us in 2011 will need to be spent on roads and footpaths in our ownership."

Cllr. McGinley asked the Council to write to Waterways Ireland about the need to repair this much used pathway.

Cllr. McGinley calls for Improved Sightline at Exit from Beaufield:

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

"That measures be taken to improve the sightline for motorists turning left onto Newtown Road when exiting from Beaufield Housing Estate."

John got the following reply from the Director of Services:

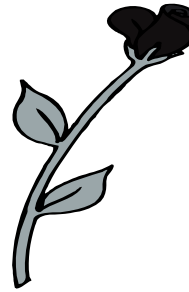
"Road Design will carry out a detailed survey at this location to determine what problems exist and what solutions will be best and safe at this location. It may be beneficial if Cllr. McGinley could meet someone from the Road Design Office on site to discuss."

Name Sign to be Erected at Meadowbrook Link Road.

As a result of a motion from Cllr. John McGinley the Council will erect a sign naming the new road at Straffan Wood as the Meadowbrook Link Road.



Cllr. John McGinley



Provision of Traffic signals Straffan Road/ Meadowbrook Link Road junction?

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply from the Director of Services to his motion on this important issue:

"On 6th April 2010 I wrote to the developer regarding planning permission no. 08/2174 and the condition therein to provide traffic signals at the Straffan Road / Meadowbrook Link Road Junction. I have never received a response to this correspondence. The Planning permission that was granted is still valid and the condition states that the junction should be signalised."

Cllr. McGinley stated that as Dublin Bus intended moving the terminus from this location that the ideal solution would be to provide a roundabout here instead of more lights

Proposed Maynooth Parking By-Laws

It was agreed at a meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council on 12 January that the proposed Maynooth Parking By-Laws would go on public display so that members of the public could make their views known. It was agreed that the By-Laws would not be implemented until there was additional car parking capacity provided in the town centre. The Council are at present seeking an extension to the existing car park behind Caulfields.

It was also agreed that the Council would hold an information meeting in the town during the public display period where people could ask questions on the proposals.

Provision of Allotments

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

"That the bottom of The Harbour Field, Maynooth, behind the town side goal posts, be used for allotments in order to overcome the problems in providing them at Carton Avenue/The Boreen."

Poor Road Markings in Maynooth

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

"That the following road markings in Maynooth be re-painted in the interest of public safety:

- Yellow boxes at the two exits from the College to Parsons Street
- The yellow boxes at the Roost and at Buckley House on Main Street
- Along Mill Street and at the Boys School
- The yellow box at the exit from Greenfield Shopping Centre

STAGG AND MCGINLEY CRITICAL OF FAILURE TO USE FULL CAPACITY OF MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY CARE UNIT

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Health in relation to the reasons for the failure to operate the Maynooth Community Care Unit at The Harbour in Maynooth at full capacity.

The HSE responding to Deputy Stagg on behalf of Minister of State Aine Brady T.D. stated that the optimal bed capacity of the Maynooth Community Care Unit was 44 and at present 39 patients are using the facility. They indicated that the range and level of services would remain under constant review but that the impact of the moratorium on staff recruitment and the current budgetary position continues to challenge their capacity to maintain the existing level of services.

Reacting to the response Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley stated that it was unacceptable to leave 5 beds empty at the State run facility whilst so many senior citizens required full time nursing home care. The facility is a State of the Art facility built at a cost of €5.4 Million in 2002. In addition, whilst it would not have made a major impact on patients in hospital who are ready to discharge but who still occupy acute beds in hospitals, its ridiculous to leave 5 empty beds in Maynooth thus adding to the pressures we saw in A & E in Naas General Hospital last week. The Government and our absent Minister for Health seem quite happy to leave beds closed in our General Hospitals and Community Hospitals.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley stated that the operation of such facilities reflected the ineptitude of the Government itself in managing our affairs.

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Party Political - Áine Brady T.D.

Intel Investment a strong vote of confidence in Ireland

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady, has welcomed Intel's announcement that it is to begin a **\$500m upgrade** of its facilities at its Leixlip campus, with the creation of **850 construction jobs** and an additional **200 jobs** at the campus as a result of the upgrade.

'This is a significant announcement by Intel, not only for Kildare, but also for the country. **It reflects the resilience of the Irish Economy, its improving competitiveness in terms of Labour Costs and Construction Costs, demonstrates the importance of our corporation tax policy and is a strong vote of confidence in the quality of our workforce.**'

Since I got elected in 2007, I have kept in regular contact with Intel, given its significance as an employer in North Kildare. I have witnessed Intel build strong links with Kildare, both in terms of appointing NUI Maynooth as its Global Education Partner and in its Intel Volunteer Programme which provided much needed resources for local sports and community organisations.

In recent years, Intel chose its Leixlip plant as one of the two European Research and Development hubs which is also positive news for Leixlip and demonstrates that Kildare is still attractive for inward investment.

Supporting older people in Budget 2011 – Brady

Kildare North Fianna Fáil TD and Minister of State with responsibility for older people, Áine Brady has welcomed the support older people in Budget 2011.

This is a challenging budget but one very welcome aspect is the **support for older people with the safeguarding of the State Pension, additional fuel allowance and extra funding for Home Care Packages.**"

We have significantly increased the State Pension over the last ten years and I am happy to see that this is now protected.

There will be an additional payment of **€40 to each household** in receipt of the fuel allowance payment.

For those older people who need some additional practical support, I am very pleased that additional funding has been made available for the expansion of the Home Care Package Initiative.

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



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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. 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.

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Two New Secondary Schools Planned for North Kildare says Brady

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady, has confirmed that two new secondary schools are planned for North Kildare, **one in Maynooth** and the other in Naas.

Over the last year, I have met with the Minister for Education and Department of Education Officials, on a number of occasions, to outline the need to plan for the

establishment of new secondary schools to cater for the demographic growth in the school going population in North Kildare.

In recent years, we have made significant progress with improving our school buildings. **Even now, work is on-going with**

a new school **Gaelscoil Ui Fhiach in Maynooth**

a new **National School in Ardclough,**

a new **National School in Kill,**

an extensions **Scoil Choca Naofa in Kilcock,**

an extension to **Carragh NS,**

an extension at the **CBS in Naas.**

In the last three years, we have completed an extension to the **three schools in Maynooth (Boys National School, Girls National School, Secondary School).**

In addition

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.

This week, I have been informed that the following schools - **projects where briefs are prepared in 2011 and the process of appointing a Design Team will commence** include,

a new school for **St Patrick's in Celbridge,**

an extension to **Mercy NS in Naas,**

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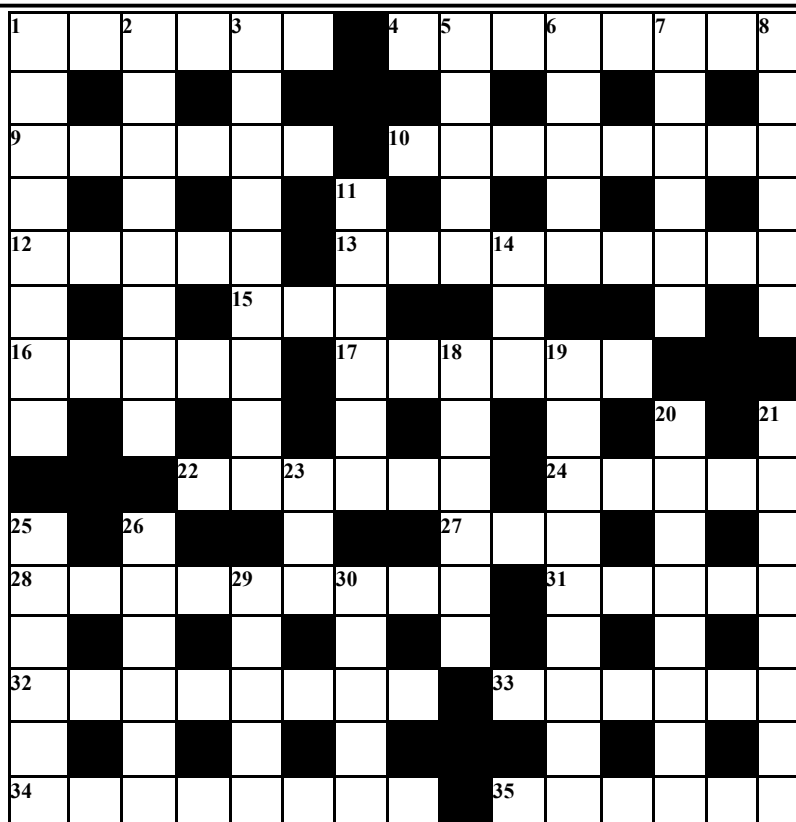
a new **St David's NS in Naas,**

an extension to **SN Bhride NS, Prosperous Road, Clane.**

February 2011 Crossword —No: 388

ACROSS

1. Impressive displays (6)
4. Sharp spasms of pain (8)
9. Without equal (6)
10. A flower, I swear it (8)
12. Carrying out action (5)
13. Flapping, hesitating (9)
15. Lacking self-confidence (3)
16. "She walks in beauty, like the" (Bryron) (5)
17. Walked lamely (6)
22. Jail (6)
24. Blunder, slip (5)
27. Portion of a circle (3)
28. Putting tags on (9)
31. Leaping amphibians (5)
32. International boundary (8)
33. Observe, perceive (6)
34. Unexpectedly, abruptly (8)
35. Agreement (6)



DOWN

1. Plentiful, ample (8)
2. Protective barriers (8)
3. Child, minor (9)
5. Contaminate (5)
6. Lord, sir or doctor, say (5)
7. Showing extreme courage (6)
8. Describes thick and poorly groomed hair (6)
11. Episodes of pastoral or romantic charm (6)
14. This joint is trendy (3)
18. Handle, run (6)
19. Particles with a negative charge (9)
20. Co-ordinate, set up (8)
21. Look for valuable minerals (8)
23. Not in good health (3)
25. Steep faces of rock (6)
26. Overseas (6)
29. Metric unit of capacity (5)
30. Something that one hopes to attain (5)

Solutions to No. 387



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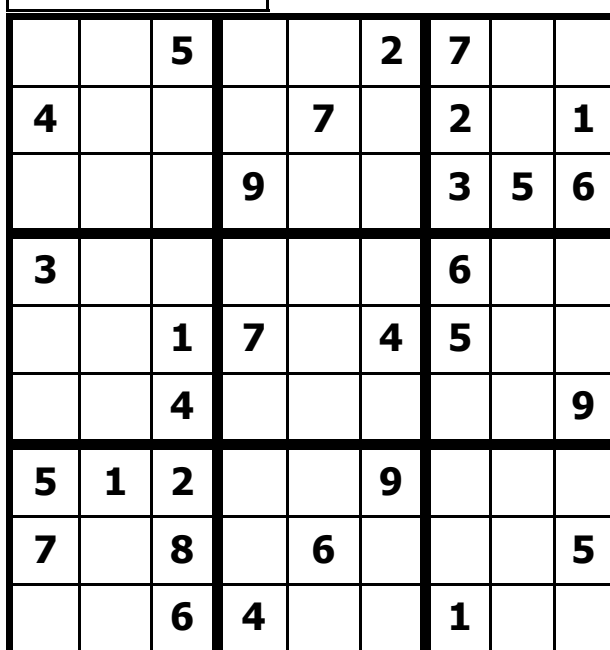
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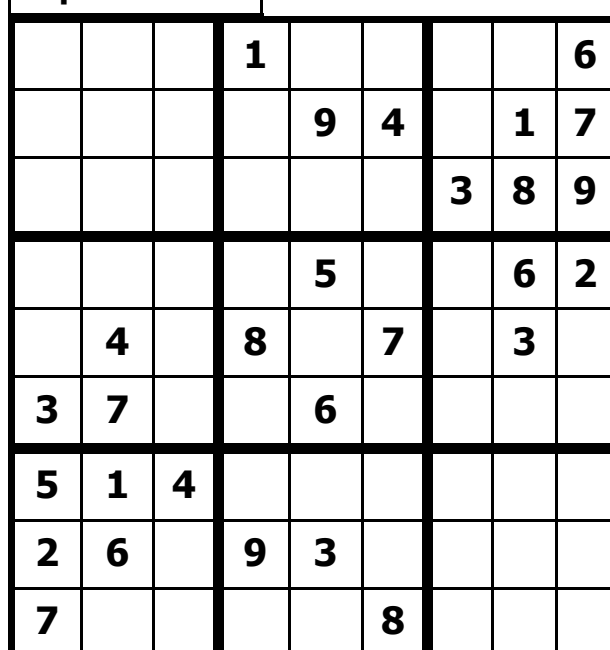
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Party Political-Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

Home ownership incentive for long term Council Tenants

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick T.D. has welcomed the announcement in the Budget of the intention to make the terms of the existing tenant purchase scheme more attractive.

The Minister has advised that for this year tenants will be able to avail of a discount of up to 45% on the market price of a house they are eligible to purchase under the scheme. This is a temporary increase from the maximum 30% discount normally available. The 30% discount is accumulated over a 10 year period at a rate of 3% for each year of the tenancy. **The revised temporary arrangements will allow tenants to accumulate the 45% discount over a 15 year period, also at a rate of 3% for each year of the tenancy. The revised arrangements will thus be of particular benefit to long-term tenants.**

A key aim of Government housing policy is to support the development of sustainable communities with a mix of residents enjoying a tenure of their choice. The tenant purchase scheme has made a significant contribution in this area and before the scheme concludes, to be replaced by the new incremental purchase scheme which was introduced in 2010 and which already applies to the purchase of new local authority houses, the more favourable terms now being introduced will provide a final opportunity for eligible tenants to avail of the scheme.

This more favourable tenant purchase scheme will ensure that a significant number of long-term social housing tenants will now have a better opportunity of purchasing their homes.

An estimated 45,000 local authority tenancies have been in place for 10 years or longer.

Full details of the scheme, including in respect of the loan finance are available from local authorities, permitting the expanded scheme to be introduced since 1 January.

Register of Electors – check the register now to ensure you can vote.

The Local authority is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the Register of electors. Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick is advising people to check with Kildare County Council directly by email on regelectors@kildarecoco.ie or by telephone on 045 980201 or alternatively check www.checktheregister.ie to see if they are registered to vote in the forthcoming general election.

The new Register of Electors will be published on 1 February 2011 and will come into force on 15 February 2011. Anyone that Qualifies to go on the Register and who is not on it can avail of the supplement to the Register up until 15 days before polling day. You can apply to go on the supplement at any time but if you miss the 15 day deadline before polling day the application will not be taken into account for that election.

Application forms (RFA 2) are available from Kildare County Council and can be downloaded from <http://kildare.ie/CountyCouncil/PrintingForms/RegisterofElectors/>



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Issued on On behalf of **Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.**
Tel: 045 888438
Email: Michael.fitzpatrick@oireachtas.ie
January 2011

Public Notice

There have been a number of attacks on people in the locality in recent months as they walk home at night.

In the interest of personal safety can we remind people not to walk alone at night.

If you see anything suspicious please report it to the Gardaí to help prevent further incidents

Maynooth Citizens Information - Centre Know Your Rights

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Question

What is the new Universal Social Charge? Who has to pay it?

Answer

The Universal Social Charge is a new tax payable on your gross income. It is payable on notional income (benefit in kind payments) and it is deducted before pension contributions. It replaces the health contribution and the income levy and comes into effect on 1 January 2011. It does not replace the Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) system.

Everyone (including medical card holders) is liable to pay the Universal Social Charge if their gross income is over the threshold of €4,004 in a year. All Department of Social Protection payments (including State pensions and Child Benefit) and similar payments (for example, CE schemes and Back to Education Allowance) and income on which DIRT has been paid are exempt.

The rates of the Universal Social Charge are:

- 2% on the first €10,036
- 4% on the next €5,980
- 7% on the balance

People over 70 are not liable for the 7% rate but pay at 2% on income up to €10,036 and at 4% on all their income above €10,036.

The Universal Social Charge will be deducted from all income. If you have earned less than €4,004 during the year, you can apply to your local Revenue office for a refund at the end of the year.

Question

I am on Jobseeker's Allowance. I have three boys aged 15, 17 and 18. They are all in full-time education. I stopped getting Child Benefit for my 18-year old in 2010 but I got an extra payment of €15 every week with my qualified child payment for him. Will I get this in 2011 when my next child turns 18?

Answer

Child Benefit was discontinued for children aged 18 from January 2010 (regardless of whether they are in education or not). In 2010 parents

dependent on social welfare payments got a special compensatory payment of €15 per week for dependent children aged 18.

This compensatory payment will no longer be paid in 2011. This means that when your second son turns 18 you will no longer get Child Benefit nor a compensatory payment for him. However you continue to be entitled to an increase for a qualified child with your social welfare payment for any children in full-time education (until they are 22). This remains at €29.80 per week in 2011.

You should also remember that when your 15-year old turns 16 in 2011, you will need to confirm that he is still in full-time education to ensure that Child Benefit continues to be paid. You should fill in a Child Benefit form (CB2) one month before his 16th birthday. Since you are already getting Child Benefit for him, the Child Benefit section of the Department of Social Protection will send you the application form. This form must also be signed and officially stamped by:

- The school or college if your child is in full-time education
- FÁS if your child is on a full-time Youthreach course
- A doctor if your child has a disability

Question

What are my consumer rights when I buy something in the sales? Can I return sales items?

Answer

Your consumer rights during a sale are exactly the same as at any other time of the year.

Goods should be of merchantable quality, fit for their intended purpose and as described. If they are not, you are entitled to a repair, replacement or refund. The legislation does not specify whether it is the retailer/supplier or the customer who decides which form of redress is offered.

If you have a problem with goods you bought at full price which are now on sale at a reduced price, you are entitled to a refund of the full price (if the shop is willing to offer a refund).

However you are not entitled to an exchange (or a refund or a credit note) simply because you change your mind about something you've bought in a shop, whether this is during the sales or at any other time of the year. Many shops do allow you to exchange goods that you've had second thoughts about, but this is at their discretion. It's a good idea to check the shop's refund policy before buying anything.

If you buy goods at full price but change your mind about them, and they are now on sale at a lower price, you may only be offered the reduced amount (if the shop is willing to offer your money back). You should always keep your receipts as proof of purchase and the price paid.

For more information visit the National Consumer Agency's website at consumerconnect.ie.

Question

I am a medical card holder. My pharmacy recently charged me above the monthly cap of €10 for my prescriptions. Why did this happen?

Answer

If you have a medical card, you are charged 50c for each prescription item you receive. Usually your pharmacy keeps records of how much you have paid and makes sure that you do not pay more than €10 each month on prescription charges. However you may use different pharmacies in the same month or your family members may not have the same medical card number (for example, where a different doctor is used by the family) and you may end up paying above the cap of €10 per family per month.

If a person or family pay more than €10, the HSE will issue a refund at the end of the quarter, without you needing to apply. This is done on the basis of the information received from the dispensing pharmacy.

However, if you think that you have not received the refund due you can also claim directly from the HSE using a special refund claim form (available from your Local Health Office). An online version of the form is available on medicalcard.ie.

It is important for all your family members to be grouped together so you do not pay more than the cap per month for their prescriptions. A family is you, your spouse/partner and your children under 21 who are in full-time education. You can check on medicalcard.ie whether all members of your family are grouped together. If not you can set your family up as a family group on medicalcard.ie and print off a certificate (family certificate) to give to your pharmacist. You can also contact your Local Health Office or call 1890 252 919 to provide your family details and a certificate will be posted out.

UNIVERSITY OF THIRD AGE

Another year has drawn to a close. An apt opportunity to express our appreciation and gratitude. Thank you to all our members who dusted off their knitting needles, at very short notice and got involved in the Age Action 'Big Knit' campaign. The goal was to produce 80,000 mini-hats nationally. These adorned all 'innocent' smoothie bottles during December, with 25c from each sale going to Age Action.

Delighted to be able to report that our Book Club membership has dramatically expanded since September. Our most recent book was Felicias's Journey by William Trevor. A short but chilling read. Definitely engaging but perhaps best read during daylight hours! Consequently it made for a lively and animated discussion. On behalf of our group can we say 'thank you' to June who has facilitated the book club but also for the chats and cuppa. We will miss you and wish you well in Leixlip.

We had our musical theatre classes which proved very popular. Any initial reluctance soon gave way to spontaneity and creativity. Everyone's input was really appreciated. Furthermore we now have a lovely video of the Grand Finale thanks to Mattie Callaghan, a man of many talents. As a group we are very grateful to Kildare County Council Arts Service who funded this project under the Awards & Opportunities 2010.

Next on our agenda was the annual carol singing in aid of Pieta House, Lucan. With our new found confidence we strutted off to the Manor Mills Shopping Centre for an afternoon of carols. Thank you to Joe Buckley for taking time out of his own busy schedule to rehearse and perform with us and for rallying the musicians on the day. You so enhanced our performance.

We are all thrilled to be back in action again, having been housebound during the snow and ice. It looks like this is going to be an action packed year with lots of ideas and suggestions already on the table. Thanks to the generosity of Paddy Reid, creative writing teacher and recent prize winner we are now progressing nicely through a creative writing course. Patricia, congratulations on your publication. All your own work, I hope!

As we leave behind a year full of activities, adventure, learning and most importantly fun and friendship, we say thanks to all who contributed in making this happen. Most importantly we would like to acknowledge the support of the Community Library Staff throughout the year.

Information : Bernadette 6289131

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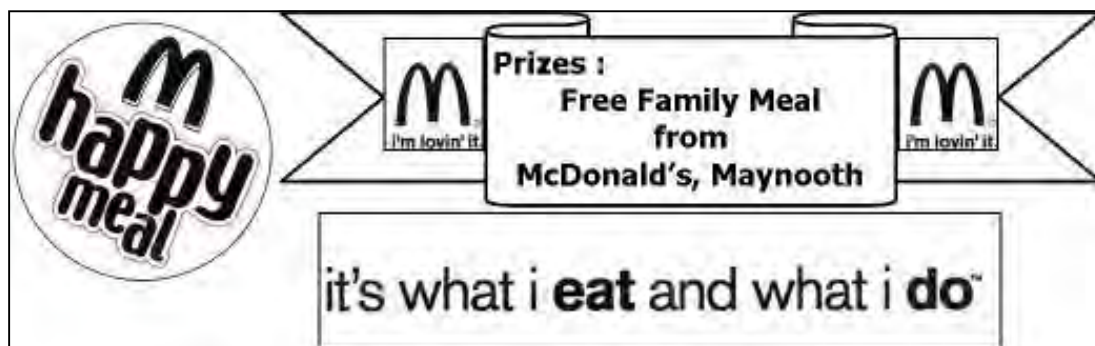
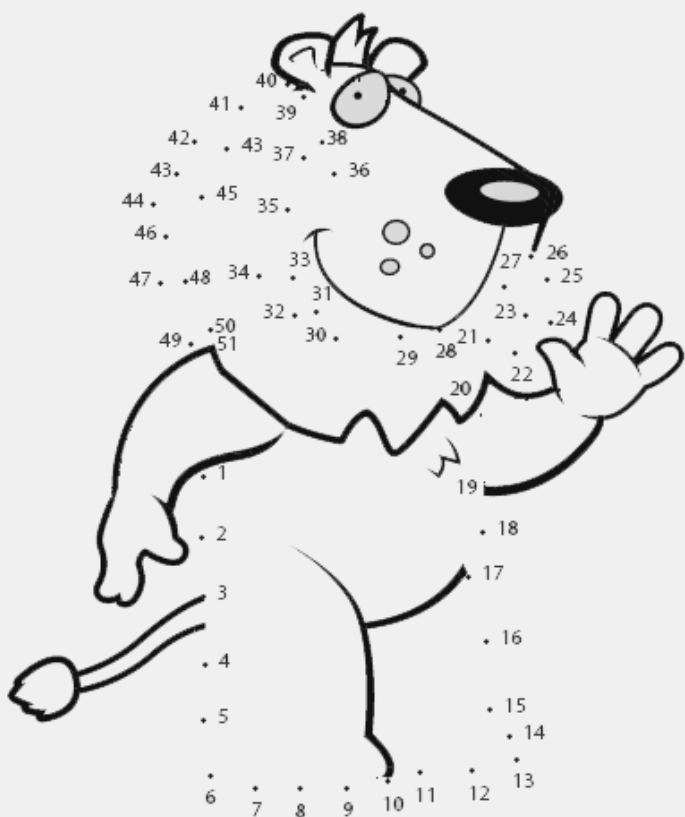
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February in the Garden



With spring just around the corner (hopefully) the month of February is your last chance to get many jobs done around the garden. There are signs of growth, which is great to see—snowdrops on the way and buds on the trees.

Even though it may still be cold, damp and miserable outdoors, an occasional dose of sunshine could certainly put the gardening bug into you. With a little luck, Mother Nature will send a few blossoms your way this month. We are now at a time when we can no longer put off those garden projects, waiting for a nice day..... Don't be caught off guard though, winter is far from being over! If exceptionally cold weather is forecast, provide protection to early flowering or tender plants by covering them with some type of cloth material. Remove the covering as soon as the weather moderates again.

Mid to late February is the time to fertilize shrubs and evergreens. Use an acid type rhododendron fertilizer to feed evergreens, conifers, broad leaf evergreens, rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias. Use an all-purpose fertilizer to feed roses and other deciduous trees and shrubs. If you use dry type fertilizers, be sure to water it in thoroughly.

If it is mild enough, now is a good time to divide, clumps of Perennials that have been undisturbed for year's. Perennials planted now will get a head start before the growing season begins.

Pansies and Primroses should be regularly deadheaded at this time of year to encourage them to flower well into spring.

Prune your summer flowering clematis right down to the lowest pair of spring buds.

Check ties on trees and shrubs to make sure that they are not too tight and cutting into the bark.

At this time of year it is important to rake fallen leaves and other debris off your lawn and try not to walk on the grass when there is frost on the ground as this can cause serious damage.

Clean pots and seed trays by giving them a good wash with hot water and washing up liquid, rinse them with clean water, this will prevent pests and diseases in old compost from spreading to your new plants.

If you are lucky enough to have a pond make sure that it is cleared of leaves and other debris regularly as this will prevent disease from harming your fish. If you have fish in your pond it's a good idea to float a ball on it as this will prevent the whole pond from freezing and starving your fish of oxygen.



Perennials, annuals, and bulbs

Plants which may have been pushed out of the ground by frost heave should be pressed firmly back into place.

Plant daylilies, bleeding hearts, and plantain lilies this month.

Deciduous vines such as honeysuckle should be pruned and shaped.

Most perennials may be divided and moved up until they begin to show new growth.

Check your stored plants such as Fuchsias and geraniums, and if they are shrivelled water them lightly.

Summer flowering bulbs may try to start into growth if they are subjected to heat. They should be kept very dry, and stored at 45 degrees F. If they are shrivelling, put them into slightly damp peat moss, but keep them cool!

If you plan to grow lobelia, ageratum, verbena, petunia, vinca, or other plants from scratch, the seeds should be started indoors in the later part of the month.

Climbing roses should be thinned out to get rid of last years tangled growth.

Odds and ends

House plants may notice the longer days, and begin growing. You can begin feeding them again, but use a dilute 50% fertilizer mix until the growth is robust.

Continue feeding our feathered friends, you'll want them to stick around to help you in insect control when the weather warms again. Food supplies may be almost exhausted, and in chilly weather many birds spend almost their entire waking moments searching for food, to ensure they have enough reserves each night to survive the bitter cold. Your generous tables, feeders and titbits are incredibly important to our wildlife.

The best time to spot frogs is during the breeding season when adults lay frogspawn in ponds between February and March

Did you check your garden tools yet? Don't wait 'til the spring rush to get your mower back in shape!

In the event of snow, be sure to shake or brush off the white stuff from the branches of your evergreens and shrubs.

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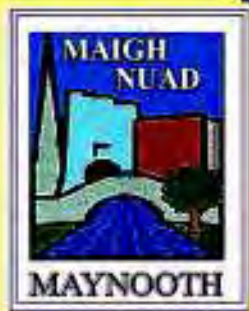
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Maynooth Scouts Celebrate 35 Years

The 8th Kildare Maynooth Scouts had a very important celebration on Saturday 12th February. We have just celebrated 35 years in existence. The day got off to a great start when the sun came out. The meeting point was Carton Avenue at 11.15. We paraded through the main street behind St Mary's Pipe Band, the local guards stopped the traffic to allow the procession to make its way to the Gunn Chapel for Mass at 12:00.

We had a beautiful Mass, which was concelebrated by Fr. David Kennealy, Scouting Ireland Chaplin and Fr. Liam Rigney, Parish Priest, St. Mary's Parish. During the Mass the new members to each section were invested. Some of the youth members also took part by doing the readings and prayers of the faithful. We were also very happy to have the Folk Group accompanying us during the mass. We were also delighted to see that some of our local representatives took time out from their election preparations to spend some time with us.

We know that many of our past members could not make it on the day, we especially remembered those members. After Mass we had use of the upper and lower Loftus hall for our reception. The parents and leaders provided a beautiful selection of food for a buffet. It was time to relax and meet our invited guests and get to know other parents and some of the new leaders. In the lower hall it was all go, the music was a big hit. Paul Burnell kindly provided an amazing array of songs and even some karaoke!! It was also apparent that we have some very talented musicians in our midst.

We would like to thank all the parents, scouters and leaders for making the day so successful. We also need to thank the wider community for helping us, the guards for traffic control, ensuring our safety, to the local representatives who have been very supportive, St. Mary's Band and the Folk Group were a great asset to our day.



Tony Myles, Aoife O'Shea, Deirdre Butler, Karl Quinn.



Damien Scanlon.

Our future.

We are working to develop our own premises to help secure our continued success and to ensure the future of scouting in Maynooth. We have lodged a planning application to Kildare County Council for a development at the Geraldine Hall in Maynooth. We are hopeful that our application will be successful, we have wide support from across the community for this development.

We urgently require help with our Parents and Friends group to meet the financial challenges that face us to bring this project to completion. We are always looking for new Parents and Friends who have fund raising ideas or people who have experience in grant applications. Visit our website at www.maynoothscouts.org or contact us at maynoothscouts@gmail.com.

Maynooth Post Primary School Musical "Hairspray"



Well done to all the cast and crew of Hairspray which ran from February 9th to 13th in the school.

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Tidy Towns

Already this year we had 2 clean ups.

We have also planted bulbs in a number of locations, also the planters in the Square, have been tidied up and replanted. As you can appreciate this takes a fantastic commitment from our members. We could do with more help. **Please give us one or two hours once a month to help beautify Maynooth - it would be very much appreciated and get you out in the fresh air.**

We look forward to seeing you on St. Patrick's day during the parade.

Richard Farrell
PRO MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS (MOBILE NO. 087 3153189)



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EDITORIAL

March is the month of our patron saint, Patrick, and there will be celebrations countrywide and worldwide on the 17th March. But we know very little about this mysterious man, not an Irishman, whom our 7th century ancestors chose as their favourite saint of the time. It could have been Colm Cille or Brigit but he shadowy figure of Patrick won out and has continued as such to the present day. In his biography, the *Confessio* (Confession), written in Latin, Patrick tells us very little about himself and hardly mentions any personal names or place-names at all. So we do not really know where he travelled or who were the kings that he met during his mission. We do know that he was born in Britain, he was the son of a deacon; he was captured by Irish raiders when he was 16 and was a slave in Ireland for 6 years. The he escaped and managed to return home. But he was haunted by the 'voice of the Irish' and eventually he came back to preach the Gospel. We assume that he died in Ireland. But he was not the only missionary to visit in that period; the Pope at the time sent Palladius to the Irish who already believed in Christ but we know even less about him than we do about Patrick! We also know that the older texts make no mention of the infamous shamrock or banishing snakes. These have all been added later but unfortunately our education is still spinning these yarns to our children and not giving the truthful events that we do possess.

We would like to take this opportunity again to ask people to become involved in the local Parade, by attending and bringing your children but, even more so, by acting as a steward from 10.30am to 12.00. Becoming involved at a local level and volunteering is one of the most rewarding experiences for individuals and it is a great way to get to know people and the town.

As this edition of the Newsletter hits the shelves we will have a new government but as I write it is impossible to predict who that may be. The opinion polls are showing a rapid increase in the support for Fine Gael and for their leader Enda Kenny and a decline in support for the Labour Party and Eamon Gilmore. It was fascinating to watch Michéal Martin trying to pretend that he had not been in government for the past 14 years and that Fianna Fáil have some relevance to this election. The Greens have also become irrelevant. Locally the election is even more difficult to call. The polls look bad for Fianna Fáil but there is a general feeling that they will do a lot better than they predict. Voting for that party is nearly a religion and one cannot but wonder how those who have voted Fianna Fáil in the past can bring themselves to vote Fine Gael or Labour. The hand may well slip to the Fianna Fáil candidate in the privacy of the voting booth.

Watching the collapse of this party and the growth of Fine Gael is not greeted with any joy by the country. There is no

rejoicing in the fall of an old order as we see happening in other countries; on the contrary, there is a quiet feeling of dread, foreboding and that the hands of all parties are tied by the ECB/IMF deal. There will be no dancing in the streets. There is no feeling of a new dawn. Indeed, there are those who wonder if Ireland will survive at all. Despite all the attempts to say that Ireland is a 'great little country', many doubt this more and more as time goes on. If our younger generation chose to leave, and they are doing so in their thousands, there will be fewer and fewer of us to shoulder the burden of debt. This could stretch the recession into a long depression of over 10 years. We are also overwhelmingly aware of the fact that the major decisions for our country will be made in Europe. Locally, the work on the library in the University is going ahead and the news that the footbridge will be closed shortly caused concerns. The idea of thousands of students crossing the Kilcock Road every hour of the day all day is a very serious worry. The University also announced recently that the new President will be Professor Nolan who holds the office of Vice-President of UCD at present. He will take up office on the 15th August. The Community Council will be hoping to meet him as they have met the past Presidents and to having a good working relationship.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

We would like to add that readers are welcome to comment on the content of the editorial or on any other matters in letters to the editor. We would welcome your views.

Public Notice

There have been a number of attacks on people in the locality in recent months as they walk home at night.

In the interest of personal safety can we remind people not to walk alone at night.

If you see anything suspicious please report it to the Gardaí to help prevent further incidents.

February Community Council Meeting

The Council asked the Secretary to write to Professor Tom Collins, the interim President of the University, and to invite him to the next Community Council meeting. We have had a positive reply in the meantime and he will attend the next meeting in March. However, his replacement was voted in by the Governing Authority at the February meeting, he will be Professor Philip Nolan who is the Vice-President of UCD at present.

A number of local issues were raised by the members and serious concerns were expressed about the College footbridge that will be out of operation by the end of March. The fact that thousands of students will be crossing the main Maynooth/Kilcock Road all day, all week will be a hazard to themselves and to motorists. It is too late to object and to change this now.

The whereabouts of the money collected for the Swimming Pool was also raised and it was requested that the Secretary stress this issue in these notes. There was no definite reply as to the whereabouts of the money from the meeting.

Another local issue raised was that the children and parents from the Gaelscoil are climbing over the fence at Laurence Avenue instead of the footpath provided. This has resulted in damage to the fence and to the hedging that the residents partly paid for. The lighting and footpath on the Celbridge Road was provided for the school and there is no need for parents or children to climb the fence, use the green in the Avenue as a footpath or to park in the Avenue when picking up or leaving off their children. It was agreed to highlight this issue in these notes as well.

It was agreed to send letters to all organisations in the town again, asking for representatives for the Council. This is the year of the volunteer and it would be helpful for the festival and for other events.

It was also agreed that the Secretary would write to Kildare County Council supporting the plans of the Scouts for the Geraldine Hall. The plans were available for the members to view at the meeting.

It was suggested to Kevin McCrory that he approach the committee about their inter-cultural float for the Parade again and their plans for music and food from the different cultures after the parade. Some of the members did raise the fact that providing food gave rise to regulation issues on health and safety.

3 Correspondence: letter from the private secretary in the Office of the Secretary General in the Dept of Education acknowledging the letter re. the VEC buying 40 acres at Moyglare Hall. Agreed to write back again to look for a more detailed response.

4. Treasurer's Report: deposit: €5,605.01, current: €1,846.80, NL €8,260.31, petty cash €46.87, Scheme 2010 €1,977.50, Scheme 2011 €22,963.22

5. Sub-committees: Twinning

Committee – the people from Canet cannot be here for St Patrick's Day, may be here for the Festival time.

Scouts: - celebrating 35 years in Maynooth, 300 people coming to a Parade on Saturday next, beginning 11.30am, investiture and mass in the College at 12.00. Refreshment until about 4pm. The members were invited to join them. The vice-chairman reported from the executive meeting that K. Quinn of the scouts would join and help the festival sub-committee. There was a need to get younger people involved.

Tidy Towns: the flowerbeds have been cleaned and bulbs planted.

Senior Citizens: held the AGM on Tuesday and there were new members. P. Garrad presented their plan for the G. Hall at the meeting. The Valentine's Day dance will be on the 20th February. Agreed to write to KCC to support the planning application for the G. Hall. P. Garrad said that members could see plans on computer after the meeting. He outlined what was planned: stone building preserved, old room and hall demolished, exposing the rear wall and window. New hall at rear to replace the old one slightly higher than original, entrance in the same place, a small kitchen, storage and toilets included. The roof before the galvanized one had asbestos in it. There was a short discussion on the ICA and how they would want their hall replaced.

U3A: meetings are held fortnightly, members did a creative writing course, produced work on their memories of the past, it was suggested that they send them to the NL to be published.

Local History Group: there will be a talk on genealogy on 24th February at 8pm and a talk by P. Cosgrove on the history of Carton Estate in Carton House on 14th March at 8pm.

St Patrick's Day Parade: more stewards are needed, required by the Gardaí. A. Ó Maoláin offered to get stewards from the College students.

Nuadu Players: G. Martin said the pantomime was a great success, there might be a play for the Festival.

Newsletter: New format successful. M. O Callaghan said that it had grown on him, quality of photos was good and colour improving. A. Ó Maoláin – his press releases were not getting through to the MCC office, secretary said that he could send them to her instead.

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I.C.A.

All I.C.A. Guild activities resumed on 3rd February after the long winter break. The first Guild meeting of the year was well attended. The Guild Auction was very successful and enjoyed by all. The money raised is used to fund part-scholarships for members to An Grianan.

Monday craft nights continue at 8.00 p.m. "Designer Bags" is the theme at present. Badminton continues twice weekly in St. Patrick's College on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11.00a.m.

The Federation Dinner Dance will take place in The Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge on 3rd March at 8.00p.m. Tickets available from Guild committee members.

Upcoming events: Guild-of-the-Year competition will take place in April. Elenora Gibbon Competition also in April.

Kildare Week at An Grianan is June 20th—24th. "Kildare week-end" is November 21st - 23rd. An Grianan is open to non-members and hosted a very enjoyable televised "Boot Camp" recently shown on RTE.

Members will be out and about selling daffodils on "Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day" on 25th March. All offers of help on the day will be gladly accepted and appreciated by contacting any Guild member.

Winners of February Guild Competition:

1st Betty Farrell & Ann Fahy,

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A Focal Point of Local History

When Henry II returned to England in 1172 the position of the Normans in Ireland had changed. There was no longer the possibility of a new independent Norman-Irish kingdom. Henry had successfully asserted his claim to the lordship of Ireland and had granted some areas to his greater subjects to hold from him as feudal lordships. By feudal theory the king was the lord of all the land, and his tenants-in-chief held lands from him on condition that they owed him certain services, including that of an agreed number of knights for stipulated periods of time. Strongbow was granted the kingdom of Leinster, his inheritance from MacMurrough through his marriage to Aoife, to hold by the service of one hundred knights. To balance this huge grant, and because the king was anxious that no one lord should become over mighty, the kingdom of Meath including the modern counties of Meath, Westmeath, Longford and parts of Offaly and Cavan, was granted to Hugh de Lacy for the service of fifty knights.

Strongbow's task now was to secure his grant and subdue any rebellious Irish chieftains. In southern Leinster he made the town of Wexford his base and in northern Leinster he seems to have lived and made his headquarters at Kildare. The Uí Fáeláin of our own area had been among the leaders of the opposition to MacMurrough and so were unlikely to accept Strongbow without a struggle. The formidable Raymond le Gros raided their territory and seized an enormous amount of booty, including fresh supplies of horses and arms for the Norman soldiers. According to the Annals of Leinster, Fáelán, chief of Uí Fáeláin, gave hostages to the Normans and died in 1203 in the newly founded Norman monastery of Connell in the north of the modern county Kildare. Strongbow seems to have been an efficient and relatively conciliatory over-lord, and the only leading Leinster chief to refuse to come to terms eventually and give hostages seems to have been O'Toole.

However there was considerable rivalry among the Normans themselves and in 1173 Maurice FitzGerald returned to Wales because, according to Giraldus Cambrensis, of the jealousy shown by Strongbow towards him. By 1176 Strongbow found he could not do without him and recalled him and made him one of his sub-tenants in Uí Fáeláin. Maurice FitzGerald was not the only son of the Welsh princess Nesta to get lands within the modern County Kildare. His half-brother Meiler FitzHenry was granted the territory of Cairbre Uí Ciardha, later anglicised as O'Keary and Carey. Here Meiler founded and granted lands to the monastery of Connell.

The section of Uí Fáeláin nearest to Dublin was granted by Strongbow to Adam de Hereford. This included Leixlip, Kill, Celbridge and Rathcoffey. The Latin name of Leixlip, Saltus Salmonis, the salmon leap, gave its name to the later baronies of North and South Salt. The next section of Uí Fáeláin, the barony of Naas, went to Maurice FitzGerald. This comprised most of the modern Baronies of North and South Naas and also the western part of the modern barony of North Salt which included Maynooth. With this FitzGerald was also granted the cantred of Wicklow which seems to have been the modern barony of Arklow, and he held his grant for the service of twelve knights.

Mary Cullen



Pet Corner



How to take care of your Goldfish

The goldfish is one of the most common and rewarding household pets. It is easy to take care of goldfish and they do not require very much space. They can live for several years (even ten years is not an uncommon amount of time) if taken care of properly. If you want to keep a gold fish bowl with gold fish, there are some basic purchases you will have to make. You will need to make the followings items available to the gold fish: the gold fish bowl, food, water filter (clean water), aerator, fish net, thermometer and "aged" water.



Buy any gold fish bowl that will give your fish plenty of space to swim, and the ability to hide as well. Consult the local pet store when you are purchasing the gold fish to make sure that the bowl is large enough for your new fish.

Gold fish should be fed at least twice a day. All the food should be consumed in about five to ten minutes, if there is more food left over, you are overfeeding the fish. The left over food will only cloud and pollute the water making it harder for you to clean the aquarium as well. Gold fish will eat almost everything, but for beginners it is suggested that they start off with pre-packaged fish foods. Buy food that is specifically made for goldfish since this will be tailored to provide him with the correct balance of minerals, vitamins, carbohydrates and protein.

If the bowl is getting dirty, transfer the fish with the water and any real plants into a large bowl or bucket. Wash the rocks, gravel, sand and fake plants with water and salt. **Do not use detergent** unless it is from the pet store and specifically designed for cleaning fish bowls. (Unfortunately the use of **detergent is the main cause of death for a goldfish** in the home.) Fill the bowl back up with the aged water. Arrange all the items in the bowl and then transfer the fish with the net.

If you think that your goldfish is behaving in an odd way, bring him to the pet store immediately to get help for you little friend. **Good luck with your new pet!**

Stem Cell Therapy For Pets

Stem cell therapy is the latest exciting advance in the treatment of arthritis and other diseases in pets.

A company in America has developed a new stem-cell therapy for animals, promising to help ease the pain and improve the health of pets with problems such as hip dysplasia, osteoarthritis or ligament injuries.

For the new treatment, veterinarians cut fat tissue from animals and use a centrifuge and other technology to separate and activate millions of dormant stem cells. The cells are injected back into the animal at the problem site, such as the hips, and into the circulatory system.

In Michigan a 14-year-old English Springer Spaniel suffers from hip dysplasia. Normally an animal with this condition would have to undergo hip replacement surgery. In an effort to try and ease his pain, his owners invested about \$2,000 in a treatment called "In Clinic Stem Cell Therapy." As part of the therapy, stem cells were harvested from the dog's fat and then injected back into him in the hope they heal the inflamed areas. This is the first time that the stem cells have been harvested, processed and injected in the same clinic on the same day. His owners have high hopes for the procedure. I will continue to follow his progress and bring you an update in about two months.

Vets in Ireland think that it will be three to four years before this treatment is available in Ireland.



Maynooth Band News

Once again St. Mary's Band is in demand for Parades on St. Patrick's Day. While we would ideally like to oblige all the applicants, particularly for the badly needed revenue it would bring in, we have a limit to our locations. The Maynooth Parade has always been Number One on our list primarily because the Band was the originator of the Parade *many years ago but also as we appreciate the support given by the people over the year.*



We would like to congratulate the junior band, who since the beginning of the year, has joined the ranks of the senior band bringing the average age down to the mid teens. While it is a sign of real progress musically the additional numbers present a problem of a different kind in the area of uniforms which is a very costly outlay in the current climate. It is something that will need to be addressed, if you'll pardon the pun, but maybe there's a kind benefactor out there willing to help solve this dilemma as all our current income, and more, goes totally towards the day to day running of the Band.

We are currently rehearsing for the National Band Championships being held in the Helix in April and the increased numbers for the Monday night practices lend a great buzz to the atmosphere. We still need numbers in heavy brass (Tuba, Euphonium and Trombone) players and we invite any similar musicians living in the area to join us on any Monday night. You will be made really welcome.

We are currently organising instrument classes where our main focus will be on heavy brass instruments. Anyone from 9 years to adult is welcome to join. If you feel you or your child would be interested in joining our band, offering opportunities to become involved in the community, meet new people and learn an instrument at the same time, we would love to talk to you. Contact Elaine Bean 087 9704912 (class co-ordinator) or call to the bandroom on Monday nights at 7.45. The Bandroom is located just off the main street, down the lane from Twist Café. You can also follow us on Facebook.

For all other queries and booking the band please contact the Band Secretary, Melanie Oliver on 087 9704 910.

Local author: Martina Reilly.

When reading a good book we escape into a world that is not our own, we are told a story belonging to someone else, we immerse ourselves in the lives of strangers. For the author it is no different. "I basically sent my husband and kids away for a week and stayed on my own. I didn't take any calls and that kind of thing so I was experiencing what it was like to be completely isolated."

Award winning author Martina Reilly knows all too well what it is like to plunge into the life of someone else, albeit a character of her own making. With her books having been translated into French, German, Latvian, Italian and Greek she has become a huge success.

"The characters are basically people you kind of wish you knew or people that you want to find out more about" explains Martina.

With her book 'A moment like forever' due to be released in paperback in early March she finds that getting into her characters mind frames is an integral part of making them come to life for the reader.

"The character in 'A moment like forever', she's actually very lonely and she doesn't go out of her house really. So you know it was hard to write, the highlight of her week was cleaning her house, because she felt she had some control over doing that kind of thing." Realistic portrayals of serious issues is the main concepts behind both Martina's adult and teenage books. Con men, revenge, grief, tracing birth parents and loneliness are just some of the experiences that have featured, and there is no doubt that each book captivates the audience with her witty one liners and humorous content.

"My books aren't chick lit in the traditional sense of the word. They have real issues and they're quite gritty but they're very funny. I just describe them as stories.

They're not particularly romantic but they are about love, which is a different thing." Often compared to Marian Keyes they both delve into the darker side of things. But that's as far as it goes. Martina presents a unique and fresh voice in her books that cannot be found anywhere else.

"I love Marian Keyes, I think she's a fantastic writer. I do feel that I'm my own writer though. My writing is my writing, it's not anyone else's!"

Writing her first book at 15, which was later published in her early twenties, it was clear that a career as a writer was ahead of her. But Martina has also shared her creative nature through many other ventures. Previously a columnist for the Evening Herald she also gave workshops for Poetry Ireland. Her school of Drama run alongside her two sisters was also a huge hit; having been trained through the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. And this too helps her to engage with her characters.

"Sometimes if I can't think of what to write I kind of act it out to myself, I kind of speak the words and I'd say what the person might say."

Incorporating both drama and writing together is an interesting concept, and it is true that we must live our life doing what we love best. But is writing really all it's cracked up to be?

"Writing books is brilliant, I mean every day of my life I have fun, I love it!"

by Carrie Bermingham



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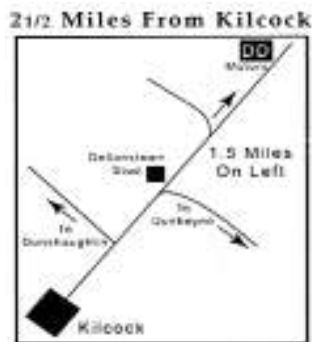
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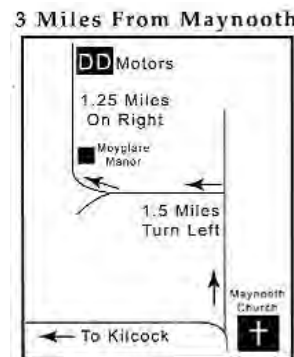
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Quick Tips in Photography

Move in Closer

Each time you spot a subject, snap a shot and then move in closer for a better shot. Having your subject almost fill the frame helps your viewer understand and appreciate your photo. Also, details are often more interesting than an overall view. Keep moving in closer until you are sure the photo will successfully represent your subject.

Be Quick

If it is at all possible that your subject may move, bolt, fly away, stop smiling, or just get tired of waiting for you to take the picture, shoot once right away. Practice getting quicker and quicker to the draw. Do not worry about taking too many pictures and do not wait until you're absolutely certain all the knobs and buttons are in their correct position. Make your motto "Shoot First, Ask Questions Later."



Compose Your Picture with Care

Even if you don't plan on selling your photo make every effort to keep it balanced and beautiful. On one level or another, everyone responds better to a picture that has all elements in balance. Strive to lead the eye along an interesting path through the photo, with the use of strong lines or patterns.

Be Selective

Discern what you are really interested in and center your efforts on getting the best photo of this subject, whether it a still life, your funny cat, your doggy, a friend, a family matter, a mood, a place or culture. Then be sure to keep anything that would distract out of the picture.

Focus on Your Subject

Practice shooting with different apertures and monitor the results afterwards to learn how depth-of-field affects your photo.

You will find that a smaller depth-of-field focuses all the attention upon your subject. This is great for taking a picture of your child, your dog, or your husband/wife - subjects stand out against a blurry background.

Likewise, you will find that a greater depth-of-field will make everything from here to eternity appear in focus. This will help make those landscapes fascinating and lovely.

Look at the Light

By this, I don't mean look into the sun - no, that won't do at all. But it is good to see what kind of light you are working with. Which way are the shadows falling? Unless you want a silhouette effect, where your subject is black against an interesting background, it's generally best to shoot with the sun behind you.

How is the light affecting your subject? Is the subject squinting? Is the light blazing directly and brightly upon your whole subject? This works well if you are in love with the bold colours of your subject. Side lighting, on the other hand, can add drama but can also cause extreme, hard-to-print contrasts.

Lastly, indirect light can be used to make your subject glow soft and pretty.

Watch the Weather, Too

Look outside and decide whether or not you are going to want to have the sky in your picture.

If it's overcast, simply keep the sky out of your pictures as much as possible. This is usually the best way to avoid both muted tones in your subject and washed-out skies in your background. You might also find black and white pictures of an overcast day more pleasing than colour.

When the day is beautiful, go ahead and make the most of it.

If your camera allows for the use of filters, purchase a polarizer. This will help you render deep blue skies against bright white clouds, richly contrasting colours, and other wonderful effects with a simple twist of the wrist.



Maynooth Golf Society

Maynooth Golf Society held its AGM on Sunday 6th February. The minutes of the 2010 AGM were read and passed.

The outgoing Captain Tom Flatley addressed the members, he thanked all members for their support and participation in the society during his captaincy, he also thanked all of the sponsor's of the society for their continued financial support particularly in light of current state of the economy. The treasurer's report was read and adopted by the members. The list of outings for 2011 was presented by the secretary Marty Maguire (list below). Paddy Foy was elected as President, Declan Kennedy was elected as Vice-President, and the incoming committee were then elected to serve for 2011. Incoming Captain Pat Connolly announced that his Vice-Captain would be Brendan Leigh. He outlined his plans for to raise the profile of the society and to increase the membership for the coming year. Committee proposals were discussed and voted upon. The membership fee for both new and current members was reduced to €20 due to economic conditions and to try and attract new members. The meeting was then adjourned.

MAYNOOTH GOLF SOCIETY OUTINGS 2011

<i>Millicent</i>	<i>Sat 5th March</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>10.00am - 11.30am</i>
<i>Athy</i>	<i>Sat 2nd April</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>10.30am - 12.00pm</i>
<i>Portarlinton</i>	<i>Sat 7th May</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>11.56am - 1.25pm</i>
<i>Weekend</i>	<i>Fri/Sat May 20th/21st</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>Gowran/W/ford Castle</i>
<i>Rathcore</i>	<i>Sat 18th June</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>10.00am -11.30am</i>
<i>Mt., Wolsley</i>	<i>Sat 2nd July</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>10.30 am – 12.30pm</i>
<i>Beech Park</i>	<i>Thur. 11th August</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2.30pm - 4.00pm</i>
<i>Athlone</i>	<i>Sat 27th August</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>10.00am - 11.30am</i>
<i>Kilcock</i>	<i>Sat 17th September</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>12.00pm – 1.30pm</i>
<i>Portugal</i>	<i>7th -12th October</i>	<i>2011</i>	

University of Third Age

The Creative Writing course was very productive and gave great insight as to the meaning of 'memoir'. All members produced a piece each week and then had the opportunity to read it to the group. Paddy, out tutor, offered constructive criticism, in the kindest possible way, as to how we might improve our literary efforts. Congratulations again Patricia and it is expected that other will soon follow suit. Future plans include the possibility of producing a book of memoirs for publications, in the autumn perhaps. Many thanks Paddy for your support and evaluations.

Our Travel sub-group has been very pro-active. The first destination was the National Library. Of main interest here was the Reading Room which contained some of the first books printed in Ireland. Because we were not National Library members we were unable to handle them. After lunch in Buswells Hotel, Maeve accompanied by a smaller group charmed her way into the Masonic Lodge. Ger reported that the guide was very affable and passionate, about his subject that is. He was happy to answer any questions and explained the various concepts of Freemasonry. This contributed to dispelling a lot of myths surrounding their principles and activities.

For some time the group had been looking forward to the Viennese Strauss Gala night in the Moate Theatre. Unfortunately, due to an oversight by the administration there, the trip had to be cancelled. Irene thank you for informing everybody and for your patience in endeavouring to recoup our money.

Rehearsals are continuing weekly for 'Seachtaine na Gaeilge' performance. The popular songs 'as gaeilge' have been bringing us back to our schooldays and to times past. The more energetic among us have been dusting off the dancing shoes and all appear very eager. Singing and dancing isn't just for fun, it can also be therapeutic.

It definitely boosts the spirits and raises the energy levels. Denise, it is lovely to have you back and to see you enjoying the rehearsals. Helena, we are missing you and hope you will soon be feeling better. Enjoy and have fun on March 11th. Further information : Bernadette 6289131

Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Know Your Rights

Question

I have four children. The last two are twins and I am confused about what Child Benefit payment I will get for them following the Budget. Are they both treated as the third child or are they treated separately?

Answer

The Budget reduced Child Benefit payments by €10 for all children and reduced the payment for the third child in a family by another €10.

In 2011 Child Benefit is paid at the monthly rate of €140 for the first and second child, €167 for the third child and €177 for the fourth and subsequent children.

Child Benefit for twins is one and a half times the normal monthly rate for each child. This means that the rate for twins can vary depending on their position in the family.

In your case since you have two children already, the twins are the third and fourth children in the family. Therefore the monthly payment for the twins is €250.50 (€167.00 x 1.5) and €265.50 (€177.00 x 1.5).

If the twins were the only children in the family Child Benefit would be €210 (€140 x 1.5) for each child.

Child Benefit for triplets is paid at double the normal monthly rate for each child and the same principle applies.

An extra grant of €635 per child is paid for all multiple births at birth, age 4 and age 12..

Question

I'd like to apply for the new Tús community work placement scheme. What's the procedure?

Answer

There is no application process for the scheme. People who are eligible to take part will be selected and contacted by their social welfare local office. However, there are only 5,000 places available in 2011 (in both urban and rural areas) so not everyone who is eligible will be asked to take part in the scheme. To be eligible you must:

- Have been continuously unemployed for at least 12 months and "signing on" full time and
- Have been receiving a jobseeker's payment (Jobseeker's Benefit or Jobseeker's Allowance) from the Department of Social Protection for at least 12 months and
- Be currently receiving Jobseeker's Allowance.

The scheme aims to benefit the community and participants will be asked to carry out a range of work in their

communities. Participants are paid the equivalent of their social welfare payment and an additional €20 per week. Secondary benefits such as medical card and Rent Supplement are unlikely to change but participants are not automatically entitled to these benefits. Participants work for 19 ½ hours a week and placements last for 52 weeks (one year).

Tús is managed by local development companies and Údarás na Gaeltachta. The Department of Social Protection has overall responsibility for the scheme. Community and voluntary organisations with a work placement opportunity should register this with their local development company/Údarás na Gaeltachta. They will then be required to submit a detailed work proposal.

Under the National Employment Action Plan people getting Jobseeker's Allowance are required to take up work opportunities. If you refuse the offer of a Tús work placement without good reason, you may have your social welfare payment reduced or terminated. If, following a refusal of a placement, your payment is reduced or terminated you may appeal this decision to the Social Welfare Appeals office within 21 days.

Question

I am confused about the changes to the Student Services Charge. Why is it more for the first child and less for the second child in a family?

Answer

Currently third-level students pay an annual Student Services Charge (also known as a registration fee) of €1,500. For the new academic year 2011/12 this charge has been replaced by a flat-rate Higher Education Student Contribution of €2,000 per year. Part-time students pay €1,000 per year. All eligible students will have to pay this contribution.

Students who qualify for third-level grants do not have to pay it and families whose reckonable income is below certain limits pay a half-rate contribution (visit citizensinformation.ie to check the limits for your family). You can pay the contribution in two installments.

You cannot claim tax relief on the current Student Services Charge since it is not considered a fee. (If third-level students pay fees they can claim tax relief on these fees under certain conditions.)

However the new Student Contribution will be eligible for tax relief in some circumstances. This is where the difference between the first and second

children in a family arises. You cannot claim tax relief on the first €2,000 payable by your family (e.g. your first child). However you can claim tax relief on any other student contributions you pay (e.g. any other children in higher education). The tax relief is at the standard rate of 20%. In effect, this means that the second and subsequent siblings pay a student contribution of €1,600 instead of €2,000. If your children are studying part-time the first €1,000 is not eligible for tax relief.

Question

What are the changes to the National Age Card Scheme?

Answer

You must now apply online for your card (paper application forms are no longer available in Garda stations). An Age Card is a card that people over 18 can use to show that they are legally old enough to buy alcohol. It is not an identity card and cannot be used for any other purpose other than proof of age.

To apply for a card you must go to agecard.ie, fill out the application form and make the payment of €10 (by credit card or age card voucher – available from post offices). You will be sent an application form within three working days.

You must then go to your local Garda Station to have your application and identity authenticated. You should bring the application form and the following documents:

- Your birth certificate
- One other form of ID (a GNIB (Garda National Immigration Bureau) Card, passport or driving licence)
- One recent passport photograph

The Garda Station will forward your application form and photograph to the Age Card section and you will receive your Age Card within 10 working days.

Question

I have recently lost my job and am really struggling to pay my mortgage. I'm worried that I will lose my tracker rate. What help can I get, if any?

Answer

You should talk to your mortgage lender as soon as possible. Don't delay and allow arrears to build up.

The Central Bank's Code of Conduct on Mortgage Arrears sets out procedures that your lender must follow. Under the Code lenders must treat borrowers fairly and help them to meet their mortgage obligations. This means, among other

things, providing you with the information you need promptly, and ensuring that this information is easy to understand. The Code also specifies that you cannot be asked to change from an existing tracker mortgage against your wishes.

Your lender must explore all options for alternative repayment arrangements with you. These can include paying interest only for a period, extending the term of the mortgage or capitalising any arrears and interest. If you agree and keep to an alternative repayment arrangement with your lender they cannot initiate legal action against you.

You may also be entitled to Mortgage Interest Supplement. This is a short-term means-tested payment to help you with your mortgage interest repayments. Part of the form will need to be filled in by your lending agency. (Your lender must give you any information you need to claim State benefits or supports within 10 business days of your request.) You apply to the Community Welfare Officer at your local health centre.

You should also ensure that you are getting whatever amount of mortgage interest relief you are entitled to. The Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) is a free service to help you plan a budget and deal with debt (mabs.ie, Lo-call 1890 283 438). You can also visit the Citizens Information Board's website, keepingyourhome.ie for comprehensive information on mortgages arrears and related issues.

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

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In a world where things can sometimes appear grey and depressing, the colour, vibrancy and energy in the atmosphere during the open day at the Presentation Girls School Maynooth, hit visitors like a force field of positivity and learning.

The school's Open Day on Thursday 17th February 2011, was tremendously enjoyable for all - current and prospective parents, who were offered a unique opportunity to view a day in the life of their child's school.

Not only did parents get to see their child in action but for the new parents who had never been in the school before, school tours were a revelation of the wonderful facilities available to the girls - including, a fantastically stocked library, a 21st century computer room, a new general purpose hall and parents found that the school not only excels in academic facilities but has sports facilities second to none boasting, two sports halls, tennis courts, playing fields and basketball courts.

The theme of the day, was definitely education in action, with classes demonstrating first hand the great education provided in the fantastic school building - with story time in the library, science exhibitions in the hall, art lessons in bright classrooms, drama groups and choirs all demonstrating the wide variety of talents among the pupils.

Marie Fitzgerald, Principal thanked everyone who had attended and contributed to the success of the Open Day, saying 'Our school motto is 'Aoi bhinn Beatha an Scolaire' - School Days are Happy days - and it was very evident today that our pupils are looking towards the future flourishing in this wonderful educational facility where we aim to bring out the best and assist them in developing even further.'

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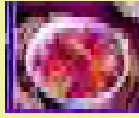
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"on the meaning of meaning"
Respondent: Dr (des) Susan
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10th March, 2011

Professor Maeve Cooke
(University College Dublin)
"Translating Truth"

Respondent: Dr Mette Lebech

31st March, 2011

Dr Paul O'Grady,
Trinity College, Dublin
"Objections to Aquinas's
Philosophy of Religion"
Respondent: Fr Simon Nolan
Chair: Dr Michael Dunne

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North Kildare Rugby

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NORTH KILDARE 20 WEST OFFALY LIONS 21

An injury time try denied North Kildare from pulling off the biggest giant killing act of the first round of the towns cup. It looked as though Kildare's name would go into the 2nd round draw as the referee awarded a 77th minute penalty try to give them a 20-16 lead. But from the kick off Kildare made a number of mistakes to allow the Division 1B side in for a try and a victory in their first appearance in the competition. Indeed the drama didn't end there though as Joe Gerry had a chance to put Kildare back in front with the last kick of the match, but his kick drifted left and wide and the referee blew the final whistle. The Offaly men will face the holders Boyne away in the next round of the competition.

There was a blow for North before kick off as top scorer Scott McGrath was ruled out with a groin injury, Andy Seaman deputised. Seaman's brother Richie was preferred in the 2nd row to Darragh Toner with Gavin Satchwell and Seamus McCluskey starting in the front row.

Aided by a strong breeze the visitors got off to the perfect start racing into a 6-0 lead following two penalties from scrum half Paul Deally. Kildare finally came into the match after 20 minutes as number 8 Eddie Hopkins made a good break following a very strong scrum. They then drove well from a lineout and Rob Darcy was agonisingly close to scoring as he reached out to touch down but knocked on. The home side kept the pressure on and were rewarded as they received a penalty under the posts which Joe Gerry slotted over to reduce the deficit. Kildare were well on top for the remainder of the half but were unable to add to their points tally, although they knew they would have the winds at their backs for the second period. And that 2nd half could not have started better as Kildare scored within two minutes of the re-start. Good work from Hopkins and Satchwell set up good field position, with Seaman and McDonald then making good ground with strong running. The forwards then provided quick ruck ball as Gerry passed to Sean

Brady. Brady beat the first tackle, then skilfully collected his own chip kick to score underneath the posts for an excellent try. Gerry knocked over the conversion and Kildare were now 10-6 ahead. Moments later Gerry had a chance to increase the lead but dragged his long range kick to the left and wide. However he made no mistake three minutes later to further the lead to 13-6.

At this point you would have thought Kildare looked more like the Division One side as they were well on top and you felt if they could score next they would go on to victory. But this is what will infuriate the Kildare management, as they seemed to go into a shell and started to give away needless penalties, a trait which has let them down in the past. Deally reduced the arrears to 13-9 before Gerry missed a similar kick. The West Offaly men started to control matters and should have scored in the corner as they wasted a three man overlap, however it just delayed the inevitable as their out half, Tom Gilligan crossed to give them back the lead. Deally added the extras and this ding dong cup tie had swung in the favour of the visitors again.

The Lions then had chances to kill off the match but again greediness and white line fever seemed to take over as they wasted two guilt edge opportunities. Kildare then finally started to use the wind and found good field position just in the opposition 22. The forwards drove a lineout well and following some concerted pressure, the Offaly Lions substitute wing forward came in offside to not only give away the penalty, but he also got sent to the sin bin. The penalty was eight metres out so Kildare captain Alan Branigan elected to go for the scrum, which was a good decision as Kildare had been on top in this area and the Lions had only 7 in the pack. Kildare were patient from the scrum and didn't initially drive forward too quickly. But they kept the ball at Hopkins feet and gradually moved closer and closer to the line. Just as Hopkins was about the pick and dive over the Lions wing forward came in offside and the referee had no choice but to award a penalty try. Gerry put over the easy conversion to give his side a 20-16 lead going into injury time. So Kildare just needed to secure the kick off and clear their lines, unfortunately inexperience told and that didn't happen.

Eddie Hopkins gathered the kick off perfectly but his supporting players came in offside to give West Offaly a penalty. With four points between the sides they went for the corner for the lineout. Kildare were let off the hook as the throw in was crooked, but from the resulting scrum Johnny Reilly took on the responsibility of the kick but he failed to find touch. The winger ran back at Kildare and went through a

number of tackles before being hauled down just short of the line. However two quick rucks later and the ball was moved wide where Ronan McCormack dived over to the despair of the home players and support.

The conversion was missed but surprisingly the referee said there was time for the kick off. The Lions seemed to be doing what Kildare had failed to do as they secured the kick off and worked their way back up field. But Kildare managed to turn over possession and following good work from substitute Graham Fitzgerald and Sean Brady they were awarded a penalty. It was a long way out but knowing it was the end of the match Joe Gerry had to take on the kick. Unfortunately similar to the two earlier misses in the half he pulled his kick to the left and the referee blew the final whistle.

Although it was obvious Kildare were unhappy to have lost a match they should have won, the league is their priority. From a positive view, these two sides did not look two divisions apart. Indeed if results go to form they could actually meet again next season in Division 2. Next up for Kildare is a very important league match next Saturday at home to Railway Union. A bonus point victory is paramount for Kildare as their run in sees 3 out of their remaining 4 games at home.

NORTH KILDARE: 1 S.McCluskey 2 M.McInerney 3 G.Satchwell 4 A.Branigan(capt) 5 A.Seaman 6 N.McCann 7 R.Darcy 8 E.Hopkins 9 J.Reilly 10 J.Gerry 11 A.Seaman 12 S.Brady 13 R.Maguire 14 W.Holton 15 K.McDonald.


SUBS: D.Preston for McInerney H-T, J.Halpin for Satchwell 69 mins, G.Fitzgerald for McCann 72 mins, D.Toner for Branigan 78 mins.

North Kildare upcoming home fixtures:

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Tips for Healthy Hair

No matter what type of hair nature blessed you with, there are things you can do to keep it healthy, lustrous, looking its best. Here are some tips for a healthy head of hair from the tradition of **Ayurveda, the 5,000-year old healing tradition that originated in India:**

1. Like everything else about true, lasting beauty, healthy hair begins within your body. Start with your diet. Include lots of green leafy vegetables and sweet juicy fruits. Dairy products such as milk and fresh yogurt will also help. Fresh coconut is also considered excellent "hair food" - sprinkle grated coconut over salads, diced fresh fruit, or rice.

2. Cut down on refined, processed and canned foods. **Ayurveda** considers foods with artificial preservatives and chemical additives stripped of their inherent "intelligence" and therefore not helpful in supplying nutrition to your body and mind. Ice-cold beverages also hamper the process of digestion and assimilation of nutrients.



3. Cooking with certain spices adds flavor to your food and provides nourishment for your hair. Cumin, turmeric and black pepper are some "hair-friendly" spices. Add a healthy pinch of each to single-portion soups and stews as they are cooking. Saut - 1/8 - 1/4 teaspoon each of the three spices in a teaspoon of ghee (clarified butter) or olive oil and add to cooked veggies. Roasted ground cumin and ground black pepper can be sprinkled over fresh yogurt.

4. Stress can be seriously injurious to long-term health and colour of hair. Try and manage your time and tasks to minimize time-related pressures. Practice relaxation techniques such as meditation. Seek out tranquil sights in nature to help restore balance to your mind. Relaxing or uplifting music can be therapeutic. Get adequate, good quality sleep to help the natural process of rejuvenation.

5. Ayurvedic herbs that help hair health include Eclipta alba and Gotu Kola. Eclipta alba is called "Bhringaraj" - literally, king of tresses. It nourishes the hair and helps resistance to stress as well. Brahmi, sometimes called Gotu Kola, also helps balance the mind and nourishes the hair and scalp. Since Ayurveda considers the health, colour and lustre of hair so dependent on overall mind/body health, synergistic Ayurvedic herbal preparations for hair can also include herbs such as Country Mallow, which is supposed to strengthen the physiology, and Winter Cherry, which aids resistance to stress.

6. Stay away from harsh chemical topical products that can damage hair over time. Look for gentle, natural cleansers and conditioners, especially if you wash your hair more than three times a week. Shampoos and conditioners that contain nourishing botanicals are even better. Read labels carefully - sometimes, products that say "herbal" or "natural" can include no-no chemicals.

7. A warm oil scalp massage two or three times a week will help stimulate and moisturize the scalp. You can use good quality coconut, almond or olive oil. Ayurvedic hair oils also contain some of the herbs mentioned earlier. Apply some mildly warmed oil to your hair and gently massage into your scalp evenly with your fingertips. Leave on overnight if you can, if not, leave on for at least an hour or two, then get it out by shampooing your hair. The scalp massage helps you relax and aids sound sleep as well.

8. Never attack wet hair with a brush, no matter how rushed for time you are. Tangles in wet hair are best removed with a wide-toothed comb. Use a wooden comb if you can find one; it won't generate static electricity. Excessive blow-drying can damage hair in the long-term, making it brittle and causing split ends. If you can, let your hair dry naturally, then brush into place.

9. Last, but not least, brushing your hair regularly to stimulate the scalp will keep it looking healthy and lustrous. Brush each night in all directions in turn - left to right, right to left, front to back and back to front. Use smooth long strokes from scalp to hair-tips.

Your hair can indeed be your crowning glory if you treat it right!

Gardening in March

Perennials, Annuals & Bulbs

- Removing winter mulches from your flower beds- pull the mulch off gradually as the plants show signs of new growth. The purpose of winter mulch is to act as a protector from sudden changes of temperature and chilling winds, so keep in mind that it is still winter. Acclimatize your plants by removing the mulch over a period of days, allowing the light and air to reach the new growth slowly. It is much better to remove the mulch a little later than to remove it too early.
- Roses can be pruned this month. Severe pruning results in nicer long stemmed flowers and more compact bushes. Begin to spray roses for black spot.
- Feed roses.
- Sow seeds of summer blooming annuals indoors.
- Seeds that were started indoors last month may be transplanted from the flats into peat pots and given diluted fertilizer.
- If you have a greenhouse, it is time to take cuttings of 'wintered over' plants such as Coleus, Chrysanthemums, Geraniums, and other perennials.
- Alternating thawing and freezing can tear plant roots and even force the plant right out of its hole. If you notice any plants that have heaved, push them back into the earth, and tamp lightly with your foot.
- Divide and transplant summer blooming perennials and fertilize established ones as soon as new growth appears.
- Plant tender bulbs and tubers (gladiola, lilies and dahlias). You may continue planting additional bulbs every two weeks until mid June to ensure a continuous source of bloom.
- Prune winter Jasmine after flowering; cut honeysuckle back to 3ft.
- Cut back established penstemons. Divide snowdrops while in leaf.
- Remove all dead blooms from bulbs.
- Fertilize any bulbs that have finished blooming with bone meal or bulb booster.
- Plant Primroses and Pansies
- Pinch off tips of Sweet Pea seedlings and Mums, when they are 4 inches tall.
- Water all bulbs during times of growth and especially during foliage and bloom development. Irrigate summer-flowering bulbs during dry weather. Keep water off foliage and blooms.
- Fertilize tulips as foliage appears and make another application after flowering. Fertilize all other spring-flowering bulbs after flowering. Apply 2 pounds of 5-10-10 or 6-12-12 per 100 square feet. Daffodils and tulips should be fertilized again in early to mid-August.

Fruits & Vegetables

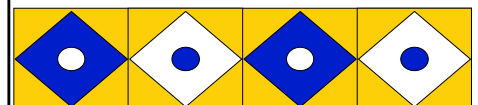
- Take a little time to prepare the vegetable garden soil for planting. The addition of well-rotted manure, processed manure, peat moss or

compost are good additives for building compost humus in the soil.

- Peas and sweet peas may be planted right now as well as perennial vegetables like Asparagus, Rhubarb, Horseradish and artichokes.
- Eggplant, brussels sprouts, cauliflower, celery, leeks, onions, early potatoes, and radish seeds may be planted in the garden about mid month.
- Spinach, Chard, Cabbage, Cauliflower, and other hardy vegetables can be seeded or set out late in the month.
- Plant Strawberries, Blueberries, Currants, Loganberries, Grapes, and fruit trees.
- Add some steer manure around your Rhubarb.
- Time to start tomatoes, lettuce, and many other vegetables from seed.

Shrubs & Trees

- In most areas it is still possible to do dormant spraying of fruit trees until the 15th, after that date dilute the spray by 1/2. Spraying should be done on a still day with the temperature above 40 degrees F.
- Late March and early April is a good time to transplant shrubs and trees. As soon as the soil is workable, but before buds have swelled or broken open, you can move shrubs and trees.
- Fertilize shrubs and trees if this wasn't done in February. Use an acid type rhododendron fertilizer to feed evergreens, conifers, broad leaf evergreens, rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias. Use an all-purpose fertilizer to feed roses and other deciduous trees and shrubs. If you use granular type fertilizers, be sure to water it in thoroughly.
- Finish pruning fruit trees this month - before the buds swell.



Houseplants

- * Houseplants will react to longer days and brighter light at this time by putting out new growth. The end of this month is a good time to pinch them back to generate new growth and to thicken them. You can then begin fertilizing again with a dilute solution of soluble houseplant food.
- * Turn your houseplants a quarter turn each week to make sure all sides of the plant receive adequate light, and to keep the shape of the plant balanced.
- * Mist or spray your houseplants to clean away the winter's dust, prevent Spider Mites and add a little humidity.
- * Remain vigilant in watching for insects and pests. It is much easier to win a 'bug war' if you are aware of the infestation in its early stages.



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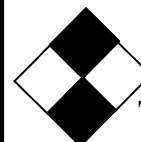
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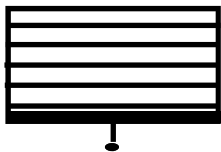
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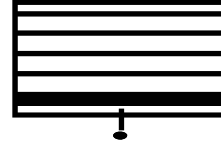
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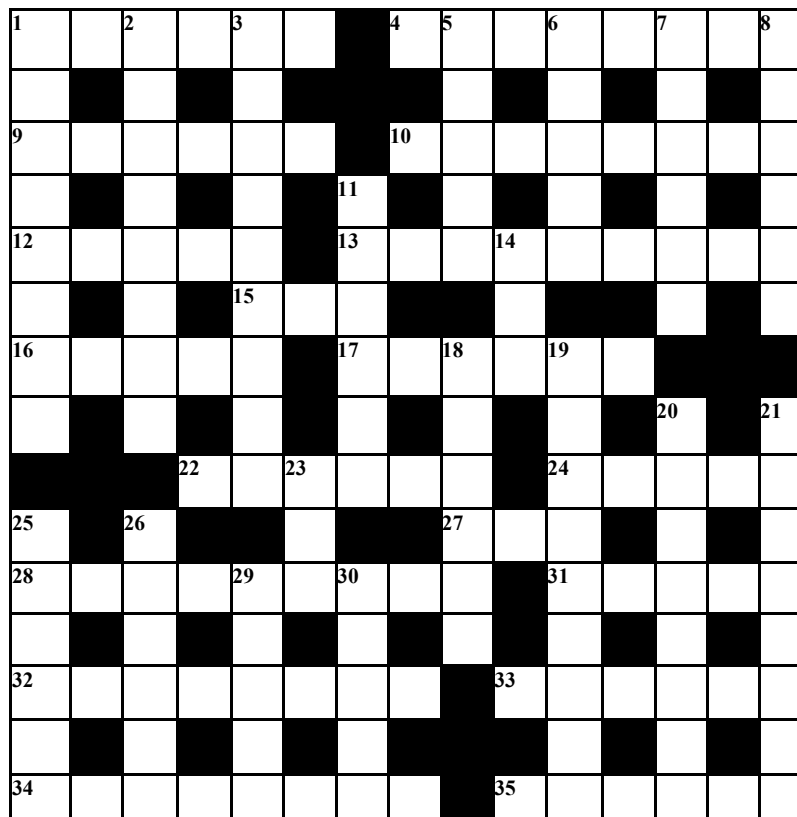
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March 2011 Crossword —No: 389

ACROSS

1. Ungainly or awkward (6)
4. Fouled, made unclean (8)
9. Chronicle or log (6)
10. Speaks or writes about briefly or in passing (8)
12. An extended stay in bed (3-2)
13. Existence beyond the grave (9)
15. Behave like thespian (3)
16. Chide or reprimand (5)
17. A pill for battle (6)
22. Stares at bright flowers (6)
24. Praise, laud (5)
27. Equip with weapon (3)
28. Gradually, little by little (9)
31. Poems about English racing venue (5)
32. Cancel or repeal, say a law (8)
33. Puts away for a tosser (6)
34. Guiding and directing, say a car (8)
35. Gave out light - like some worms?



DOWN

1. Inattentive and negligent (8)
2. Owner of Harriet Beecher Stowe's fictional Cabin (5,3)
3. Love songs under fair lady's window (9)
5. Open and unconcealed (5)
6. Not now, in a while (5)
7. Cancer is one, Capricorn another (6)
8. Crockery in general (6)
11. Baby's noisy toy (6)
14. A sea snake (3)
18. Dark rock of volcanic origin (6)
19. Like the forces of nature (9)
20. "A drowning man will clutch" (2,1,5)
21. Caught a brief view of (8)
23. Tv audience ratings (3)
25. Pointed poles as weapons (6)
26. Official order of ruling (6)
29. Avid, enthusiastic (5)
30. "..... Bread is soon forgotten" (5)

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“We are focussing on cutting business costs and freeing up credit lines to maintain jobs.”

“Local businesses will play a vital role in economic recovery and job creation. The small and medium enterprises sector directly employs 700,000 people around the country and it supplies the goods and services on which larger firms rely. Our plan recognises that local businesses, like many across Kildare at the moment, need every support they can get during these difficult times.”

“I want to ensure a dramatic reduction in the costs associated with running a business. I know that many companies in Kildare are struggling to get by and the issue of local authority rates in particular must be addressed. Fianna Fáil will impose rigorous efficiency targets on the ESB, Bord Gáis and Eirgrid, to ensure that the energy needs of all customers around the country are met and at a lower cost. Our National Energy Efficiency Action Plan includes measures to lower electricity costs for smaller businesses, with an overall target of achieving a national energy saving of 20% by 2020.”

“In addition to this, we will ensure more manageable rents for local businesses. The Office of Public Works will lead a coordinated effort to cut office rents by up to 15% and review the efficiency of rental arrangements in the public sector. We will also remove all developmental charges for any new business units that create jobs.”

“Under the Fianna Fáil plan, the prompt payment rule will be extended beyond Government Departments to the wider public sector. This means that all State agencies and public sector bodies will be forced to pay their bills to private sector firms within 15 days. On top of this, local authorities will be required to improve their efficiency and reduce the rates charged to businesses where possible.”

“We have provided for investments in small firms at their earliest stages of development, through Enterprise Ireland’s €175 million seed and venture capital programme and through the €500 million Innovation Fund. We plan to transform the old Business Expansion Scheme into a new and better focused Business Investments Targeting Employment Scheme. It will be quicker and easier for companies to become certified, and the maximum amount that they can raise within a twelve month period will be significantly increased.”

“Our plan also envisages that enterprise agencies work closely with small firms to help them improve performance, increase productivity, reach new markets and develop a greater online presence.”

“Local businesses are the backbone of our economy. Our plan makes it easier for entrepreneurs to start up a business and for existing firms to meet their costs,” concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

New car sales increasing as Fianna Fáil scrappage scheme works

Kildare North Fianna Fáil TD Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed the news from the Central Statistics Office that new car sales have increased substantially.



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This follows the extension of the car scrappage scheme by Fianna Fáil in Government.

“I was concerned at least €1 billion had been lost in tax revenue following the collapse of the new car market in 2009 which resulted in the loss of around 10,000 jobs in the industry. At least that number of jobs again was under serious threat at that time.”

“The first car scrappage scheme was brought in as part of Budget 2010 and proved to be an almost instant success.”

“In fact the scheme was so successful that it was extended in Budget 2011 for a further six months.”

“Figures from the Central Statistics Office show that the number of cars sold last month rose 30pc compared to January 2010.”

“Over 13,600 new private cars were licensed last month, up from just over 10,400 in January 2010.”

“I was interested to see that the Society of Irish Motor Industry think that the bad weather in January may have prevented some people from buy a new car and that they may do so in February or March.”

“The car scrappage scheme was a concrete plan that worked. Fianna Fáil have the real plan to see us through the challenging financial times,” concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Supports for Small Businesses

As a member of the Oireachtas Committee on Enterprise, Trade & Innovation, Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick has been a strong advocate for measures to support small and medium sized businesses. (SMEs)

Recognising that the SME sector is the bedrock of our domestic economy, Fianna Fáil has introduced a wide range of measures to support small and medium sized businesses. SMEs, which employ 700,000 workers out a total labour force of almost 1.9 million and account for some 270,000 Irish businesses, are the bedrock of the domestic economy. That is why over the past two years we have introduced a wide range of measure to support the sector, added Michael Fitzpatrick. Some examples -

- **Credit:** We have moved to stabilise the banking sector to ensure the free flow of credit to the SME sector. We are ensuring, via the Credit Review Office, that AIB and BOI meet their commitments to provide a total of €12bn in extra lending to the small and medium businesses between 2010 and 2011. Mr Trethowan has said that the situation is “continually improving” for small business borrowers and that the situation was much more positive for bank customers than it was six to nine months ago.
- **Employer Job (PRSI) Incentive Scheme:** We are extending the employer job (PRSI) incentive scheme to the end of 2011. To date 775 employers have been awarded exemptions in respect of 1,247 employees.
- **Review of REA and EROs:** We will complete a review to eliminate anomalies in Registered Employment Agreements (REAs) and Employment Regulation Orders (EROs).
- **Business Expansion Scheme:** We are transforming the Business Expansion Scheme to incentivise firms to employ staff.
- **Corporation Tax Exemption Scheme:** The 3 corporation tax exemption scheme for start ups has been extended to companies that set up in 2011.
- **Reducing Minimum Wage:** We are reducing the minimum wage because it acts as a barrier to employment in labour intensive sectors like retailing and tourism, where many jobs have been lost.
- **Car Scrappage Scheme:** The car scrappage scheme is being extended for a further 6 months to 30 June 2011.
- **Prompt Payment:** We are extending the 15 day prompt payment rule to the wider public sector.
- **Office Rents:** We have banned upward only rent reviews. The proposals of the Working Group on Transparency in Commercial Rent Reviews will be implemented.
- **Public Procurement:** We are overhauling the public procurement policy to ensure greater SME access to public contracts.
- **Professional Fees:** Competition in the professions will be promoted and overseen by an independent figure, reporting regularly to Government.
- **The Employment Subsidy Scheme:** The Employment Subsidy Scheme supported 1, 716 projects.
- **Enterprise Stabilisation Fund** – A total of € 86,197,006 was approved to support 230 companies under the Enterprise Stabilisation Fund.
(both schemes concluded in 2010)

Free Second Level Maths Support at NUI Maynooth.

The Mathematics Support Centre (MSC) in the National University of Ireland Maynooth (NUIM) provides free drop-in maths support for local secondary schools.

These sessions run on Thursday evenings from 6-8pm in Classhall E in the Arts Block, which is on the North Campus of NUIM. This support is not a replacement for the classroom, rather it is seen as a complement to the current services provided. It provides a relaxed, non-judgemental atmosphere for students so they can see maths as an approachable and accessible subject which can be discussed with their peers.

There are several experienced tutors and trainee teachers available to help and students can call in for as long as they want. They can come individually or in groups, they can come with questions or they can come to study. The tutors will help with any queries that the students have, however, under no circumstance will the tutors give solutions to homework. They will help with methods, work on similar examples and encourage students to study independently. The sessions are not grinds; rather they are student-led, in that students are encouraged to ask questions about any topics that they do not fully understand. Students should bring their class notes and books so the tutors can cover material with similar notation to that used in school. This service is available to all secondary students, from first year to leaving certificate regardless of level.

The local schools currently involved are Maynooth Post-Primary School, Scoil Dara in Kilcock, Coláiste Chiaráin and Confey College in Leixlip, and St. Wolstan's Community School and Salesian College in Celbridge. Last year approximately 160 individual students availed of this service over 600 times. Some of these students filled out questionnaires and were in general very happy with the service provided. Posters advertising the service were circulated to the schools in September and contact teachers in each school are regularly emailed with the relevant information. The Manager of the MSC has also visited a number of these schools to talk to staff and students about the service.

Full details of the service, including a map of the location, and the dates we are open are available on the website <http://supportcentre.maths.nuim.ie/secondlevel>. Some additional free online resources are also listed <http://supportcentre.maths.nuim.ie/resources> and there are also a number of very useful free websites that we regularly use, for example www.mathcentre.ac.uk, and <http://patrickjmt.com/>. This initiative is supported by the Admissions Office in NUIM. The MSC was established in NUIM in 2007 to provide extra support for the wide range of students studying maths. It is very successful and provides a friendly relaxed atmosphere where students are encouraged to ask questions without fear or embarrassment. It promotes independent learning and can give students the confidence to tackle maths problems on their own. There is evidence that the MSC has had a significant impact on students' performance and on their attitudes towards maths, this is especially true for students who regularly attend.

If you require any additional information you can contact the MSC at supportcentre@maths.nuim.ie.

Dr. Ciarán Mac an Bhaird



Maynooth Community Library

Children's Book Club

Children's Book meets one day per month at 3.30pm. There are places left so if you would like to join please contact the library at 01- 6285530 or ask at library desk for details.

Children's Chess Club

Thursday Evenings from 6.00 to 7.45pm

Library membership is required.

Parent and Toddler Group

A parent and toddler group meets every Wednesday morning in Maynooth Library at 10.00am. So come along with your toddlers and listen to a story or two and join in a sing-a-long.

Maynooth Film for All

Venue: JHL2 Lecture Hall, John Hume Building, NUI, Maynooth

The next film to be screened by Maynooth Film for All Club is "Ondine".

Starring Colin Farrell, Alicia Bachleda, Stephen Rea and Dervla Kirwan.

Ondine effortlessly mixes myth and fantasy with the life of a fishing community on the jagged seascapes of the wild southwest. Colin Farrell in the lead role finds himself believing that a beautiful stranger may well be a myth come true, a woman sent to change his life and a powerful force for love and hope.

For more information please ring Maynooth Community Library 01-6285530 or ask at library desk for details.

Polish Storytelling

Storytelling for toddlers in Polish takes place in Maynooth Community Library every Tuesday morning at 10am with Agnes.

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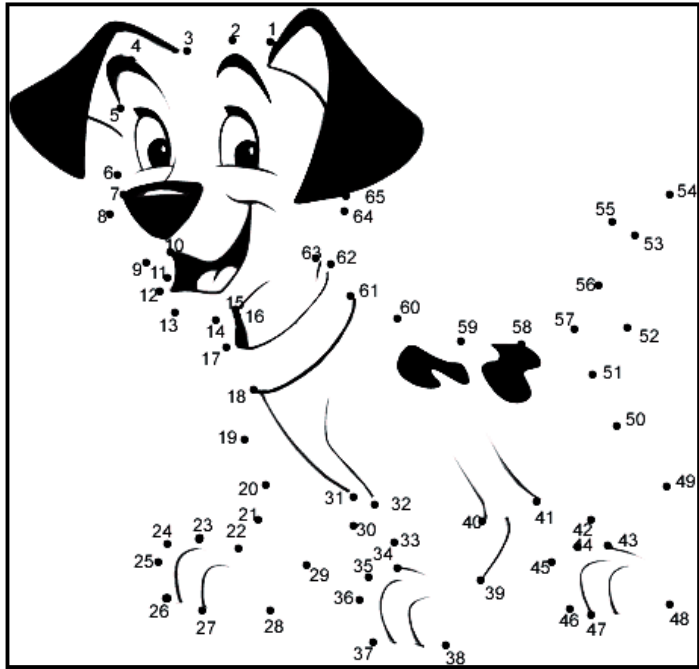
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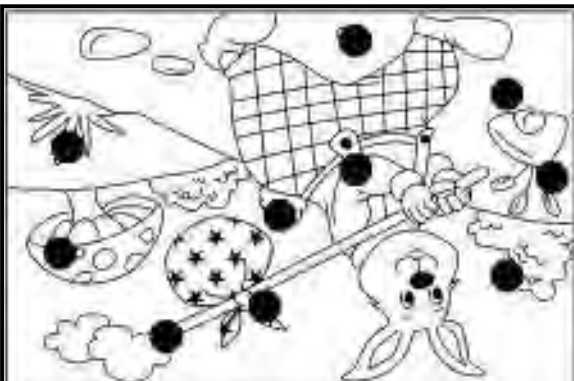
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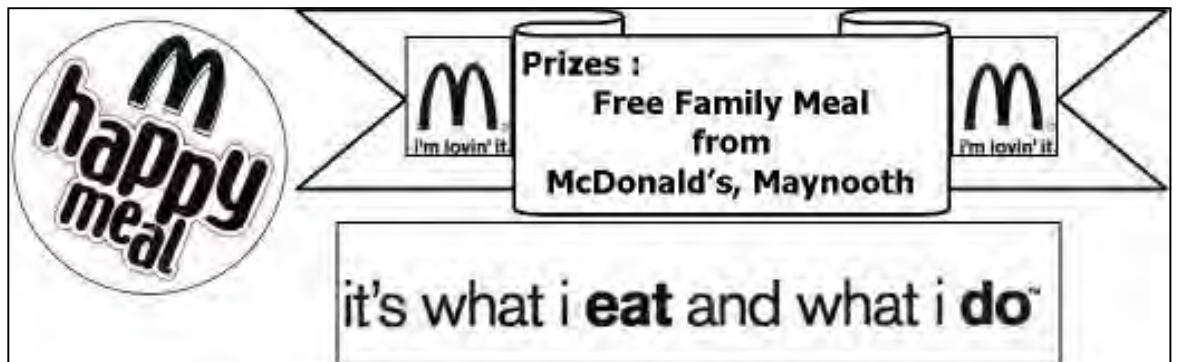
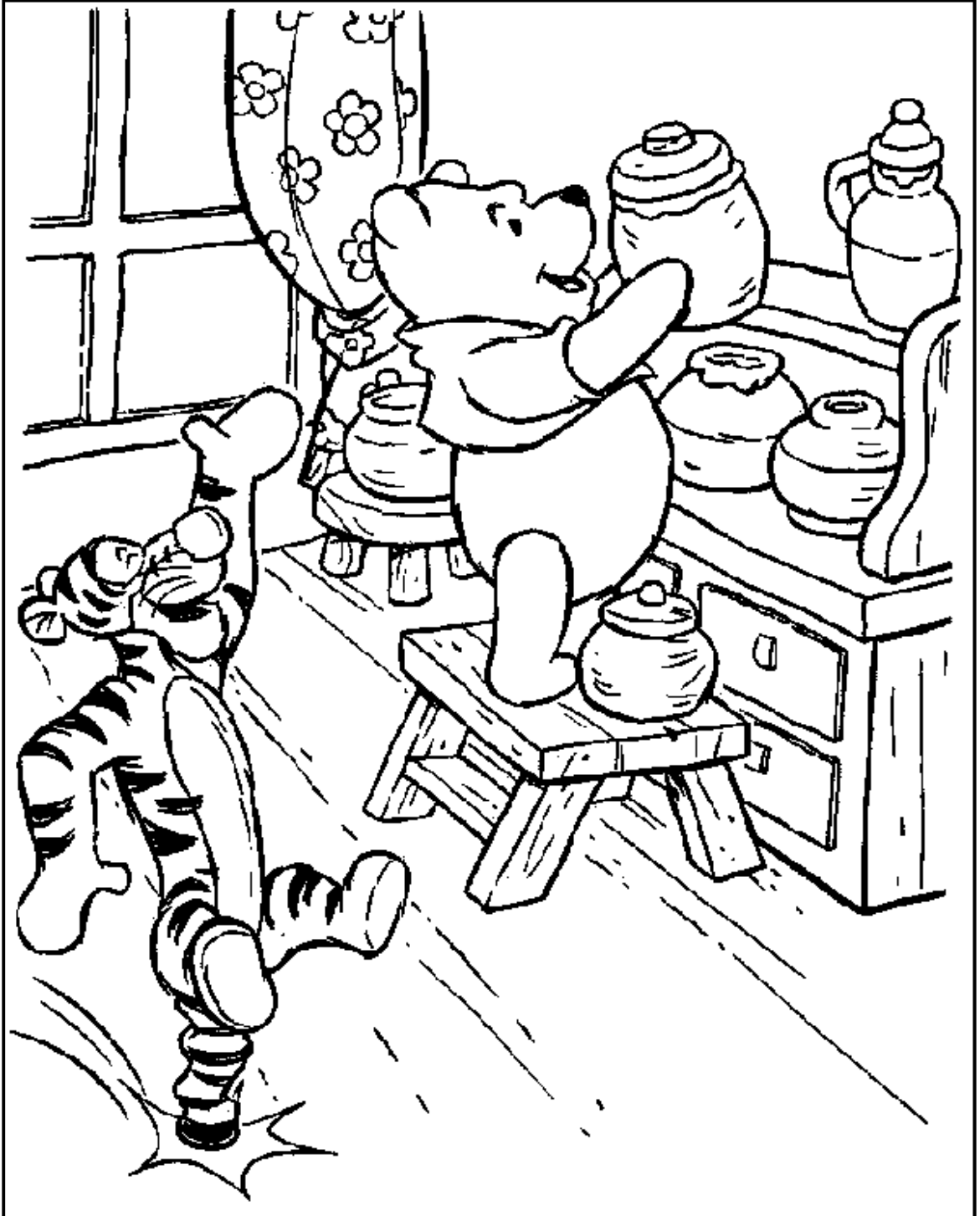
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GUI National Golf Academy, located in Maynooth, has introduced a new type of Full Day Golf Clinic, which incorporates the best of the National Academy, and the Championship courses at Carton House.

Having staged over 150 full day clinics in the last two years, the Academy is now introducing a clinic, combined with a playing lesson – which allows participants the ideal opportunity to spend some quality time with a professional at the Academy, before going out on one of the Championship courses at Carton House with the professional to hone their skills for real.

As there is golf involved, there are only four places available in each clinic. The day begins at 9am over coffee with your professional, as he gets to know each person attending, and what they hope to achieve from the day. From there you move to a warm up session, concentrating on stretches and short shots, working up to driver. A pre shot routine check followed by some putting practice concludes the first part of the clinic.

Lunch with your professional is followed by 18 holes on one of the Championship courses at Carton House, with you professional offering advice and guidance to each participant, from how to play types of shot, to etiquette, reading greens, coping with wind direction, difficult lies, rules and any aspect of the game that might occur during your round.

The day is concluded with a quick review of what has been covered, and you can retire to the lounge for a well deserved break!

The clinics are normally priced at €199, but as an introductory offer, you can book from until the end of March and save 10% on the price – at just €179, this day out is one to remember!

See www.learntogolf.ie for more details.

Recipes

Gratin Dauphinoise

Ingredients

1 garlic clove, crushed
butter
450g/1lb potatoes, thinly sliced
300ml/½ pint double cream
salt and freshly ground black pepper



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 170C/325F/Gas 3.
2. Rub a gratin dish liberally with the garlic and butter.
3. Layer the potatoes into the dish, making sure each layer is seasoned.
4. Pour over the cream and cook in the oven for 1¼ hours.
5. Turn up the heat to 200C/400F/Gas 6 and cook for a further 15 minutes until the top is golden. Serve.

Roast loin of pork with apple sauce

Ingredients

2.25kg/5lbs loin of pork, with the rind
2 tablespoons/30ml cider vinegar
1 tbl/15ml oil
2 tbl/30g coarse sea salt
8 bay leaves
8 unpeeled garlic cloves
3 fresh sage leaves
1 red onion, peeled and cut into wedges
600ml/1 pint chicken stock
1 glass red wine



For the Apple Sauce

900g/2lbs Bramley cooking apples, peeled, cored and sliced
4-5 tablespoons/60-75ml cold water
juice of ½ lemon
1tbl caster sugar
50g/2oz unsalted butter, cut into cubes

Method

1. Lightly score the pork rind, or ask your butcher or supermarket meat counter to do so for you.
2. For a crispy crackling: Place the pork onto a medium roasting tin. Take your pork over to the sink and pour boiling water from the kettle over the pork rind for about 30 seconds. Repeat 2-3 times. This oriental method helps tighten the skin and gives a crisper crackling.
3. To dry out the rind pour the cider vinegar over the joint and massage into the skin. Place the joint onto a plate and leave uncovered in the fridge overnight.
4. Preheat the oven to 220C/425F/Gas 7. Drizzle the olive oil over the pork and massage into the skin. Sprinkle over the salt. Place in the oven and cook for half an hour then reduce the temperature of the oven to 190C/375F/Gas 5 and continue to cook for a further 2 hours.
5. An hour before the end of cooking time add the bayleaves, garlic, sage and onions into the roasting tin.
6. Prepare the apple sauce: Place the sliced apple in a saucepan with the water

and lemon juice. Cook over low heat, stirring occasionally for about 12-15 minutes until the apples have softened. Stir in the sugar and whisk in the cubes of butter and keep warm. If cold apple sauce required, omit the butter.

7. When the pork is cooked remove from the roasting tray and allow to rest for 15 minutes in a warming place.
8. Place the roasting tray over a medium heat on your cooker or hob. Scrape any crusted bits from the bottom of the tray and add the chicken stock and wine. Boil and reduce until you are left with 300ml/½ pint of liquid. Strain the liquid into a gravy boat and skim off any fat.
9. Carve off the crackling in one piece and cut into portions. Serve the pork with roast potatoes, a selection of vegetables, gravy and apple sauce.

Sticky Toffee Pudding

Ingredients

For the pudding

150g/5oz dates, stones removed, chopped
250ml/9fl oz hot water
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
60g/2¼ oz butter, softened
60g/2¼ oz caster sugar
2 free-range eggs
150g/5oz self-raising flour



For the toffee sauce

200g/7oz butter
400g/14oz brown sugar
vanilla pod, split
250ml/9fl oz double cream

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/370F/Gas 4.
2. Mix the dates, bicarbonate of soda and the water together in a bowl and leave to soak for ten minutes.
3. In a clean bowl, cream the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.
4. Still stirring the butter mixture, gradually add the eggs, making sure they are well mixed in.
5. Still stirring, gradually add the flour, then add the date mixture.
6. Pour the mixture into a 20cm/8in square cake tin. Place into the oven and bake for 35-40 minutes, or until cooked through.
7. To make the sauce, melt the butter in a thick bottomed pan over a medium heat.
8. Add the brown sugar, vanilla pod and cream and stir well. Simmer for five minutes.
9. To serve, spoon out a portion of the pudding onto a plate and pour over the hot toffee sauce.



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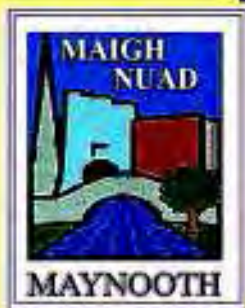


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Maynooth St. Patricks' Day Parade 2011

This was the 26th year for us to organise the Maynooth Parade and there is no doubt that it was one of the best that we have had for many years.

There were 41 entries in this year's Parade, the largest number of participants since 2000.

The lovely sunshine and the very high quality of the Floats helped to make it a fantastic day. It was great to see the local schools taking part and the very big crowd particularly liked the colourful display of the floats. It was obvious that a lot of time and effort went into their preparation.

On behalf of the Parade Committee I would like to thank the participants and all those who helped with the organising of what was yet again a very successful Parade.

I would like to thank all the businesses who contributed to ensure that we were not at a financial loss. In particular I would like to thank Willie Kiernan who provides, erects and operates his state of the art Public Address System every year free of charge. Also, we are very thankful to George O'Connor for providing the crowd control barriers.

John McGinley
Organiser, Maynooth's St. Patrick's Day Parade 2011



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Maynooth Toastmasters

Maynooth Toastmasters club held a speech and evaluation contest in Glenroyal Hotel on 14th March 2011.

The winner of the speech contest was Dara Keogh, and the evaluation contest was won by Brian McLoughlin.

They will represent the club in the area final on 29 March, in the Silken Thomas, Kildare Town.

The area consists of four clubs; Maynooth, Naas, Kildare and Athy.

Gerard O'Neill PRO



Coming to The Dunboyne Castle Hotel, Friday 15th of April...Casino Royale Night in aid of Barretstown. Doors open at 7.30pm for a fun casino experience, followed by a four course buffet style meal, Beatles tribute band, special guest...X-Factors Mary Byrne, DJ and late bar. All for €45.00 per person...limited to 320 tickets.

This event promises to be a stylish fun packed evening with the ballroom being transformed into Las Vegas. Everyone is given the same amount of casino chips on arrival (these have no value, it's just for fun and there is no extra cost)...there will be dealers at the blackjack and roulette tables to help anyone who is unfamiliar with the rules. Mary Byrne will be available to meet and greet after her performance. The music for the evening has been catered for all age groups and the hilarious Phil Baker will be your MC for the night.

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Curves of Maynooth Hosts Food Drive to Benefit Local People in Need

Curves of Maynooth is encouraging women in the area to show their philanthropic strength by participating in the 13th Annual Curves Food Drive. From April 1st, Curves of Maynooth will collect non-perishable items for Vincent de Paul. The goal is for the community to come together to help people in need. At the core of Curves is the message that women are stronger when they rally together, and that is the point we hope to bring home with our food drive. Non-members who donate a bag of groceries during the Food Drive can join Curves for free.

Each year, Curves clubs collectively donate millions of pounds of food to feed the hungry. Over the past five years, a total of nearly 54 million kilograms of food has been collected and distributed to local communities all over the world through the Curves Food Drive. We hope women in the Maynooth area will come together and participate in this initiative. Even if you're not thinking about joining a gym, you can still drop off your donations. There are so many people here in our own community who need our help right now.

For more information about Curves Maynooth, located at Block F, Unit 13, Maynooth Business Park and the Curves Food Drive, phone 01 6291000 or email curvesmaynooth@yahoo.com or visit www.curves.ie.

About Curves

Curves is a facility especially designed for women featuring a complete 30-minute cardio and strength-training program that has been proven to be clinically effective with a positive effect on body composition, metabolism, and resting heart rate. Curves appeals to women of all ages who want a fitness routine that differs from typical gyms, or struggle with their weight and fitness, find attending traditional gyms very intimidating or due to cultural beliefs find exercising in a mixed environment impossible. Curves Maynooth also offers the new Curves® Circuit with Zumba Fitness®, the only 30-minute class that mixes the moves of Zumba® with the proven strength training of Curves for a wildly effective workout.

MAYNOOTH MAN WINS FEIRM FACTOR

Maynooth man Gavin Satchwell celebrated on Sunday 20th of March as he was crowned Feirm Factor 2011. It was the third season of TG4's popular reality farming show with 12 contestants starting on the show 9 weeks ago. Gavin aged 25 from the Moyglare Road in Maynooth, came out top in the final and as well as the title of Feirm Factor, he also got to drive away with a brand new Land Rover Discovery 4 jeep. There was a huge crowd in attendance at the North Kildare club on the Sunday night to watch the recording of the show go out on air. Gavin plays rugby for the North Kildare rugby club.

Each week the 12 farmers from around the country compete in a number of tasks with one contestant eliminated X-Factor style each week. As one of the youngest contestants on the show, Gavin improved with each episode. In episode one he proudly wore his North Kildare jersey as he told viewers his two passions in life are farming and rugby, and oh his girlfriend if he gets time! Gavin lives on the family farm on the Moyglare road in Maynooth and also looks after their other farm in Athboy with his father Roger. The Satchwell family have a great tradition within the North Kildare club for both Rugby and Cricket.

Gavin has enjoyed making the show immensely. He got on well with everyone and has stayed in touch with most of the other contestants since filming the show. He admits he came across a bit shy and quiet at first as he found the cameras a bit daunting. But over the course of the series he has grown in confidence. Gavin has also enjoyed a bit of superstar attention around the town in Maynooth and has been recognised on a number of occasions. Gavin said it was an amazing feeling when he heard his name being read out as the winner, but even if he had not won, it had been an unbelievable experience appearing on the show.

The final was filmed from the beautiful grounds and rooms of Charleville Castle, Tullamore, Co.Offaly, and it was Gavin who got to drive away in style with the sparkling new Land Rover Discovery 4 jeep.



Gavin Satchwell

Editorial

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the town on the great parade that took place on St Patrick’s Day this year. It is a credit to the committee, to the Community Council office, the sponsors and all the participants who give their time for nothing. There will be a full report elsewhere in the paper. As usual, the Community Council holds the AGM this month and we would like to remind people that they can get involved in the local community. Maynooth does not have a statutory body like a town council or urban district council so this is the voice of the town and it does have an influence with the local authorities. There are a number of sub-committees of the Council as well and they would all be glad to have new members and participants.

The new government was obliged to ‘hit the ground running’ as the phrase goes and it seems to have had some reasonably good luck to begin with. The promised visit of President of the United States, Barak Obama, announced during the new Taoiseach’s visit to the White House, promises to raise the spirits in the country. The visit of Queen Elizabeth the second may not have quite the same effect but it does serve as a certain distraction from the unending doom and gloom that has knocked Ireland for six for the last few years. The early Irish believed that the king or the chieftain was the centre of their universe, their cosmos and that the health of the people and the wealth and the productivity of the land depended on him. The king of Tara was considered the most important and powerful king in the country and if he were not perfect in every way, this would have disastrous consequences for the entire population. The early stories are full of accounts of kings, good bad and downright unfortunate and if they fail it is usually because of bad judgment. The weather, success in war – everything depended on the goodness of the leader and his ability to be truthful.

Commentators in the media have already mentioned the improvement in the weather, the sporting success in cricket and rugby as well as the presidential visit as signs that things may be improving for this little country. They are following in the footsteps of our ancestors in seeing these are a sign of good government and that Enda Kenny may have the makings of a better Taoiseach than he was given credit for. It cannot be denied however that there are huge problems in store for all of us and that the previous lot seem to have made quite a mess of the European project as well. The word ‘default’ is being used more and more and the number of people who feel that we cannot sustain the dreadful burden of debt that we have lumbered with is growing. There are many European leaders who will be supportive of Ireland apparently if a decision is made to re-structure the debt. The Moriarty report that took years to complete and came to a couple of thousand pages is a testimony to the fact that there were people in every political party who were involved in shady dealings and the new Fine Gael led government will have to deal with the fall-out from that particular debacle.

The town is going through some major changes on the Kilcock Road in particular with the road works in advance of the new library and the closing of the old footbridge. But there are other more questionable decisions that do not make as much sense; the decision of the Department of Education to approve the proposal of the Vocational Education Committee to purchase 40 acres of land beyond Moyglare for a new 1,500 pupil second level school and other educational facilities is just baffling. This means that the post primary school would close and that there would be only one post primary school instead of two as had been the policy of the Department. These are the sort of issues that the Community Council are involved with and the reasons why more of the population should volunteer. Get in touch with the Office if you want to be a member of the Council.

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St. Patricks Day Parade 2011

This was the 26th year for us to organise the Maynooth Parade and there is no doubt that it was one of the best that we have had for many years.

There were 41 entries in this year’s Parade, the largest number of participants since 2000.

The lovely sunshine and the very high quality of the Floats helped to make it a fantastic day. It was great to see the local schools taking part and the very big crowd particularly liked the colourful display of the floats. It was obvious that a lot of time and effort went into their preparation.

On behalf of the Parade Committee I would like to thank the participants and all those who helped with the organising of what was yet again a very successful Parade.

I would like to thank all the businesses who contributed to ensure that we were not at a financial loss. In particular I would like to thank Willie Kiernan who provides, erects and operates his state of the art Public Address System every year free of charge. Also, we are very thankful to George O’Connor for providing the crowd control barriers.

Our other major sponsors were:

Thorntons Recycling, TESCO, Manor Mills Shopping Centre, Permanent TSB, Derrinstown Stud, Elite Confectionery, John & Fiona Merrick, Dermot O’Neill, Allied Irish Bank, Caulfields, The Roost, Glenroyal Hotel, Mary Cowhey, Maximus, PC Doctor, Brady’s Clock House, Greenfield Dry Cleaners, Carton House & Country Club

I would also like to thank the following:

- Paul Thornton of Thornton's Recycling for providing the reviewing stand and for sponsoring the Fintan Lawlor Pipe Band.
- Manor Mills Shopping Centre for sponsoring the St, Mary’s Brass & Reed Band.
- TESCO for sponsoring the St. Lawrence O’Toole Pipe Band.
- Elaine Bean, Melanie Oliver, Matt Callaghan, Willie Saults, Pat Farrell and David Moyonan for helping with the reviewing stand and putting out the crowd control barriers.
- Paul Croghan for taking on the task of Master of Ceremonies.
- George O’Connor for again providing the crash barriers free of charge.
- The Boys National Primary School for providing chairs for the reviewing stand and Marie Gleeson for providing the keys to the school.
- Homeworld Discount Store for the power supply for the public address system.
- Freda Kellegher for providing the plants for the reviewing stand.
- Larine House for storing our steps for the Reviewing Stand.
- Our guests on the Reviewing Stand.
- Catherine Murphy T.D. for being our guest speaker.
- Kildare County Council for supplying the No Parking Cones and Shay Corbally for storing them.
- All the stewards who yet again performed their tasks very professionally.
- The Parade Committee and to Brian Curtis and the Staff of the Maynooth Community Council for their great help.
- The residents of Greenfield Estate for their continued co-operation.
- All of the business people who did such a splendid job of decorating their shop windows.
- Patricia Moyonan for judging the Shop Windows each year.
- Finally, a special word of thanks to the Gardai for controlling the traffic so well.

The Parade Prize Winners were

Best Commercial Float.....	Party Mad, Celbridge
Best Club Float..... (Owen Byrne Memorial Trophy)	Educate Together Primary School
Best Band	St. Mary’s Brass & Reed Band
Best Portrayal of Irish Culture	National Learning Network
Best Portrayal of Environmental Awareness	Maynooth Tidy Towns
Best School Float	Presentation Girl’s School

The Shop Window Prize Winners were:

1. **K n B Music**
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3. **Maynooth Bookshop**

John McGinley,
Organiser, Maynooth’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade 2011

Maynooth Citizens Information Centre — Know Your Rights

Question

I have been working for the same company for over 10 years. Twelve months ago my company temporarily reduced the number of days I work each week from 5 days to 3 days. I have been claiming Jobseeker’s Benefit for 2 days of unemployment since. How long can I continue to claim Jobseeker’s Benefit?

Answer

If you have over 260 (5 years) PRSI contributions you are entitled to claim Jobseeker’s Benefit (JB) for 312 days of unemployment. This would represent 52 weeks or 12 months using the standard social welfare week of 6 days. As your working week was reduced **temporarily** from 5 days per week to 3 days per week you would have been assessed as a **systematic short time worker**. This means that your social welfare week is based on 5 working days so you are considered unemployed for 2 out of 5 days. Your Jobseeker’s Benefit for the 2 days that you are unemployed is calculated as two-fifths of your normal amount of Jobseeker's Benefit. This payment is not taxable. To find how many weeks you can claim JB for in total you divide your total entitlement of 312 days by the number of days you claim JB each week (2 days). This is 156 weeks. You have already claimed 52 weeks of JB so if you continue your current work pattern and continue to be treated as a systematic short time worker you would have 104 weeks left on your claim. However your situation may change since the Department of Social Protection will reassess a systematic short time worker’s Jobseeker’s Benefit claim if it goes on for an extended period and can be considered **permanent**. If the Department decides that it is unlikely you will return to full-time work with your company, you will be reassessed as a **part-time worker**. If you are reassessed as a part-time worker and continue your current work pattern you will be treated as unemployed for 3 days out of 6 (because the Department of Social Protection uses a 6-day working week for part-time working). Your payment will increase since you will be paid for 3 days of unemployment. However this income is taxable so you will probably have to pay tax. You must also show that you are looking for work. If you are reassessed as a part-time worker now and continue to work 3 days a week you would have approximately 69 weeks remaining on your Jobseeker’s Benefit claim. (You work this out by dividing the number of days remaining on your claim by 3.)

Question

I am looking at my census form and question 22 asks whether I provide regular unpaid personal help for a friend or family member with a long-term illness or disability. I look after my elderly parents and get Carer’s

Allowance from the Department of Social Protection. Does this count as payment?

Answer

Carer’s Allowance and Carer’s Benefit are not considered to be payment for the purposes of the Census so you should answer “yes” to this question.

Personal help includes regular daily tasks that the person receiving care is unable to perform for themselves. This will vary depending on the person but typically includes washing, dressing, feeding, shopping and medical visits. It also includes personal supervision essential for the safety and comfort of the person receiving care. There is a calculator on census.ie that you can use to work out how many hours a week you spend caring.

The Census website gives detailed information about each question to help you fill in the form correctly. The Central Statistics Office has published a “Step-by-Step Guide to Filling in the Census 2011 Form” in conjunction with the National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA). It is written in Plain English. It includes questions and answers about the census, dates to remember and a glossary of terms.

You can also ask your census enumerator for help if you are unsure about how to answer a question. Census night is **Sunday 10 April 2011**.

Question

I turn 17 in April and I want to learn how to drive a car. What do I need to do?

Answer

Before you begin to learn to drive on public roads in Ireland, you must hold a learner permit covering the category of vehicle you wish to drive. You must pass a theory test and get a theory test certificate before your first learner permit will be granted. If you take out a first-time learner permit after 4 April 2011 you must do mandatory Essential Driver Training (EDT) with an approved driving instructor (ADI). The course is 12 hours for car licences and 16 hours for motorcycle licences. (This measure has been in place for learner motor cycle drivers since 6 December 2010). You do not need to do the lessons if your first learner permit was issued before 4 April 2011. When you start your first EDT lesson, you will be given an official logbook by your ADI to record the details of your training and progress. A sample logbook is available on rsa.ie.

When you complete an EDT lesson, your ADI will stamp the relevant

section of your logbook and record feedback on how well or whether you met the lesson objectives. An ADI can only sign the lessons they have given so you must make sure that your logbook is updated by your ADI after each lesson.

For both car and motorcycles, you will have to present evidence of having taken the lessons before sitting a driving test (your logbook for car lessons or your certificate for motorcycle lessons). When you are learning to drive you must be accompanied at all times by, and be under the supervision of, someone with a current driving licence for a car. Also, the person accompanying you must have had the driving licence for **at least two years**. You can find a full list of approved driving instructors on the website of the Road Safety Authority at rsa.ie. You can get the application form for a learner permit (D.201) from your Motor Taxation Office or you can request Form D.201 by post through citizensinformation.ie. It is not available to download online.

Question

I’m just about to move into rented accommodation and I will be paying €1,000 a month. My new landlord lives in Australia. I’ve been told that I have to pay part of the rent to Revenue and that I am liable if I don’t do this. Is this correct and how do I do this?

Answer

It is correct. If your landlord lives outside Ireland and you pay rent directly to them or to their bank account located in Ireland or abroad, you must deduct tax at the standard rate (20% in 2010) from the gross amount that you pay. This deduction is tax payable to Revenue from your landlord's income. This means that you should deduct €200 from your monthly rent (€1,000 x 20% = €200). You pay your landlord the remaining €800 per month. The amount due to Revenue is the €200 per month that you deducted from the gross rent of €1,000. You must account to Revenue for the tax you deduct from the gross rent. This means that you must pay the deducted tax to Revenue. **If you pay tax under PAYE**, you can account for it by reducing your tax credits and Standard Rate Cut-Off Point. You can notify your local Revenue Office and ask them to arrange this. Alternatively, you can make a tax return (Form 12) and pay the retained amount to Revenue. **If you pay tax under self-assessment**, you should include the details of your rent on your annual return (Form 11). A notice of assessment will then issue to you, showing the reduced credit.

If you fail to deduct tax from rent you pay to a landlord living outside Ireland, this means that you (and not the landlord) will be liable for any tax which should have been deducted. At the end of the year, you must give a completed Form R185 to the landlord to show that the tax has been

accounted for to Revenue. The landlord can then claim this amount as credit on their annual Tax Return.

Question

What are the changes to One-Parent Family Payment? I head that it will be discontinued when your child turns 14. I have three children who are all under 14 at the moment. How will this affect me?

Answer

This change will not affect you in the short term. From April 2011, **new** claimants will no longer get a One-Parent Family Payment once the youngest child in the family reaches 14. There will be some limited exceptions to this rule including lone parents who are getting Domiciliary Care Allowance on behalf of children with a disability or people parenting alone because of a recent bereavement. If you are currently getting One-Parent Family Payment the new age limit will be phased in over 6 years as follows:

Phasing-in of new age limit	
2011 and 2012	The age limit will remain 18
2013	The age limit will be 17
2014	The age limit will be 16
2015	The age limit will be 15
2016	The age limit will be 14

This means that there is no change to your entitlement to the payment in 2011 and 2012. From January 2013 you will no longer be entitled to the payment when your youngest child reaches 17 and from 2014 when your youngest child reaches 16 and so on. In 2016 your youngest child must be under 14 for you to continue to get the payment. If you are entitled to a One-Parent Family Payment based on the age of the youngest child in the family, you will continue to get an Increase for a Qualified Child for any children in the family until they reach 18 (or 22 if in full-time education).

Information is also available online at citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, Lo-call 1890 777 121 or (021 4521600).

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

I would like to start by thanking our most generous community for their response to our annual collection. Despite the economic downturn and the restrictions now put on our fundraising, we still managed to raise €2,525 after Masses in Maynooth and Ladychapel. Many thanks to Frs. Liam / Paul for their help in this regard. As most of you know, all monies collected is spent on Fuel throughout the winter months, transport to all activities including church attendance, club activities, Tea- Dances, outings, safety and security for our older people. Administration, food for parties etc. is donated by the committee members. So everyone plays their part and it works. This is a community at it's best.

Our Valentine's Tea-Dance was an enjoyable occasion for all, not least for John and Leah from Castleknock and Cloncorry respectively, who won the competition for the most romantic couple of the evening. The best Valentine card was won by Marie Murtagh from Longwood. Many thanks to the G.A.A for making it all possible.

Our next Tea-Dance will take place on April 17th and I hope all our members are busy making their bonnets in between their Lenten prayers, and while you are at it don't forget your needle work and paintings etc for our Bealtaine competition on May 15th.

Finally I would like to thank St. Patrick's Foundation for selecting our committee to receive their annual award in recognition of our work in the community. Our organisation has been in existence for forty six years and many of our past members worked quietly away often without being noticed. Those who readily spring to mind are John and Mary Cullen, Marie Kelly, Carmel Reilly, Bridie Brady, Bill Cowhey and Paddy Desmond to name but a few. I gladly accepted this award on behalf of past and present members.

Josephine Moore.

Chairperson.



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BAND BULLETIN

The Band has successfully come through one of the busiest months of the year and are now settling down to plan the remainder of what looks like being an equally busy 2011.

The highlight of last month was the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Maynooth where we were blessed with one of the best days in recent memory. The sun shone all through the morning and the band looked a picture in their “Winter” fleece jackets which are a temporary solution to the difficulties we are having with our current uniform with regard to both sizes and quantity. However we live in hope that the new Government will bring in another five point plan to help the many bands throughout the country suffering the same funding problems as we here in Maynooth are having. Naturally we were extremely pleased to win the Best Band award in the parade as it means a lot to the Band having been the originator of the Maynooth Parade many years ago.

We had little time to rest on our laurels as Kilcock was the next stop on our list and thankfully the good weather followed us and it was a very successful parade indeed.

A few days later the Band came together again for our Annual General Meeting and our Paddy's Day success followed through to the meeting and there was a very positive feeling in the air. A feature of recent AGM's has been the attendance of Parents of band members, some of whom have been elected to committees and who have made a very important contribution to both the meetings and also their help and support throughout the year. The Committee elected to manage the affairs of the Band for 2011 is as follows:-

Chairperson:	Cliff Murphy
Vice-Chairperson:	Michael Dempsey
Secretary:	Melanie Oliver
Asst. Secretary:	Catherine Heslin
Treasurer:	Elaine Bean
Asst. Treasurer:	Ciaran Byrne
PRO:	Paddy Boyd
Asst. PRO:	Eoin McCormack
Parents' Reps.:	Mary Flood and Colm O'Connor
Committee:	Marsha Brazil, Peter Brazil, Kevin Boyd, John Curran, Michelle Doran, Theresa Curran.

We are currently rehearsing intensively for the National Band Championships taking place on Saturday 9th April in the Helix Theatre in Dublin. This is the biggest Band Competition in the country and we are making a return to this area after a number of years on the basis that we have a young and enthusiastic Band as it will be an invaluable experience for them which will stand them in good stead for the future.

We are always happy to hear from musicians, particularly Tuba, Trombone and Euphonium, living in the area who would be interested in playing with us and you are welcome to join us in the Band Hall at Pound Lane any Monday night (Bank Holidays excepted) between 7.45pm and 9.15pm.

Finally the Band are this year celebrating the 80th Anniversary of it's reforming in 1931 and we are currently updating a history of the Band last produced in 1981. We would be glad to hear from anyone with old photos, newspaper cuttings, stories or indeed anything that might be of use to the band in compiling the next publication which we hope to have ready before the end of the Summer. Please contact us on 087 2537 906 or patrickboyd@eircom.net if you have anything which you may feel might be of benefit in relation to our history.



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NORTH KILDARE PROMOTED!

NORTH KILDARE 31 MALAHIDE 17

North Kildare have made an instant return to Division 2 after a superb win over league leaders Malahide, after one of the best games of rugby witnessed at the Maws in recent years. Both sides showed they will certainly have nothing to fear when they go up a level next season in a match which was played at brake neck speed with some brilliant attacking rugby. Kildare went out with a great attitude and raced into a 24-0 lead. But Malahide showed why they have been runaway league leaders coming back with two tries, and for a period it looked like they may pull off an amazing comeback. However Kildare managed to keep them out with some desperate defending, worked their way back upfield and Sean Brady scored an excellent individual try. Ironically Malahide only needed one more point to win the league before yesterday so when they scored a 3rd try they went in desperate search of a 4th to get the bonus point they needed. Again Kildare's defence stood up and they were the team celebrating at the final whistle, denying the North Dublin side the chance to lift the Division 3 trophy, for at least two weeks anyway.

Similar to last week Kildare got off to another flyer. Good work from the pack released the backs, Will Holton and Ray Maguire combined well and Malahide killed the ball five metres out. With a statement of intent North Kildare captain Alan Branigan put his trust in their strong scrummage electing for the five metre scrum. The scrum inched forward and as it stopped the referee told Joe Gerry to use it, in fact he did more than that as he spotted a gap to dive over. He then added the conversion as North Kildare set the tone for the way they were going to approach the match.

Malahide came back well and showed some slick hands across their pacy backline. But it was Kildare who scored next as Gerry put in a monster penalty kick from just inside his own half to make it 10-0. The game was being played at the frenetic pace, at this point any score line looked possible as both sides attacked at the sniff of an opportunity. Twice it looked as though the Malahide number 14 was in for a try but desperate last gasp tackles from John Houlihan and Richie Seaman denied him. Despite being ahead Kildare were still making some tactical errors, as too often they kicked to the dangerous Malahide backs. Up front Kildare were on top with Seaman managing to steal two vital Malahide throw in's. From a Kildare lineout Seaman produced a beautiful off the top ball to release the back line. Will Holton then hit the line perfectly and looked to be in only for the full back to just stop him. Still Kildare recycled the ball well and after good passes from Branigan and Joe Halpin, Scott McGrath crossed in the corner for an excellent team try. Gerry had his kicking boots on as he knocked over the difficult conversion to make it 17-0.

On the half hour Kildare received a penalty and kicked for the corner. Although Morgan McInerney's throw did not reach its target, the ball made its way back to North's out half Kenny McDonald. As he sized up his options the Malahide pack seemed to have switched off and hadn't covered across so McDonald didn't need to be asked twice and he raced through to touch down under the posts for try number 3. Again Gerry added the extras and with half time approaching Kildare were amazingly 24-0 up with 3 tries in the bag.

Unfortunately they must have felt it was half time already as a lapse of concentration allowed Malahide get in the corner to pull back one of those tries. They missed the conversion but the try gave them a glimmer of hope and they also had the incentive of a strong

wind behind them for the 2nd half.

Sure enough that wind had picked up and the Malahide out half astutely used it well in those opening moments of the 2nd half to pin Kildare back. Kildare though did well and managed to clear their lines with backs and forwards combining in a good move up the field. They were awarded a penalty and again Branigan turned down the possibility of 3 points to kick for the corner. This time the gamble didn't pay off as the visitors robbed it. Still Kildare attacked well On a ruck at halfway Malahide managed to turn over possession and hack downfield. With 4 defenders back it looked as though Kildare would be able to keep the ball and find the safety of touch, however the pass went astray, there was another hack forward and the Malahide centre touched down for a messy try. The conversion was missed though so at least Kildare were safe in the knowledge that they still held a 14 point lead.

Buoyed on by this score Malahide started to turn the key, and showed great tactical awareness as their out half used the conditions to get them down into Kildare territory, before showing how useful they were with ball in hand. Only desperation and at times pure luck kept them out as they had the home side on the rack. Credit to Kildare's pack though as they repelled two five metre scrums and then somehow turned over possession and Joe Gerry found the safety of touch, preceding two kicks which hadn't.

From the lineout Malahide were penalised and Kenny McDonald brought Kildare into the opposition 22 with the kick. This time Kildare drove the lineout and made good ground to within 10 metres of the Malahide line. Eventually the visitors brought the lineout down so Gerry moved the ball out to his backs. McDonald passed onto Sean Brady and like his try last week he firstly showed great strength to break the tackle and then great speed to beat the cover and touch down to the left of the posts to give Kildare the bonus point and surely the win. Gerry added the conversion to make it 31-10.

Again though Kildare allowed the visitors back into the match as they were awarded a slightly dubious score after Ray Maguire failed to gather a cross kick, although it certainly looked like the Malahide winger had dropped the ball also but the referee awarded it. They added the conversion to set up a grandstand final 4 minutes as they searched for a league winning try.

And they certainly came close to it as they threw the kitchen sink at Kildare's line but some great tackling and counter rucking managed to keep them out for a famous victory. It was a strange scene for the away side at the final whistle as the Kildare players and supporters rejoiced and the home side held their heads in their hands and had to put the champagne on ice for the next two weeks. It still looks inevitable that they will win the title but Kildare will point to the fact that they pushed them to the final game and more importantly that they didn't win it on their patch!

It is hard to pick out individual performances on a day where every player gave it their all for the cause. Up front Kildare certainly came out on top and if you had a tackle count both props would have been very high on it, and in these days of tactical substitutions both were still tackling after 80 minutes of an extremely fast match. Again the back row were everywhere as all 3 put their bodies on the line, with Hopkins in particular making a nuisance of himself every time Malahide attacked. The 2nd row combination complement each other well with Branigan's experience and wily old head dovetailing perfectly with Seaman's athleticism and youthful exuberance.

The backs also tackled like demons and showed their scoring prowess by finishing off all 4 scores. Joe Gerry's placekicking which at times this season has wavered, was absolutely spot on. Ken McDonald marshalled his backline very well and Sean Brady is revelling in his role at 1st centre. Scott McGrath had one of his quieter games yet still got on the scoreboard with Maguire and Holton

making important contributions and there was never any doubt that John Houlihan would make his tackles at 13.

Next week Kildare play Clondalkin in the 1st round of the Towns Plate competition and this is a revenge mission of sorts for Kildare as the Kingswood side defeated them in the final of the same competition last season. The week after Kildare welcome Balbriggan to the Maws for the final league match and despite being guaranteed promotion they will want to finish the campaign on a high with victory.

NORTH KILDARE: 1. J. HALPIN 2. M. McINERNEY 3. G. SATCHWELL 4. A. BRANIGAN (CAPT) 5. R. SEAMAN 6. N. McCANN 7. R. DARCY 8. E. HOPKINS 9. J. GERRY 10. K. McDONALD 11. R. MAGUIRE 12. S. BRADY 13. J. HOULIHAN 14. S. McGRATH 15. W. HOLTON
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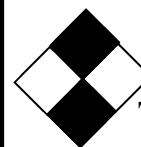
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This was a magnificent achievement for the boys, as they defeated over twenty schools, each of whom had already won their own local area Credit Union Quiz. The team now qualifies for the Credit Union All Ireland Finals which will be held in the RDS on April 3rd. Best wishes to the boys and their coach Mr. Cathal Fenton.



Callum McCabe, Michael Diamond, Michael McBrearty, Ben Carroll with their Coach Mr. Cathal Fenton

Maynooth Musical Society

AGM

Maynooth Musical Society will be holding their annual general meeting this April 10th 2011 in O'Neills Pub, Maynooth at 7pm.

There will be elections to the new committee on the night, among a few other items. If you would like to nominate yourself for any position or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at maynoothmusicalsociety@gmail.com or phone **Kellie 085-8214494**.

Maynooth Musical Society Raffle Winners

After our successful musical 'Godspell', we are pleased to announce the winners of our Raffle.

€300 - Andrew Docherty, Kilcock

€200 - Deirdre Glynn, Maynooth

€100 Aoife Leonard, Celbridge.

We would like to thank everyone in the local community who have supported us from the beginning and continue to do so.

If you would like any information, don't hesitate to contact us at: maynoothmusicalsociety@gmail.com

Thank you in advance

Kellie Fagan
Vice-Chairperson/Secretary

Maynooth Musical Society
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Dear Editor,

I have been the Chairperson of the Maynooth Geraldine Festival for the past 7 years. It was enjoyable at the start when I first took it over; but in the last 4 years it's become painstakingly difficult to provide decent entertainment for the people of Maynooth. The Festival consisted of various events; for example we organised table quizzes that were originally very popular but now we seem only to get 10 -12 teams. There was music, song and dancing in the town square, although there was great craic, there may only be 20 people watching it now and that is if we're lucky. Originally there was loads of entertainment in the pubs but now it's a thing of the past.

But there are other events that appear to be very popular. The evening's entertainment in the Castle always goes down a treat, with a performance from the Maynooth Brass & Reed Band, Rita Doyle and Catherine Maher's Dancers, contributions from the history group and others and an outdoor Art Exhibition by the Castle Keep Art Group, the Nuadha Players get a great audience for their plays. The other popular events are: The Family Day organised by the Scouts, the 7- aside inter-estate soccer and the poster competition for the schools.

I am writing this letter as I feel the Festival needs a kick and I want you the people of Maynooth to write to the Newsletter with suggestions as to how you would like your Festival to improve and develop in the future.

The Community Council has decided that we are going to have a Cultural festival this year but I would also like to provide lots of entertainment if we can so please write in with your suggestions. This is your Festival, it is your entertainment.

I would like to thank you in advance and I am looking forward to hearing from you and to seeing you at the Festival events.

Yours sincerely
Andrew McMullon
Chair,
Maynooth Festival

Maynooth Community Library

Children's Book Club

Children's Book meets one day per month at 3.30pm. There are places left so if you like to join please contact the library at 01-6285530 or ask at library desk for details.

Children's Chess Club

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Parent and Toddler Group

A parent and toddler group meets every Wednesday morning in Maynooth Library at 10.00am. So come along with your toddlers and listen to a story or two and join in a sing-a-long.

Maynooth Film for All

Venue: JHL2 Lecture Hall, John Hume Building, NUI, Maynooth 6th April
The next film to be screened by Maynooth Film for All Club is "Katalin Vagra" Starring Hilda Peter, Tibor Palffy, Norbet Tanko and Melinda Kantor. So potent is this film's gothic atmosphere that you might imagine you were watching some rediscovered treasure from an Eastern Bloc archive instead of the debut film of a British director Perer Strickland. The film's gripping narrative twists through the cross-country odyssey of the films heroine Katalin Varga and her young son.

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Maynooth Community Council Meeting 7th March 2011

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

1. Professor Tom Collins addresses Maynooth Community Council

Acting NUIM President, Professor Tom Collins, addressed the meeting, outlining his vision for the university and the town. His concept was one that was based on connections between heritage and science, and drew on the origins of Maynooth, with its historic Pugin buildings, the Castle and Carton, and nearby Castletown and Intel. Sustainability was important in any reconfiguration of Maynooth, and he would be appalled at developments that prevented children from being able to walk or cycle to school. He liked the idea of having sustainable community activities on campus, such as country markets and children's play areas. He invited the Community Council to join in working on this idea over the next six months.

Prof. Collins stressed the importance of the University for the economy of Maynooth, and said that the staff and students were worth perhaps twenty five million euro to the town per annum. He understood the tensions that a large undergraduate population could bring to the town, and he acknowledged that co-existence was not always easy. He said that the University Health and Safety Officer was responsible for student behaviour.

Paul Croghan (PDO, Tidy Towns) said that students were a lost resource, and that the University hadn't fostered a culture of volunteering in the town, mentioning *Maynooth Newsletter* and the Tidy Towns effort as suitable activities for this. He asked Prof. Collins to help change this situation.

Josie Moore (Senior Citizens Committee) recalled that in previous times there had been a great link between the town and the college, and that both clerical and lay students had helped with the Senior Citizens activities at that time.

Tom McMullon (Vice-chairperson) said that he would like to see floats from the university in the St Patrick's Day parade.

Colm Ó Cearúil (Chairperson) said that there was a need to go forward to the next step with contact with the University. Prof. Collins said that he would delegate a person to liaise with the Community Council.

2. Concern continues about new VEC Campus at Moyglare Hall

Concerns were expressed again about VEC plans for a multi-school campus in Maynooth. The VEC has acquired a 40 acre site at Moyglare Hall, and, it is understood, plans to build a new 1,500 pupil school building at this location, into which an enlarged

Maynooth Post Primary School would move.

Apparently the Boys National School would also move to this site. Maynooth Community Council had written to the Department of Education for clarification on policy and plans for Maynooth, and to express concern at the location of the purchased lands, but had only received a 'holding response' which contained no new information.

Councillor John McGinley (Labour) said that the proposed size of Maynooth Primary School on the new campus – 1,500 instead of the present 1,000 – was an issue.

P. Croghan said that a similar campus had been developed on the outskirts of Naas. In this case – unlike the situation with proposed plan for Maynooth – there were other schools in the town at other locations, so that people had a choice. Even so, the multi-school campus at Naas could only be accessed by car, via a roundabout. He said that the proposed location of new campus in Maynooth was too far for most students to walk to, and that parents would have to drive their children to school, which would create traffic chaos in the town. He thought that there should be a second post-primary school in Maynooth, perhaps sited on the Celbridge Road. This would also offer a choice of school to parents.

Deirdre Cullen (PRO, Planning and Development Sub-committee) said that two different issues arose in relation to the proposed campus. One was the location of the school, and whether it was sustainable in terms of students being able to access it on foot. The other was the policy of having large schools and multi-school campuses. She said that in her opinion the proposed location was unsustainable because students who lived further away than the Moyglare area would not be able to walk to school. Heavy schoolbags were also a factor limiting the distance pupils could walk. She suggested that Maynooth Community Council should inform itself about the thinking behind the policy of having larger post-primary schools and multi-school campuses, and should invite representatives of the Department of Education and the VEC to address a forthcoming meeting about this new idea.

It was agreed that the Community Council would write to the Department again, demanding more information and expressing concern. Gabriel Martin (Nuada Players, Leinster Park Residents Association) suggested that a letter should also be sent to the VEC.

3. Road markings in Maynooth need to be repainted

A letter had been received from Kildare County Council in response to a letter from the Community Council reporting the poor state of road markings in the town and requesting that they be repainted, and also asking for road sweeping to be done more regularly. The County Council's response said that no funding was available for either of these activities at present. J. McGinley said that in fact there were funds available.

P. Croghan said that there was a danger of someone falling at the ramp on the Moyglare Road due to poor marking.

4. Fallen tree on Carton Avenue

D. Cullen said that a lime tree along Carton Avenue had fallen over and that it was important that it was replaced so as to maintain the symmetry of the planting. It was agreed that the Planning and Development Sub-committee would write to the County Council and to Carton, to ask that the tree be replaced.

5. Town Council Status

C. Ó Cearúil said he thought that the Community Council should now renew its efforts to obtain a town council for Maynooth. He circulated a copy of the submission – put together by a group chaired by P. Croghan – that the Council had made some years ago. He said that this was an excellent submission, and asked the community councillors to read it before the next meeting so that it could be discussed, with a view to taking the project forward. He said that a list of the populations of towns that already had town council status showed that Maynooth was entitled to the same status.

6. Youth Café project urgently needs volunteers

Hugh Gallagher (Chairperson Youth Café Committee) said that he had circulated a questionnaire to the schools regarding the proposed Youth Café, and had written to Kildare County Council seeking funding. He was concerned that the promised premises at Manor Mills had not yet become available. He said that the project urgently needed ten additional adult volunteers – people who would undergo Garda vetting, and would be trained to work with young people and help run the Youth Café's activities. D. Cullen suggested that the best source of volunteers might be the parents of young teenagers, with children in sixth class at primary school or in junior cycle at secondary school, as these were stakeholders whose children would benefit from the Café. H. Gallagher said that so far he only had five volunteers. This was not enough and without more volunteers the project could not go ahead. He appealed to the community councillors to ask suitable people to come forward.

7. Canet twinning project progressing well

Eddie Tobin (Twinning Sub-committee) reported that school pupils from Canet-en-Roussillon would make their return visit to Maynooth shortly. The pupils would stay with host families, spend some time at school and visit local historical sites. There would be continued liaison with NUIM about swimming and rugby club visits to Canet. Some members of Maynooth U3A might also visit the town. It was hoped that the charter formalising the twinning would be signed soon. It would be written in four languages: Irish, English, French and Catalan.

8. Tidy Towns

Mattie Callaghan (Tidy Towns Committee) said that twelve volunteers had recently cleaned the area between Manor Court and the Old Ball Alley. P. Croghan said the bi-annual clean-up walk from Maynooth to Leixlip would take place on Saturday 12 March. Maynooth and Leixlip volunteers would start at their respective towns and meet halfway. The canal banks would also be cleaned. Refreshments would be provided by Carton House. M. Callaghan complained that cable ties had been left up after the election and suggested that in future they should be colour-coded in order to detect the culprits. He also said that the bollards in the town were too dark, posed a threat at night, and needed to be marked so as to be visible.

D. Cullen PRO

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North Kildare Rugby

NORTH KILDARE PROMOTED - REACTION.

Back in late September as North Kildare came off the field at the Iveagh Grounds up in Crumlin, no one was talking about or even contemplating promotion. Kildare had lost the 2nd of their 5 round robin matches and had left themselves an up hill battle to even qualify for the top section of the super 6 league. They managed to get through after a bonus point victory at home to Balbriggan and some other favourable results went their way, but they were under no illusions massive work had to be done if they had any hope of gaining promotion back up to Division 2. They started well with a hard fought victory over rivals Athy. That was followed up with a convincing win away to Railway Union before losing narrowly to Malahide in a match which was switched to their ground due to the bad weather. Due to that switch Kildare were now in the middle of 4 away matches which would make or break the season. Despite a scare or two they won in Balbriggan and in hindsight the draw in Athy then turned out to be a vital result as it was a day where they certainly didn't play to their potential. Unspectacular home victories against Carlow IT and Railway kept them on course, but certainly the bonus victory in Carlow gave the confidence the shot it needed for yesterday's victory. Club captain Alan Branigan said " This team has developed so much over the course of this season. So many guys have come through and stood up to the plate. We have a great blend of youth and experience. Younger lads like Morgan (McInerney) and Joe (Halpin) have come in and done a great job. And my job has been made so much easier by having guys like Eddie (Hopkins) and Kenny (McDonald) there. Also we have proved we have a squad this year not just a good first 15. When guys got injured there was no panic as we knew an able deputy was on hand. John Reilly came in after Christmas and was a revelation and John Houlihan the same in the last two matches. Scott McGrath has been top try scorer but it has been a squad effort. Seanie Brady also deserves a special mention after coming back so well from a serious injury. " Indeed the age profile of the squad makes interesting reading, 1 guy under 20, 9 are 21 years of age, 7 in their mid 20's and 7 over 30. It all augurs well for the future. Coach Grant White has done a great job in his 2nd stint with the club as head coach and the brand of rugby they are playing is entertaining and exciting. Kildare's obvious mission next season is to NOT do what they have done twice in the last 6 years, which is to go up and come straight back down. Work will go in behind the scenes over the summer months to try to do so but at the end of the day it will be up to these bunch of players to continue on the great work of this season and make sure North Kildare are at least a Division 2 side going into the 2012-13 season.

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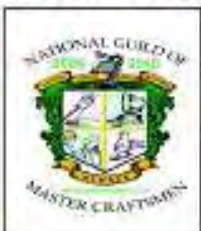
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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

On March 3rd the Annual; Art and Handwriting Competition was held in the boys school.

Results as follows:

		Boys	Girls
Under 8	1 st	Adam Palluel	Rachel O'Connor
	2 nd	Darragh Coakley	Emma Ledwith
Under 10	1 st	Micheal O'Hara	Meghan Stanley
	2 nd	Jason Stanley McKenna	Jennifer O'Connor
	3 rd	Conor VanDuyvesorde	Margo Hill
Under 12	1 st	Conor Ganley	Aisling Coakley
	2 nd	Sean Ledwidge	Fiona Coghlan
	3 rd	Shane O'Donnell	
Under 14	1 st	Ross Kavanagh	Pauline Hill
	2 nd	Samuel Corrigan	Tara Ganley

Well done boys and girls heading off to the Kildare Finals in Patrician School Newbridge on the 6th March.

Aisling Coakley came home with a silver medal - Congratulations

Our only contestant from Maynooth West Sarah Curran came home with a gold medal from Kildare and is now heading off to the All Irelands. Well done and good luck.

Handwriting Under 10

As this was the first year for this competition it was all new to us. However we have some representatives going to the Kildare finals on April 1st in Athgarvan School.

Boys Adam Palluel Girls 1st Rebecca Waldron
2nd Fiona Lynch

Well done to all the Boys and Girls. Keep up the good work.

Upcoming events

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First of all congratulations to the organisers and all who took part in the St Patrick`s Day Parade.

We were delighted to win a prize and thanks to Mattie, Eliz, Sean ,John for the great work in putting our float together and thanks to Dowdstown Developments for the use of the truck.

The beautiful flowers on the float were provided by Supervalu and have since been replanted at various locations in Maynooth

Our annual Dublin Road clean up with our colleagues from Leixlip Tidy Towns took place on Saturday 12th March, a huge amount of litter was collected.

Our thanks to Carton House for the welcome refreshments provided.

April is going to be a very busy month for us.

April 13th we are holding a fundraising TABLE QUIZ in the Newtown Inn @ 8.30 All Welcome to attend.
Spring Clean Up will take place during April.

Saturday April 16th we have arranged for **WEEIRELAND** to be in the Tesco Car Park @ 10am. to collect anything electrical item with a plug or any type of batteries for recycling.

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By: Martina Jordan-Foy

Ok , so lets start with the first question we are ALWAYS asked (well 99 % of the time anyway): “But what about Socialization” ? To start with , Homeschooling is perfectly legal in this country , under the Education (Welfare) act , 2000 , you have a right to educate YOUR child outside of a recognised school , for example , in the home . Indeed , it’s our constitutional right , as per articles 41.1 and 41.2 which state “The parent is the primary educator of the child”.



People seem to think it is potentially harming to isolate children from the 30+ hours per week of social interactivity that occurs between same age peers with minimal adult supervision in (public) school. BUT, it may surprise most people to learn that concerns about socialization is one of the most important reasons why many choose to homeschool in the first place! One of the things that we find funny is that the “socialization” question is often put to us directly after complimenting us on how well our children are behaved and how well also that they have conversed with them ! Homeschooled children are not restricted to interacting on a daily basis with just people their own age group , but with people of all ages , in other words , real life...I mean just imagine for one second all your work colleagues were of exactly the same age group as you...?

Now I am not saying homeschool is for everyone, just as we choose to take our children out of the public school system, so too, do others choose to send their children to school, neither is right nor wrong, homeschooling is a lifestyle choice, indeed the point of this article is to let people know they HAVE A CHOICE!

A lot of things have to be taken into consideration and each families situation and reasons are different...so maybe you are thinking of Homeschooling? Here are some questions to ask yourself first....

- 1) What are the reasons you are considering homeschooling? Bullying? Religious? Change in family financial situation?
- 2) Can one adult in the house afford not to work to stay at home and homeschool?
- 3) Can homeschooling offer more to you and your child at this point?
- 4) What resources are available to you and your child, and what form of homeschooling are you considering using?

This is just the tip of the iceberg , you need to understand that homeschooling , while hard work , is a wonderful ongoing experience for the whole family...make a list of the pros and cons and remember you and YOUR child are not going to suddenly “change” because of homeschooling , you don’t wake up an instant “hippy” ...your lifestyle choices remain the same, for example whether or not our children were in public school or homeschool we would not allow them to watch certain tv programmes or play over 18 xbox games...nothing changes except that you and YOUR child have TOTAL control over what they learn and how they learn it, it is a wonderful option for children with what are deemed “learning problems”, that is, everyone learns differently, some are visual learners, some not, our eldest child is a visual learner so maths lessons are more like art lessons...you can change anything to suit the way YOUR child learns. And you are NOT up at 7am trying to get everyone out the door...”school” can start at anytime of the day ,personally we start “academic” lessons at about 11am , when everyone has all their chores done for the day , if its fine we have lessons in the garden or go for a walk, the beauty of putting your book and a flask in your “school bag” and heading out...I’d say on average we spend about 2 hours a day doing “classroom work” that is Maths , French , etc (you have to remember I only have 2 students not 35 and ALL of my time and attention is devoted to just those two students...) , if something is not grasped you can stop and go over it again and again...there's no homework, no uniforms etc and VERY little expenditure involved, our school “bills” come to about €200 for the whole year , that's internet, printer ink and paper , library membership...other pluses are you can choose your “school tours”, in other words days out , you don’t have colds and nits coming into your home every other week, YOUR child develops their TRUE identity, they don’t feel they have to dress like their peers, smoke, wear makeup , watch the same tv programmes etc...and you can even attend school in your pj’s if you feel so inclined and stop for as many “lunch breaks” as needed...

Over the years we have learned to teach in a way that suits us, (you don’t have to have qualifications to teach your child , if you can read, write and teach your child to tie their school-laces , you can homeschool). We get some of our books from charity shops, and of course the library is a never-ending source of knowledge! Also our children can choose what they want to learn , how many times has your child asked you a question? Children are natural learners, it makes the job a joy ! For instance this week, our 12 year old has been asking about the earthquake in Japan, so we have based our lessons around that .: Geography : How earthquakes happen, Science, Religious studies, Japanese art , language, how to cope in an emergency, first aid....the list is endless...

To end, let me say you are not alone...Ireland has a large number (and growing) of Homeschooling families, Google HOME EDUCATION NETWORK”, some of history's finest were homeschooled, Albert Einstein to name just one of a long list , and there are many modern homeschooled too: Hilary Duff (Hannah Montana), Jennifer Love Hewitt , LeAnne Rimes, Elijah Wood , to name just a few...so now you know, Homeschoolers are not hippies, or weirdo's, we are just people who have taken our children's education into our own hands...you will have people who disagree with your decision to homeschool , but to them we simply say, we do not tell them how to raise THEIR children! If you would like to learn more, email us, we would d be happy to answer any questions you may have ! Contact the Foy family at: martinajordan@iol.i

Maynooth Castle (8)

A Focal Point of Local History

We are not able to follow every step taken by the FitzGerald in organising their new lands at Maynooth and in bringing in settlers from England and Wales to help increase the agricultural output and their own resulting income. But we are able to create a fairly detailed picture of the community, that had developed here about 160 years after their arrival. Among the documents transcribed in *The Red Book of the Earls of Kildare* is a list of the tenants in the manor of Maynooth in 1328/9 and the rents paid by them and the categories into which they are divided.

The first category is that of the free tenants:

De Willelmo de Penkiston	11s	De Johanne Hothum	Vs 11d
De Johanne Borly	XXXXIXs	De Stephano Lydyr	CXs 111d
De Thoma Walleys	1d	De Monycoull assign’	LVs sine secta
De Philippo Molagh	VIIIIs Xd quad.	De Willelmo Hoyloff	Vd

There are two groups of farmers, amalgamated here:

De Johanne Braill	XXXVIs IIId	De Johanne Broun	XVIIIs IXd
De Thoma filio Willelmi Braill	XIIIs Xd	De Willelmo Broun	XXXIs
De Gregorio de Stanes	IXs	De Ricardo Holer’	XIIIs
De Johanne Marescallo	XIs IXd	De Alexandro Bakon	IIIs
De Johanne Pistore	Vis	De Roberto Broun	Xs VIId
De Philippo filio Gilberti	Vs	De Galfrido carpentario	IIs
De Matheo Broun	XIIId	De Petro Boy	XIIId
De Radulfo fabro	VIId	De Stephano filio Ricardi Lyddir	IIs
De Ada Masoun	XIIId	De Willelmo Morok	XIIId
De Philippo Kellagh	Vd ob.	De Willelmo Joliff	IIIs Id ob.qua

The third category is that of cottiers:

De Roberto mercatore	VIId	De Henrico sutore	XIIId
De Emotra vidua	VIId	De Radulfo filio David	XIIId
De Waltero cissore	IIIs IIIId	De Rogero arch.arblaster	XIIId
De Thoma Dermot	XIIId	De Philippo Olaghlin	IIs
De Willelmo sutore	XIIId	Summa	XIs (IIIId)

Finally comes the fourth category of the betaghs:

De Philippo Ofethan	XXXIIs IIId	De Thoma Okenken et	
De Non’ Corody	XVIs IIIId	de Alexandro Okenken	LIIIs
De Nicholao Mcconyn	XXs Id	De Juliana vidua	XIIId
De Andrea Ocachan et Thoma Ocachan	XXXVIIIs	De Johanne Bryan de Rouschall et de Ricardo Obryane	XXXIs Vd
De Galfrido Okenken	XXVIIIs	De Alicia Laghlyn	XIIId
De Petro Odor	XVIIIIs VIId	De Willelmo Oconeran	XIIId
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Source: *The Red Book of the Earls of Kildare*, edited by Gearóid MacNiocaill, Dublin: Irish Manuscripts Commission, 1964)

These categories into which the Maynooth tenants are divided are all recognised Norman classifications. The free tenant was a person of some standing who might hold land on a military tenure or on a fixed money rent. Cottiers held only cottages and crofts, or small adjoining holdings, and paid both money rent and labour services on the lord’s demesne. Betaghs were not free to move but were tied to the land like the villeins, or villains, in England. Originally they paid their rent mainly by labour, though by the end of the thirteenth century these services had often been commuted for a money rent as seems to have been the case at Maynooth. They were almost always native Irish in origin and appear to have lived and held land in family groups on holdings of from seventeen to twenty-five statute acres which explains why their rents were higher than those of the cottiers on our rental.

Maynooth Labour News

Update on Extending the 66 and 67 Bus Service in Maynooth

Gareth Quinn from Dublin Bus attended the Celbridge Area Committee on 18th March to update us on the long overdue extension of the Bus Service to Moyglare Hall and Rathcoffey Road Maynooth.

On the extension of the 66 to Rathcoffey Road he stated that the Council and Dublin Bus had agreed on the turning circle on Rathcoffey Road (Maynooth side of M4) and that the Council had applied for funding from the National Transportation Authority (NTA) to carry out the work. Cllr. McGinley asked that the land at the terminus beside the ESSO station be used to create a roundabout to facilitate cars exiting from the Meadowbrook Link Road.

The Council are still awaiting approval from the NTA to construct bus friendly ramps on the Moyglare Road so that the 67 bus can be extended to Moyglare Hall. As residents were opposed to the location of the terminus within the estate Gareth Quinn stated that the bus will turn in Moyglare Hall and use the layby on the entrance road for the terminus.

Proposed Multi-school Campus on 40 acres Beyond Moyglare Hall

Members of Maynooth Community Council have expressed their concern to the Department of Education at their change in policy on the much needed provision of a second post primary school in Maynooth. Since 2005 the Department's website has stated that "The recommendations for Maynooth are to reserve a site now for an additional second level school on the Straffan side of the town. This site should be suitable

for the provision of both first and second level schools on a multi-school campus. School required post 2011 for circa 750 students."

Instead of acting on this policy years ago the Department of Education has in the last few months given approval to the Vocational Education Committee to purchase 40 acres of land beyond Moyglare for a new 1,500 pupil second level school and other educational facilities. The existing post primary school will close and there will be no choice of second level schooling in Maynooth as was envisaged in the policy of the Department up until a few months ago.

As the Department of Education stated in their reply dated 1st March to Maynooth Community Council that Kildare County Council had given their approval for the purchase of this land, Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion to the Area Committee:

"That this council gives an explanation as to how and why it would give the Department of Education the green light to proceed with the purchase of some 40 acres of land beyond Moyglare Hall, Maynooth, in order to re-locate the existing Post Primary School and the future re-location of the Boys Primary School."

John was given the following reply by the Director of Services:

"The VEC has discussed a proposal for improved / replacement education facilities in Maynooth with the planning department. Those discussions centered around the need for and proposed location for additional / improved facilities. Those discussions are appropriate given the expected growth in the population of Maynooth and its environs as envisaged in the regional planning guidelines and the draft County Development Plan. It is understood that the VEC is

considering a site north of the existing development footprint. That general location is entirely appropriate from a technical / planning perspective. Initial selection of a suitable site is a matter for the VEC. Any application for a site specific proposal will be considered by the council in due course. Zoning proposals will be considered in the forthcoming LAP process or if the proposal is to locate on appropriately zoned land, and then such a proposal will be dealt with via the normal planning application process. There may also be a requirement to consult with Meath County Council in considering either process. Further comment prior to receipt of an application for planning permission is premature at this time."

Cllr. McGinley stated that he found it extraordinary that the Planners could state:

"That general location is entirely appropriate from a technical / planning perspective"

It means that there will be no choice of second level school in a town with a population of 11,000. All students, apart from those on Moyglare Road, will be unable to walk to the new school as it is 1.1km further from the existing post primary school. If the Boys' School also moves there it will cause enormous problems for parents having to drive up the Moyglare Road. Instead of having a post primary school beside them children from the Straffan Road housing estates will have to travel 3km to get to the proposed new school.

Cllr. McGinley asks that the Bollards at the Bottom of Old Greenfield be Removed.

Following representations from residents in Old Greenfield, Cllr John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

"That the bollards at the bottom of Old Greenfield, Maynooth, be removed now that they are no longer necessary to prevent "rat run" traffic with the opening of the Meadowbrook Link Road."

John was given the following reply by the Director of Services:

"This matter requires further consideration. With the Councillors agreement I will report back to the area committee at their April meeting."

Re-painting of Road markings in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update on his motion:

"The Traffic Management Section advises that yellow boxes should only be installed at the junction of two or more public roads and not at private entrances to shops, garages or houses as these are legally unenforceable. Yellow boxes vary in price depending on their size, generally between €600 for small ones and up to €1500 for larger ones. If funding is made available they can be installed when road temperatures are suitable."

The Council should know within the next month what funding is being made available from Central Funds.

Unauthorised Development, Leinster Park, Maynooth

Following representations from residents Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee on 9 September 2010. "That the Council seeks a Court Injunction to force the removal of the Unauthorised Development on the public open space at Leinster Park, Maynooth, which is preventing the use of the open space by residents of the estate and preventing the

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MAYNOOTH GAA NOTES

ALDRIDGE CUP SEMI-FINAL

Late Maynooth flurry
keeps second half
Sash surge at bay

MAYNOOTH	1-11
SARSFIELDS	0-13

MAYNOOTH held out for a deserved one point victory over Sarsfields as the home side desperately sought an equaliser in the dying seconds in the Aldridge Cup semi-final on Saturday afternoon last in Sarsfields Park. Leading by 1-9 to 0-7 early in the second half, Maynooth seemed on course for a comfortable win. However a rejuvenated Sarsfields scored five points without reply between the 35th and the 51st minutes to draw level.

Padraig Brennan (0-3f) and Morgan O’Sullivan (0-2) brought Sarsfields right back into contention. In a frenetic final ten minutes Sarsfields put Maynooth under sustained pressure but Maynooth held their nerve and a point apiece from John McAndrew and David Comerford against the run of play sealed a rare victory for Maynooth over Sarsfields and sent Maynooth into the Aldridge Cup final for the first time.

In the first half the sides were level three times in all and deadlocked at 0-3 apiece when the decisive score of the half came in the 20th minute. A defensive error by the Sarsfields rearguard allowed the lively Maynooth corner forward Paddy Comerford to catch the ball in behind the full back line and he gave Sarsfields goalkeeper Gavin Slicker no chance with a powerful shot to the lower right corner of the net from close range.

An excellent Padraig Brennan free from 40 metres was sandwiched between a point each from half forward John McAndrew and Paddy Comerford to give Maynooth a 1-5 to 0-4 lead going in at the break.

On the resumption Maynooth continued from where they had left off before the break with a point immediately from the throw from Paddy Comerford, a source of ever present danger to the Sarsfields defence. Full forward John Comerford then stretched Maynooth’s lead two minutes later, 1-7 to 0-5. Another Padraig Brennan free reduced the deficit for Sarsfields but Maynooth responded with a John McAndrew point. Then when a superbly struck Pierre Ennis free from about 35 metres with ten minutes gone cancelled out Morgan O’Sullivan’s point from a minute earlier it looked like the pattern of the second half had been set with Sarsfields reigning in Maynooth only for Maynooth to stretch their lead again in response.

Then came Sarsfields purple patch when they scored five unanswered points and it appeared that Maynooth were about to wilt in the face of the Sarsfields revival and pressure. But Maynooth defended resolutely as Sarsfields defenders like predators closing in on their prey, moved forward to augment the attack in an attempt to pin Maynooth down in their own half and force errors. Maynooth lived dangerously in these dramatic final

minutes as they attempted to short pass their way out of danger much to the detriment of the collective blood pressure of their mentors on the sideline. After Sarsfields pressure forced Maynooth to concede a ’45 they had the chance to take the lead through their top marksman Padraig Brennan but his shooting which had up until this point been unerringly accurate fell short on this occasion, with Maynooth goalkeeper, Paul Flood rising out of a sea of jerseys to catch the ball on the line before it was eventually cleared via the short pass route. On three occasions Maynooth broke free of the defensive stranglehold to score two points against the run of play in the last ten minutes but it was enough to send them into the final, though the impressive Padraig Brennan capped off an excellent display of marksmanship with the final score of the game and his 9th point in the final minute.

MAYNOOTH: Paul Flood; Adam Gunn, Colin O’Neill, Joe Brennan; Niall Byrne, Alan McAndrew, Kevin Comerford; Michael Bennett, Conor Canning; John McAndrew 0-4, David Comerford 0-1, Seamus McBride 0-1; Pierre Ennis 0-2fs, John Comerford 0-1, Paddy Comerford 1-2 Subs: Niall Naughton for Byrne, 35; Dean McAvinue for McBride, 35; Conor O’Brien for J Comerford, 54.).

MINOR HURLERS OFF TO A CRACKING START

Neil Delaney was the star of the show with a whopping tally of 1-10 as Maynooth's minor hurlers made a winning start to the season on St Patrick's Day. Delaney, lining out at centre-forward, was the top scorer in an impressive team display that yielded 4-16 in a convincing ten point win at home to Éire Óg. The final score was 4-16 to 4-6 which gives last season's double winners the perfect start.

MINOR HURLING PRESENTATION NIGHT

LEGENDARY GAA commentator Michéal Ó Muircheartaigh was on hand to mark the magnificent achievements of a very special bunch of Maynooth hurlers on Saturday night (26 February) in the Moyglare Road clubhouse.

Hurling may not be the most fashionable sport in Kildare and it’s far from the most popular but that didn’t stop 29 ambitious young men wearing their club colours with pride in 2010. Over the course of nine months and eight games, the minor hurlers of Maynooth GAA club beat Killard in both finals when they claimed a minor league and championship double. On a brilliant day in Newbridge last October, Sean Higgins captained the side to championship victory when a very proud Maynooth man, club hurling chairman Aidan Sinnott presented the trophy.

Under the guidance of Hughie Nevin and Mark Nugent, this team showed not only that they have a bright future, but that the future of Maynooth GAA club is in safe hands.

Of the 29 players on last year’s panel, 25 are minor again this year and another 20 of those players are minor again next year. In fact the lads are already back in

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training.

On the night special guest Michéal Ó Muircheartaigh, called in after the Dublin v Kerry National Football League game in Croke Park to present the medals.

Six of the 29 players also collected All-Ireland medals on the night. In 2009, a Kildare under-16 hurling team won an All-Ireland Shield title, beating Roscommon in the final. The six Maynooth players involved were Conor Nolan (who also celebrated his 18th birthday on Saturday night), Cian Forde, Sean Bean, Ronan McCann, Adrian Dornan and Ben Divine.

After presenting all the medals, a packed clubhouse heard Michéal Ó Muircheartaigh tell the story of the 1887 All-Ireland hurling champions, who weren’t presented with their medals until 1912.

MAYNOOTH PANEL: Sean Behan, Adam Nevin, Adrian Dornan, Ben Divine, Ronan McCann, Sean Higgins, Conor Nolan, Neil Delaney, Philly Murphy, Conor Coyle, Hughie Faherty, Cian Forde, Andrew McCourt, Alex Birchall, Lee Keirn, Ciaran Broderick, Shane Nolan, Colm Keirn, Eoin Byrne, Tom Oliver, Ryan Clancy, Nour Halfdoui, Eoin Cullinane, Ciaran Browne, John Comerford, Shane Delaney, Justin Roux, Chris Hobbs, Andrew Birchall.

CAMOGIE NEWS

Maynooth 2-2 Celbridge 2-1

Louise Doran collected the first Camogie Trophy of the year as Maynooth put in an excellent team display to come from behind in extra time to win the delayed U16 (2010) Cup in Straffan. The win was remarkable as Maynooth had a depleted squad of only 15 players on the day and Celbridge had won previous juvenile finals at this age group.

As the scoreline suggests this was a close match but Maynooth were overall deserving winners.

The blitz format resulted in a Maynooth v Celbridge final of 15 mins a side.

Maynooth played with the wind in the first half and were well on top but failed to convert chances into scores with Louise Qualter and Aoife Greally coming very close on a number of occasions. The score was 1.1 apiece at half time, with a well finished goal from Jenny O’Dwyer and a point from Maynooth captain, Louise Doran. The second half was a tough encounter with both sets of forwards unable to break down resilient defences. The match went to extra time of 5 mins a side. Maynooth conceded a soft goal as Celbridge held the upper hand in the first 5 mins. Then, playing against the wind the Maynooth girls dug deep and came up with an equalising goal after putting severe pressure on the Celbridge goalmouth.

The outstanding Sarah Greally then calmly slotted over a free to put Maynooth a point in the lead. Celbridge had chances to equalise but the Maynooth defence held firm with superb play from Sian Millar, Helen McMillan and Hannah Stack in particular to claim a brilliant win.

Team: Sarah Curran, Ciara Hamilton, Hannah Stack, Ellen

Boyle, Helen Mc Millan, Sarah Greally, Sian Miller, Louise Doran, Rachael O’Neill, Aoife Greally, Jenny O Dwyer, Louise Qualter, Eimear Sinnott, Sarah Jennings, Ali Kelly

HOW TO KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE



AND YOURSELF WHILE OUT AND ABOUT

You may know that there have been quite a lot of burglaries in the North Kildare area. The **Maynooth, Leixlip, Kilcock and Celbridge** areas seem to be the most venerable. Try to keep an eye on your neighbours homes and watch out for anything suspicious. This can make people very nervous and they may wonder if they are safe in their own homes? Due to this ongoing problem we are giving some easy points to follow on how to make your home secure. There have been a lot of muggings and attacks on people while out and about so it makes sense to be vigilant at all times.

1. Update old locks on windows and doors, new ones are cheap and easy to install.
2. Install motion detector lights, both back and front of your house.
3. Don’t leave any valuables in plain sight, take keys up to bed with you.
4. Don’t leave anything like ladders or steps around your garden.
5. Make sure all tools are locked up secure.
6. Install dead-bolts with double locks on the main entrance doors, as they act as a major deterrent.
7. Update all old doors with solid or steel ones, there harder to break into.
8. Trim back all hedges and trees around doors and windows, so they have nowhere to hide.
9. If you have sliding doors, install a bar as it stops them from opening.
10. Always make sure you check all windows and doors are locked when going out or going to bed.
11. Put your lights on timers, it gives the impression of your house being occupied.
12. Change your pattern once in a while. Stop by your house in your lunch hour or take a day off sometimes. Anything to give the impression that your there at odd times.
13. If your are going to be away for a while, get someone to collect your mail as nothing says empty house like a pile of mail.

Just be safe, & vigilant at all times.

UNIVERSITY OF THIRD AGE

What started out as a cheeky suggestion that perhaps we might do some singing, gained momentum and culminated in the group performing in the Library for Seachtain na Gaeilge. It was amazing what people who allegedly can't sing could produce. It was our first public performance so naturally there were butterflies 'go leor'. It appears they flew in formation because all went according to plan. Mary Murphy, competent as usual was word perfect 'as gaeilge' and in her role as master of ceremonies kept the show flowing nicely. A special 'thank you' to Joe Buckley for being sufficiently brave to join the all female cast! We were treated to a captivating performance with Joe on the violin and Angela with that wonderful voice and Connemara 'blas'. Without doubt, together they both enthralled their audience.

A big 'thank you' to Pat, our resident pianist and without whom this project wouldn't be possible. You exuded calm and confidence as you played in your usual relaxed and easy manner. Why do you make it look so easy? Having had very little time to rehearse our dancers courageously took to the floor. 'Feet of Flames' we may not be yet, but full marks for presentation in our black and lemon. All our members should feel justifiably proud of their accomplishments and for contributing to the development of U3A.

Our activities hadn't finished yet. Always ready to seize the moment we marched and sang 'as gaeilge' in the parade. Our well chosen song had the desired effect. Those on the viewing stand and in the square couldn't resist singing the familiar chorus. Congratulations Bernadette Duffy, for leading the folk of Maynooth in song, on a glorious St Patrick's morning.

Forgetting Zoe by Ray Robinson was our latest book to read. A difficult and disturbing subject matter. A ten year old girl is abducted off the coast of Newfoundland. She ends up in a converted nuclear bunker beneath an isolated ranch in Arizona where she was subjected to a horrific ordeal. The author's use of rich language and imagery - 'waterfalls that froze like crystal staircases in winter' - was a welcome distraction from the glum content.

Our travel sub-group are having a busy time comparing and contrasting the various hotel packages available. Some are quite attractive and some are not what they seem. Naturally it is difficult to please everyone but at present the consensus is that we should go west, perhaps Mulranny Park Hotel. But like the winds, this could change!

Ann McGarry can we say how much we appreciated and enjoyed Wayne's complimentary coffee morning in the Glenroyal. The deliciously crunchy scones went down a treat but so too, did the two substantial and practical gift vouchers which Nola and Helen Doyle received. Great to be able to report on so many positive happenings in our group. **Enquiries: Bernadette 6289131**



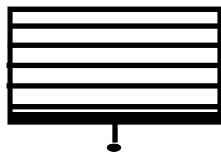
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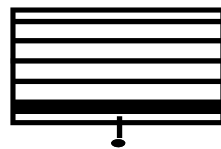
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County Council from taking the estate in charge."

The Planning Department of the Council sought legal advice on whether or not they could implement the motion. Cllr. McGinley stated at the Area Meeting on 18 March that it was incredible that the Council still had not got the legal advice. He advised the Council to change their Legal Team and he demanded that the advice be forthcoming before the next area meeting.

Process With Receiver at Meadowbrook Estate

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update at the Area Meeting on 18 March:

"The receiver has still not responded to our request for a meeting to discuss all outstanding issues. A snag list of surface defects has already been prepared for the developer last year and a cost of these required works can be estimated. However, a comprehensive final costing of all outstanding works cannot be completed without as constructed drawings and CCTV surveys of the sewage systems."

Cllr. McGinley again stated that there was no need for a comprehensive costing and that the Council should do a rough estimate and bill the Receiver.

Provision of Allotments in Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley was given the following reply to his motion at the Area Meeting on 18 March:

"If a local committee or interest group is available to undertake the administrative duties associated with the allotments then further consideration can be given to the installation of allotments in Maynooth. Carton Avenue lands are the more suitable but as already indicated to the committee in previous reports there are issues to be overcome to establish a viable scheme at this location."

Cllr. McGinley again advises those who are interested in allotments in Maynooth to make contact with Simon Wallace of the Council.

Cllr. John McGinley can be contacted at:
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E mail jmcginley@eircom.net
Web: www.labour.ie/johnmcginley/

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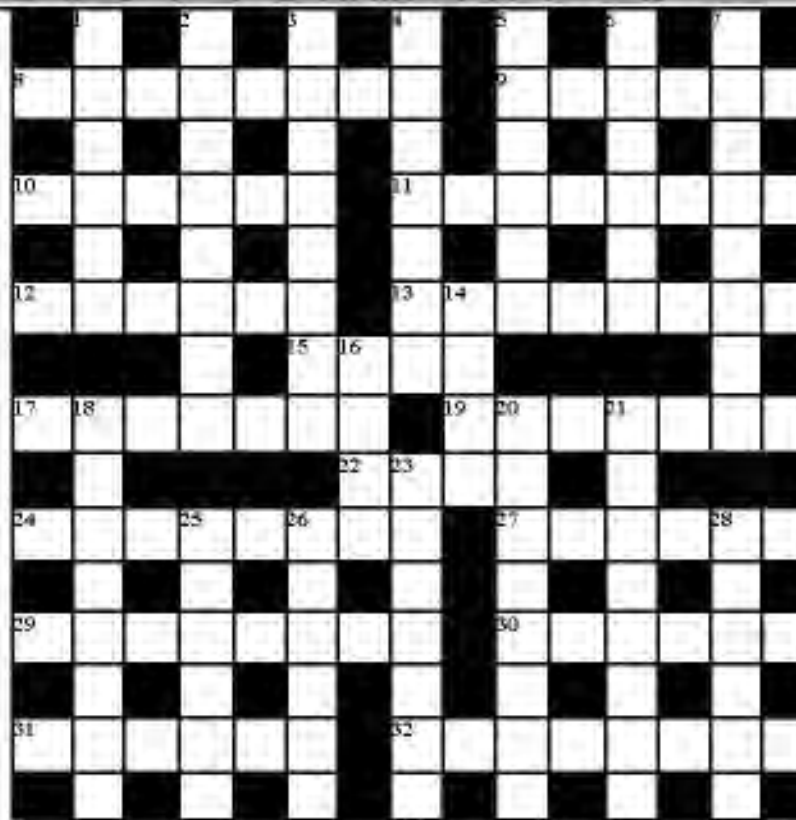
Father I come to you through your son Jesus just as I am. I repent of my sins. In your name I forgive all others for what they have done against me. I renounce Satan, All evil spirits and their works. I give my entire self to you Lord Jesus, now and forever. I invite you into my life Jesus. I accept you as my Lord, God and Saviour. Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body, soul and spirit. Come Lord Jesus, cover me with your precious blood and fill me with your holy spirit. I ask you to go before me today and prepare the way in Jesus's name. I thank you Jesus. I shall Follow you every day of my life. Romans 10:9, 10

**Now Jesus you live in me and I live
in you. Amen. 1 John 5:12, 13**

April 2011 Crossword — No: 390

ACROSS

8. Notorious Paris prison stormed in French revolution (8)
 9. Whenever you please, as you like (2,4)
 10. Deep roar as of bull (6)
 11. Citizens of Dalai Lama's country (8)
 12. Home town of St. Francis (6)
 13. Gave high-pitched girlish giggle (8)
 15. Tote with a versifier (4)
 17. Mocked, derided (7)
 19. Descriptive word or phrase added to a name (7)
 22. Miss with informal doctrines (4)
 24. Fresh and clean as if new (8)
 27. Told stories - sounds woolly (6)
 29. Big success for a play - sounds violent (5, 3)
 30. Signalled or summoned, say taxi (6)
 31. Hard shiny coating on surface (6)
 32. Bewitches and charms (8)



DOWN

1. Came so close to small carvings (6)
 2. Male horse kept for breeding (8)
 3. Tube through which poisoned darts are propelled (8)
 4. State of having made a will (7)
 5. Burrowing animal or rotten tennis player (6)
 6. A broad strip as of cut grass (6)
 7. What Nelson turned in order to ignore (5, 3)
 14. A single thing, poor mite (4)
 16. Supreme Scandinavian god (4)
 18. Bitterness of manner or words (8)
 20. Medium or spiritualists (8)
 21. Tramline at the last stage of a fatal disease (8)
 23. Sank or came to rest (7)
 25. Open is a magic phrase to open door (6)
 26. Breathe in (6)
 28. Appoints via the ballot box (6)

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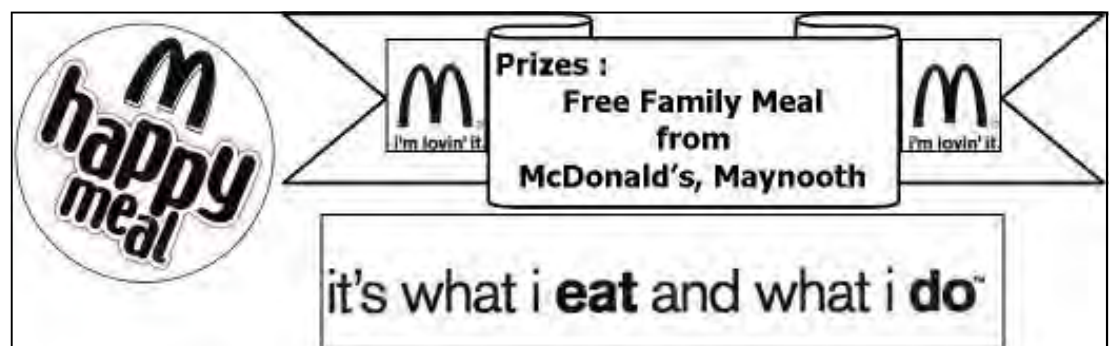
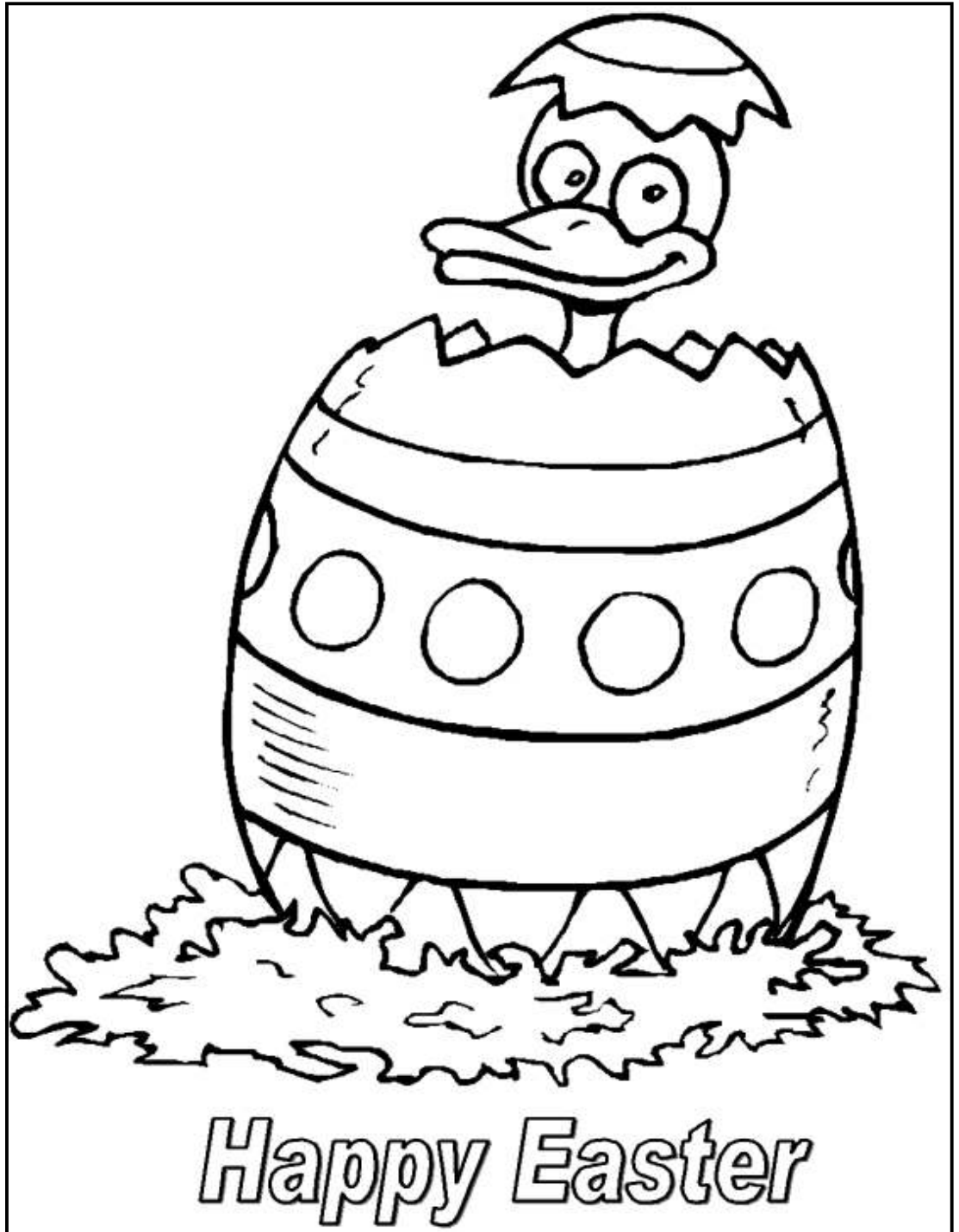
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A lighter genre of music or easy-listening style of musical entertainment may be enjoyed on Thursday nights in the downstairs venue with such groups as Grammercy Riffs, which is a two piece group with Alan Larkin and Eamon Heslan and will be playing on Thursday April 14th. Clara Monaghan performs in the group Hitman and Her and is promoting her new album at the moment. So if you would like to have a good nights entertainment and support new talent then go to O'Neill to see her later this year. Also performing in O'Neill's is Yvonne Murphy who is a wonderful exponent of blues and soul. She will be playing on Thursday March 31st. While various styles and genres of music may be enjoyed, O'Neill's also cater for private parties and other forms of celebrations and events such as 21st's or retirement parties among many other types of events. They also cater for quizzes for various charities and organisations and, depending on the event, they may have the occasional late bar opening. The party menu is from three selections of Finger Food menus, a Buffet menu or a set of two or three course menu. There are plenty of choices for the party planner to choose from, just make the selection and let the staff at O'Neill's take care of the rest.

If you are on your lunch break from work or just feel like dining out, whether early in the day or throughout the evening, then this may be the venue which will cater to your taste. There are specific lunch and evening menus at quite reasonable prices including soup/sandwich/tea or coffee for 8.50 or coffee and scone for 3 euro. The evening menu caters for vegetarian and meat lovers with mains starting at 9.95. The choice of these famous steaks includes the 8 ounce fillet, 10 ounce sirloin or 16 ounce T-Bone. All major events are screened for the more sporting minded customer from rugby, golf and formula 1; other sporting events can also be viewed, but a further bonus to these screenings is the special offer of a burger and a pint of your choice for only 10 euro.

If you are planning a party or some other special celebration or event; out for the big match or other major sporting event or would just like to go for a quiet meal or a drink, then why not think of O'Neill's for music, sport and relaxing surroundings at affordable prices at the heart of Maynooth.

If you would like to make a booking, get some information about upcoming events or just enjoy the services on offer O'Neill's are open from 10.30am Monday to Saturday and 12.30pm Sunday. For further information the staff can be contacted on their website; info@oneillsbar.ie or on Facebook at [oneillsdiscobar](https://www.facebook.com/oneillsdiscobar) or you could also phone them at 01-628 62 55.

The April gig guide for O'Neill's is;

Sat' 2nd	The Bungalows	Thurs' 7th....	Ronan Quigley
Sat' 9th	She's a Beauty	Thurs' 14th ..	Grammercy Riff Riffs
Sat' 16th	Mabo	Thurs' 21st ...	Yvonne Murphy
Sat' 23rd	T.B.C	Thurs' 28th ..	Alan Larkin & Sandra Brady

By Brian O'Neill

ROYAL VISITS TO MAYNOOTH

When Elisabeth ("Sisi"), the Empress of Austria, paid a type of "flying" visit to Maynooth in 1879, she was an international celebrity. She was the Princess Diana of her age, and was acknowledged as the most accomplished female equestrian in Europe. Some months ago her riding crop realised approximately €28,000.00 at an Irish Public Auction.

She was also celebrated for her love of foreign travel, poetry, beauty preparations and her punishing fitness regime. She had an 18 inch waistline at the age of 41 on her first visit to Maynooth.



Ireland took her to their heart and her wish to spend her winter months, hunting in Ireland, was thwarted by the British Government. It was the time of the Land War in Ireland and Elisabeth was becoming too popular for what was perceived to be her own good.

Maynooth, Kilcock and South Meath all remembered her with affection.

Like Princess Diana, her life was scarred by an unhappy marriage and by personal tragedy.

Come and learn more about the Royal Visits to Maynooth and the life and times of this remarkable lady at 8.00pm on Wednesday 13th April 2011 at the Glenroyal Hotel Maynooth when Maynooth Local History Group will present a talk by Declan O'Connor.

Maynooth had earlier and later Royal Visits but none can compare with that of Elisabeth who was also Queen of Hungary, Croatia and Bohemia.

Admission is free.



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Online entries can be made at www.jogoland.com at the below address:

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**Maynooth Post Primary 10 KM Challenge,
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Runners, Joggers and Walkers

The professionally measured course, which starts at St. Patrick's College and runs through Carton Estate is one of the most historic and scenic routes in Ireland. The Maynooth Post Primary 10 K run will commence at ten thirty sharp from Riverstown car park, located just behind St. Mary's Church in the grounds of St. Patrick's College. The competitors will proceed around the green before turning right at Logic House; they will pass under the archway and will take a left at the Power House. Pass the museum on their right and the junior gardens/orchard on their left. Turn right at Loftus hall and then left towards the graveyard and onto the 1 K marker. Continue on this path around the playing fields and follow the directional signs towards the church spire. Follow the path past the Columbus centre and veer left at the Aula Maxima. Pass by the computer centre and St. Joseph's Oratory, then exit St. Patrick's College through the main gates to the 2 K marker, just outside the grounds of Maynooth Castle.

The athletes will progress up the main street, passing Maximus on their left and Brady's Clockhouse on the right. Follow the course up past Tesco and McDonald's, onto the roundabout at the old Dublin road. Athletes will pass the 3 K marker here, and will progress towards Leixlip. Participants will pass the Dunboyne road on their left and will continue parallel to the royal canal, onto the 4 K marker. Continuing this course, competitors will arrive at Pike's Bridge. Veer left after the bridge into Carton Estate, following the main path through the Montgomery golf course, to marker 5. Not to be confused by Golfers shouting 'FORE!', this is definitely the halfway point of the 10K Challenge. Within half a kilometer, Carton House and the Rye River will come into view. The house was built in 1739 for James Fitzgerald, the Duke of Leinster. After marker 6, proceed over the coach bridge at the boat house and turn right. Follow the path, keeping Carton House on your left and the O'Meara golf course on your right, onto marker 7. Following the tree lined avenue to the roundabout, turn left. Passing the driving range on your right, follow the path towards the house onto marker 8, going by the spa and conference centre on your left. The route takes you back towards the coach bridge, from where you will veer right, heading towards marker 9. Then cross the Dunboyne road into Carton Avenue for the home stretch of the challenge. The finishing line, 10 is at the town end of the Avenue.

By Thomas Quinn, 5th year student, Maynooth Post Primary.



Map by James Molloy

Parking and cloakroom facilities will be available at the school, which will be open at eight am for registration and race numbers, souvenir technical t-shirts and goodie bags. Additional parking at NUIM.

Latest News for TeenSpace Maynooth

Good news on the new community facility that we reported on last year. A licence has been agreed between Kildare County Council and the owners of the premises in the Manor Mills Shopping Centre.

In welcoming the progress Paul Croghan, Chairperson of the Maynooth Community Council, Community Centre sub-committee said that it is now possible for us to move forward and put the plans in place to open the facility. There were a number of issues to be resolved which delayed the completion of the contract and it was frustrating because we had brought together the groups that would be using the facility some time back and nothing had happened for such a long time. In the meantime we had requests from other groups in Maynooth to be included and we are now convinced that the premises will be in use throughout the day. While it is an interim facility it is a very welcome addition to the community in Maynooth. I would like to thank Cllr. John McGinley for his support in moving the matter forward. We have an offer from Carton House Hotel to help prepare the premises and we have put the call out for some tables and chairs to furnish the premises to get it up and running. The premises will be managed by Maynooth Community Council by providing a booking system with the keys of the new premises being provided to designated key holders from the groups that will have permission to use the premises. Groups such as the Maynooth Teen Café and other community groups who currently do not have the use of a suitable premises will particularly welcome this latest development.



Proposed Premises at Manor Mills



May Diary Planner

I.C.A.

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

Senior Citizens Club

Club meets every Tuesday & Thursday morning in the Community Care Unit until Easter after which they will then return to the I.C.A. Hall. Tea Dance takes place Sunday 15th May in the GAA Club

Taekwon-Do

Childrens Classes for 5 years and up held every Wednesday in St. Marys Boys School, Moyglare Road & on Fridays in Educate Together, Celbridge Road 6.30 p.m.—7.30 p.m. For details: Contact Stephen Doyle 087 6986491

Parent & Toddler Group

A voluntary community service for babies and toddlers. They meet in the GAA Club, Moyglare Road every Tuesday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. All are welcome.

Bridge Club

Open for new members. If you would like to play in a friendly club with Purpose built facilities in the centre of Maynooth, please see our website at maynoothbridgeclub.com. Contact Katherine Cooney 086 8205910

Community Library

Opening Times
Mondays & Thursdays
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9.30am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm.

Toastmasters

Mays meetings take place 9th & 23rd at 7.45 p.m. in the Glenroyal Hotel

Flower & Garden Club

Our next club night is on 17th May in North Kildare Club, Kilcock Road, Maynooth at 8.00 pm
Demonstrator: Lorkan Burke
Competition: "Wind of Change"
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U. 3. A.

May meetings Friday 6th, & 20th at 11.00 a.m. in the Community Library. New Members Welcome Enquiries : Bernadette Phone: 6289131

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band are holding a Table Quiz in Brady's Bar upstairs in B2 on Thursday 12th May at 9.30 pm. Admission €20 per table of 4

Irish Girl Guides

Meeting Wednesday evening in Maynooth. For further information contact Jackie on 085 1413787 or visit I.G.G. website www.irishgirlguides.ie

If you would like your event for June put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter Tel: 01-6285922 E-mail: maynoothccc@eircom.net Unit 5 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Spring CleanUp and Wee Ireland Collection which was held on Saturday 16th April

As reported last month April was going to be a very busy month. Along with our normal work the following also took place:

Wednesday 13th April the Newtown Inn was the venue for our Table Quiz.

Participants from 18 tables pitted their wits against what was and acknowledged by all a very fair and enjoyable set of questions devised by Gerry Kilmartin which brought about three way tie break and the victorious team comprising of Susan, Gerry and Sean Durack.



Second was John Dredge, Joe McBride and Joe Murphy. Third was Pat Moynans Team.

Our thanks to the following who donated prizes for the quiz and raffle. Please support our local businesses.

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Molloy Family, Kingsbry.

Winners of Tidy Town Table Quiz

Thanks to all who helped to make the evening a great success especially Gerry Kilmartin and his team of helpers.

On Saturday 16th April we held our National Clean Up Day in Carton Avenue. A massive amount of bottles, cans, clothing and general litter was collected. Over 18 tons was collected.

Thanks to all who helped.

Also on Saturday 16th April Weeireland was in Tesco Car Park where three 40foot trailers were used to transport a variety of electrical good and batteries.

Thanks to John Kavanagh and his son Ross who collected electrical items big and small from the highways and byways of Maynooth.



Sean, Susan & Gerry Durack

Our Annual Collection for Maynooth Tidy Towns will be held from Thursday 19th May to Sunday 22nd May through Maynooth. Please give as generously as you can every cent counts.

We are also working on our Tidy Towns Application as we write.

Judging commences from 1st June to 31st August.

Richard Farrell

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May Editorial

The public servants in all guises seem to have become the target of choice for both politicians and media commentators. The commentariat in particular has decided that it will attack teachers above all others and an entire TV programme was devoted to attacking them recently. One commentator keeps insisting that lecturers only work 10 hours a week and that they earn the salary of a senior professor. There seems to be no way of correcting these misconceptions as they fly around our airwaves.

The much-awaited McCarthy report on the possible sale of our semi-State assets is also a quiet attack on the public services. It is quite shocking to hear Labour Party ministers discussing the possibilities of selling the ESB or Bord Gáis but it is equally shocking to hear of some of the salaries that those in charge of these organisations earn. However that is no excuse to asset-strip the country of its entire ‘family silver’ and to beggar us forever. Leaving the country without a public transport service, an airport, seaports etc. is to take away part of the country’s life blood. Not only that but it is short-sighted in the extreme. The present dire economic condition will not last we hope and then the realization of what has been lost will dawn on the country. The fear that Coillte would be sold off returned as McCarthy recommends selling the trees but not the land. Coillte own 7% of the land of Ireland and this is not simply the forests, they also contain National Monuments all over the country. Bord na Móna is a similar resource that should not be lost and with many of the bogs of Europe disappearing they need protection as well.

But it was the bonuses earned by those leaving the ruins of the banking system that angered people this week in particular. To present a bank executive with a bonus/pension of €3m is simply immoral. To reward bad behaviour seems to be a feature of Irish life.

The Community Council held its AGM this month and a few familiar faces have taken office on the Executive. You can read about that elsewhere in the Newsletter. It is only when the various reports from the officers are read out at the meeting that one can see the schedule of work that the Council is responsible for. It has been a feature of Maynooth life now for over 20 years and we hope that it will last 20 more successful years.

On a more cheerful note, the town comes into its own in this beautiful weather and the trees on the main street add such an air of spring. One can feel the mood of the country lighten somewhat as the flowers appear earlier than usual. The work of the Tidy Towns comes to the fore as people are seen using such amenities as the Small Pound. The harsh winter has given way to a wonderful spring and hopefully the sun will continue to shine for all the events of the next month – not least the two important visitors whom we will welcome to our shores in the near future.

In the pre-Christian period, the month of May was called Beltene and the Modern Irish version is Bealtaine which is still the name today. This was one of the four important festivals of the year and like all the others there were certain beliefs associated with this time of the year. The word may mean the fire of Bel an ancient god known as Belenos. It is seen as an important date all over the “celtic” world with fires being lit on the Isle of Man and magical events occur on this day in Welsh literature. It is not mentioned as often in Irish literature as the better-known festivals like Samain (Hallowe’en). According to some folklore sources, cows were driven between two fires to purify them and the lighting of fires was associated with both the Hills of Tara and of Uisnech in the past. There are efforts being made to revive some of these old festivals and the lighting of fires but this would be considered damaging these old sites and would not be approved by archaeologists in particular.

We wish you all a very pleasant festival of Beltene and we would also like to take this opportunity to wish the students in the College good luck with their examinations that will begin half way through the month of May.

We would also remind you that you can reply to opinions expressed here or write us a letter on any topic that you want.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

Maynooth Community Council Annual General Meeting Monday 11th April 2011

Chairperson’s Report: the report was circulated.

I believe that in the past year we have fulfilled to the best of our ability the guiding aims of Maynooth Community Council (M.C.C.) as prescribed in our Constitution:

1. To promote through a common effort, the wellbeing of the inhabitants of the Maynooth area, without distinction as to age, sex, race, colour, religion or political opinion.
2. To provide or secure whatever facilities or amenities it considers to be lacking or desirable in the Maynooth area.
3. To provide or help to provide employment in the Maynooth area.
4. To assist where possible the local authority in the exercise of its office in the Maynooth area.
5. The successful manner in which we achieved our common goals was through the hard work and dedication of our members and staff.

The executive committee(cmt.) have coordinated and effectively executed the years work as directed by the Council. I appreciate the counsel of Mr Tom Mc Mullen, Vice –Chair, Ms Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, Secretary and executive members.

Secretary’s Report:

The previous AGM was held in April 2010 and the meetings were held every month except August.

The sub-committees and affiliates continue to report to the Council: The Newsletter, Parade, Festival, Planning and Development, Community Games, Tidy Towns
These are the types of issues that came up in relation to these:

The new style *Newsletter* has been very successful with many compliments on its appearance.

The office is also involved in an archive project and a web portal.

The twinning project has been advancing with visits back and forth between Canet and Maynooth.

There was a submission on draft development plan from the committee. Much work has been done on the Youth Café with a premises confirmed but there is need for more volunteers.

I would like to congratulate the Tidy Towns for the extra points last year.

There were other general issues:

The plans of the National Transport Authority for the Kilcock Road. Other changes in that area of the town.

Student parties and noise on estates.

The extension and changes in the Bus services.

Education and schools – there was considerable discussion on the possibility of the schools moving further up the Moyglare Road and much correspondence with the Dept of Education.

There were concerns for the effects of the weather during the cold spells and afterwards, particularly the state of the



Chairperson Mr. Tom McMullon

pavements and the roads and the snow. Road markings, paid parking, parking and footpaths to be fixed.

The groups represented on the Council also reported – Scouts, the Senior Citizens, the U3A, Nuada Players and the Local History Group.

The Scouts are taking responsibility for the Geraldine Hall and the plans were presented.

The interim President of NUIM, T. Collins, addressed one meeting.

I would like to thank the other members of the executive committee, the supervisor in the office, Brian Curtis, and the rest of the staff. I would like to mention in particular Paul Croghan’s hard work as the PDO.

Treasurer’s Report: He reported that it had been a challenge and thanked Brian and Vera in the Community Council Office. The Flag Day had been really successful as had been the Parade making in excess of €7,000, the Festival was not financially successful, but the events were very successful. (Co-options) Adrienne Flynn and Gordon Hinds of the Educate Together School were co-opted. Proposed by P. Croghan and seconded T. McMullon.)

Election of Officers:

Chairperson: E. Tobin proposed P. Croghan, seconded M. Callaghan.

C. Ó Cearúil proposed T. McMullon seconded A. McMullon. P. Croghan withdrew. T. McMullon elected.

Vice-chairperson: C. Ó Cearúil proposed P. Croghan seconded M. Callaghan, elected.

Secretary: T. McMullon proposed M. Ní Bhrolcháin, seconded A. McMullon, elected.

Treasurer: D. Cullen proposed A. McMullon, seconded C. Gallagher, elected.

P.R.O.: T. McMullon proposed D. Cullen, seconded P. Croghan, elected. P. Croghan said that he would only act as PDO for another year and he mentioned the issues involved, the development of staff, the self-belief and that the supervisor was critical to this work. C. Ó Cearúil volunteered as an assistant PDO. D. Cullen thanked the chairperson for his three years service; she complimented him as an outstanding chairperson and for his dedication.

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Date: 4th May 2011 @ 7.45pm

Venue: JHL2 Lecture Hall, John Hume Building, NUI, Maynooth.

Starring: Dany Boon, Andre Dussolier and Yolande Moreau.

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For more details on Maynooth Film for All Club contact Maynooth Community Library at 01-6285530.

Polish Storytelling.

Storytelling in Polish with Agnes takes place every Tuesday morning at 10am in Maynooth Community Library.

Children's Book Club.

The next meeting of the Children's Book Club is 4th May @ 3.30.

The book to be discussed is "The Last of the High Kings" by Kate Thompson.

Fás eLearning workshops are ongoing in Maynooth Community Library. These courses are aimed at beginners or those who want to improve their skills. Application forms are available from the library.

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Friday 9.30am - 1.00pm/2.00pm - 5.00pm

**The Library is closed Monday of
bank holiday weekends**

Children's Chess Club.

A Children's Chess Club meets every Thursday evening at 6 - 7.30pm in Maynooth Community Library.

Parent and Toddler Group.

A parent and toddler group meets every Wednesday morning at 10am in the library for storytelling and sing-a-long.

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Maynooth GAA Notes

SENIOR FOOTBALL NEWS

Johnstownbridge got their first win of their league campaign on home turf last Sunday as Maynooth were put to the sword thanks to the scoring threat of Sean Hurley from midfield on Sunday 17 April.

SFL DIVISION 1 ROUND 3

Johnstownbridge 1-9
Maynooth 1-7

The Kildare under-21 player and his brother Pdraig kicked all but one of the home side's scores in a win that could have been more convincing but for a serious wobble before the break.

There was certainly nothing wrong with their opening efforts as Maynooth were pinned back while the 'Bridge dominated the middle third. Sean Hurley was proving accurate as he kicked four in the opening ten minutes, two from placed balls.

Maynooth got on the scoreboard after Sean McBride reacted quickest to a breaking ball after 12 minutes. Pdraig Hurley then showed his brother wasn't the only man who could kick a point before the visitors hit back with a fine effort from wing back John Comerford.

Then the younger Hurley found the net as he the Maynooth defence opened up and the young man was allowed to bear down on Paul Flood and he slipped it past the imposing keeper. Now the Bridge were six up and cruising, but they would go over 25 minutes before registering another score as the opposition bounced back.

It was self-imposed pain from Johnstownbridge who turned over the ball only to see Andrew O'Regan getting played in and he duly finished. Niall Naughton then lashed over a huge point to leave it 1-5 to 1-3 at the break.

It was all to play for after the restart as Maynooth moved Pierre Ennis from a roving role to a position much closer to the danger zone. It seemed to do the trick as he converted a free inside a minute before Paddy Comerford ran in to dissect the posts from an extremely tight angle to make it a draw game.

Ennis was having a great battle with his marker James O'Connor, but the corner back could do little as the forward hit two superb scores in quick succession to gibe Maynooth the lead midway through the first half. Sean Hurley finally broke the Johnstownbridge dry spell as he ran in to fist over, then his brother Pdraig finished after a little quick free move worked out.

Paul Mooney's effort put the home side back into the lead with time ticking down before Padraig Hurley got on the end of another move to seal the win. After losing so much of the play in the second half the strong finish from the Bridge was just enough to claim the full quota of league points.

Maynooth: Paul Flood; Niall Byrne, Colin O'Neill, Adam Gunn; John Comerford 0-1, Sean Kennedy, Alan McAndrew; Micky Bennett, Andrew O'Regan 1-0, John McAndrew, Conor Canning, Seamus McBride 0-1, Pierre Ennis 0-3, Niall Naughton 0-1, Paddy Comerford 0-1. Subs: Vinny Hanrahan for Naughton, 52; Joe Brennan for Byrne, 55; Conor O'Brien for P Comerford, 56.

A superb six point haul from John McAndrew ensured Maynooth collected their first win of this year's league campaign in Monasterevin on Saturday (9 April).

SFL DIVISION 1 ROUND 2

MAYNOOTH 0-13
MONASTEREVIN 2-5

McAndrew's tally included a terrific sideline kick as Monasterevin struggled to get to grips with the Maynooth forwards in what was a one-sided match for large spells.

Only in the final quarter did the home side rally and two late goals put them within striking distance as the game came to a nervy conclusion for the visitors. They were glad to hear the final whistle after enduring nearly seven minutes of injury time but it was no less than they deserved considering their dominance of the game.

Playing with the wind but against the hill in the opening half, it was 0-8 to 0-1 at the interval thanks to some inspired shooting from McAndrew and the deep-lying Pierre Ennis. Playing behind the Maynooth midfield, Ennis effectively acted as an extra defender and the role suited him as he scored four first half points. McAndrew chipped in with three in that spell while the Blues could only manage a solitary score as they wasted numerous chances.

Despite dominating on the scoreboard and in terms of possession, Maynooth were still inclined to lose the ball cheaply and a number of turnovers could have proven more costly.

They continued to control the game after the break and their lead was still seven points approaching the three quarter stage when Monasterevin netted their first goal. When their second green flag quickly followed, there were anxious looks on the Maynooth sideline as they battled their way to victory in the final quarter. The referee's final whistle came as a relief as the Crom Abu secured their opening league win after losing to St Laurence's the week before. Meanwhile the club's second team enjoyed a comprehensive win against Rathangan in Division 4, winning out by 3-9 to 0-6.

MAYNOOTH: Paul Flood; Darragh Carr, Colin O'Neill, Adam Gunn; John Comerford, Sean Kennedy, Alan McAndrew; Michael Bennett, Andrew O'Regan; John McAndrew 0-6 (3fs), Conor Canning, Seamus McBride 0-1; Pierre Ennis 0-4 (2fs), Niall Naughton 0-1, Paddy Comerford.

HIGGINS STARS FOR KILDARE

Maynooth's Sean Higgins starred for Kildare at corner-back as the county minors beat Longford convincingly by 1-15 to 0-8 to reach the quarter-finals of this year's Leinster championship on Saturday, 16 April. Higgins lined out at left corner-back in what proved to be a one-sided affair at St Conleth's Park in Newbridge as Kildare got the better of the reigning provincial champions, and the side who beat them in last year's semi-final.

LADIES FOOTBALL

Maynooth travelled to face Naas away in the first round of the ladies league on Tuesday night (5 April) for their first outing since last August.

Ladies SFL Division 2 Round 1

Maynooth 6-8
Naas 4-9

Maynooth started brightly and threatened the Naas backline at every opportunity, scoring a quick point.

However the shooting boots were left behind and a number of bad wides were registered in the opening stages.

The home team started to gain some confidence from this and came into the game gradually. They delivered good ball into the forwards and took some scores well. Maynooth scored 1-2 in the final minutes of the half to leave the scoreline: Naas 1-3 Maynooth 2-4 at half-time. Naas certainly put it up to the Crom Abu in the second half and attacked in droves. Maynooth's defenders stood tall and managed to repel a lot of these, although they couldn't stop all of them and the home team got a few quick scores which put them right back in the game.

Maynooth stepped up their game and were rewarded with a number of goals. To their credit the Naas girls never gave up and scored two2 goals (one from the penalty spot) in injury time at the end of the game. Maynooth ran out five point winners in the end and while they have a lot to work on, it was a good start to the campaign.

Goalkeeper Michelle O'Connor had to be on her toes on a few occasions and plucked some balls out of the sky to set up counter attacks. Her kick outs were also excellent throughout the game.

The full back line of Heather McAree, Aisling Farrell and Annmarie Farrell did very well and managed to block some certain scores.

The half backline of Ailbhe Flynn, Elaine Kelly and Eilis Ni Chorca cut out a lot of ball and frustrated the Naas forward line. In midfield T Dolan and Michelle Carey worked hard and gave good support to the players around them. In attack Roisin Murray raided down the wing all evening while Jenny Moore and Ellen Sweeney picked up a lot of lose ball to set up scores. The dangerous full forward line of Anne Dempsey, Ginny Breslin and the flying Niamh Murray all scored when it mattered.

Jen McMahon and Ciana Heneghan both came on at half-time and did extremely well, and kept possession for the away team.

HURLING NEWS

Maynooth's senior hurlers maintained their winning start to the league with victory away to Confey on Thursday (14 April) night. The win follows on the back of their opening round win against Celbridge the previous Thursday, when they were winners by 3-10 to 1-9. The win puts John Byrne's side in a very good position in the intermediate league table. The juniors get their league campaign underway on Friday night (15 April) against Eire Og at home at 6.45pm

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LETTER TO OUR READERS

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.

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University of Third Age

Just as we were about to rest on our laurels and bask in the glory of our March performances, along came two more challenges. An invitation to perform in our Community Library and also in the Riverbank Theatre, Newbridge for the Bealtaine Festival which takes place during the month of May. So, once again it's back to rehearsals. We are privileged to have the dynamic Emer Crehan working with us. Her passion for her work is inspiring. Our repertoire is definitely expanding and our presentation and delivery improving. The programme includes the dramatisation of 'The Racing of Finn McCool' by Teresa Brayton who lived in Kilcock. Well done Bernadette Duffy for taking on all 13 verses. Maura our jockey, is looking very toned and should cut a quite a dash in lycra. However, our horse still lacks definition! Our dancers literally have a spring in their step. Rather appropriate is the 'Sweets of May'. An Irish ceili dance, originally from County Armagh. It is a lively dance and should convey the joys of May and Spring. The basics have been learned and ladies, all that's needed now is stamina, so dig deep.

We had an enjoyable evening representing U3A in the Tidy Town's Quiz. The atmosphere was cordial with some discreet trading of answers here and there. We were making quite an impression on the scoreboard but lost some ground on the Sports round. Optimistically we hoped to recover on the Music round. Alas, it left us feeling a little perplexed. However, it was a lovely evening and we have filed away a few new facts. So Mr McBride and Co beware.

'Dangerous Pity' by Elizabeth Wassell, was an instantly engaging read. What a welcome delight, at last! The author found her inspiration from the following:

'In the past you had accomplished people and their genuine admirers - masters and disciples. Now you have celebrities and their stalkers'. Elizabeth explores the fine line between pity, compassion and love. Having left West Cork to live in Nice she captures very well, the streets, cafés and various moods of the City. Most of us were not aware of the connection to the Sophie Toscan du Plantier murder investigation because of the author's ties to Ian Bailey, a suspect in the case. A few of our members are travelling to Cote d'Azur for the Easter holidays and so can savour for themselves the smells of the bakeries and restaurants as they stroll down the cobbled streets of the Old Town. Those of us left behind will have to resort to creative visualisation!

With so much happening it is difficult for our travel sub-group to make plans. Sligo appears to be the destination for a short break in early June. A trip further afield will have to wait until late summer. As we prepare for our AGM on May 6th we anticipate some changes. This is our 5th year in existence so plans are afoot to celebrate the occasion. From small beginnings we have grown into a very vibrant group of 35 members. So well done, everybody. **Enquiries: Bernadette 6289131**



The Maynooth Festival.

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An Nuadha Players will perform a selection of pieces for the festival on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd July.

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STUDENT ENTREPRENEUR COMPETITION

The finals of the NUI Maynooth Student Entrepreneur competition took place on Wednesday, 13 April. Battling it out for the €6K first prize, €3k second prize and €1000 third (courtesy of our sponsors Bank of Ireland and McCann FitzGerald Solicitors) were Kevin Quinn and Martin Loneran of www.horsebase.ie, Paul Kavanagh of Momentum, Alvaro Palomo of eBitez and Keith Walsh and Mark Reynolds of ProDesign Embroidery.

This is the fourth year of the competition which is run annually by the NUI Maynooth Commercialisation Office. With over five previous competitors trading to date the competition has proven to be a real help to aspiring undergraduate and graduate entrepreneurs. The competition requires that the competitors make several pitches to a different panel of dragons at each round. The competitors are mentored by the Commercialisation Office who help shape their businesses ideas into something viable.

The teams had ten minutes to present their pitch to the friendly dragons; Conor Boyce Patent Attorney from FRKelly, Conor Mallaghan from Carton Estate, Teresa Gorman from Bank of Ireland and Paul Lavery from McCann FitzGerald Solicitors. Bearing in mind the generous prize fund, the dragons were given carte blanc to ask the difficult questions. First up was ProDesign Embroidery, who described their business of embroidering football boots and accessories which was based on a similar model to Pro-Direct in the UK. This business was a classic case of spotting something that worked in another market and tailoring it for the Irish market. With a contract in place for the 65 Lifestyle stores in Ireland the business was generating some publicity and more importantly some revenue to help pay off their initial investment in machinery. Keith and Mark described their product and where they wanted to take the company and what markets they wanted to expand into. Their challenge was to convince the dragons that they could take the business to the next level.

Next up was Alvaro Palomo who is studying for his PhD in Electronic Engineering. Alvaro has a love for cooking and described his eBitez App for making shopping cheaper for chefs or aspiring chefs. Alvaro made a very a very succinct presentation describing the App, why it was different and the business model. As with all Apps there is always the opportunity to make a healthy income, but few do so, the dragons had some very specific questions around about the business model novelty and opportunity for success.

Following in Alvaro's footsteps was Paul Kavanagh who described his business idea, Momentum. Momentum was born out of Paul's frustration with the ineffectiveness of many campaigns. Coming from a programming background Paul proposes a business model where campaigns could be made more effective while providing a potentially strong business opportunity. Paul made a great convincing pitch which solicited plenty of probing questions from the dragons!

Last up was horsebase.ie - Kevin and Martin made a great pitch describing their business for advertising show jumping horses online. Already established, the site has over 40 horses advertised, where a potential purchaser can see the horse's show jumping record, a picture and even videos of the horse in action. Kevin and Martin described their plans for taking the business to the next level once they had established some footfall.

After nearly two hours of pitching and questions the dragons disappeared to consider the various merits of the pitches leaving the competitors and audience to enjoy pizza, compliments of the NUI Maynooth Commercialisation Office.

The dragons returned twenty minutes later to announce the winners as follows;

1st place, €6,000 prize to Alvaro Palomo with eBitez

2nd place, €3,000 prize to Paul Kavanagh of Momentum

Joint 3rd place: €500 each to Horsebase and ProDesign Embroidery

An elated Alvaro commented afterwards "The learning curve has been exponential in my case, and one of the best experiences in my life".

For further information please contact Commercialisation Office on 01-7086589.



Owen Laverty, Commercialisation Office, NUI Maynooth presents the winner Alvaro Palomo with the €6,000 cheque

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Maynooth Golf Society

Result Sheet—Outing to Millicent Golf Club 5/3/11
Owen Byrne Shield - Sponsored by Maynooth Bookshop

1st Prize	Barry Farrell	37pts B9
2 nd Prize	Mick Fahy	37pts
3 rd Prize	Dave Weafer	36pts
4 th Prize	Mick Flynn Jnr	35pts B9
5 th Prize	Mark Kehoe	35pts B9
6 th Prize	Paul Farrelly	35pts
7 th Prize	Brendan Leigh	34pts
Front 9	Francis Reilly	21pts
Back 9	Joey Edwards	18pts
Visitors		
Nearest the Pin	Mick Flynn Jnr	
2's Club	Tom Nolan, Gerry McTernan, Paul Farrelly, Mick Flynn Jnr,	
Longest Drive	John Carroll	

Millicent Golf Club was the venue for the Owen Byrne Shield, the first outing in the 2011 golfing calendar of the Maynooth Golf Society. 40 members played this very challenging course on Saturday 5th March, weather conditions were sunny and the first signs of spring were evident.

The winner on the day was Barry Farrell with a score of 37 Stableford points closely followed in second place by Mick Fahy 37 points also but beaten on the back 9, and third place Dave Weafer with 36 points. Other results listed above.

A big welcome to all our new members of the society. For those interested in joining Maynooth Golf Society please contact any committee member.

We would like to thank our sponsors for this outing John Byrne Maynooth Bookshop for his generous sponsorship of the Owen Byrne Shield at Millicent.

Result Sheet—Outing to Athy Golf Club 2/4/11 **Eddie Kavanagh Cup—Sponsored by Kevin & Bronagh Donovan**

1st Prize	Niall Byrne	40pts
2 nd Prize	Derek Murray	37pts
3 rd Prize	Rob Tobin	35pts
4 th Prize	Niall Farrell	34pts B9
5 th Prize	Brendan Bean	34pts B9
6 th Prize	Paul Farrelly	34pts B9
7 th Prize	Mick Flynn snr	34pts
Front 9	Martin Deveney	19pts
Back 9	David O'Donahue	19pts
Visitors	J Keogh	36pts
Nearest the Pin	Gerry McTernan	
2's Club	Derek Murray	

Athy Golf Club was the venue for the Eddie Kavanagh Memorial Cup one of the Maynooth Golf Societies most sought after trophies.

We would like to thank our sponsors for this outing Bronagh and Kevin Donovan for their generous sponsorship of the Eddie Kavanagh Cup. 36 members and visitors played this challenging course on Saturday 2nd April, weather conditions were sunny.

The winner was Niall Byrne with a score of 40 Stableford points followed by Derek Murray 37 points and third Rob Tobin with 35 points. All of the next 4 prize winners had a score of 34 points; fourth place was Niall Farrell, fifth Brendan Bean, sixth Paul Farrelly and seventh Mick Flynn snr. All results posted above.

Our next outing is to Portarlinton Golf Club on the 7th May. Then we travel to Gowran Park Kilkenny and Waterford Castle for our weekend away on 21st/22nd May.

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

TeenSpace Maynooth

TeenSpace Maynooth is a Christian youth group for 3rd to 6th year secondary school teenagers (15-18 year olds). Once a month we meet on a Friday evening in the Coffee Mill in Maynooth and once a month we organize a Saturday event. For the past few weeks everyone involved in TeenSpace has been very busy organising fun events. Here is a taste of what the group has been doing:



On Friday 4th of March we had a successful movie night in the Coffee Mill; this was our third official event. We chilled out and watched the hilarious “Despicable Me” and ate popcorn and crisps. Movie night was very enjoyable and we hope to have another one in the future.

Our first Saturday event took place in the Maynooth Post Primary School’s sports hall on the 26th of March. This event was an opportunity for teenagers to have fun and chat while playing table-tennis and badminton. We ended the afternoon with everybody joining in a basketball game. We received great feedback from this particular event.

We asked the teens to bring their creative side to the Coffee Mill for our event on the 8th of April which was named “silly games, skits and creative activities”. This particular event was full of games and fun and was a great opportunity for all the teens to mix and socialise.

If you are in 3rd to 6th year or perhaps you know teenagers who would be interested in joining us for our future events, we have two planned for the month of May. Join TeenSpace on our next adventure as we hike from Bray to Greystones on Saturday the 14th of May; we plan on taking the train to Bray and going for a walk/hike. Enjoy Ireland's scenic coastal views and, as always, share laughs and stories with each other along the way. On Friday, the 27th of May, we are planning a band/music night in the Coffee Mill between 7.30 and 9.30 pm. Please bring 2 euro to the events and bring your friends along as we love to see new members. TeenSpace is a great opportunity for teenagers to escape exam pressures and worries and a chance to hang out with their friends in a safe, yet fun environment.

If you are interested in coming along to our TeenSpace events or would like more information on our youth group please contact us on our mobile number 0861009484 or Facebook page; TeenSpace Maynooth.

“ U.S. President to visit Timahoe ”

If you were listening to ‘ Today in the Papers’ on Radio Telefís Éireann (RTE) in 1970, you would have heard that leading headline announcement.

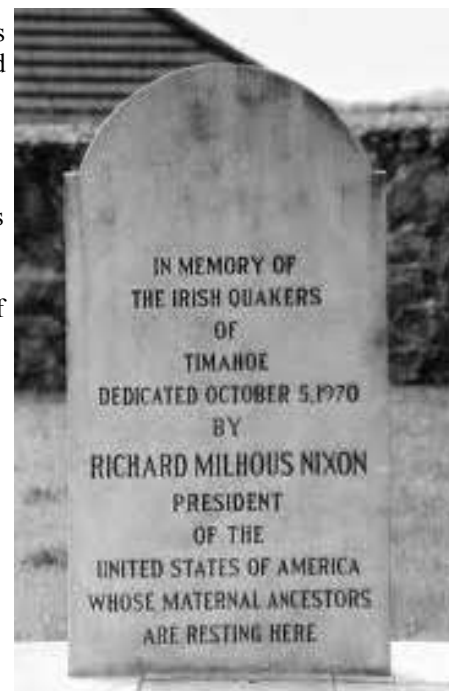
Richard M. Nixon, 37th. President of the United States of America, had discovered his Irish roots, and had included a visit to the old Quaker cemetery at Hodgestown, near Timahoe, in north-west Kildare in his official round of Irish visits.

The press were somewhat puzzled. “Where’s Timahoe?” asked national and international journalists. “County Laois” chorused all the knowledgeable people, in reply, and many of the good people in the County Laois Timahoe nodded their heads in total agreement, and claimed their town was the genuine resting place of the President’s Milhous ancestors.

This heresy was soon put to flight, and Timahoe, in North Kildare, began to take on an international news dimension. Does this remind you of the current competing claims for connections to President Obama’s Irish ancestors?

You are very welcome to hear the full story of President Nixon’s visit to the real Timahoe at 8 pm. on Wednesday, 11th. May at the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth, when Maynooth Local History Group presents a talk by local historian, and Donadea resident, Seamus Cullen.

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Millhouse-Nixon Memorial in Hodgestown Burial Ground Timahoe

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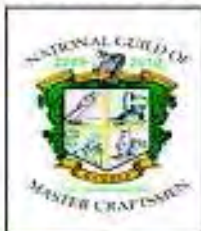
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Method

Preheat the oven to 220°C (430°F) Gas Mark 7.

Place the lamb in a roasting tin. Mix the mustard, soy sauce, garlic, rosemary and ginger together and then gradually stir in the olive oil to make a paste. Spread this mixture over the lamb.

Put in the oven and roast for 20 minutes, then reduce the heat to 180°C (350°F) Gas Mark 4 and continue to roast for another 50 minutes. The lamb will be cooked medium at this stage. Remove from the oven, wrap the lamb loosely in foil and allow to rest for 15 minutes before carving.

Serving Suggestions

Roast potatoes and red onions roasted alongside the lamb – peel and quarter potatoes and some red onions and mix with a little olive oil, bay leaves and seasoning. Roast for the last 50 minutes in the roasting tin with the lamb.

Roast fillet of Beef with shallots & Mushrooms

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 6 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 8 garlic cloves, peeled, 4 crushed, 4 left whole
- 1 beef fillet, about 1.75kg
- 10 small shallots, peeled
- a small bunch rosemary, stems removed
- 350g mixed mushrooms, such as chanterelle, oyster and chestnut, halved or quartered if large

Method

1. Mix 1 tbsp soy, the vinegar, and 3 tbsp olive oil with 4 cloves garlic, crushed. Set aside. Season the beef with plenty of salt and put in a large plastic zip bag with the marinade. Marinate in the

fridge for at least 1 hour and up to 24 hours.

2. Let the beef come to room temperature a couple of hours before roasting. Pat dry and season again. Heat the oven to 200C/fan 180C/gas 6. Heat 1 tbsp olive oil in a heavy-based frying pan and sear the beef well on all sides, then put it in a large roasting tin with the shallots. Sprinkle over half the rosemary and roast for 25 minutes for rare beef (give it another 10 minutes for medium-rare), cover with foil and a tea towel while you cook the mushrooms.

3. Mix the mushrooms with the remaining olive oil, soy sauce, garlic cloves and rosemary. Put the mix on a large shallow baking tray, season and roast in the oven for 15 minutes. Slice the meat and serve with a spoonful of mushrooms and shallots.

Raspberry cupcakes

Ingredients:

For the cakes

- 125g/4oz unsalted butter, softened
- 125g/4oz caster sugar
- 2 eggs
- 125g/4oz self-raising flour
- 150g/5oz raspberries
- 6 passion fruit, sieved pulp only
- a little milk, to loosen the mixture as necessary

For the icing

- 500g/1lb 1½oz icing sugar
- 160g/5½oz butter
- 1 vanilla pod, seeds only
- 2-3 drops pink liquid food colouring
- 50ml/1¾oz milk
- hundreds and thousands

Method

1. For the cakes, preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4. Sit 12 paper cases in a muffin tray.
2. Beat the butter and sugar in a bowl until pale and creamy. Add the eggs, one at a time, and beat until well combined.
3. Fold the flour, raspberries and passion fruit pulp into the mixture until almost smooth. If the mixture looks too stiff, add a little milk, as necessary.
4. Divide the mixture among the paper cases then bake for 20 minutes. Remove from the oven and set aside to cool in the tin for 10 minutes. Turn the cakes out onto a wire rack and set aside until completely cooled.
5. For the icing, using an electric whisk, cream the icing sugar and butter together until light and fluffy. Whisk in the vanilla pod seeds and food colouring. Gradually whisk in enough milk to form a smooth paste.
6. Spoon the icing into a piping bag with a large star-shaped nozzle and pipe the icing over the cake. Sprinkle over the hundreds and thousands.

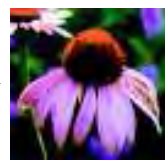
Gardening in May

Keep pots watered

Pots on the patio can be in danger of drying out as the weather warms up. Be sure to water plants regularly.

Cut back perennials

Give your perennials a 'Chelsea chop' to encourage bushier plants. Later flowering plants such as rudbeckia and echinacea respond well and early spring perennials may surprise you with a second flush of flowers.



Water and feed houseplants

As the weather warms up, add a liquid feed to houseplants and water regularly. When repotting plants, add granules of slow release fertiliser to the compost.

Thin out gooseberries

Remove about half of the new fruits from the plant to encourage a longer cropping period and larger fruits later in the season.

Sow tender vegetables

Courgettes and squash can be planted outside in a sunny spot. If you didn't start them off in the greenhouse, sow seed directly in the ground for a late summer crop.

Grow sweetcorn

Place ready-grown plants in rows to form a block. Keep plants well watered and weed free.

Plant up a container herb garden

Try growing basil, mint, parsley or thyme. After planting, place in a sunny spot near the kitchen so they're handy when cooking.

Try growing peppers and chillies

Chillies and peppers are ideal for growing in pots. Put plants outside and pinch out side shoots to encourage branching.

Sow courgette seeds

Sow seeds on their sides in pots from now until the end of May. Place pots in a heated propagator or on a sunny windowsill and water well.

Protect your carrots

The main threat to your crop is carrot fly. Reduce the risk of an attack by thinning plants and placing a shield around your seedlings.

Grow celery

Plant seedlings from now until June in a sunny spot. The crop will grow best if planted in a grid.



Plant a climber

Plant a climber along a trellis, wall or fence. Water in well and spread a layer of mulch around the base of the plant.



Plant out tomatoes

Tomato plants that have been raised under glass can be planted outside in warmer areas. Make sure to harden plants off first.

Feed irises

Feed plants with a low-nitrogen, slow-release fertiliser and add extra lime for very acid soils.

Keep your lawn trim

Give your lawn a weekly trim. Regular cutting will keep the grass thick, green and free of weeds.

Prune shrubs

Cut back shrubs after flowering to rejuvenate plants and improve its overall shape. Choisya, forsythia and chaenomeles all benefit from a hard prune.

Grow sunflowers

Choose a sunny spot and sow seeds in rows with the tallest varieties in the back. Plants will germinate quickly and by mid-summer you'll have plenty of flowers.



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Ensure a continuous supply of beetroot

To get a regular supply of beetroot, sow a row every month. If space is short, you can sow them in a pot. If the seedlings you sowed earlier are overcrowded, thin them out. The leaves can be used in salads.

Attract wildlife

Encourage bees and beneficial insects by planting flowering plants.

Train roses

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Anyone can rent the main venue for 20 euros an hour or one of the smaller classes for €10 an hour to teach creative courses or programmes for those with special needs through the arts resource teaching for adults and children alike whereby they can experience sensory art. It's a wonderful experience to visit a place where the old tradition of story-telling is celebrated and for all to read, experienced or written over tea or coffee and maybe a few biscuits and muffins. A ghost story or a favourite novel can be in itself. The art gallery is open for the public to submit items of their talent and expertise for display and sale of their products sold.

The late café is open from 9-12pm every night, with a range of teas, coffees and snacks, as well as different events on for musicians, jugglers, mimes, poets and other varied types of entertainment and all are welcome to sign up at 9pm. There is a cinema which at the moment is showing classic movies such as the Alfred Hitchcock epics. Wednesdays and Fridays are reserved for live music playing across a broad spectrum of musical styles and genres to suit all ages and tastes. Thursday night the café is open for stories or some short films. There is no bar in the centre, but there is a bring your own beer policy where the staff will cater for you like. But the Creative Arts Centre is not just limited to evening entertainment, anyone can go in to the coffee shop from 10am to 5pm. 50 blends of tea or the more adventurous customer can even experiment with their own blend of coffee and this can all be enjoyed with a varied selection of snacks. But this is not all that is on offer. Music and drama lessons may be taken up to grade 8 on a very affordable price of €15 an hour. There is also the added bonus of recording facilities for the more enterprising musician. One of the entertainments on offer is on the night of Saturday 7th of May when Frankie Lane will be performing and once again for the general public and 10 euro for students. When asked about how the public view the centre the management said that, "The centre is very welcoming. By providing this space for creative talents of all types we believe this can be an integral part of the community."

If you would like to practice your own musical or dramatic abilities, teach or learn a new skill or relate or listen to new music in a relaxed atmosphere then this venue is for you. To have a relaxing coffee and a snack or to display your talent in a visual artistic way in the gallery on Coate's Lane in the centre of Maynooth. This is a workshop for people from all walks of Maynooth society to either create or experience a congenial and artistic atmosphere. **To find out about upcoming events you can phone the staff on 01-505-4744 or e-mail updates on www.creativearts.ie, or join them on facebook or twitter.**

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Cat Bibs are available for purchase over the Internet.

New Arrival In Dublin Zoo

Dublin Zoo was delighted to announce the arrival of a bouncing, baby western lowland gorilla. Proud mum, Lena, gave birth to a healthy, baby gorilla at 4.15pm on Sunday 27th March. The newborn weighs only 2kgs and so far keepers are unable to tell if it is a boy or a girl because Lena is keeping the baby boy close to her chest.

Lena, who was born in 1984, is an experienced mother and this is her fifth baby. She has a very close relationship with the baby's father Harry the dominant silverback of the Zoo's group of gorillas. Dad Harry was born in 1986 and is an experienced, relaxed male and an excellent father. Harry stays close to Lena and the newborn keeping a protective eye on them at all times. As the leader, Harry is responsible for the group's well-being.

Ciaran McMahon, team leader responsible for the gorillas said, "The youngster is doing very well, within minutes the baby was feeding from mum Lena which is a very good sign. We can tell that the infant is strong because there are a lot of head movements."

The baby gorilla, yet to be named, will join two brothers Alfie (born 2003) and Evindi (born 2006) and Mayani, a female gorilla who moved to Dublin Zoo from Stuttgart Zoo in 2005. Evindi, who is the second youngest gorilla is curious about the new arrival and is staying close to mum and baby. Keepers have noticed that every so often he tenderly touches the baby's head or tummy.

The new arrival is a great success for Dublin Zoo as part of the European breeding programme for these critically endangered primates very strong.



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Question

What are the changes to the rules about apartment management companies?

Answer

The Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011 came into effect on 1st April 2011. The Act aims to regulate some of the issues which have caused disputes between developers and home owners in multi-unit developments- in particular how the common areas (for example, halls and gardens) are managed and funded. The act provides for the setting up of owners management companies to manage such areas.

The Act applies to new developments completed after 1st April 2011 and to existing multi-unit developments. A multi-unit development is generally a development in which there at least five residential units that share facilities, amenities and services.

From 1st April 2011, before a developer can sell any units in a new development, an owners management company must be set up and the common areas of the development transferred to it. For existing developments where one or more units have already been sold, the developer has six months-until 30th September 2011- to transfer ownership of the common areas.

Each owner of a residential unit is entitled to membership of the owners management company and is generally entitled to one vote. If a different arrangement is in operation it can be continued provided it is just and equitable. The owners management company must hold annual meetings and provide reports to members. Service charges must be agreed by the owners management company. It must also set up a sinking fund into which every member pays on a regular basis (for emergency or very large repairs).

When a unit in a development is sold or transferred, the membership of the owners management company automatically transfers to the new owner. It is not necessary to formally execute the transfer or have it approved by the directors of the company. (In general, the transfer of membership of a company does require such formalities).

In some existing developments, directors appointed by the developer are entitled to remain as directors for life. This is no longer possible after 1st April 2011 and directors in place on 1st April 2011 must cease to be directors by 1st April 2014 at the latest. All new directors will be limited to a term of three year.

Question

What is the difference between a medical card and a GP visit card?

Answer

A medical card allows you to receive certain health services free of charge. The main services are free GP (family doctor) services, free prescribed drugs and medicines (except for a 50 cent charge per prescription item), free in-patient and out-patient public hospital services and some free dental, optical and aural services.

Medical card holders also qualify for other benefits. They pay a reduced rate of Universal Social Charge on their income. They may also be exempt from paying school transport charges and State examination fees (in publicly-funded second-level schools). They may also get financial help with buying school books.

To qualify for a medical card your weekly income must be below a certain figure for your family size. Normally your dependent spouse or partner and your children are also covered for the same range of health services. Medical cards are small plastic cards (similar in size to a credit card). Your medical card will show your doctor's name. It is usually issued for a year after which it is reviewed.

The GP visit card entitles you to visit your family doctor for free. If you do not qualify for a medical card on income grounds, you may qualify for a GP visit card. It is means tested, but the income limits are 50% higher than for the medical card. It does not cover any prescribed drugs and does not entitle you to any other health services (All non-medical card holders living in Ireland can get help with the cost of prescriptions under the Drugs Payment Scheme (DPS). Under the DPS you and your family only have to pay a maximum monthly amount (currently €120) for all prescribed drugs, medicines or appliances).

You apply for a medical card and a GP visit card on the same application form. You can get it at your Local Health Office or health centre or download it from hse.ie. Return the completed form to your Local Health Office or health centre.

Question

I co-own a house with my sister. We pay the mortgage jointly. However I recently lost my job and am unemployed. I am getting Jobseeker's Benefit but am struggling to pay my share of the mortgage. Since my sister is working full-time I don't think I can get Mortgage Interest Supplement. Is there other help available?

Answer

You may have misunderstood the criteria for Mortgage Interest Supplement (MIS). The disqualification for working full-time only applies to couples. This means that a spouse, civil partner or cohabitant owned the house with you their circumstances would be taken into account. However your sister's circumstances irrelevant. If you personally meet the criteria for Mortgage Interest Supplement you can get help with the interest part of your mortgage payments. Your lender can tell you what part of your monthly mortgage payment goes towards the interest on your loan.

The main criteria for Mortgage Interest Supplement (MIS) are:

You must have been able to afford the repayments when the mortgage was taken out. The amount of mortgage payable is reasonable (so for example you are not paying an excessive interest rate). The loan is only for the purchase and essential repair or maintenance of your home (This means that if you have taken out an extra mortgage for another reason, for example, to support a business or if you have rolled up all of your loans into a mortgage, the extra loan amount is not eligible for MIS). Your house must not be up for sale. You are habitually resident in the state.

As you are aware you won't qualify for MIS if you, your spouse, civil partner or cohabitant works more than 30 hours a week or if you are in full-time education. If your loan is in arrears and you have not engaged with your lender you may not be awarded MIS. However each case is considered individually. You will not be awarded MIS for interest payments on arrears on your mortgage. The scheme is administered by community welfare officers in your local health centre. Visit keepingyourhome.ie to find more about the rules for Mortgage Interest Supplement and how to apply.

Question

I own a holiday cottage in the West as well as my main home. I am currently selling the property and the sale will close in May 2011. Does the new owner have to pay the Non Principal Private Residence Charge on this property and how do I transfer responsibility for it to them?

Answer

The Non Principal Private Residence Charge (NPPR) Charge ("second home charge") is €200 for each property you own on 31st March each year (apart from your main home). This means that if the sale goes through as planned you are liable for the charge and not the new owner (since they will not become the owner until after 31st March).

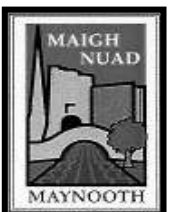
You can pay the NPPR Charge for 2011 from 31st March 2011. You must pay the charge by 30th June each year. A late fee of €20 is charged for each month or part of a month after 30th June. You can pay online at nppr.ie.

After you have paid the charge you can print off your receipt from the online system or a receipt will be emailed to your email address if you have provided one during registration. You can always ask the local authority to give you a certificate stating that you have paid the NPPR charge for the year. You should give this to the new owner as evidence of payment. You can remove yourself from as owner of the property on the nppr.ie website. It will then be up to the new owner - if it is not their principal private residence - to register as the owner of the house and pay the charge the following year.

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Cllr. John McGinley

Tree Removals on Carton Avenue Maynooth

Copy of Email received from Simon Wallace

Dear Councillor

Pruning works were carried to the avenue of Lime Trees on Carton Avenue prior to Christmas. During the course of this work it was noticed that a few trees along the avenue had extensive decay in them. As a result the trees are considered dangerous and not worthy of retention. Therefore it is proposed to remove these trees. A total of five trees will be removed. It is hoped to commence this work on Wednesday this week. These locations and others where trees appear to have fallen previously will be replanted next winter with semi mature Lime trees to compensate for the loss of the trees and to retain the amenity value of the Avenue. If you have any further queries please let me know.

Yours sincerely

Simon Wallace
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Extension of 66 & 67 Buses in Maynooth

We were given the following update at today's (15/4/2011) Celbridge Area Meeting of the Council:

The Council have received € 200,000 from the National Transportation Authority to cover the cost of bus friendly ramps and bus stops. It will also cover the cost of the terminus for the 66 at Rathcoffey Road. The location and cost of providing a terminus for the 67 at Moyglare Hall will be decided between the Developer and Dublin Bus as it is a private road and estate. Traffic signals will be provided at the Straffan Road/ Meadowbrook Link Road junction to facilitate the 66 bus turning right. I had preferred a roundabout here but Dublin Bus and the Council prefer traffic signals. However, it is good news for those who are turning right from the Meadowbrook Link Road and it will put a stop to those drivers who turn left here and do a U Turn at Carton Court. Council Officials are in discussion with landowners on the town side of the M4 on the provision of a terminus on the Rathcoffey Road for the 67 bus.

Bollards at Old Greenfield

I had a meeting in Old Greenfield with Council engineers last week and it was agreed that the bollards would not be removed due to the narrowness of the road at the bottom of the Lane. i.e. it is too narrow for two way traffic.

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

The Table Quiz was held in the Boys National School in November and 2 teams were picked to represent Maynooth East

Team 1 Laura Millet
Aoife Lynch
Aoife Kelly
Callum McCabe

Team 2 Catherine Bristow
Shauna Doyle
Catherine Jones
Aisling Ennis

Subs Aine Feeney
Casey Jenkins

Subs Katie McKimm
Laureen Kelly

Well done to all the boys and girls and to the 2 teams who travelled to the Kildare Finals in Sarsfield's GAA on March 11th. The final shakedown resulted in 1st place for Clane/Rathcoffey with a total of 93 points out of 100. In joint position were Maynooth 1st team and Clane each having 91 points. A nail biting tie-breaker then took place. Four rounds of tie-breaker questions failed to separate the teams. Having exhausted tie-breakers, a sudden death question finally victory to the Maynooth team and were rewarded with Silver Medals. However this year only the winning team goes through to the All Irelands, here to fore the top two went on the finals so we missed out a chance to participate. Team 2 came through with a score of 82 marks and well done to the young team, keep up the practice for next year. Many thanks to Brian and Colm for all the practice sessions and to Dominic Nugent in the Boys School for all the help.

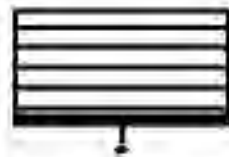
Chess Team

Our newcomers Chess Team U12 lost to Kill in the Semi Final. Team Matthew McBrearty, Ruari Wall, Conor Ganley, Hannah Murphy and Kristoffer Grey. Well done boys and girls and keep up the practice. Many thanks to Alan Millet for all the guidance and tuition.



Boys Table Tennis

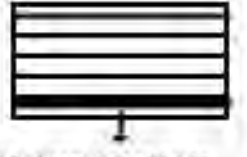
The Under 13 Boys are once again bringing home the trophies, Gold finalists in Kildare and Leinster and are now heading off to the All Irelands in May. Well done boys.



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Independent Representatives Applaud Community Participation in Kildare County Development Plan

Kildare County Council's group of Independent Councillors, Pádraig McEvoy, Seamie Moore, Paddy Kennedy and Seamie Moore, along with Catherine Murphy T.D. commended the high level of community participation as the plan was finalised on Monday 4th April. Of the 6,685 submissions, 4,073 were from people concerned about the heritage value of Donaghomper in Celbridge. They believed that the planning applications from the developer were incompatible with the historic character of Celbridge and the adjacent Castletown demesne.

In the final meeting on the plan, the Council officials recommended against new protection policies which had been secured by Catherine Murphy and Pádraig McEvoy in December. This was despite An Bord Pleanála's refusal for bridge and road infrastructure, for reasons of conservation and traffic management, which were designed to service a high-rise town centre development. Cllr McEvoy argued that "a revised town centre objective would allow for alternative thinking during the next Celbridge Local Area Plan. The Georgian streetscape is unique in Kildare and with the restoration of Castletown House, Celbridge has the potential to be a vibrant tourist venue on Dublin's doorstep. Future plans must take this into account."

Cllr Larkin, who backed the retention of the policies to protect the views from within Castletown demesne, spoke afterwards. "The public reaction on Castletown has been an enormous consideration in the finalising of this document. It is clear that the future for Celbridge will have to be sensitively planned and will have to see past the profiteering motives from the Celtic Tiger period." Deputy Murphy, who as a TD was precluded from the final stage of the process, was happy with some of the outcomes. "I want to see the planned

corrections to the protection boundaries of Castletown and Donaghcumper demesnes progressed quickly. Furthermore, there is a need to revisit the LAP in Celbridge and to down-zone the lands which are not compatible for a town centre. Celbridge has been held back by the failed policies from 2002 and we now need to start planning for a proper future for the town," she said.

Of the thirty-six motions in the final debate, the Independent Councillors were the movers on eighteen proposals. They pertained to managing nuisance noise at recycling points, ensuring compliance with the Regional Planning Guidelines, encouraging appropriate public access to protected monuments and natural heritage, proper flood management and the progress of policies on walking and cycling. Cllr Moore backed the provision of clarity on the planned upgrades to Osberstown Waste Water Treatment Plant which serves the Naas area. "I want to see this progressed but in the interim, there is a need to ensure that the site is compliant with environmental safeguards," he said.

Cllr Kennedy spoke of the need for the plan guide the economic recovery for which County Kildare could play a leading role. "Proper planning should connect the local need with the regional potential. We need our towns and the hinterland areas to act as commercial focal points which will underpin strong local economies" he noted. "The new plan gives some vision towards that.

The Kildare County Development Plan 2011-2017 will be enacted on the 2nd May.

Joint press release issued on behalf of Cllr Pádraig McEvoy, Cllr Paddy Kennedy, Cllr Seamie Moore, Cllr Anthony Larkin and Deputy Catherine Murphy regarding the Kildare County Development Plan 2011-2017.

Please don't hesitate to contact any of the Councillors or the Deputy at the following numbers should you require any further input on the Development Plan.

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Cllr Seamie Moore - 087-2497813
Cllr Anthony Larkin - 087-2128837
Deputy Catherine Murphy - 087 2696450

MURPHY DEMANDS THAT SYSTEMIC FAILURES IN WASTE DISPOSAL MARKET BE ADDRESSED TO STOP FUTURE KERDIFFSTOWN LANDFILL SCENARIOS RECURRING

Catherine Murphy, TD during the debate on the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2010 highlighted the desperate need for a full appraisal of the waste disposal market due to the very worrying situation at Kerdiffstown Landfill along with the various costly inefficiencies in the present system.

The Kildare North TD spoke in the Dáil about the difficulties of a fully deregulated waste market where private operators "cherry pick" the areas they wish to work in, often towns in which there is a high density of users, while leaving the Local Authorities to take up the slack on the more remote areas.

"Competition in the waste market is more acute in the towns, so there is cherry picking taking place. It is not unusual for a refuse collection provider to commence work in the same estate every morning of the week often at 5am or 6am in the morning"

Throughout her speech, Murphy spoke about the practical problems with having several private operators collecting from housing estates throughout the week leading to a situation where everyday was bin day and early morning noise is now a real problem for some households. She went on to highlight the environmental concerns associated with the increased movements of bin trucks throughout the county as each operator was going in and out of the same areas to serve different clients.

More worryingly however, Murphy highlighted the grave dangers of incineration being trumpeted as the way forward in waste disposal. She spoke of the controversial Poolbeg incinerator and the costs that the taxpayer is likely to incur as a result of its construction. "The contract entered into between Dublin City Council and Covanta requires 325,000 tonnes of waste to be delivered every year for 25 years or a penalty will be incurred to

compensate Covanta in the event of a shortfall. The SLR review concluded that the proposed Poolbeg incinerator was oversized and

that a plant with 250,000 to 300,000 tonnes would suffice rather than the 600,000 tonne plant that is proposed."

This, according to Murphy is just another example of a waste disposal system that is costing the taxpayer multiples of what it should be. In the case of the Poolbeg incinerator the taxpayer will pay the fines to Covanta if enough waste is not sent to the plant and, in a deregulated market where private waste operators are not instructed on where they dispose of the waste they collect there is no guarantee that enough waste will be sent to the plant. This, according to the Kildare TD will not only cost the state in terms of fines but it will also act as a disincentive towards recycling as all available waste will be required to be sent to the incinerator. Another issue with the various private operators in the market is that of the waiver system operated by Local Authorities. In this system those who cannot afford to pay waste collection fees obtain a waiver from the Local Authority to use their service however private operators are not compelled to do this so they get to benefit from profitable routes but do not have to absorb the type of loss that the Local Authorities do.

Finally Murphy spoke about the cost of environmental cleanup operations once again falling on the taxpayer. This ranges from the increases in illegal dumping that fall upon a combination of community organisation's, such as Tidy Town's committee's, and local authorities to be cleaned-up to the most drastic of scenarios that we see at the Kerdiffstown Landfill where the cost to the final cost to the state will be in the region of €30million.

Murphy has called on the Minister for the Environment, Phil Hogan TD to consider the bill in terms of its practical application and to address the practical problems with the current system as a matter of urgency.

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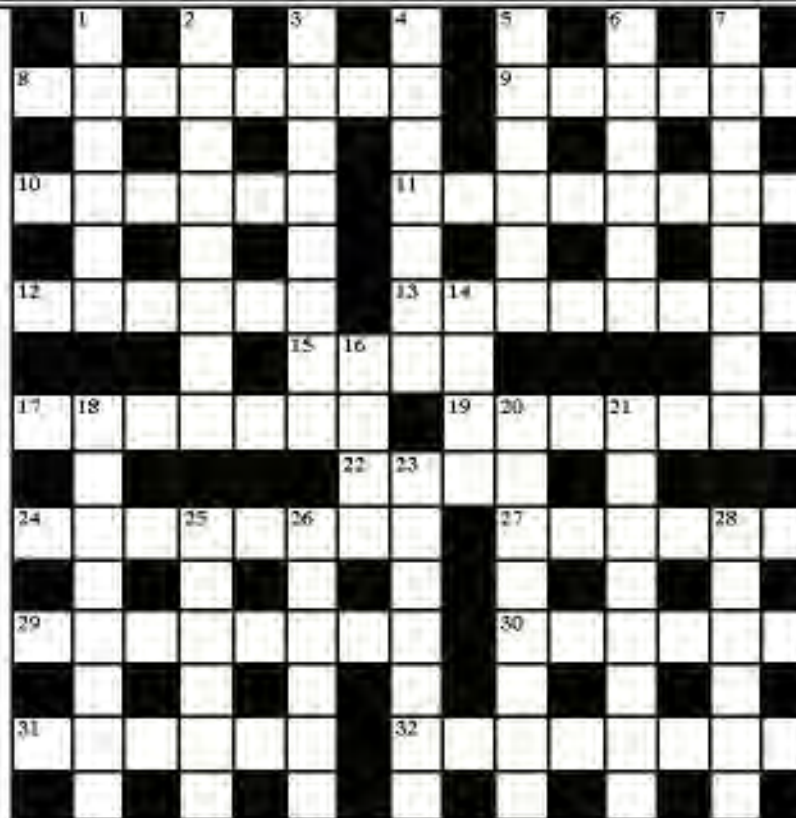


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May 2011 Crossword —No: 391

ACROSS

8. Disappears (8)
 9. Pungent bulbs (6)
 10. Curved, closed line (6)
 11. Against the current (8)
 12. Easing of pain (6)
 13. Collected in one place (8)
 15. Put into service (4)
 17. North American bison (7)
 19. This hour is just before dawn (7)
 22. Smaller quantity (4)
 24. Bony structure (8)
 27. One in time can save nine (6)
 29. It's thrown in winter (8)
 30. Copper, tin and iron (6)
 31. Arm or record cover (6)
 32. Interchangeable words (8)



DOWN

1. Of the sea (6)
 2. Devilment, impishness (8)
 3. Showing good spirits (8)
 4. Allay, alleviate (7)
 5. Sorted out the English county (6)
 6. Ferocious, savage (6)
 7. They enter by force to conquer (8)
 14. Appends (4)
 16. Performance by one person (4)
 18. In an unsympathetic way (8)
 20. Taking for granted (8)
 21. Working with needles (8)
 23. Language spoken in his glen, strangely (7)
 25. Attorney (6)
 26. Bought and sold (6)
 28. Cylindrical vertical upright (6)

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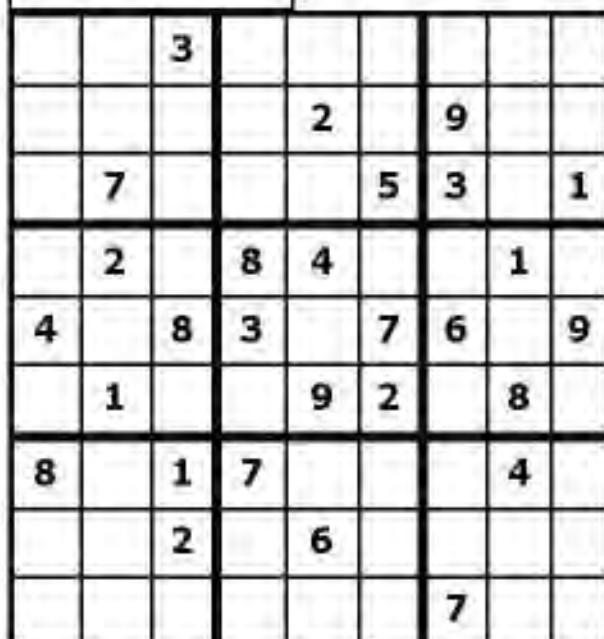
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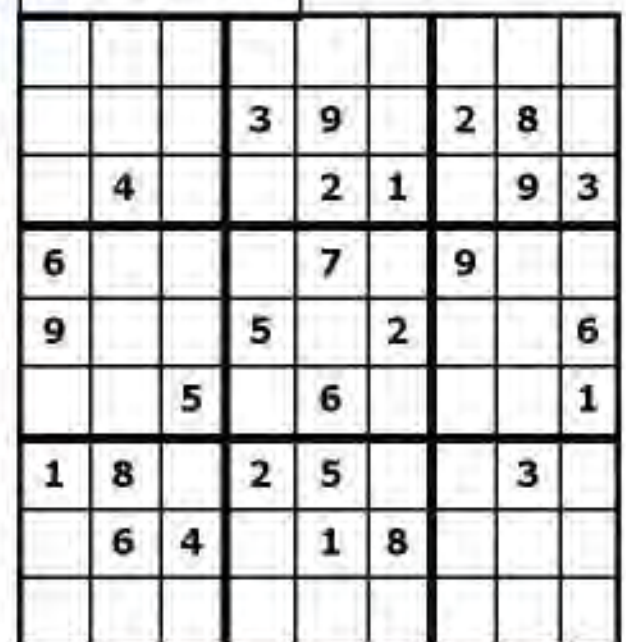
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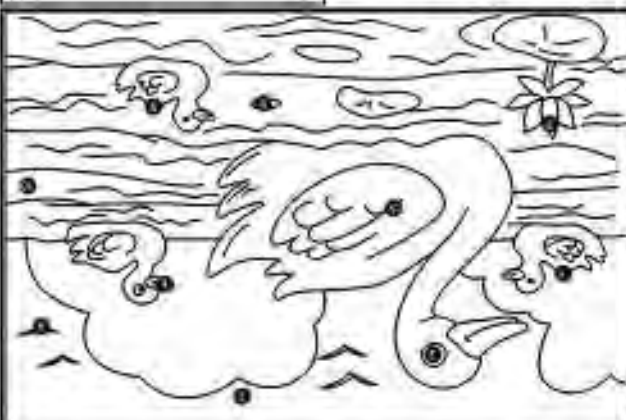
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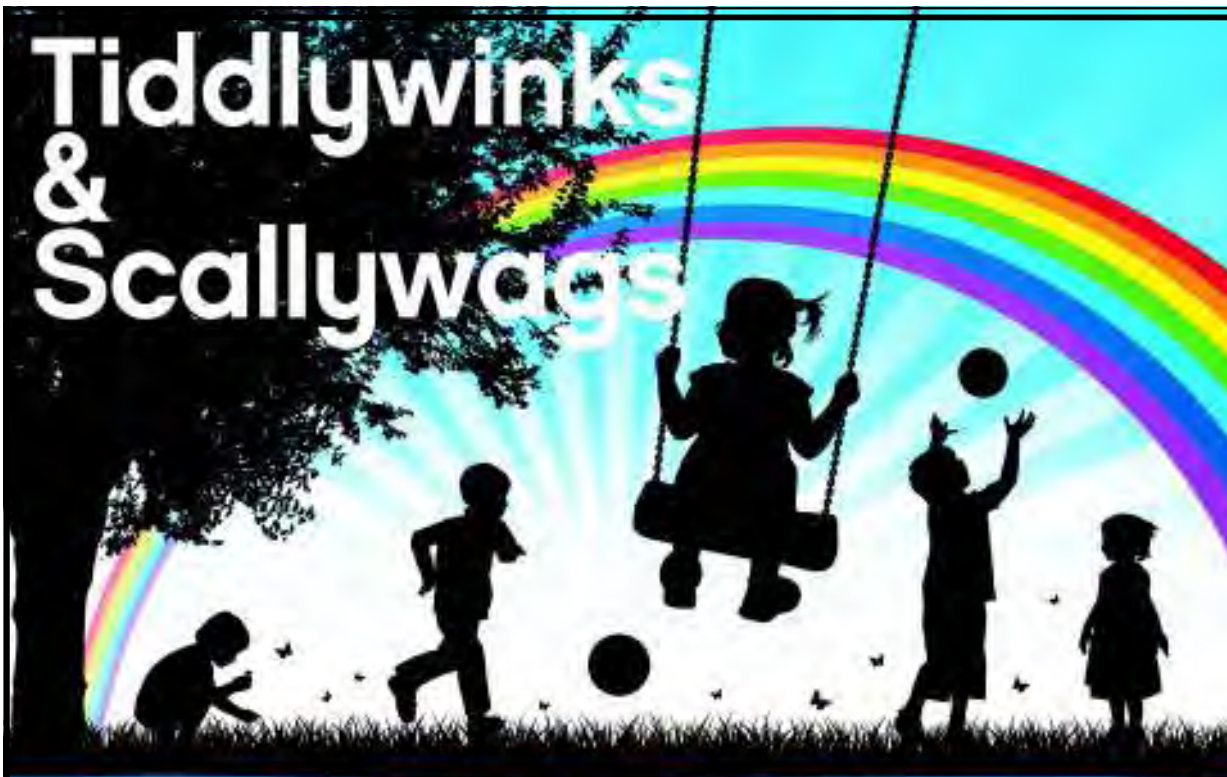
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Some tips to help with Home to School Transitions are:

- Talk to your child about the preschool and what the activities and fun they will have.
- Bring your child to see the school, and introduce the teachers.
- Make sure your child has enough time to wake up before school, tired children find transitioning hard.
- Let him bring a little piece of home along, it will provide comfort.
- Don't anticipate trouble.
- Put on a happy face, don't feel guilty or overly sympathetic, if you waver your child will play to those feelings and you will feel even worse.
- Support don't criticise, your support builds your child's confidence.
- Make your farewell short and sweet, once you are ready to go, tell your toddler in terms they can easily understand.
- Ask a teacher to join your transition team, as the transition will go more smoothly if a teacher helps out.
- Ask a stand-in to drop off your toddler in the event that your toddler is clinging no matter what you do. Children will often act better for people who are not their parents.
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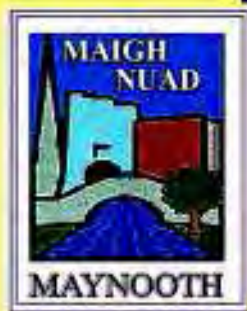


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Maynooth Tidy Towns seeks your support for 2011 competition

Judging for the National Tidy Towns competition can take place at anytime between June 1st and August 31st next. Maynooth has entered the competition again this year and the marks achieved are a reflection of the judge's opinion on the entire town on the day that we are assessed. Maynooth Tidy Towns urges us all to be conscious of litter in particular during these three months and help to ensure that we will all be proud of the result that the town gets in the 2011 competition.

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Editorial

Nach iontach an mhí a bhí againn! An bhanríon Eilís a dó agus uachtarán na Stáit Aontaithe ag teacht ar chúairt ag an oileáinín seo. Beidh daoine ag breathnú siar ar seo ar feadh tamall fada le teacht – má bhíonn.

What a historic month this has been and is there anything in June that can compete? Well, the footbridge will come down on the Kilcock Road shortly, the huge roundabout in the centre of the road will be fully active and the new traffic lights will be added to the myriad of lights that exist in the town already. The full effect of these changes to the traffic flow in the town will not be felt until the autumn when all the schools meet the returning growing student population. The narrowing of the road and the intrusive bus stops will only add to the impending chaos.

Bridges are not just physical buildings; they are regarded as liminal places, symbols - between areas like bogs, mountains or rivers. When the footbridge, the link between the North and South Campus, will be severed and the fragile connection will disappear despite the impressive plans for the new Library and the roundabout are.

Returning to the historic month and the distinguished visitors that raised many questions. Before the arrival of the queen, there was a great deal of scepticism and cynicism. The threat from terrorism increased and a bomb was found on a bus in our own town, every manhole on the route were welded shut, the streets were cleared of people and hardly anyone in Dublin was allowed anywhere near her. But as soon as she set foot in the Garden of Remembrance and bowed her head, the country became royalist over night. The famous “herd” instinct took over and when she spoke her “cúpla focal” that was it – we were loyalists. The President spoke more than the few words and his “Is féidir linn” went down really well with the crowd in College Green. In contrast, the Taoiseach hardly spoke a word of the first official during the week of the visits. Mind you, did the crowd in College Green even understand Obama’s words? This is the same Taoiseach who wanted to abolish compulsory Irish during the election campaign although he speaks the language with a lovely fluency. It is this herd instinct that got us into the economic trouble of the past number of years, no one can disagree, those who try to stand out are ridiculed or, at its worst, bullied into silence and submission. Protesters and dissenters are not welcome in Ireland. It was the herd collusion that allowed the abuse of certain sections of society in the past; it is the herd’s turning a blind eye that allows the widespread and increasing bullying at every level in Irish society. The whistle blower is not welcome and is guaranteed to be silenced.

The two visits do raise the question that has been of concern since the collapse of the Celtic Tiger. What makes us Irish? What made us Irish in the past and what does the madness of the Celtic Tiger say about us. It is not possible to answer these questions until the sea of history widens between the events and the historian but it is still worth trying to put the visits in context. Apart from the herding instinct what did the visit tell us? Look at the sites of the queen’s visit for example and the concert arranged for her. Couple this with the “There’s no one as Irish as Barak O’Bama” visit to Moneygall and the warm up for the speech in College Green. Can we really come up with no better an Irish song than “Danny Boy”? Twice? The Book of Kells, Jedward, Riverdance, the Rock of Cashel ... the subject for another day. Mind you, Tara didn’t feature on the itinerary, Tara and the M3 have fallen out of the lexicon completely. The crushing and wasteful symbol of the worst manic phase of the Celtic Tiger years. It needs to be hidden away along with those who objected to the road.

But looking forward to next month again – we have our own Geraldine Festival of culture to look forward to and brochures will be arriving in each and every house.

Let us remind you again as well that we welcome letters to the editor if you feel strongly about any topic.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Meeting 9 May 2011

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

Geraldine Festival

Andrew McMullon (Treasurer and Festival Sub-committee) said that progress was being made with the Festival programme. Gabriel Martin (Leinster Park Residents Association) confirmed that Nuada Players would perform at the Castle. Hilda Dunne (History Group) said that her group would also organise cultural events for the Castle. Peter Garrad (Scouts) said that the Scouts would not be organising a family day this year.

Tidy Towns Committee steps up activities

Mattie Callaghan (Tidy Towns Committee) said that the committee had stepped up its activities in advance of the judging for the Tidy Town Competition, which takes place during the summer. He said that the group would be tackling graffiti in the town over the next few weeks. They would also be lifting and redoing the hanging baskets. Volunteers from the Teen Space group would finish off the remaining work on the Carton Avenue clean-up. Paul Croghan (PDO and Tidy Towns Committee) said that other groups volunteering to help would be very welcome. He said that if residents associations are undertaking any Tidy Towns projects over the next few weeks they should contact him through the Community Council office, as this work would gain extra marks in the competition for Maynooth, if it was noted by the judges. The annual Tidy Towns fund-raising collection would take place shortly.

Senior Citizens participate in Bealtaine Festival

Josie Moore (Senior Citizens Committee) said that the Bealtaine Festival, celebrating creativity in older age, was coming up, and that the Senior Citizens group would be participating in art in all its forms, including painting, needlework, and dancing. Now that the weather was better, their club had returned to the ICA Hall and would continue there up to the end of July. In August there would be an annual holiday for senior citizens from Maynooth to Kerdiffstown House.

Scouts camp in Dublin Mountains

P. Garrad reported that the Maynooth Scouts had a successful Group Camp over the May bank-holiday weekend, camping at Larch Hill in the Dublin Mountains. Groups from age eight upwards participated, with the senior group making their own shelters, camping out overnight, and walking from Enniskerry to Larch Hill. He said that the Scouts would compete this month for the County Shield, which they won last year. There would also be a walk in aid of Crumlin Hospital, with a former scout leader from Maynooth walking from Ballinasloe to Maynooth. He hoped that the community would generously support this fundraiser. The Scouts would be helping the Senior Citizens Committee in Kerdiffstown again this year.

Local History group events

H. Dunne said that the group had recently hosted a talk by Declan O’Connor on the visit of Elizabeth, Empress of Austria, to Maynooth College in the late nineteenth century. She said that on one occasion the Empress, nicknamed ‘Sisi’, had caused quite a stir among the 300 seminarians when the stag she had been hunting with the Ward Union Hunt broke into the College grounds. The next history event would be a talk by Seamus Cullen on President Nixon’s visit to Timahoe.

Community Centre lease to be signed soon

P. Croghan (Community Centre Sub-committee) said that the lease for the interim community space at Manor Mills would be signed shortly, and that the facility would then become available. Maynooth Community Council would

assist in the administration of the space, as this was a requirement of Kildare County Council, but he did not expect any additional costs to be involved. There would be another meeting with the County Council soon. He said that the Manor Mills space was in a good central location, and that keys would be made available to community groups in Maynooth, including the Youth Café Committee. Councillor John McGinley (Labour) said that this was the first time this kind of facility was being made available by Kildare County Council, and that a requirement was that the space would be multi-use, and used during the daytime as well as in the evening. It was important to make good use of the space, as how it was used now would impact on the provision of the proposed community facility at the Tesco site.

Proposal for new school site causes concerns

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin (Secretary) told the meeting that the Community Council executive had met with parents representatives from Maynooth Boys National School and Maynooth Educate Together School to discuss the proposed new multi-function school campus at Moyglare Hall, where the VEC has acquired a 40-acre site. It is understood that the VEC plans to build a 1,500-pupil school building at this location, into which an enlarged Maynooth Post Primary School would move, and apparently the Boys National School might also move to this site. She said that the parents representatives had expressed concern at the location of the proposed school site, well outside the town, and at the number of pupils proposed for the post primary school.

M. Ní Bhrolcháin said that a letter had been received from Maynooth Post Primary School Parent Teacher Association asking for community support for the project so that it could go ahead without delay. A letter had also been received from Mr. Johnny Nevin, Principal of MPPS, advising that the Community Council should contact Mr. Sean Ashe, CEO of Kildare VEC, to obtain further information about the proposal. She said that prior to their contact with the Community Council, the parents of pupils at the Boys National School had not known about the suggestion that their school might move to the proposed new campus. She said that it was important that the Community Council highlight the issue in the *Maynooth Newsletter*.

Deirdre Cullen (PRO and Planning and Development Sub-committee) said that there seemed to be confusion and a lack of information about the proposal and its scope. She suggested that the Community Council should invite Mr. Ashe to make a presentation, if possible at the next Community Council meeting, outlining the proposal and the thinking behind it. Colm Ó Cearúil (Deputy PDO) said he supported this suggestion.

J. McGinley said that Maynooth Community Council was doing the right thing in letting the community know about the proposal. The four primary school parent teacher associations in the town should meet to discuss the plan and make their concerns known. He said it was a 3.5km walk from his part of the town to the site at Moyglare Hall. He also said that it was difficult to change things when they got to the planning stage and that it was important for the community to have an input early on in the process.

P. Croghan asked if lands around Carton Avenue could have been used instead. J. McGinley said that these lands had been earmarked for playing fields, but that lands were available near the Educate Together School, and also at Rathcoffey Road.

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6th Prize	Brendan Bean	58pts
7th Prize	Mark Kehoe	57pts B18
First 18	John Carroll (Gowran)	38pts
Second 18	Joey O'Riordan (Waterford)	31pts
Visitors	Cha Farrelly	
Nearest the Pin	Declan Byrne (Gowran) Barry Farrell (Waterford)	
2's Club	Barry Farrell	

The Weekend away to Gowran Park and Waterford Castle on 20th /21st May were the venues for the Christy Kenny Memorial Cup, the Maynooth Golf Society annual trophy to commemorate one of the societies great past members. 24 members and visitors played these 2 challenging and different courses on Friday 20th & Saturday 21st May. Gowran Park, uniquely set in and around the horse racing course in Kilkenny, weather conditions were windy and sunny for day 1. Waterford Castle, uniquely set on an island in Waterford harbour only accessible by car ferry, weather conditions were windy and very wet for day 2. The winner over the 2 days golf was Gerry McTernan with a score of 65 points, followed by Liam Farrelly in second place with a score of 62 points. Mick Fahey and Pat Connolly were 3rd & 4th both with a score of 61 points. John Carroll won day 1 at Gowran Park, Declan Byrne had Nearest the Pin. Joey O'Riordan won day 2 at Waterford Castle, Barry Farrell had Nearest the Pin. The visitor's prize over the 2 outings was won by Cha Farrelly. We would like to thank our sponsors for this outing The Kenny Family-Tess, Janette and Sandra for their generous sponsorship of the Christy Kenny Cup.

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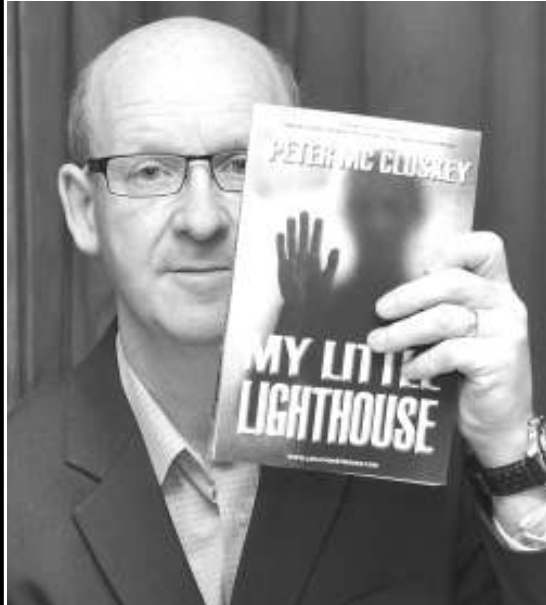
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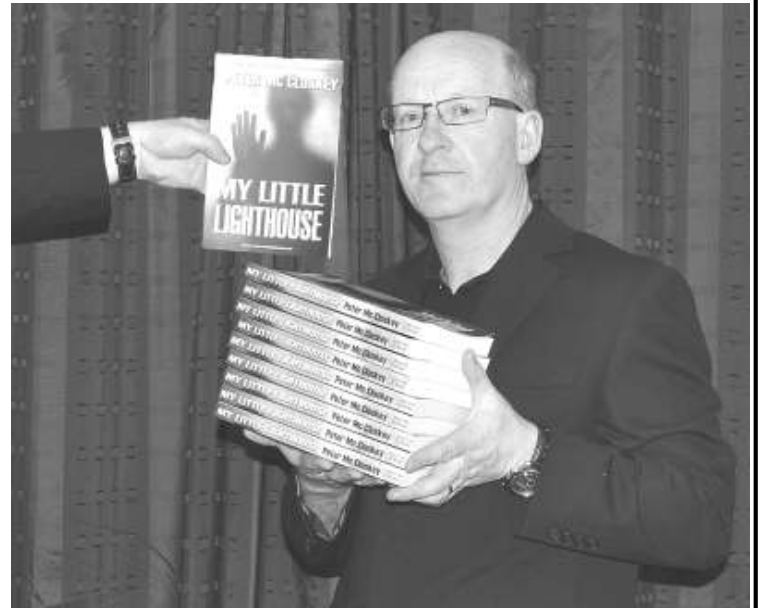
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book. It certainly was a more strenuous process this time around but I'm more than pleased with the result."

Peter, as is now the usual case, has signed advance copies of the book for sale at €10 each with all proceeds going to Crumlin Children's Hospital. If anyone would like to buy a copy they can do so online at www.petermccluskey.com



Maynooth Community Council Notescontd

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Many of the community councillors were of the view that the number of pupils proposed at the new location was a serious concern. M. Ní Bhrolcháin said that 1,500 was the size of the University when she first came to Maynooth, and that this was too large a number of pupils, making it difficult to maintain the ethos of a school. She also said that daily contact with the town community was very important and positive for the school's pupils, and that the presence of the pupils in the town at lunchtime and after school was very important for the commercial life of the town.

Many community councillors expressed concern about the location of the proposed site. It was noted that it was not within walking distance of most parts of the town. In the absence of locally-based public transport, pupils would have to be driven to school by their parents, which would add greatly to traffic congestion in the town. The location was felt to be contrary to principles of sustainability, which would entail that most pupils could walk to school.

A number of community councillors felt that the issue of choice was also very important. There had been an expectation – and it had been Department of Education policy – that when Maynooth Post Primary School became too large, a new post primary school would be developed on the other side of the town. C. Ó Cearúil said that in his view this should be an Irish language school, and that this was now feasible because the number of Gaelscoileanna in the Lucan area, close to Coláiste Cois Life, had increased. He said that community councillors had a national responsibility to question the wisdom of a new policy for schools with large numbers of pupils, before a precedent was set.

The meeting decided to invite Mr. Ashe, and representatives of all the local schools, to the June

meeting of Maynooth Community Council. D. Cullen said members of Maynooth Post Primary School PTA seemed to be in favour of the plan and that it was important that they were invited to the meeting so that all views on the proposal were represented.

Local Matters

M. Callaghan said that light-reflective strips were needed on the bollards located at corners on Main Street, to prevent accidents where people tripped over or walked or cycled into them at night.

J. Moore said that a traffic island had been damaged on Straffan Road and was dangerous. She had witnessed a near accident there recently, and the island needed to be repaired.

P. Croghan said that the Intel annual grants ceremony would take place during May, and that Intel generously made a donation to match each hour volunteered to the community by Intel workers.

Hugh Gallagher (Youth Café Committee) said that traffic was constantly driving the wrong way on the back lanes in Maynooth and was ignoring the no-entry signs. This was very dangerous. People were also parking illegally in 'disabled parking' spaces around the town. J. Moore agreed, and noted that cars going the wrong way in the lanes speeded in order to get out of the lanes quickly. D Cullen said that the lanes had become extremely dangerous for school children going to and from school, and that the regulations were not being enforced. She suggested that if the Gardai issued traffic fines on the lanes once or twice a year it would be enough to deter most drivers, and would greatly improve the situation.

Deirdre Cullen P.R.O.

Maynooth Alumni Reunion Ball -

June 11th 2011

Maynooth Alumni Reunion Ball - June 11th 2011 - is fast approaching!

The Maynooth Alumni Association is looking to get in contact with past students. During the year we will host a number of events to keep connected with our alumni. The highlight of this years Alumni event calendar, the Alumni Reunion Ball, will be held in the university on June 11th.

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U3A Book Club

This month we discussed *The House of Special Purpose* by John Boyne (author of *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*). We all enjoyed an exciting tale which encompassed a dramatic period of 20th century history involving the murder of Nicholas 2nd of Russia, most of his family, and the collapse of three generations of Romanov rule. It is a love story between '16 years old Gregory Daniilovich Jachmenev and Anastasia, youngest of the Tsar's only son. The book describes the adventures of the pair, escaping from Russia, living and working in various European countries and ending up in England. It was a page turner definitely but popular rather than literary fiction.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 24th June at 11.00 am. Upstairs in the library. The book to be discusses is *House Rules* by Jodi Picoult.

TeenSpace Maynooth

TeenSpace, a welcoming environment of fun, games and food for teenagers, has had three events over the course of the last month. The first of these took place on Saturday, April 16th from 3-6pm in Donadea Forest in Kildare. With approximately 11 eager teens, 4 enthusiastic leaders, and a few Committee members helping with the various elements of this event, it was a good time had by all. The games began with a treasure hunt, where various riddles scrawled onto coffee-stained paper, which each group of teens had to solve, were hidden in bottles around the lake. The teens scampered up and down over the path, leaving no leaf unturned in their search. Sometimes receiving subtle hints from the leaders, the teens were able to uncover all bottles within an hour. A delicious barbeque of sausages and hamburgers was appreciated by the dedicated treasure hunters, followed by an appropriately festive Easter Egg hunt. The various searches the teens were sent on throughout the afternoon were all connected by the question, "How is life like a treasure hunt?"



The next event hosted by TeenSpace turned out approximately 15 teenagers and 5 leaders, and took place on Friday, April 29th from 7:30-9:30pm. It was an entertaining night of Karaoke, held at the local Coffee Mill in Maynooth. Though some were hesitant at first to showcase their talent, one-by-one each group of teenagers proved their ability to challenge any candidate on "The X-Factor." The leaders served as a panel of judges, and by the end of the night there were 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners who were all awarded prizes according to their place. It was a night of musical talent and laughter, with everyone joining in to do the Macarena and sing, "I'm a Barbie Girl."

On May 14th from 10am-12:30pm, TeenSpace participated in a rubbish clean-up on Carton Avenue in Maynooth, working alongside Tidy Towns and members of Maynooth Community Church youth club. Everyone worked hard, wearing work gloves and carrying large plastic bags, for two hours. Friendly conversation was enjoyed amid collecting cans, plastic bottles and all sorts of literature from the green. The rubbish was finally sorted into recycling and non-recycling, leaving all glad for a break that included juice and snacks. The teens were able to play one game before it began to pour torrential rain. Luckily for all those present, the rains had held off during the rubbish-collecting.

If you are interested in coming along to our TeenSpace events or would like more information on our youth group, please contact us on our mobile 086 1009484 or Facebook page: Teenspace Maynooth.

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Maynooth Community Library

Children's Book Club

The next meeting of the Children's Book Club is on Wed 1st June 2011 @ 3.30.

The book to be discussed is "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott.

This will be the last book club meeting before the summer holidays.

Parent and Toddler Group

A parent and toddler group meets every Wednesday morning in the library for storytelling.

Polish Storytelling.

Storytelling in Polish with Agnes takes place every Tuesday morning in Maynooth Community Library.

Children's Chess Club.

The Children's Chess Club takes place every Thursday evening in Maynooth Community Library @ 6.30pm.

U3A (University of the Third Age) .

The U3A Book Club meets once per month in Maynooth Community Library.

Book Club for Adults

Meets once per month in Maynooth Community Library.

For more information on any of the above events please contact the library @ 01-6285530 or ask at library desk for details.

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Fixmypc.ie is the computer repair shop owned and managed by Rohab Brar and Parveen Kumar and is situated on the left hand side of the main street in Maynooth between Centra and O'Neill's. The people of Maynooth may remember this business at its former location down the Mall on the other side of the street before it moved to its present position in 2010. They have a free collection and delivery service which has expanded to an affiliate nationwide programme to collect, service and deliver to a variety of businesses across the country and there is also a local call-out service to homes and businesses. The affiliate programme is designed to repair computers which other shops won't accept and the nationwide collection and delivery service is an added bonus for the customers comfort. All you have to do is call the staff at Fixmypc.ie and they will collect your computer from your home or business, repair it and deliver back to you. Rohab and Parveen employ a team of three trained and qualified technicians who service and maintain a wide variety of computer systems and consoles which extends to PS3 reballing or repair, which is the only service of this kind in Ireland. They have very modern equipped repair labs and all repairs are guaranteed for 3 months. Along with fixing PS3's, they also repair XBOX's, PSP's, Nintendo and many other consoles as well as providing a repair service for Laptops, PC's, MAC and other computer systems along with mobiles, iPhones and iPods and added to this there is a phone unlocking service plus an LCD screen replacement service for all makes of Laptops, Mac, Iphones and Ipad's. You can buy computer parts and accessories and also access the Internet Café, but further to this there is a data recovery service for those who have had a mishap which resulted in lost files, information or photos from their laptop, USB and SD card.

The success of such service provisions has seen the business expand and Rohab and Parveen now own and manage two similar shops in Trim and Edenderry. These services are provided at quite reasonable and competitive rates and the management have a bargain price offer to the people of Maynooth of a laptop charger for 45 euro, reduced from 60, for anyone who goes in and mentions this article. This is a very community spirited business and has endeavoured to support local activities and

events such as the sponsorship of Maynooth Town F.C. It is such social awareness by

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Brian O'Neill

Maynooth Tidy Towns

WeeIreland collection of electrical goods and batteries was held in Tesco Car park on 16th April. 18 Tonnes were collected on the day.

Glass and cans collected since last year to date is 19 tonnes of cans and 572 tonnes of glass

All of this information has been put in our Tidy Towns National Application form, which was due in on 20th May. Thanks to Paul, Eddie, Mary, Mattie and Richard, who compiled a 30 page report on Maynooth.

Thanks to all who helped with our Tidy Towns collection and many thanks to you who contributed to same.

Finally, just to advise that our Sunday morning clean ups have commenced. We also do clean ups on Wednesday nights @ 19.30pm meeting at Supervalu Car park, or ring our mobile number 087 3153189 for more details.

Thanks to Meadowbrook and Beaufield residents who did a clean up on their estate.

Its the year of the VOLUNTEER, give us your time and lets all make a difference in Maynooth.

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Maynooth Educate Together National School

We have been very busy over the last few months. We really needed a library for our school and had no funds available - so we got organised! We asked for donations of books from parents, teachers and from Celbridge and Maynooth libraries - we were overwhelmed at the response. We received second hand shelving from educate together in Castleknock, we received rugs, floor cushions and more shelves from keen parents. We now have over 400 books and each child has a 'library time' to come from class and choose a book. It is run by volunteers and they have set up a manual lending system. We have a large range of subject covering everything from Horrid Henry to Flower pressing. We have National Geographic periodicals, picture books, dual language books and encyclopaedias. The room is bright colourful and airy. It has a reading corner which is a popular chill out zone! We are extremely proud of what our school and the local community have achieved by working together. In these recessionary times it proves what can be achieved. In the words of Barack Obama "Yes we can!"

FUN DAY SUNDAY 19th JUNE 2011 2-5pm FREE-ENTRY

An exciting Fun day is planned for our school on Sunday 19th June. We are having our first ever FUN DAY! It is open to everyone in the community and we would love you to come and have some fun with us.

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- BBQ
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- Traditional games (wheelbarrow race, egg and spoon
- Busking - free for any enthusiastic singer
- Penalty shoot-out

We would love you to come along with your family!

Maynooth Castle (9)
A Focal Point of Local History

While the Fitzgeralds were establishing themselves in Maynooth and their other new possessions and bringing in settlers from England and Wales, they were also busy on a number of other fronts.

The ruling elements of the O’Byrnes or Uí Fáeláin were pushed out of their old territories. Some of them moved into county Carlow, where, ironically, they allied with their former rivals the MacMurroughs, but the leading O’Byrne line turned up in the early fourteenth century in the barony of Wicklow. From here they spread north to establish their new territory stretching from Delgany in the north to Shillelagh in the south. Here they remained as a constant irritant to the Dublin government.

Meanwhile the Fitzgeralds were busy adding to their possessions. From the document quoted in Article 7, dating from between 1185 and 1189, in which John, son of the King of England and Lord of Ireland, confirmed Gerald FitzMaurice son of the first Maurice, in the lands of Maynooth and others, it appears that Gerald was granted these territories as a gift or grant from his brother William, lord of Naas. The document goes on to confirm Gerald also in lands in Munster which he acquired as the heir of another brother Alexander who had been granted them by his uncle Robert Fitzstephen. Nearer home Gerald was expanding to the east into the territories of the O’Connors or Uí Failge. The modern county Offaly takes its name from the Uí Failge but the areas are not identical as can be seen from the map accompanying Article 8. This explains the presence of the baronies of east and west Offaly in modern county Kildare, and it was into these baronies that Fitzgerald moved, pushing out the O’Connors of Offaly. And from these new acquisitions he acquired the title of baron of Offaly, under which title he sat in parliament in 1205. The O’Connors remained in control of the rest of Uí Failge until the plantations of Laois and Offaly during the reign of Mary Tudor in the sixteenth century.

The Fitzgeralds also naturally became involved in ecclesiastical developments in the Maynooth area. They

arrived in Ireland at a time of rapid and far-reaching change in the Irish Church. As mentioned in an earlier article, the Church in Ireland had developed an organisation that was very different to that in the rest of western Christendom. First, there was no network of defined territorial dioceses, each ruled by a bishop and sub-divided into defined parishes. Instead the Irish organisation was based on the monastic paruchia, the scattered groups of small monasteries all descended from, and dependent on, a single mother foundation. Secondly, the Irish system of hereditary succession had been adopted into the ecclesiastical system, so that the monasteries had become virtually the possessions of particular clans. Thirdly, most aspects of the lives of Irish lay people proceeded as they had before the coming of Patrick and with little reference to Christian teaching. For example, and an example that was constantly bewailed by reformers, marriage for the Irish remained a secular affair; men and women could and did divorce each other on various grounds, and could and did freely remarry. Not surprisingly, in view of this last, a large proportion of marriages took place within the forbidden degrees of relationship.

All these anomalies were the source of considerable scandal to would-be reformers, both Irish and European, and the twelfth century saw a major movement to bring the Irish Church into line with Western Christendom. The reforms were carried out through a series of great synods. Three of these had been held before the Normans arrived in Ireland and a good deal of the work had already been carried out by then. Their arrival did not interrupt the reform movement. Indeed one of the ostensible reasons for Henry II’s interest in Ireland was zeal for religious reform, and it seems certain that the expectation that he would further the movement made him welcome in many quarters.

The reformers' efforts were successful in some of the major areas of attack and unsuccessful in others. A church government of bishops ruling territorially defined dioceses was established in stages. The synod of Rathbreasail in 1111 created two provinces of the Irish Church to correspond with the ancient division into Leath Mogha and Leath Chuinn. Munster and Leinster comprised the province of Cashel and Ulster

and Connacht the province of Armagh. Maynooth was included in the area of the new diocese of Glendaloch set up by the synod. At this stage Dublin posed a problem for the reformers as seventy years since it had established itself as a diocese subordinate to Canterbury. As the Irish reformers did not mean to make the reorganised Irish Church in any way dependent on the English Church, this probably explains why no diocese of Dublin was mentioned by this synod. The problem seems to have been solved by 1152 when the Synod of Kells further divided the Irish Church into four archdioceses, Armagh, Cashel, Dublin and Tuam. At this stage Glendaloch was one of five suffragan sees of the archdiocese of Dublin.

All this was on the credit side for the reformers and was accompanied by the coming in to Ireland of new religious orders from the continent, e.g. the Cistercians who were established at Mellifont in 1142. But on the other hand, little impact was made on Irish-style marriage and the old system of hereditary succession to ecclesiastical office soon crept back. However, once the new dioceses were established, the way was open to a parish organisation in place of the older Irish system whereby pastoral care was provided by a monastic community whose area of responsibility was not clearly defined, and whose first commitment in any case was to the monastic calling. Because the Normans arrived in Ireland while the parish system was beginning to get off the ground, they naturally had a considerable influence on its development in the areas they controlled. In the Gaelic areas where Norman influence was slight or non-existent, parishes tended to be co-terminous with the lands of old groupings. In the Norman-dominated areas the boundaries of the parishes were often determined by the parcelling out of lands to feudal tenants.

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3 Lessons & Material

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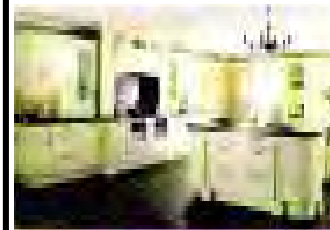
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CLOSING DATE FOR ART COMPETITION 23rd JUNE

Wednesday 29th June
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Gardening in June

Protect lilies

Lily beetles are easy to spot. Prevent an attack by using biological controls and regularly removing pests by hand. Watch out for the larvae under leaves.



Keep greenhouses well-ventilated

On hot summer days, humidity in the greenhouse rises and this can promote the spread of disease. Open window vents to prevent this.

Pinch out side shoots of chillies and peppers

Get your chillies and peppers to concentrate on fruiting by pinching out side shoots.

Pinch out fuchsia tips

Pinch out growing tips to encourage bushier growth and more blooms. Begin feeding plants when the flower buds first appear.

Plant out tender bedding

After hardening off, tender bedding plants can now be planted outside.

Watch out for pests

Slugs and snails feed on a range of plants and can cause severe damage. Avoid an infestation by using crushed egg shells or other barriers around vulnerable plants.

Plant beans

There's still time to sow beans. Plant them in moist, fertile soil in a sunny spot and support with canes as they start to grow.

Sow biennials

Sow biennials such as sweet williams and wallflowers now so they will flower next summer.

Mow your lawn regularly

Little and often is the recipe for success with cutting your lawn. After mowing, keep the edges tidy using long-handled edging shears or a rotary trimmer.

Harvest early potatoes

Earlies can be lifted and eaten as soon as they are in flower. Leave second and maincrop varieties in the ground until they are ready for harvest later in the summer.

Propagate herbs

Take cuttings of your favourite herbs. Plants will root easily within eight weeks and will then be ready for planting out.

Plant out tomatoes

If you haven't planted out tomatoes yet, get them in the ground now. Water plants daily and feed with a tomato fertiliser when they begin to flower.

Take cuttings

If you have a favourite shrub, it's easy to make more plants by taking cuttings. From late June to early August, many plants produce fresh, firm shoots that can be removed from the plant with a pair of secateurs and will readily root when put into damp compost.

Aftercare

- ◆ Keep cuttings damp and grow on until they have rooted.
- ◆ Check by looking for roots growing through the holes at the base of the pot, or by gently tugging at the plants after three weeks. If there's resistance, they may have rooted.
- ◆ Pot each rooted cutting individually and plant out when they have filled their new pot with roots.
- ◆ When plants are about 15cm (6in) tall pinch out the tips to encourage new branches to grow.



National Bike Week

18-26 June 2011

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS for COUNTY KILDARE	
NAAS Sat 18 th June	FAMILY CYCLING FESTIVAL with Cycling Ireland 11:00am - 3:00pm PuncHESTOWN Indoor Arena Contact www.sprocketrocket@cyclingireland.ie for further details.
Sun 19 th June	FAMILY CYCLE (15 km) with Naas Cycle Group Moat Theatre 10:30am for 11.00am departure Contact cyclenaas@hotmail.com .
CELBRIDGE / MAYNOOTH 13 th - 17 th June	
Sun 19 th June	FREE BIKE CHECKS BikeworX (Celbridge) / BiketraX (Maynooth).
Sun 19 th June	HERITAGE CYCLE with Maynooth Cycling Campaign Tour of Leixlip Hydro Electric Power Station Depart 2:00pm Maynooth - from Courthouse Square Celbridge from Car Park adj Scoil Mochua, Aghards.
MAYNOOTH Wed 22 nd June	
Sun 26 th June	TALK on 'Nova Scotia - Touring by Bicycle' by Brad Zarikoff of Maynooth Cycling Campaign 8:00pm Glenroyal Hotel.
Sun 26 th June	FAMILY CYCLE (20 km) - Maynooth to Kilcock With Maynooth Cycling Campaign Depart 2:30pm Car Park opp RC Church
CELBRIDGE Sun 25 th June	FAMILY CYCLE (10 km) - Castletown & Kilmacredock Depart 11:00am Castletown Gates.
NEWBRIDGE 7 th - 25 th June	PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION - Bicycle Culture 2.0 Newbridge Library (Tues-Sat Library Opening Hours).
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JUNE RECIPES

Shrimp and Tomato Summer Salad

Ingredients

2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper
1/2 cup fresh parsley leaves, chopped
1/4 cup fresh mint leaves, thinly sliced
1 pound (large) cooked shrimp, shelled and deveined
4 ripe tomatoes, cut into 1-inch chunks
1 cucumber, cut into 1-inch chunks
1 small red onion, diced
1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese



Method

- ◆ In serving bowl, whisk together oil, vinegar, salt, and pepper; stir in parsley and mint.
- ◆ Add shrimp, tomatoes, cucumber, and onion to dressing in bowl; stir to combine. Sprinkle salad with feta to serve. Serve at room temperature or cover and refrigerate to serve later.

Pork Medallions with Balsamic-Honey Glaze

Ingredients

For the balsamic-honey glaze:
4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary, plus rosemary branches for garnish
1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
3 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
For the pork:
1 3/4 to 2 pounds pork tenderloin
oil, for searing



Method

- ◆ Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
- ◆ Make the glaze: Put garlic and rosemary in a small bowl. Add the vinegar, honey, olive oil, mustard, and salt and pepper, to taste, and stir to combine.
- ◆ For the pork: Slice the tenderloin into 1-inch thick medallions (rounds). Cover the bottom of a medium skillet with a light film of oil and heat over medium-high heat until hot. Add the pork slices in 1 layer, season with salt and pepper, and sear each side for 1 minute, until lightly browned. Transfer the slices in 1 layer to a shallow baking dish.

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- ◆ Pour the glaze over the slices and turn them to coat.
- ◆ Roast for 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and keep warm, loosely covered until ready to serve.
- ◆ To serve place pork medallions on a platter and spoon the balsamic-honey glaze over them. Garnish the platter with the rosemary sprigs.

Gooseberry Cobbler

Ingredients

750g gooseberries, washed, topped and tailed
100g caster sugar
1 tsp grated root ginger
3 tbsp elderflower cordial

For Topping

140g plain flour
2 tsp baking powder
25g butter
25g caster sugar
150ml buttermilk
1 tbsp demerara sugar

Method

- ◆ Heat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5. Place the gooseberries, caster sugar, ginger and elderflower in a saucepan with 4 tbsp water and cook, covered, for 5 mins until the berries begin to pop. Tip into a baking dish.
- ◆ Make the topping. Sift the flour, baking powder and a pinch of salt into a mixing bowl. Rub in the butter until the mixture looks like breadcrumbs, then stir in the caster sugar.
- ◆ Mix in the buttermilk to give a soft, sticky dough. Spread spoonfuls on top of the gooseberries, then sprinkle with the demerara. Bake for 25 mins or until golden brown and crusty. Stand for 5 mins, then serve with some low-fat ice cream, fromage fraise or custard.



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Home security is normally something we all think about and yet few of us take any action on. There are simple things we can all do to increase the security around and in our homes with out having to spend very much money. Having been a locksmith for over 30 years, I see all the simple things that people forget to do when leaving their homes or locking up at night.

Start around the outside of the home .Have you locked your garden shed or garage. Tools from same can be used to pry open a window or door .A simple padlock and pad bolt can be used to secure this .If you have a side gate, put a lock on it as it will stop people from wondering around the back of your house.

Security lights that come on when someone breaks a beam can also be useful. Back and front wooden doors can be fitted with a deadlock .Munster joinery front doors can be fitted with a special night latch to lock the door each time you close it .Patio doors are targeted by criminals .There are several ways to strengthen them. Change the cylinder barrel to a break secure cylinder .Fit internal patio door locks. PVC doors can be fitted with break secure cylinders. When leaving your house make sure that you do not leave valuables like laptops or cameras in view. Lock multi point doors with your key, not just closing them after you.

If you have a large amount of valuables, consider fitting a good quality Safe .Quality Safes are priced from €150 upwards. All safes have to be bolted down preferably to a concrete floor or wall.

Theft - the facts!

Did you know?

- Over half of all crimes reported are thefts!
- One in seven reported thefts are from vehicles!
- Thieves have a ready market for mobile phones, laptops, GPS Sat Navs and MP3 players!
- The only thing standing between a thief and property visible in a parked car is window glass!
- Thieves look out for people who are careless with their property in public places!

What can you do?

- Never leave personal documents or valuable items visible in your car.
- Always park in a well-lit and supervised area.
- Don't leave your handbag, wallet or coat to one side in a public place e.g. a shopping trolley or a seat in a pub.
- Be aware of your surroundings particularly at ATMs and in queues.

Burglary - the facts!

Did you know?

- 60% of burglaries take place between the hours of 8am to 8pm!
- Thieves will make use of implements found outside your home or in unlocked garden sheds!
- The average burglar can break into your home in less than 3 minutes!
- Many burglaries occur when persons leave their home for a short period of time!

What can you do?

- Fit quality security locks to all doors and windows and use them.
- Install a certified intruder alarm and use it.
- Invest in a securely fitted safe for your valuables.
- Store and lock any external household items properly.
- Be a good neighbour - report suspicious behaviour.

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U3A MAYNOOTH NEWS

Our Annual General Meeting on Friday 6 May brought our fifth year to a close.

What is U3A? The first U3A started in France forty years ago.

Ireland has about twelve U3A groups; there are some in Northern Ireland. U3A groups are available on the internet.

On Friday 28th April 2006, at an open meeting in Maynooth Community Library, the Development Officer, Age Action Ireland and the representative of Kildare Sports Partnership encouraged prospective members to establish Maynooth U3A.

What do we do? We learn from each another by sharing cultural, educational, and leisure activities. Members decide and organise events. We elect an annual chairperson, secretary, treasurer, public relations officer, representative to Maynooth Community Council, with other members filling roles as needed. In the past year, groups of members shared arts and crafts, computer classes, choir, day trips, Irish dancing, drama, flower arranging, holidays in Ireland and overseas, lectures, memoir writing, poetry reading, theatre outings and many lunches.

On 1 October 2010 our drama group was invited to the stage for an international conference New Voices in Development - Older people in the global agenda: Poor can't pay – Act now on 2015.

We helped on Daffodil Day. A local charity benefitted from our Christmas carol singing at Manor Mills.

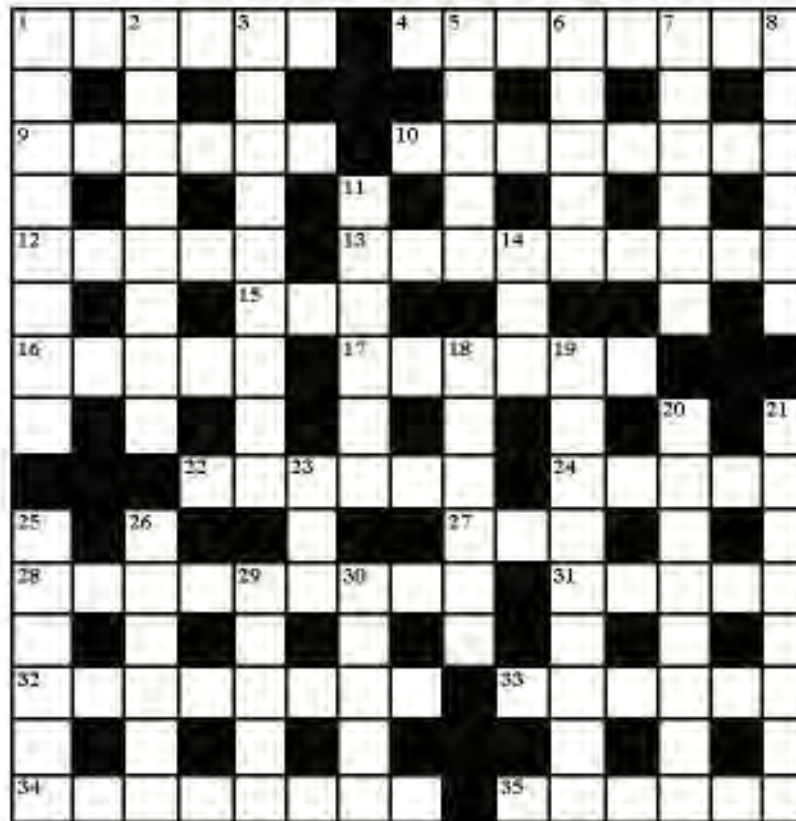
We knitted 'hats' for Age Action fund raising.

In June we participate in Maynooth Festival Week.

June 2011 Crossword —No: 392

ACROSS

1. Specialised piece of equipment or tool (6)
4. Raised flooring or stage (8)
9. Not faint or feeble (6)
10. Holiday (8)
12. "I will... and go now (Yeats) (5)
13. Be present at (9)
15. Uncooked (3)
16. It's as strong as its weakest link (5)
17. Untie a relative (6)
22. Counsel (6)
24. Hasten (5)
27. Soluble substance for staining (3)
28. Capacity to become something (9)
31. Relative magnitudes of two quantities (5)
32. Soaks, douses (8)
33. Gluey, adhesive (6)
34. Daisies (8)
35. Fully developed animals (6)



DOWN

1. The space between two places (8)
2. Perpendicular (8)
3. Feeling or showing worry or solicitude (9)
5. Lowest or smallest (5)
6. Coach, develop (5)
7. Where something begins (6)
8. Social unit living together (6)
11. The 50th US state (6)
14. Take food (3)
18. Annoy, tantalise (6)
19. Received from an ancestor (9)
20. Urgent or carping (8)
21. Interchangeable words (8)
23. Animal doctor (3)
25. Prised out the 8-legged creature (6)
26. Mental or emotional strain (6)
29. More pleasant (5)
30. Part of the small intestine (5)

Answers to No. 391



Winner of Crossword No. 391

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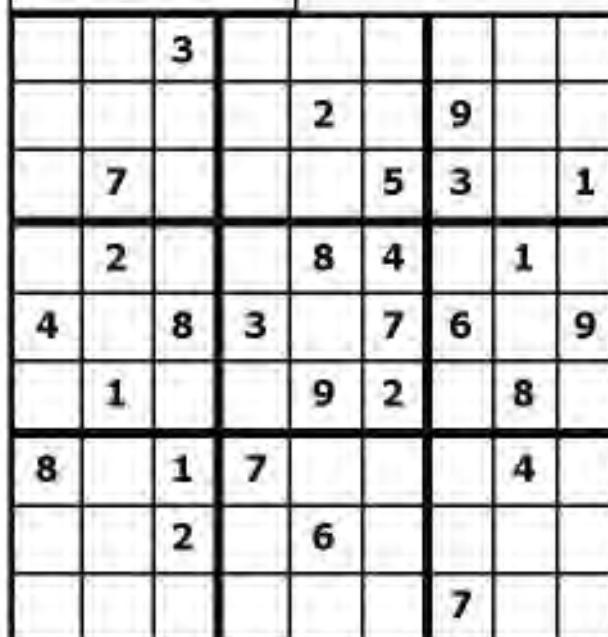
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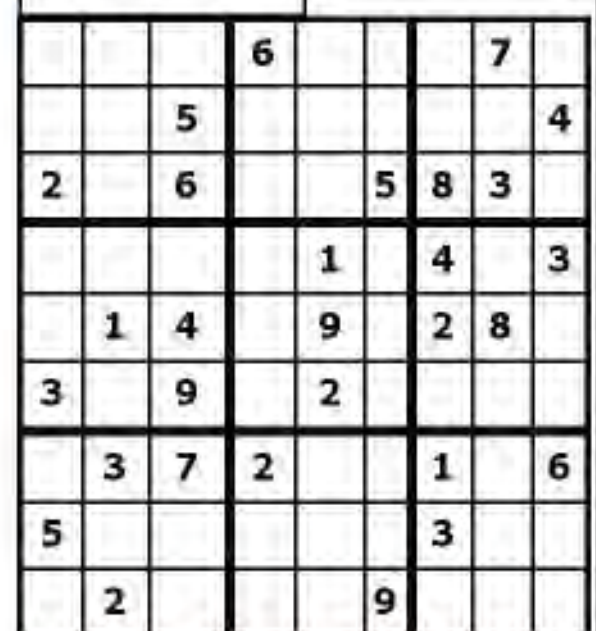
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Question

I'm 18 and hope to go to college in the autumn. What do I do about a grant as my parents are both unemployed and can't afford to help me financially?

Answer

The Department of Education and Skills provides financial assistance for people on low incomes to access further and higher education. You may apply for a means-tested maintenance grant if you are planning to take an approved full-time third level course or a Post Leaving Certificate or a course leading to a Higher Certificate or Ordinary Bachelor degree in an Institute of Technology. Previously, there were 4 different schemes but the Department plans to run a single unified scheme of maintenance grants in 2011. The maintenance grant is paid in instalments throughout the academic year. If you have qualified for a maintenance grant, you will not have to pay tuition fees or the student contribution. Depending on your family's income, you may qualify for a full grant or a partial grant. There are two different grant rates – adjacent and non-adjacent. You must live 45 km or more away from college to qualify for the non-adjacent rate. There is also a special extra grant for disadvantaged students which tops up the ordinary grant. You should apply for a maintenance grant as soon as the application process is open. Do not wait until you get an offer of a place or enrol in college. Grants are currently administered by Vocational Educational Committees (VECs) and local authorities. Guidance notes published with the application form will give details of where and how you should apply. You can read more about maintenance grants by visiting studentfinance.ie. This site will also give you information on other

forms of student support such as scholarships.

Your parents can continue to get an increase for a qualified child with their social welfare claim and this will last until you are 22 if you stay in full-time education and your parents remain on long-term payment.

You can get the Citizens Information Board's booklet Information for school leavers and further information from your local Citizens Information Centre.

Question

I recently lost my job and have spare time available so am thinking of volunteering. Will my Jobseeker's Benefit payment be affected? How could I find something to do that matches my skills?

Answer

Voluntary work is a good way to keep active, learn new skills and get involved in your local community. You may do some unpaid work as a volunteer and keep your social welfare payment. However, you must continue to meet all the conditions attached to your payment (which include the requirement that you are available and looking for work). The Deciding Officer at your Social Welfare Local Office or the section paying your social welfare payment will usually decide whether you can keep your social welfare payment and work as a volunteer. A number of factors are taken into account by a Deciding Officer in determining whether the work is voluntary. These include:

- The aims and standing of the voluntary organisation (they can be national or local voluntary groups)
- The type of work involved
- The weekly number of hours worked

Examples of unpaid voluntary work you

could do includes assisting youth clubs, care groups, sports groups, church groups and local residents' associations.

If you want to do voluntary work and still continue to get Jobseeker's Allowance or Jobseeker's Benefit, you must apply under the voluntary work option before you start any voluntary work. To apply, fill in application form (VW1), which is available from your Social Welfare Local Office. 2011 is the European Year of Volunteering and there will be many events around the country to celebrate and promote volunteering. Visit the website at eyv2011.ie to find out more about the year. You can also contact Volunteering Ireland (volunteeringireland.ie) and Volunteer Centres Ireland (volunteer.ie) to find out about volunteering opportunities or look at the Activelink website (activelink.ie). Further information is available from your local Citizens Information Centre.

Question

I want to visit my son in Australia this summer and have just realised my passport is out of date. How do I get it renewed and is it free as I am over 65?

Answer

Since 11 April 2011, passports are no longer free to those aged 65 and over. You will have to pay a fee of €80 for a standard 10-year, 32-page passport using Passport Express (as well as an additional charge of €8.50 which includes postage to/from the Passport Office). If you go direct to the Passport Office or use ordinary or registered post the fee is €95. Passport Express is a service run by An Post which aims to deliver passports within 10 working days but it is advisable to apply well in advance of your planned departure. If you live in Northern Ireland you can use the Passport Express service through certain post office branches there.

If you are an Irish citizen living in the State, you should fill out form APS 1. Use this form if applying for a new, renewal or replacement passport. You will find these forms at every Garda Station and at any Post Office that displays the "Service Plus" logo. You must return the application form with the fee as well as 4 approved-size passport photographs (2 of which must be signed by a witness), proof of your Irish citizenship (where required) and your most recent Irish passport (if you have one).

It is not possible to apply for an Irish passport online. It is also not currently possible to download the application forms.

If you require a passport urgently, you should contact the Passport Service. Applications in Ireland with proof of travel (e.g. airline tickets) are guaranteed to be processed within 3 working days. There is an extra charge for the urgent service - €55 for an adult and €30 for a child.

You can track the progress of your passport application through the Passport Tracking Service. This service allows you to check the status of your application online. In order to do this, you must have the application number from your form (available in the top left-hand corner of the form).

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Party Political-Labour News

Cllr. McGinley Demands that the Smart Telecom phone boxes on Main Street, Maynooth be Cleaned or Removed:

There is one double and four single Smart Telecom phone boxes on Main Street and they are an eyesore. Cllr. McGinley has asked the Council to take steps to have these ugly derelict phone boxes either cleaned up or removed?

Flooding at Rathcoffey Roads Football Pitches:

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

"That the KCC drainage pipe from Maynooth Town FC pitches at the Rathcoffey Road to the M4 be lowered and increased in size in order to stop flooding of the pitches and the M4."

Litter Bin Required at the Entrance to Silken Vale Housing Estate:

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

"That a litter bin be installed at the entrance to Silken Vale estate on the Straffan Road, Maynooth, in order to capture some of the enormous amount of litter dumped in the vicinity."

Capping on the Walls at the Bridge at Mill Street Need Repairs

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

" That the capping on the walls at the bridge at Mill Street, Maynooth, be repaired."

(At the Manor Mills side the capping is loose. On the other side the capping has come off two pillars. The stone is still on site and it would be very important to put all the capping back in place. These walls are of significant heritage value and must also be maintained in any future development in Mill Street. Meanwhile there are health & safety risks.)

Thankfully the Council started carrying out the repairs on 10 May.

Litter Management Pilot Scheme in Maynooth

In May of last year the Council agreed to Cllr. McGinley's proposal and adopted a "Litter Management Pilot Scheme in Maynooth" Cllr. McGinley has now submitted the following

motion for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

In relation to the Litter Management Pilot Scheme for Maynooth:

- How successful was the scheme?
- What feedback did the Council get from the businesses as a result of the letter that was issued to them in May 2010?
- How can Maynooth Tidy Towns help to develop the initiative in conjunction with the Maynooth Area Office?

Cllr. McGinley Provides Funding for Two Public Lights at Carton Court

Following representations from residents Cllr. McGinley provided €3,200 from his Discretionary Grants for two badly needed public lights in Carton Court housing estate.

Cllr. McGinley Provides Funding for Decorative Bollards at the Bottom of Old Greenfield

Now that the bollards are not being removed at the bottom of Old Greenfield, Maynooth, Cllr. McGinley has asked that some of his Discretionary Grants be used to make the area look more aesthetically pleasing.

Five of the bollards are steel girders and look awful and John has asked that they be replaced with bollards similar to the other black metal ones that are there at present.

GOVERNMENT JOBS INITIATIVE - A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the initiatives announced in the Dail by the Minister for Finance, Michael Noonan T.D. as a step in the right direction about helping people back into employment.

The aim of the Jobs Initiative is to both create jobs and to try and instill confidence in the Local Economy. If we are to get out of the mess created by FF we must have a confident Local Economy stated Deputy Stagg. These are the first steps of the new Government on the road to improving our International Competitiveness and the promotion of Job Creation.

The Minister stated Deputy Stagg gave a further clear and concise commitment that our Corporation Tax Rate would remain at 12.5%, whilst introducing a reduction in the Vat Rate on Tourism related services to 9%, the abolition of the Air Travel Tax and the halving of the Employers PRSI rate for new employees earning up to €356 per week until the end of 2013. An additional 20,900 places will be made available for training, education and upskilling of unemployed workers.

In relation to Capital projects, a further €30 Million is being made available for the Summer Works Scheme in 2011. This will benefit roof repairs at the following National Schools in Kildare North - Primrose Hill N.S., Celbridge, Scoil Na Mainistreach, Celbridge, Scoil Tir Mochain, Donadea, San Carlo Junior N.S. , Confey. Funding is also being provided for Toilet Repairs at the North Kildare Educate Together National School in Celbridge and for access works at Scoil Dara Secondary School in Kilcock. A further €60 Million is being made available for Regional and Local Roads Improvement Works. This means that Kildare Co. Councils allocation will increase from €4,324,540 to €6,036,140 (An increase of €1.7 Million). Finally a further €30 Million is being provided nationally for Home Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Programmes.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that the initiative must be seen as a first step in rebuilding confidence amongst householders and employers and amongst potential investors from abroad.

STAGG WELCOMES APPROVAL OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR CASTLEWARDEN/BALLYGORAN WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the approval by the Minister for Environment of the Contract Documents for the Castlewarden/Ballygoran Water Supply Scheme.

The estimated cost of the Scheme stated Deputy Stagg is €18.7 Million and the work involves the construction of distribution water mains and a new reservoir at Ballygoran. The scheme will provide a good quality secure water supply for consumers in Maynooth, Celbridge, Leixlip and Straffan. The new scheme will also lessen our dependence on Fingal County Councils Water Treatment Plant at Leixlip and it will also cure the problem of low water pressure in parts of Celbridge which are experienced in the summer months.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that Kildare Co. Council should now proceed to invite tenders for the work with a view to getting the scheme to construction at the earliest possible date.

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The Conception of Cú Chulainn

**A Translation of early Irish Text
By Dr. Muireann Ní Bhrolchain
(NUIM Roinn na Sean-Ghaeilge)**

The king of Ulster, Conchobar, and his nobles were at Emain Macha when they noticed a flock of birds approaching the green in front of them. The birds were grazing and they did not leave roots, plants or grasses in the ground. The Ulstermen were furious to see the land being destroyed and one day they gathered up 9 chariots to hunt them. They were well used to hunting birds. The king Conchobar got into a chariot with his sister Deichtine who was of marriageable age. She was her brother's charioteer. There were other famous Ulster warriors with them in their chariots; Conall Cernach, Laegaire Buadach as well as the satirist Bricriu of the Poison Tongue.

The birds flew before them over Sliab Fuait, across Edmonn and Brega. There were no earthen walls or fences of stone walls in Ireland at the time, there were only wide open spaces until the reign of Aed Sláine. The flight of the birds and their bird song was beautiful and fair. There were 9 score of them and a silver chain linked every 2 birds. A score flew its own flight and there were 9 flights in total. The 2 leading birds of each flight had a yoke of silver between them. Towards nightfall three birds separated from the others. They went towards the Brú.

Then night fell, the Ulstermen travelled and it began to snow heavily on them. Conchobar told his people to unyoke the chariots and to look for a house for them. Both Conall Cernach and Bricriu searched the area and finally they found a new house. They went inside and found a young couple who welcomed them.

Bricriu and Conall returned to the others and said that it was useless for them to return to the house without cloaks and without food. The house was narrow and small but they visited it all the same and brought their chariots with them. They did not bring much into the house; suddenly they noticed the door to the store-room. By the time of their usual mealtime, the Ulstermen were merrily drunk and in very good humour.

Some time later, the man told the warriors that his wife was in labour in the store-room. Deichtine went to her and helped her to deliver a son. Outside, at the same time, a mare at the door of the house gave birth to 2 foals. The Ulstermen took care of the baby boy and they gave him the foals as a present. Deichtine looked after the baby.

But when morning arrived there was nothing to be seen eastward of the Brú. There was no house, no birds; all that was left were their own horses, the baby and the 2 foals. They all returned to Emain Macha and Deichtine reared the baby until he was a young boy. However, an illness overcame the child and he died. They lamented for him and Deichtine was very sorrowful at the death of her foster-son.

When she turned away from her grief, she was thirsty and asked for a drink in a copper vessel. The liquid was brought to her, but every time she lifted it to her lips to drink a little creature jumped from the drink to her mouth. When she took the drink from her lips, there was nothing left and it jumped away with her breath.

Deichtine went to sleep that night and she saw something: a man came to her and spoke to her. He said that she would have a child by him and that it was he who brought her to the Brú. The boy she had reared was his son and that he was placing a seed in her womb and that she was to call the child Sétanta. He said that he was Lug, son of Eithne and that the 2 foals were to be reared for the boy.

The girl was pregnant and the people of Ulster were mystified as they knew that she did not have a spouse. They wondered if it was Conchobar, who may have been with her when he was drunk, as the girl used to sleep with him.

Conchobar engaged his sister in marriage to Sualdam son of Roach. But Deichtine was ashamed to go pregnant

to her husband in bed and when she reached the bedpost she was sick and then she was whole and healthy again. Then she went to her husband. She was pregnant again shortly afterwards and she had a son.

When the child was born, the Ulstermen were gathered together at Emain Macha. They were arguing about which of them should rear the child and they went to Conchobar for a judgment.

‘You should have the boy,’ Conchobar said to his sister Finnchaem.

Finnchaem looked at the baby boy.

‘My heart is as full of love for him already as if he were my own son, Conall Cernach,’ said Finnchaem.

‘There is very little difference to you between your own son and your sister's son,’ replied Conchobar.

‘You will have the boy,’ Conchobar said to his sister.

‘She should not rear the boy,’ said Sencha. ‘But I should rear him because I am strong and intelligent, I am noble and nimble, an ollam* and a wise man. I am not forgetful. I address anyone before the king, I prepare his speeches, I judge kings in battle before battle-victorious Conchobar. I settle the judgments of the people of Ulster and I do not upset them. No one surpasses me as a foster-father but Conchobar himself.’

‘I am the one who should rear him,’ said Blái Briugu.

‘He will not suffer neglect with me. My messengers bring reports to Conchobar. I call the men of Ireland. I can feed them for a week or for 10 days. I support their boldness and their anger. I help them when they are being insulted and in their honour-contests.’

‘That is shameless!’ said Fergus. ‘I have chosen a strong man for him. I should rear him. I am strong and intelligent, I am a messenger and no one despises my rank or my wealth. I am strong in bravery and arms. I am a champion against contempt. I am worthy of my pupils.’

‘Listen to me and do not turn away from me,’ said Amairgen. ‘I am worthy of fostering a king. I am praised for every excellence, for my courage, my wisdom, my fortune, my people, my eloquence, for the nobility and the courage of my family. If I were not a nobleman, I would be a poet and worthy of the grace of a king. I can kill charioteers. I do not earn thanks from anyone except Conchobar. I do not join any gathering except that of the king.’

‘There will be nothing to gain from this,’ said Conchobar. ‘Let Finnchaem take the boy until we reach Emain and Morann makes a judgment.’

They leave for Emain and Finnchaem takes the boy.

After they reach Emain, Morann gave the judgment.

‘Let him be given to Conchobar and he is related to Finnchaem,’ said Morann. ‘Sencha can teach him fluency and eloquence. Blái Briugu shall feed him. He will be brought to the knee of Fergus. Amairgen shall be his foster-father. Conall Cernach shall be his foster-brother. The two breasts of Finnchaem shall be his mother's breasts. He shall be instructed by all in this way, by a charioteer and a king and an ollam. This boy will be loved by everyone. It is in the same way, this boy will avenge all your contests for honour; he will fight at your fords and your battles.’

This is what was done then: Amairgen and Finnchaem took him and they reared him at Dún Imrith in Mag Muirtheimne.

Notes

* Ollam was the title of the highest level of poet in early Irish society.

I have changed some minor details in the story.

In this story Cú Chulainn is called his original name, Sétanta or in Modern Irish Sédanda. His name is changed when he is older as a result of killing the hound of Cualu and he is called the hound of Cualu, Cú Chulainn.

The original Old Irish title is Coimpert Con Culainn (The conception of Cú Chulainn). The text itself is found in a number of different manuscripts and old editions. There is a second version of his conception with a completely different plot and title: Feis Tige Becfholtach (The feast of the house of Becfholtach).

Sunday Summer Series - Free Music Recitals within the environs of Castletown House

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**“TWO SPEED EUROPE IN THE MAKING”
CATHERINE MURPHY, TD SLAMS ECB FOR
ABANDONMENT OF THE IRISH TAX PAYER
AND WARNS THAT NARROW NATIONAL
INTERESTS OF SOME EUROPEAN NATIONS
THREATEN THE INTEGRITY OF THE EU.**

In her contribution to the Dáil debate on the EU/IMF Programme that took place on 4th and 5th of May Deputy Catherine Murphy demanded to know how the Irish economy stands any chance of recovery when the country is bound to such an unrealistic and punitive programme.

“How can a country with almost 500,000 people unemployed and 1,000 of the brightest and best leaving every week pay a debt of the magnitude of the debt we face? How can we do this when our so-called friends and partners impose an interest rate of 6% at the same time as they insist we take billions out of our economy, which means there is no prospect of reinflating the same economy? The answer is that this cannot be done. Does anyone believe it can be done? I wonder whether the Government even believes it can be done”

The Kildare North TD stated that burden sharing must come about before 2013 as at that point the Irish Exchequer will have already paid back German, French and British bondholders and will have no way back. She also heavily criticised the ECB for their hand in creating a situation whereby Irish banks went from a AAA rating to being propped up exclusively by the Irish Taxpayer.

“The ECB is the foremost authority on, and has ultimate responsibility for, the euro zone. We are members of the euro zone. It was not screaming from the rooftops about our AAA-rated banks before the collapse... Indeed, many of the ECB papers produced prior to 2008 used international rating agencies such as Standard & Poor's and Moody's... which attached the AAA rating to the Irish banks. This includes Anglo Irish Bank before the collapse. The ECB were experts then and they are the experts now. They told our then Minister for Finance not to allow Anglo Irish Bank or other Irish banks to fail. Did the Minister know that saving the bank would be the exclusive responsibility of the Irish taxpayers? If one is told that the banks cannot be allowed to fail and that they are not sovereign entities, the instruction brings with it an

obligation to have some burden sharing at the very least.”

Murphy went on to highlight the worrying recent trend of European nations “retrenching back to narrow national interests”. She urged

“we must recognise that Europe, not just Ireland, is at a crossroads... the countries on the periphery of Europe are in serious trouble... and ask what would happen if one or more of those countries fail.”

The effective abandonment of Ireland along with countries such as Portugal, Greece and Spain, according to Murphy, shows a worrying emergence of a two speed Europe that would change the very nature of the European Union. She warned we must never forget that the EU (or then EEC) was created to achieve social and political stability through economic interdependence between members as a result of the horrors of World Wars 1 & 2.

“The basis of the European Union grew out of those conflicts... we must recognise that Europe, not just Ireland, is at a crossroads. It is in our interests and in the interests of Europe to look at the big picture and find political solutions”

**MURPHY SLAMS SOCIAL WELFARE APPEALS
SYSTEM FOR PUTTING PEOPLE “THROUGH
THE WRINGER” AS APPEALS RISE BY 75%
BETWEEN 2009 AND 2010**

Social Welfare Appeals last year rose by 75% from 10,027 in 2009 to 17,499 in 2010 across a spectrum of 32 categories of benefit type; 29% of which saw the original decision being overturned either fully or partially.

Kildare North TD, Catherine Murphy has questioned Social Protection Minister, Joan Burton TD in the Dáil regarding her concern that social welfare application refusal rates appear to be increasing and are putting additional strain on the already overstretched Social Welfare Appeals Office. Murphy's ultimate worry however is for example that as - according to the Minister - applications for Carers Allowance now take a staggering 12 weeks to process (up from 8 weeks in 2009); and given that 38% of all social welfare applications made in 2010 were refused; and given that 29% of those decisions appealed were overturned, a very large number of people in desperate need of state assistance are being “put through the wringer” to obtain supports that they are fully entitled to.

Murphy further added during the debate on this matter

in the Dáil on 10th May 2011 that in the event of an appeal being upheld by the Social Welfare Appeals Office “the relevant payment will be backdated to the date on which the application was submitted ... (even) the Exchequer will not make any savings.”. And, while broadly welcoming of the Minister's revelation that since taking up her new Ministry she has “signed in nine additional appeals officers” to address ever increasing processing times for social welfare appeals being dealt with by her Department, Murphy is concerned that more effort needs to be made to address why so many social welfare applicants are forced to appeal decisions.

The Kildare TD's questions were asked specifically with regard to the very high level of refusal, appeal and ultimate granting of appeal she has seen in recent months among residents of Kildare who are seeking carer's allowance.

“It appears to me that the refusal rate is quite high. Having heard anecdotal evidence and giving discussed this with some of my Independent colleagues, it seems that there is a high level of success on appeal. Has the Minister examined that in her Department? Can she ascertain whether there is a variation between the approach to carer's allowance and the approach to other kinds of allowances provided by the Department?”

Murphy would like to see the Department re-examine how they process Social Welfare applications in the first instance so that those in urgent need of state assistance don't have to wait months to be granted what they are entitled to.

“We need a far more efficient system than what we have at present, because all I can see in the current system is waste: if applications aren't being dealt with to the satisfaction of this number of applicants in the first instance we have a serious problem and that's impacting both on applicants and the resources of the Department of Social Protection which is required to deal with a huge volumes of applications not once, but twice.”

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Prof. Sandeep Gopalan, Head of the Department, welcomed the accreditation of the new degree: "The new LL.B. was designed to reflect recent research on what legal education does well and what it fails to do adequately. It was also tailored to reflect the needs of potential employers in highly competitive markets, including large international law firms, multinational businesses, regulatory agencies and international organisations. Accordingly, it emphasizes legal writing and advocacy skills and incorporates experiential learning wherever feasible. The King's Inns accreditation will add to the range of choices available to law students at NUI Maynooth and enhance their ability to compete internationally."

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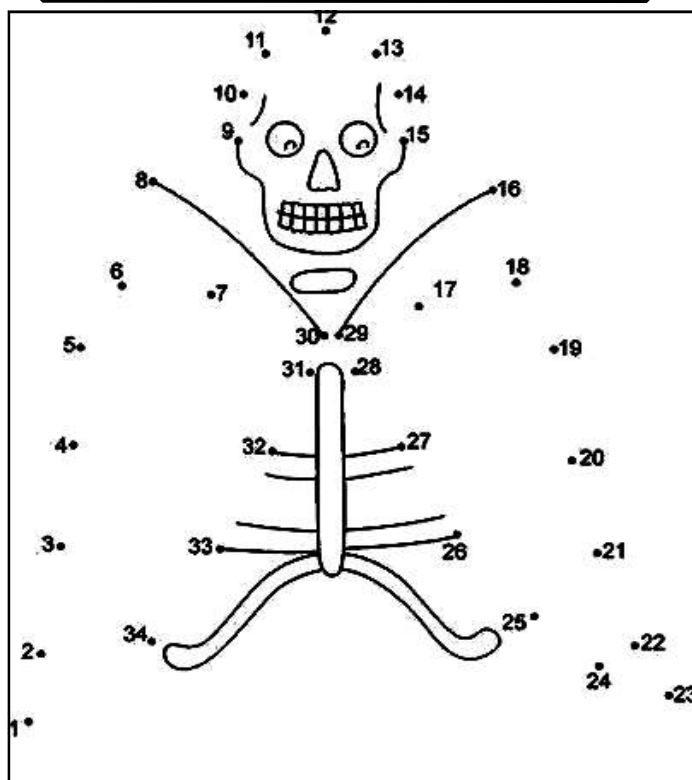
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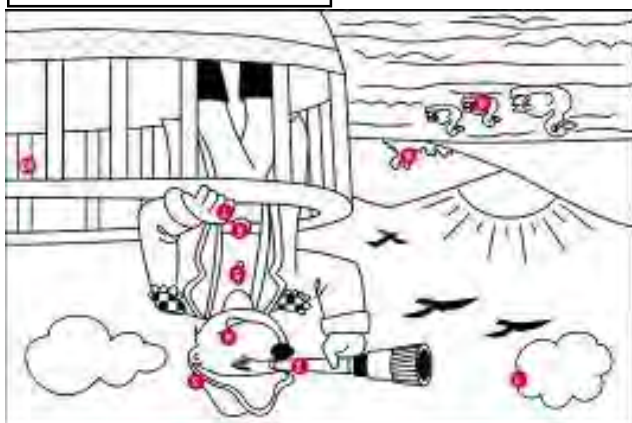
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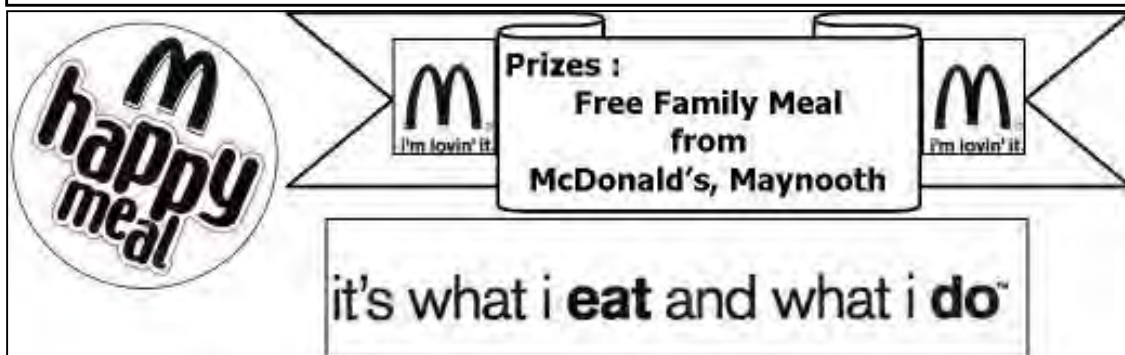
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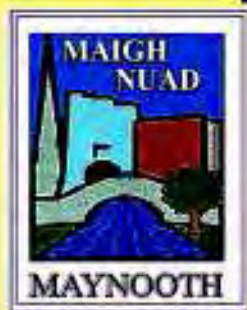


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Huge opportunities created by Maynooth Twinning with Canet -en-Roussillon

Plans are being made to welcome Mayor Bernard DuPont and a delegation from Canet-en-Roussillon to Maynooth. Representatives from Maynooth have already travelled to Canet-en-Roussillon in the Catalan area of France for the signing of the first part of the twinning charter between our towns and the agreement becomes officially effective when the document is signed in Maynooth. According to Paul Croghan, Vice-Chairperson, Maynooth Community Council, Twinning Sub-Committee the visit is expected to take place in mid-September. We have a lot of work to do to organise a suitable event that will mark this very significant agreement for the people of the town. Eddie Tobin Chairperson Twinning Committee expressed his gratitude to Cllr. Brendan Weld, Mayor of County Kildare who led the delegation to France for his strong support in ensuring that we proceeded to this stage of the plan. Also to Mr. Peter Minnock, Director of Services with Kildare County Council for breaking his annual leave to make himself available to travel with us to France.

According to Paul Croghan, the agreement has already been of benefit to our post-primary students as well as to the swimming team in NUI, Maynooth and it is expected that opportunities will be created for as many people as possible to travel to Canet-en-Roussillon in the coming months and years to link with people there with similar interests. Therefore, we are encouraging everybody to grab hold of the opportunity that has been created. Our immediate priority will be to give a very big welcome to our guests in September and then following the official signing put together a three year plan to link the people in both areas. We welcome ideas from anybody who wants to get involved. We hope that in September that the people of the town will come out to meet our guests and give them plenty of ideas for twinning exchanges so that they can involve more people in Canet-en-Roussillon also.

For anybody planning to check out Canet -en-Roussillon this year, it is easily accessible being effectively served by four airports, Perpignan (the nearest less than 10km) and Carcassonne (in France) and Girona and Barcelona in Spain (all within 1.5 hrs drive and served by trains)

(More photos on page 31)



(R to L) Paul Croghan, Peter Minnock, Francis Clique, Brendan Weld, Bernard DuPont, Tom McMullon and Eddie Tobin



<http://uk.ot-canet.fr/>



Brendan Weld (Mayor of Kildare) signs the Charter, Overlooked by (left) Francis Clique (1st Deputy Mayor) & (right) Bernard DuPont (Mayor of Canet)



Eddie Tobin & Paul Croghan With the signed Charter



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Country Market in Maynooth Square



Many Maynooth people will have seen the market in the square on Saturday mornings but what everyone may not realise is that the market has been in operation for five years having been based at the canal harbour previously. The market moved to the square in January of this year. The market boasts fresh organic fruit and vegetables, baked goods, dried goods, breads, aloe vera products and plants. The market is there every Saturday from 10am to 2pm in all weathers.



Rose began selling fresh and seasonal fruit & vegetables in Maynooth in 2006 and has an organic farm outside Kinnegad. Some Maynooth residents may remember her organic box scheme which she operated in the late 1990s.

Adrienne sells quite a large and quite diverse range including a wide variety of organic dried goods ranging from pasta and rice to dried fruits and soya products whilst also stocking toiletries, environmentally friendly detergents and other products. Customers can also bulk order their favourite organic products.

Gill produces a range of cakes and bakes including tea brack, banana bread, lemon drizzle cake alongside cupcakes, scones, brown bread, brownies, whoopie pies, custard tarts etc. From time to time she also has some gluten free options.

Marie sells a range of aloe vera products from Forever Living who are dedicated to seeking out nature's best sources for health and beauty.

David produces a range of bread and scones which are wheat free, yeast free, sugar free and dairy free and suitable for coeliacs

Carmel also produces a range of breads & cakes and who can forget the beautifully iced communion cakes she had during May.

Joe and Brigid from Heather View are the newest recruits to the market selling a wide variety of plants. Every Saturday there is a fabulous array of colourful hanging baskets and window boxes alongside assorted shrubs, trees and bedding plants.



The market makes a welcome addition to the town square at the weekends and hopes to be able to operate for the foreseeable future. The market would welcome some more local producers and craftspeople to the market so call down on Saturday morning if you have any suggestions.



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Editorial

One of the iconic markers of the Kilcock Road disappeared forever during the last month. The footbridge that linked the National University of Ireland campus with St Patricks was demolished on 28th May. There were dozens of people taking photographs of each other and of the views from the bridge. This was not the only change in the College however, the acting president was given a surprise gift at an event on 22nd June and the president elect, Professor Nolan, was also present at the presentation of a racing bicycle to Professor Tom Collins. The new president will take up office on the 15th August.

The entire country is trying to recover after the heady days of the so-called Celtic Tiger and the three disastrous years that have followed. Young people are leaving in their droves as they did in the 80s. But there is little or no evidence that any lessons have been learned. One of the major concerns for the Community Council for the past few months has been the possible relocation of Maynooth Post-Primary School. So much concern was expressed by people on various sides of the argument that it has taken up more time at meetings than any topic for a long time. On the right is a copy of the letter received from the CEO of Kildare VEC, Seán Ashe, that should at least answer some of the questions that people had about the issue. There are concerns about the standard of planning that places a school so far outside the town centre.

The same concern with bad planning arises with An Bord Pleanála giving planning permission for the casino at Two-Mile-Borris in Co Tipperary – against the advice of their own planners. ABP, like many other quangos, is made up of unelected and generally unaccountable people and they cannot be challenged on their decision. A decision can also be made by a small number of the Bord members.

At the same time the National Museum is putting on display the most unusual and miraculous artefact to ever come out of a bog – the 9th century Faddenmore manuscript that survived 1200 years in a bog, a copy of the psalms in Latin. The cover of the manuscript also contained a piece of papyrus – the first ever found in Europe. B’fhiú díbh cúairt a thabhairt ar an Museum le seo a fheicéail. If the likes of deputy Luke Flanagan has his way, there will be no raised bogs left in the country, but that’s a topic for another day.

One must remember Brian Lenihan whose family were once connected with Maynooth before the constituency boundaries changed. Fear é Brian a throid i gcoinne a ghalar mar a dhéanfadh laoch san am atá thart. Ba mhór a sheasamh i measc an phobail agus ba léir sin ón ómós a tugadh dó ar na meáin uile agus na daoine a d’fhreastal ar an sochraid. Ar dheis Dé go raigh a anam.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

Letter from Sean Ashe (CEA) County Kildare Vocational Education Committee

Ms. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin,
Secretary,
Maynooth Community Council,
Maynooth
Co. Kildare

13th June, 2011

Dear Secretary,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 11th May, 2011 concerning educational matters in Maynooth in general and in particular matters germane to my Committees remit.

Please be advised as follows:

Co. Kildare VEC, following consultation and advice from the technical personnel in the Department of Education and Skills, Building Unit, and Kildare County Council was advised by the Department of Education and Skills that:

- (a) Maynooth Post Primary School required additional accommodation. Current build 830 – current enrolment 1015=2010-2011. Expected enrolment 2011-2012=1050.
- (b) That the existing site was incapable for the delivery of same.
- (c) The existing site does not meet the requirements for 1000 + school.

Accordingly, the Department of Education and Skills authorised Co. Kildare VEC to acquire lands to develop an Educational Campus which I am pleased to advise Kildare VEC has acquired.

It should be noted that it is my Committees view that the 2nd level educational needs of Maynooth can be met by the provision of circa 1000 pupil plus school, to meet main stream provision through the medium of English. This school would maintain the ethos of our existing 2nd level school.

In addition, it was my Committees considered opinion that a 2nd school of circa 450-500 pupils should be built to meet the needs of students attending gaelscoileanna i.e. that a gaelcholaiste would also be built in Maynooth. This is in keeping with the wishes of the parents and of local primary school providers who offer education through the medium of Irish.

Given the strategic position of the site we acquired and the associated amenity lands, the capacity is there to enhance provision not just for our students but also for the community of Maynooth. By this I mean with some joined up thinking between a number of key partners in the area, including Maynooth Community Council the following facilities could be provided:

- (a) a swimming pool
- (b) an athletic track
- (c) a crèche
- (d) Other Community Facilities

I would welcome views and observations on these proposals.

I have extended an invitation to the Board of Management and Staff of the local primary schools to visit our campus at Piper’s Hill, Naas to enable them to see at 1st hand what we are delivering and propose to deliver in this setting.

I would now like to extend a similar invitation to Maynooth Community Council to Visit the Piper’s Hill Campus and if a suitable date and time can be arranged, I will make the appropriate transport arrangements to bring your members to the Campus.

Unfortunately, due to a bereavement, I am unable to attend your meeting tonight. My apologies for the short notice.

Thank you for your invitation and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Sean Ashe
Chief Executive Officer.

(See Community Council Report page 11)



July Diary Planner

Toastmasters

There will be no meetings in July or August.

Bridge Club

Open for new members. If you would like to play in a friendly club with Purpose built facilities in the centre of Maynooth, please see our website at maynoothbridgeclub.com. Contact Katherine Cooney 086 8205910

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I.C.A.

There will be no meetings in July & August.

Monthly meeting for September is 1st at 8.00 pm in the harbour. Crafts return on Monday 5th. New members welcome

Irish Girl Guides

Meetings Tuesday evening in Maynooth. For further information contact Jackie on 085 1413787 or visit I.G.G. website www.irishgirlguides.ie

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U. 3. A.

July meetings Friday 1st, 15th & 29th at 11.00 a.m. in the Community Library. New Members Welcome Enquiries : Bernadette Phone: 6289131

If you would like your event for August put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter

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Heritage week is being organised, and the events will be announced once confirmed.



Parents raise €4000 for Defibrillator Fund



(left to right): Antoinnette Hattington (PTA), Paul Lynam (Bike Trax), Dylan Judge, Peter Coakley (Principal)

The PTA of Maynooth Boys' NS recently organised a sponsored walk to raise funds to purchase a defibrillator and to fund training in its use. The walk took place in the grounds of St. Patrick's College and was well supported by the pupils and their families. In total almost €4000 was raised by the PTA. The priority purchase is a defibrillator, which will be the second one for the school. Now groups leaving the school, particularly for games and matches, will have a defibrillator available to them.

All the participants cards were entered into a raffle for a BMX Bicycle. The lucky winner was Dylan Judge who received his GT Slammer from the sponsor, Mr. Paul Lynam of BIKE Trax, Maynooth.

Mary Cullen among Honorary Doctorates Conferred by NUI Maynooth

Mary Cullen historian, women's rights advocate, former NUI lecturer, local resident and contributor to the Maynooth Newsletter was among those who received an honorary Doctorate from Prof. Tom Collins, President NUI Maynooth.

Mary, who was conferred with an Honorary Doctorate of Literature is one of the pioneers of women's history in Ireland, a strong advocate of women's rights and one of the first generation of Irish feminists. Mary joined the Department of History in Maynooth in 1967 and played a key role in developing the Department into a world-class History Department. Her areas of expertise include social and economic aspects of women's history in the 19th and 20th centuries and the history of Irish feminism and she has published several books on the topics.

NUI Maynooth also conferred an Honorary Doctorate of Engineering on Eddie O'Connor, one of Ireland's most successful entrepreneurs. Dr O'Connor received his Honorary Doctorate from Professor Tom Collins, President, NUI Maynooth, who described him as *"a visionary who has made a major contribution to the renewable energy sector globally and has never been afraid to speak up for what he believes in and expose what he believes to be ineffective and wrong"*.

Also honoured at the conferral ceremony were legal affairs expert Joe Brosnan, graduate from NUI Maynooth as well as leading linguistics academic and researcher Professor David Little.

Eddie O'Connor is founder and Chief Executive of Mainstream Renewable Power, a global leader in wind and solar power energy which has grown to become Europe's leading offshore wind developer after just three years in business. Eddie has been at the forefront of Irish business for more than a quarter of a century and he was central to the deregulation of the energy market and State sector businesses in Ireland. He served in a number of management positions in the ESB and as Chief Executive of Bord Na Móna. Having departed from Bord Na Móna in 1996, Eddie established Airtricity, Ireland's first wind farm development company, which he subsequently sold for nearly €2 billion. Eddie is recognised as the driving force behind the European Offshore Supergrid project, which aims to connect all countries and facilitate 50% of Europe's electricity coming from wind power by 2050. Mainstream Renewable Power has forged strong ties with NUI Maynooth, particularly through its growing involvement in the Innovation Value Institute (IVI), having adopted the IVI systems to its IT strategy.

Conferred with an Honorary Doctorate of Laws, Joe Brosnan is known as one of Ireland's top civil servants and public affairs experts, having operated at the highest levels of public service in Ireland and Europe. He is a graduate of NUI Maynooth and was called to the Irish Bar in 1978. He served in the Department of Local Government and is a former Secretary General of the Department of Justice. He also served on the Law Reform Commission and as a Chef de Cabinet at the European Commission. Joe retired from the civil service in 1999 and served as Director General of the Institute of European Affairs and acted as a consultant to the Law Society of Ireland. From 2004 to 2011 he was the Irish Government's nominee on the Independent Monitoring Commission.

Professor David Little was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Education for his outstanding contribution to the field of second language education both in Ireland and abroad. David was founding director of the Centre for Language and Communication Studies,



Joseph Brosnan, Eddie O'Connor, Prof. Tom Collins, (President NUI Maynooth) Mary Cullen & Prof. David Little.

Head of the School of Linguistic, Speech and Communication Sciences and Associate Professor of Applied Linguistics at Trinity College Dublin until his retirement in 2008. David has conducted research on the theory and practice of learner autonomy and the use of new technologies in language learning and he played a pivotal role in several landmark language initiatives. He has acted as academic consultant to the Department of Education and Skills and the Council of Europe.

Speaking at the conferral, Professor Tom Collins, President, NUI Maynooth said "NUI Maynooth is delighted to honour Eddie O'Connor, Mary Cullen, Joe Brosnan and David Little.

Eddie O'Connor is an example of how entrepreneurial spirit, foresight and hard work can lead to great success globally. Instead of sitting back after the sale of Airtricity, Eddie forged on to set up a new venture, which has rapidly developed into a highly successful global company. An outspoken advocate of renewable energy, Eddie has made a significant impact on the sector globally. NUI Maynooth is proud to have close links with Eddie and Mainstream Renewable Power through the Innovation Value Institute, and our organisations have worked closely together sharing a common passion for sustainability".

"Mary Cullen has played an active role in asserting women's rights in Ireland, especially in the area of education. Joe Brosnan dedicated most of his working life to public service and through his expertise he has contributed greatly in Ireland, Northern Ireland and Europe. David Little has conducted groundbreaking research in the area of linguistics and has enjoyed an outstanding academic career", said Professor Collins.

NUI Maynooth has been Ireland's fastest growing University in recent years, doubling in size to over 8,000 students since 2004. Postgraduate student numbers have increased by more than 50% to 1,800 and average entrance points have risen from 397 to 425.

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Children's Chess Club.

The Children's Chess Club takes place every Thursday evening in Maynooth Community Library @ 6.30pm.

U3A (University of the Third Age) .

The U3A Book Club meets once per month in Maynooth Community Library.

Book Club for Adults

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Teresa Deevy Papers donated to NUI Maynooth

The Library of NUI Maynooth has received an important donation of papers by the Irish dramatist, Teresa Deevy (1894 – 1963). Born in Waterford and hearing-impaired from the age of 20 by Ménière's disease, Teresa Deevy was described as “the most important dramatist writing for the Irish theatre” by her fellow playwright and Director of the Abbey Theatre, Lennox Robins.

The collection includes a number of playscripts, some of which have never been published. With plays like */The King of Spain's Daughter/* and */Katie Roche/* all produced within a few years in the mid-1930s, Deevy seemed to be the successor to Sean O'Casey and the Irish playwrights of a preceding generation. Then, in the early 1940s, she fell out of favour with the Abbey, and her star began to be eclipsed.

Recently, however, Teresa Deevy's work has received fresh recognition. In the summer of 2010, New York's Mint Theatre had an unexpected hit with a Deevy play, */Wife to James Whelan/*, winning glowing reviews in the */New York Times/*. The play, unproduced since 1956, was so successful that its original run was extended. Other theatres began to take notice, and the play had its first London run earlier this year. Meanwhile, the Mint Theatre is set to produce her break-through play, */Temporal Powers/*, in August, 2011.

In planning these productions, the Director of the Mint Theatre, Jonathan Bank, met with Jacqui Deevy, Teresa Deevy's niece (Teresa Deevy herself died in 1963), and became aware of the papers. Recognising the need to preserve them, Jacqui Deevy chose to donate them to NUI Maynooth.

Collecting papers on behalf of NUI Maynooth, Prof. Chris Morash of the English Department paid tribute to Jacqui Deevy's decision to keep the papers in Ireland. “These documents extend our understanding of Irish theatre,” he said “they allow us to begin to see with fresh eyes a writer who had long been unjustly neglected. It is reassuring to know that they will be preserved for future generations of theatre scholars.”

The Librarian of NUI Maynooth, Cathal McCauley, also welcomed the collection. “The donation of this important collection to the Library enhances our growing collection of primary source material which is of enormous interest to researchers locally, nationally and internationally”.

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Chris Morash & Jacqui Deevy

Pet Corner

Dog Grooming

Dog grooming is one of your dog's basic needs and an important part of dog ownership. Just like people, dogs need physical maintenance to look and feel their best. Fortunately, dogs do not need to bathe as often as people, but you do need to learn how much grooming your dog actually needs and keep it on a schedule. Generally, a dog's grooming needs depend on the breed and hair type. If your dog has a skin, ear or nail condition, follow your veterinarian's instructions regarding grooming your dog. It is also important to use the appropriate grooming tools. Here are some dog grooming basics to remember.

Hair Brushing

Most dogs enjoy being brushed, and sessions will strengthen the bond with your dog while maintaining a healthy coat. A dog's minimum brushing needs depend on hair type. Choose the right tools and follow these guidelines:

- Long-haired dogs usually require daily brushing to prevent matting and tangling of hair.
- Medium-haired dogs may be prone to matting and tangles and should be brushed at least weekly.
- Short-haired dogs can typically go up to a month in-between brushing.
- Regardless of hair type, you can brush your dog daily - especially if he enjoys it. More frequent brushing during shedding season can help prevent hair build-up and excess shedding

Nail Trimming

Nail trims are often detested by dogs and owners alike. Most dogs dislike even having their paws handled and know how much it hurts when nails are cut too short. Dog owners are often uncomfortable with the process for fear of hurting their dogs.

Dogs will develop an aversion to nail trimming once they experience pain from it. The best way to avoid this is to learn how to trim nails correctly and exercise caution. Ideally, a veterinary technician, vet, or groomer should teach you how to trim your dog's nails. Most dogs need monthly nail trims, but your dog may need more or less depending on the rate of growth.



Bathing

Bath time does not mean fun to most dogs and owners. It may bring forth an image of a wet dog running from the tub, dripping all over the house. Bathing does not have to be this way if your dog can get used to it. He may not like the bath, but he'll be easier to manage.

Most dogs should be bathed monthly, but bathing as often as once a week is not considered harmful. Always use a soap-free shampoo that is intended for dogs. Depending on the condition of your dog's skin

and coat, your veterinarian may recommend a specific shampoo. In this case, be sure to follow your veterinarian's instructions about bathing.

Ear Care

Your dog's ears can be a haven for bacteria and yeast if not kept clean. Some dogs can go their whole lives without ear problems, and the only routine ear cleaning needed is during the monthly bath. Other dogs have chronic ear disease and require multiple cleanings a day.

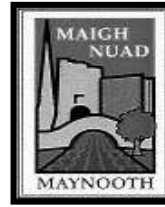
Ear problems can often be traced back to genetics. Dogs with floppy ears or long hair tend to be predisposed to ear problems because the ear canal simply does not have as much air exposure. Many ear problems are a sign of allergies. If your dog has excess debris or foul odour in his ears, your veterinarian will likely prescribe special ear cleaners and medications. If your dog's ears are relatively healthy, you can help keep them that way with proper ear care.

Haircuts

Dogs with continuously growing hair, such as the Poodle or Shih Tzu, typically need their hair cut every 2-4 weeks depending on the breed of the dog and the style of the cut. This task is often best left to professional groomers, though many dog owners are able to learn some basic maintenance haircuts.



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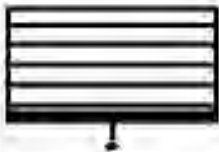
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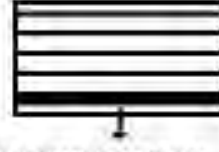
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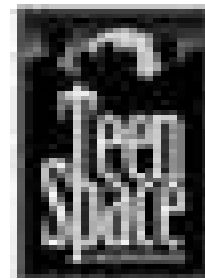


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What's happening at TeenSpace Maynooth?

On Friday May 13, with lights dimmed, tables and chairs clustered together and snacks on the tables, the Coffee Mill in Maynooth was transformed into a makeshift concert hall. TeenSpace

hosted another thrilling event for the youth of the community. The night's main event was a concert featuring Shane Power of Waterford who sang and played electric guitar.

The night was a success, as evidence by the teens and leaders singing along to the popular tunes that Shane played. And after finishing his last song, the microphone was open for any impromptu talent from the crowd. Several of the teens volunteered to offer their musical gifts to a very encouraging audience of peers. By the end of the evening, the teens were chatting and laughing together having enjoyed the event.

The next event was held on the beautifully sunny Friday evening, June 3. The theme was art and community. For the first half of the evening, the majority of teens sat outside where art supplies were provided for them to create "shout-out" thank you cards to people who have blessed them. During this time, the teens also had the opportunity to paint a tree on a canvas. Every teen painted a tree to signify that they were all unique yet a part of the same community. It was explained that trees flourish when they are planted near others, to help support against the elements. After this, the teens were split into three groups and used their creative abilities to dress up a leader as a superhero with a unique name and super powers. The teens were completely enthused and laughed a lot that night.

We hope you will join us in the coming school year for more such events. TeenSpace is led by a dynamic group of leaders from the various churches in Maynooth. If you are a young adult, university student or genuinely fun person who wants to positively influence teens in the community and have a growing faith in Christ, please contact Mieke Sanders at 086 1009484 for more information on getting involved.

Sara Lee

U3A Maynooth JUNE NEWS

U3A Maynooth is allied to Age Action Ireland. Members attended its AGM at Croke Park conference centre. We are well informed following reports from our representatives to Kildare Voluntary Forum, attendance at the Older and Bolder conference in Dublin and the Say No to Ageism seminar in Bedford hall in Dublin Castle.

June was our Month of Castles - Donegal, Dublin and Maynooth. Members visited three castles. At the end of the month choir members sang at Maynooth Festival Evening in Maynooth Castle. Sensitive restoration at Maynooth Castle could use Donegal Castle, located in Donegal Town, as the template for further work. One floor is furnished in copies of sixteenth century furniture. Members travelled by train to Sligo and on to our hotel in Donegal by Bus Eireann. A very efficient local bus owner brought us to Killybegs carpet factory, Glencolmcille village, waterfall and cliffs. Many of the places mentioned in news bulletins from Derry were visited.

Thanks to the vibrant committee who have negotiated and prepared space at Manor Mills. Maynooth was one of the few towns without a community meeting room.

Our thoughts and prayers are with U3A Lucan members on the death of their founder Mrs Tess Lavan Kane. Tess was inspirational. Our sympathy is with her family.

Community Council Report

D. Cullen PRO

Maynooth Community Council Meeting 13 June 2011
Proposal for new school campus at Moyglare Hall
A number of parents from Scoil Uí Fhiach and the Educate Together School attended the meeting. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin (Secretary) reported that Sean Ashe, Kildare VEC CEO, had written with further information about the proposed multi-school campus at Moyglare Hall. He said that the expected enrolment for Maynooth Post Primary School next year was 1050. The current building and site did not meet the requirements for a school of this size, and Kildare VEC had been authorised to acquire a new site. The VEC believed that the second level educational needs of Maynooth could be met by a new school accommodating 'circa 1000 plus' pupils, and that a 450-500 pupil gaelcholaiste should also be built in Maynooth. The new site could also permit provision of community facilities such as a swimming pool, athletic track, and crèche. He invited Maynooth Community Council to visit the VEC campus at Piper's Hill, Naas to see such a campus in action. (See letter page 5)

M. Ní Bhrolcháin said that the Maynooth Community Council itself did not have a definitive view on the new school proposal, but wished to have clarity on it and to facilitate community input and discussion. A parent from Scoil Uí Fhiach, who welcomed the prospect of a new gaelcholaiste, observed that Maynooth town centre was not as far from Moyglare Hall as Piper's Hill was from Naas. But he felt that Moyglare Road would have to be improved, and would not like his children to have to walk on it as it was. He also suggested that planning permission for the school campus might be subject to the provision of a by-pass road to deal with school-related traffic in the town centre. Another parent pointed out that in wintertime the road would be very dark, wet and cold at the time students attending extra-curricular activities in the school would be going home and that, due to the distance involved, parents would have to collect their children by car from the new campus.

Paul Croghan (PDO), said that he had grave concerns about the location of the site purchased because he felt that the school should be central to the activity of the town. Deirdre Cullen (PRO) said that it was very positive to have the school students walking through the town, to and from school. It contributed to the social and economic life of the town centre. Catherine Mulready (U3A) said that it was very important that the community was involved in the decision making.

Tom McMullon (Chairperson) said that the impression had always been given that there would be a school on the other side of the town, and that he was wary of lists of aspirations. Josie Moore (Senior Citizens Committee) said that the town was a bottleneck and that it would make sense to have schools on both the north and south sides. The presence of the school students was positive and there was a danger of the centre becoming a ghost town if they were moved out.

A parent from the Educate Together School pointed out that location was not the only issue relating to the proposed campus. In his view the issue of people having a choice of school was very important. D. Cullen said that it could also be said that having one school, or one school campus, where all the young people of the town attended and got to know each other, was a very good thing.

Colm Ó Cearúil (Deputy PDO) welcomed Mr. Ashe's letter. He said that Maynooth Post Primary was a first class school and that Maynooth Community Council was very supportive of it. There had been concerns about the prospect of a 'super school' but the proposal to have a gaelcholaiste on the new campus eased those concerns. He said that there were now enough feeder schools in Lucan for Coláiste Cois Life, so that a Maynooth gaelcholaiste was viable, with pupils coming from Maynooth, Kilcock and Dunboyne. He noted that it was Department of Education policy that there be joint campuses with shared facilities.

Councillor John McGinley (Labour) said that it was not clear from Mr. Ashe's letter that there would be a gael-

cholaiste, or that, if there was one, it would be on the proposed campus. It was his understanding that there would be a 1,500 pupil post-primary school on the proposed campus and that there was no chance of a second gaelcholaiste in the area. He said there would not be a swimming pool on the campus as funds had not yet even been allocated for the Leixlip pool – no funds were available at this time. He said that Mr. Ashe should come and talk to the Community Council about the proposal.

M. Ní Bhrolcháin said that good planning was essential and that if we got things wrong we would be living with the consequences for a long time to come. It was impossible to drive through the town at present, even without the extra traffic that would be generated by the proposed school campus. Brendan Ashe (NUIM) said that Maynooth Community Council should take up Mr. Ashe's invitation and go to see the Piper's Hill campus. Cynthia Gallagher (Scouts) pointed out that there would be no pupils at school at this time of the year so that it wouldn't be possible to get the full picture.

Councillor Senan Griffin (Fine Gael) said that the present school was constructed in 1970, was of its time, and needed to be changed. It had already been extended six times and there was no capacity for further expansion on the present site. The VEC was competent to look at available sites and pick the best one. Some teachers at the school had been annoyed and hurt at comments about the proposal reported in the local papers. T. McMullon said that everyone in Maynooth Community Council thought very highly of the school. D. Cullen said that coverage in one local paper had been sensational in its reportage of the previous Community Council meeting, and that the front-

page heading had given a wrong impression of the discussion at the meeting. A parent who had been at that meeting confirmed that nothing 'derogatory' had been said about the school.

Other location-related issues were also raised. It was pointed out that families with two parents at work would not be in a position to drive their children to and from the new campus. There was some discussion of the precise distance of the proposed site from the existing school, and it was suggested that this was 1 km. Another parent said that children aged thirteen would not be able to walk from her own area to the proposed school site. It would take an hour for her son to walk to school, with a heavy school bag on his back.

A parent from Scoil Uí Fhiach said that having had the experience of a school based in pre-fabs, he was enthusiastic about the prospect of a new facility. He worried that if the public and the community sat on the fence about the project for too long the plan might not go ahead. Another parent said that he valued facilities over location and would manage to get his own children to the new school, despite the fact that he lived on the other side of town.

T. McMullon said that it was important for the people of Maynooth to see the plans and that the VEC should publish them so that the community could have an input. Peter Garrad (Scouts) proposed that the Community Council visit the Piper Hill site, and invite Mr. Ashe to come to a forthcoming meeting with concrete plans. The Community Council agreed to arrange the visit and to issue another invitation to Mr. Ashe.

Special Needs Parents Association at the Flora Women's Mini-Marathon

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Maynooth Youth Café

Maynooth Youth Café Committee



In our town of Maynooth it may come as a surprise for you to hear that we have no facility, such as a hall, in which the youth of the town can meet socially to enjoy each others company or be used to hold an event such as a disco etc.

Look at any village in the country, at a minimum, they have a hall in which they can run events to help our youth enjoy being young in a safe and supervised environment. In Maynooth there is a generation of teenagers who need a space of their own right now and that are where we come in.

As reported in May's Issue of the Maynooth Newsletter, a licence has been agreed between Kildare County Council and the owner of the former bookie shop in Manor Mills Shopping Centre. This is a unit which will be available to any recognised group in the town through Maynooth Community Council.

Our aim is to provide a safe, secure, fully supervised recreational space for our young people to socialise, develop their lives and personalities and access services when required. We want to give our young people a voice in decision-making which affect their lives through actively participating in planned workshops, forums etc.

We want to provide a drop-in facility for young people, where they can meet their friends and generally 'chill out' and provide such activities as: one-to-one support; after school groups; education support; youth music groups; focus groups for targeted young people; summer programmes; annual youth events.

We want to enable young people to involve themselves in their own development, including taking positive steps to overcome problems they may have.

Where to next

We want the youth in the town to let us know what they want in a youth café and what they believe would be a good name for it.

To that end, we are asking the youth to fill in the questionnaire provided with this piece and return it to the community offices by Friday 29th of July – we hope to have the results printed in the September issue of the newsletter. A copy of the questionnaire is also available online from www.maynoothcc.com

It is very important for the success of this venture that the youth decide how it is run and organised, through the help of parents and the committee.

It doesn't end there; the committee and the café need volunteers. We need the youth to get involved in the formation of a youth committee to help with the running of the café and of course to ensure that the youth have an input into what they want in the café. We need adults, to get involved with the committee, and after training and Garda vetting, be present when the café is open.

You can contact the committee through the community council offices or by emailing

maynooth.youthcafe@gmail.com

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Conor O'Dwyer
PRO Maynooth Youth Café Committee

Maynooth Youth Café Committee is a sub-committee of Maynooth Community Council. The goal of Maynooth Youth Café Committee is to enhance our town's youth by the provision of a youth café in the town and to encourage their participation in its development for the young people of Maynooth.

Chair: Hugh Gallagher
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PRO: Conor O'Dwyer

Please fill in Questionnaire below

1) Are you?

Male ☐ Female ☐

2) What age are you?

12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐

17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐

3) Do you think there is a need for a Youth Café in the Maynooth area?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Why?

4) Do you think young people should be involved in the running of the Youth Café?

Yes ☐ No ☐

5) What times and days would you like a Youth Café in the town to be open?

Weekdays ☐ Weekends ☐

After School ☐ Evenings ☐

Suggest time slots: _____

6) What type of information/ programmes would you like to be available in a Youth Café?

7) What would be the best way to advertise Youth Café?

Website ☐ Text messages ☐
Other _____

8) Do you see any problems with having a Youth Café in the town?

9) What type of activities would you like to be available in a Youth Café?

10) Where would be the best location for a Youth Café?

11) What would be a good name for a Youth Café in the town?

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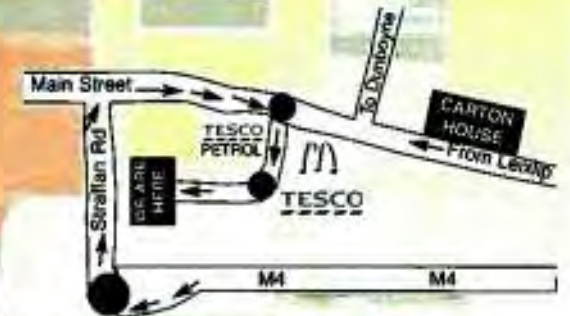
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July RECIPES

Sliced Tuna Steak Salad with Cherry Tomatoes, Lemon & Garlic



Ingredients

- ◆ 2 tbsp flat-leaf parsley
- ◆ 1 garlic clove
- ◆ lemon
- ◆ 2 tuna steaks, about 150g each and about 0.5cm thick
- ◆ 3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- ◆ Salt and black pepper
- ◆ 80g rocket leaves
- ◆ 5 cherry tomatoes, halved
- ◆ 1 tbsp good-quality balsamic vinegar

Method

1. Preheat a griddle pan until very hot.
2. Rub the tuna steaks with 2tbsp of the oil. Cook on the griddle pan for 1 minute on each side. Then season with salt and pepper and place on a chopping board to rest for 1 minute.
3. To prepare the gremolata, place the parsley and the garlic on a chopping board and finely chop with a sharp knife. Place in a bowl and grate over the zest of ½ the lemon. Mix and set aside.
4. Cut the tomatoes in half and cook, on the cut-side, in a frying pan. For 30 second to make them soft. Add balsamic vinegar.
5. Place the rocket on a serving plate and lay the tuna steaks on top. Add the tomatoes and drizzle over the gremolata and serve.

Pork steaks with honey and mustard sauce



Ingredients

- ◆ 4 lean pork steaks, trimmed of fat
- ◆ 1 tbsp runny honey
- ◆ 2 tbsp soy sauce
- ◆ 3 tbsp lemon juice
- ◆ 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
- ◆ pinch of ground nutmeg
- ◆ 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- ◆ 1 tbsp grainy mustard
- ◆ salt and freshly ground black pepper
- ◆ Pork steaks with honey and mustard sauce

Method

1. Make regular nicks around the trimmed fat edge of the steaks using a sharp knife. This will ensure they stay flat while cooking.
2. Blend together the honey, soy sauce, lemon juice, cinnamon and nutmeg in a shallow dish. Lay the pork steaks in this mixture, turning them and basting well with a spoon. Cover with cling film and leave to marinate in the fridge for 2 hours.
3. Heat the oil in a large heavy-based frying pan. Drain the pork steaks, reserving the marinade, and fry over a gentle heat, for 6–7 minutes on each side, depending on their thickness.
4. Remove the meat from the pan and place on a warmed plate. Pour off the excess fat from the pan. Pour the reserved marinade into the pan, reduce it slightly over a high heat, then stir in the mustard and blend well. Season to taste, then pour over the pork and serve immediately, with spinach.

Barbecued Chicken with Fresh Mango Salsa



Ingredients

- ◆ 4 (100g) skinless, boneless chicken breast fillets
- ◆ salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- ◆ 1 tablespoon olive oil
- ◆ 2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
- ◆ 1 (2cm) piece fresh ginger root, minced
- ◆ 2 mangos - peeled, stone removed and diced
- ◆ 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- ◆ 1 teaspoon white wine
- ◆ 4 tablespoons chopped fresh coriander

Method

1. Preheat barbecue for high heat, and lightly oil cooking grate.
2. Rub chicken breast fillets with salt and pepper. Cook on hot barbecue for 10 to 15 minutes on each side, until no longer pink and juices run clear. Remove from heat, set aside, and keep warm.
3. Heat oil in a medium frying pan over medium heat, and sauté garlic for about 1 minute. Mix in ginger and mangos, and cook 3 to 4 minutes, until mangos are tender. Pour in the cider vinegar and white wine. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in coriander, and remove from heat. Spoon over the barbecued chicken to serve.

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His father and his uncle, Gerald and Thomas FitzMaurice, had been granted the manors of Croom and Shanid respectively in County Limerick. At Croom Maurice built a castle, and from its name came the famous war-cry and motto of the Kildare Geraldines, "Crom Abú", while from the castle of Shanid came the war-cry of their cousins the Desmond Geraldines, "Shanid Abú". The castles were about sixteen miles apart and on the borders of a O'Brien territory, so that the rival cries of the FitzGerald on the one hand and the "Lámhláidir Abú" of the O'Briens on the other constantly rang out as the castles were attacked and the defenders fought back. Later on the Butlers became the chief rivals of the FitzGerald and in 1495 an act of the Irish parliament was passed stating that: "for as much as there hath been great variance, malices, debates, and comparisons between diverse lords and gentlemen of this land", it was no longer lawful for anyone to get involved, 'as in using these words Cromabu and Butlerabu, or other words like, contrary to the king's laws, his crown, and dignity, and peace, but to call only on St. George or the name of his sovereign Lord the king of England...'

Maurice Fitzgerald also brought the new mendicant religious orders, the Franciscans and Dominicans, to Ireland. For the Franciscans he founded an abbey in Youghal where many members of the Desmond branch of the family were later buried. In 1235 he was granted the manor of Sligo where he founded a priory and built a castle for himself to serve as a base for his planned invasion of Tír Chonaill. Of the castle no trace remains, but the beautiful ruins of Sligo Abbey remain as one of the show-places of the town today.

It may have been the second Maurice Fitzgerald who built the castle at Maynooth, the great keep with its surrounding curtain wall with towers at the corners and the fine entrance gate. It was built so well that most of the work still stands while later additions have long since vanished. The accompanying plan shows the extent and layout of the castle in the seventeenth century by which time very extensive additions had been made. Note that the seventeenth-century maker of the plan described the keep as the 'Old Castle'

Maurice also built the adjoining chapel, which, greatly altered over the centuries, is the nucleus of the present Church of Ireland parish church. It is very interesting to find the new chapel or church at Maynooth incorporated, together with the older churches we have already met and which date back before Norman times, in the newly developing parish system. As noted in the last article, Irish parish organisation was

only beginning when the Normans arrived. The diocesan structure had been completed, and this was of course essential before territorially defined parishes could emerge. The ground work for these had also been laid by the synod of Cashel in 1171-2 when it had been decreed that every man should pay tithe for the support of his parish church. The paying of tithe, the tenth part of the produce of land or stock, was the basis of the defined parish throughout Europe, and it had developed in England during the tenth century. With the paying of tithe, the word 'parish' became applied to a geographical area rather than to the people comprising it. The Normans who came to Ireland were already familiar with the idea of a parish supported by tithe and ready to introduce it into their new holdings.

The Lord of the Manor was usually anxious to have his lands recognised as an independent parish, and this accounts for the relatively small size of parishes in Norman populated areas. The Lord enforced the payment of tithe and often kept the advowson, or right of presentation to a church benefice, himself or he might hand over the whole benefice to some religious house. The benefice was the ecclesiastical post or office to which property or revenue was attached, and the holder of the benefice was the incumbent. The incumbent of a parish was responsible for the provision of the essential services, such as the saying of Mass at stipulated times. The incumbent, who might be a religious house or an individual, very often did not provide these services in person but paid a vicar to do so, and this system became so wide-spread throughout Christendom that canon law developed to regulate the division of the revenue of a parish as between the rector, who had the right to the tithes and any other income, and the vicar who was paid a stipend or salary to carry out the parish work.

This pattern we can see operating in the Maynooth area. Fr. MacSweeney finds the priory of St. Catherine of Leixlip, and the churches of Leixlip, Confey, Taghadoe, Laraghbryan, Maynooth and Donaghmore all included in the thirteenth century in the rural deanery of Leixlip. A rural deanery was a sub-division of a diocese, presided over by its dean, whose main function was to act as a channel of communication between bishop and clergy. With the exception of St. Catherine's, which was founded in 1218 for the canons of St Victor by Warisius Petche, Lord of Lucan, the other churches within the deanery had, according to Fr. MacSweeney, parochial status. It also fits the pattern when we find Maurice Fitzgerald in 1248 requesting Archbishop Luke of Dublin to erect the chapel of Maynooth into a prebend of the Cathedral of St. Patrick's and retaining in his own hands and those of his successors the nomination to the prebend. This meant that some member of the Cathedral chapter became entitled to a stipend coming from the revenue of the church of Maynooth in return for officiating there at stipulated times. The name of the first Prebendary of Maynooth, installed on 12th October 1248, was Richard de Carren.

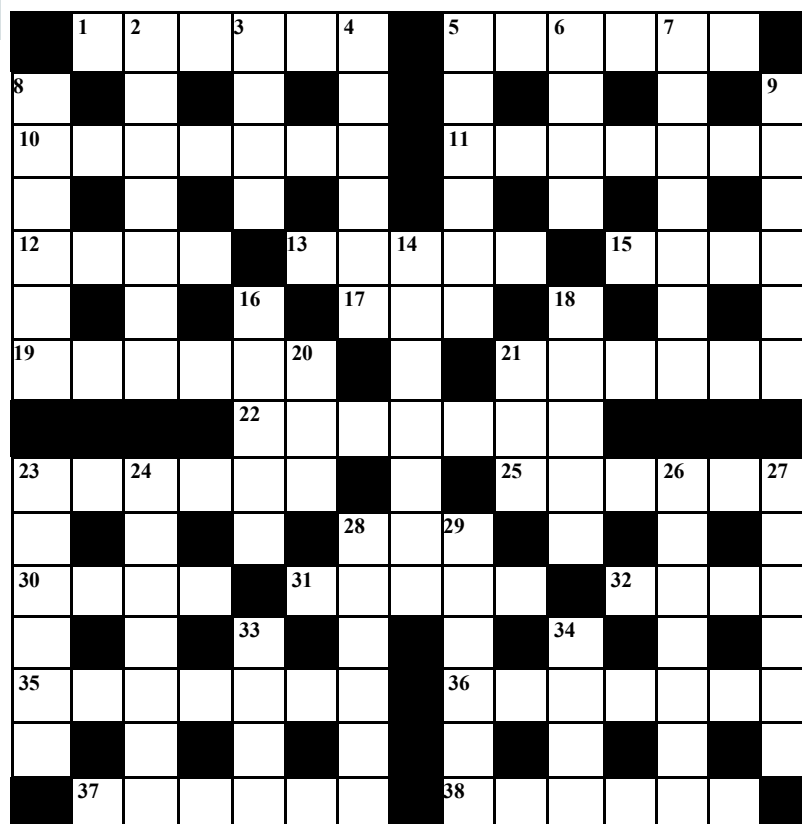
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July 2011 Crossword —No: 393

ACROSS

1. Abrasion or mischievous escapade (6)
5. Five speech sounds (6)
10. Series of lessons (7)
11. Keep an eye on (7)
12. One twelfth of a foot (4)
13. Assert as a right (5)
15. Payment by a tenant (4)
17. The source of light and heat (3)
19. Fast gait of a horse (6)
21. Soft and mild (6)
22. Motor (7)
23. Distributed over (6)
25. Fresh, new (6)
28. Raw mineral (3)
30. Expose to danger (4)
31. Analyse to find the properties (5)
32. Snug weapons? (4)
35. To what place (7)
36. Whole number (7)
37. In any event (6)
38. Medicine or therapy (6)



DOWN

2. Body of lawmakers (7)
3. Besides, moreover (4)
4. Artists' stands (6)
5. Fiddle (6)
6. Occident (4)
7. Greatest in size (7)
8. Performing, behaving (6)
9. Bring to an end, come to terms (6)
14. Writers originators (7)
16. Of the Italian city (5)
18. Between 12 and 20 (5)
20. Sheets of paper fastened together along one edge (3)
21. Large African antelope (3)
23. Fasteners with threaded shanks (6)
24. Native of Moscow, say (7)
26. Soiled or blurred through rubbing (7)
27. Arid region (6)
28. Large hawk that feed on fish (6)
29. Less difficult (6)
33. Melt in heat (4)
34. Stalk, shank (4)

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July 2011



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Back 9	Mick Flynn Jnr.	19pts
Nearest the Pin	Aaron Tobin	
2's Club	N. Byrne, n. Farrell, M. Flynn Jnr. A. Tobin, D. O'Donohoe, M. Maguire	
Next outing Captain Pat Connolly's Prize to Mount Wolsey on Saturday 2nd July		

Paddy Foy's Presidents Prize which was sponsored by Declan Kennedy of Brady's was held at Rathcore Golf Club outside Enfield Co. Meath on Saturday 18th June. This fine 18 hole Parklands

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43 Members competed for Paddy Foy's prize in blustery wet and sunny conditions. The winner was Dermot Myles with a score of 37 points followed home by four players on 34 points all decided on the back 9 scores 2nd Mark Kehoe, 3rd John Byrne, 4th Terry Moore and 5th Tim Mullane. 7 members had 2's on the day and shared the 2's Club money. Nearest the pin was Aaron Tobin. The Prizes were presented in Brady's by the President Paddy Foy to all of the winner. The President thanked Declan Kennedy of Brady's for his sponsorship and all of the committee for their hard work in keeping the society thriving during difficult times.

Our next outing is Captain Pat Connolly's Prize on 2nd July to Mount Wolsey Golf Club

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MURPHY SLAMS SOCIAL WELFARE APPEALS SYSTEM FOR PUTTING PEOPLE “THROUGH THE WRINGER” AS APPEALS RISE BY 75% BETWEEN 2009 AND 2010

Social Welfare Appeals last year rose by 75% from 10,027 in 2009 to 17,499 in 2010 across a spectrum of 32 categories of benefit type; 29% of which saw the original decision being overturned either fully or partially.

Kildare North TD, Catherine Murphy has questioned Social Protection Minister, Joan Burton TD in the Dáil regarding her concern that social welfare application refusal rates appear to be increasing and are putting additional strain on the already overstretched Social Welfare Appeals Office. Murphy’s ultimate worry however is for example that as - according to the Minister - applications for Carers Allowance now take a staggering 12 weeks to process (up from 8 weeks in 2009); and given that 38% of all social welfare applications made in 2010 were refused; and given that 29% of those decisions appealed were overturned, a very large number of people in desperate need of state assistance are being “put through the wringer” to obtain supports that they are fully entitled to.

Murphy further added during the debate on this matter in the Dáil on 10th May 2011 that in the event of an appeal being upheld by the Social Welfare Appeals Office “the relevant payment will be backdated to the date on which the application was submitted ... (even) the Exchequer will not make any savings.”. And, while broadly welcoming of the Minister’s revelation that since taking up her new Ministry she has “signed in nine additional appeals officers” to address ever increasing processing times for social welfare appeals being dealt with by her Department, Murphy is concerned that more effort needs to be made to address why so many social welfare applicants are forced to appeal decisions.

The Kildare TD’s questions were asked specifically with regard to the very high level of refusal, appeal and ultimate granting of appeal she has seen in recent months among residents of Kildare who are seeking carer’s allowance.

“It appears to me that the refusal rate is quite high. Having heard anecdotal evidence and discussed this with some of my Independent colleagues, it seems that there is a high level of success on appeal. Has the Minister examined that in her Department? Can she ascertain whether there is a variation between the approach to carer’s allowance and the approach to other kinds of allowances provided by the Department?” Murphy would like to see the Department re-examine how they process Social Welfare applications in the first instance so that those in urgent need of state assistance don’t have to wait months to be granted what they are entitled to.

“We need a far more efficient system than what we have at present, because all I can see in the current system is waste: if applications aren’t being dealt with to the satisfaction of this number of applicants in the first instance we have a serious problem and that’s impacting both on applicants and the resources of the Department of Social Protection which is required to deal with a huge volumes of applications not once, but twice.”

MURPHY FOLLOWS SENIOR GARDA MEETING BY DEMANDING URGENT ACTION ON PALTRY KILDARE GARDA ALLOCATION

Kildare North TD, Catherine Murphy today met with the Senior Gardaí responsible for allocating garda resources to Kildare to stress the urgency of Kildare's need for additional Garda resources.

Murphy specifically highlighted to Gardaí that should they redistribute only 109 Gardaí from Dublin to Kildare the difference in service would equate to a 33% increase in Kildare's Garda resources but only a 3% reduction in that of Dublin.

“I think it's vitally important to stress just how disadvantaged Kildare has become in terms of Garda resources if we're going to see any change. The simple fact that moving 109 gardaí from Dublin to Kildare represents such a minor loss for the former and such a large gain for the latter illustrates why senior Gardaí need to urgently reassess how they allocate resources.”

Upon her re-election to the Dáil, Murphy contacted Garda Commissioner Martin Callinan to request a meeting on Kildare's unreasonably low allocation of Garda resources and today's meeting was the fruition of that request. Murphy invited all four of the North Kildare TDs to attend the meeting and was joined by Deputy Emmet Stagg and a representative of Deputy Anthony Lawlor, with Deputy Bernard Durkan unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

“Overall I felt it was a very positive meeting where there was a good open dialogue between us and the Garda Officials who took the time to meet with us. It just remains to be seen what come of it” stated Murphy.

Murphy has reaffirmed her commitment to putting continued pressure on the Garda Commissioner until Kildare is allocated it's fair share of resources.

“This isn't about anything other than fairness and equality. The simple fact is that according all of the statistics Kildare ranks lowest amongst all other counties when you compare the number of gardaí per capita of population. This is just wrong: wrong for the people living and working in Kildare and wrong for the Gardaí who are expected to do their jobs without adequate resources to support them.”

MURPHY TO OPEN NEW CONSTITUENCY OFFICE IN LEIXLIP

Recently re-elected TD for Kildare North has opened a new Constituency Office. The office, which is based in Leixlip Shopping Mall on Leixlip Main Street, will serve as a constituency base where Catherine can meet members of the public and provide information and assistance to those in need of it.

“It’s a great feeling to once again be able to open an office where people can drop by to discuss issues that are of importance to them or simply seek out information. This is an invaluable resource for me as a TD as it gives me a base from which to operate when I’m not in the Dáil but more importantly to the people of Kildare North that I was elected to serve”.

Murphy expressed her huge gratitude to the “extremely dedicated” team of campaign workers who helped her to mount her recent general election campaign.

“The campaign team I had during the recent general election was truly extraordinary and I want to extend my gratitude to them for making all of this possible.

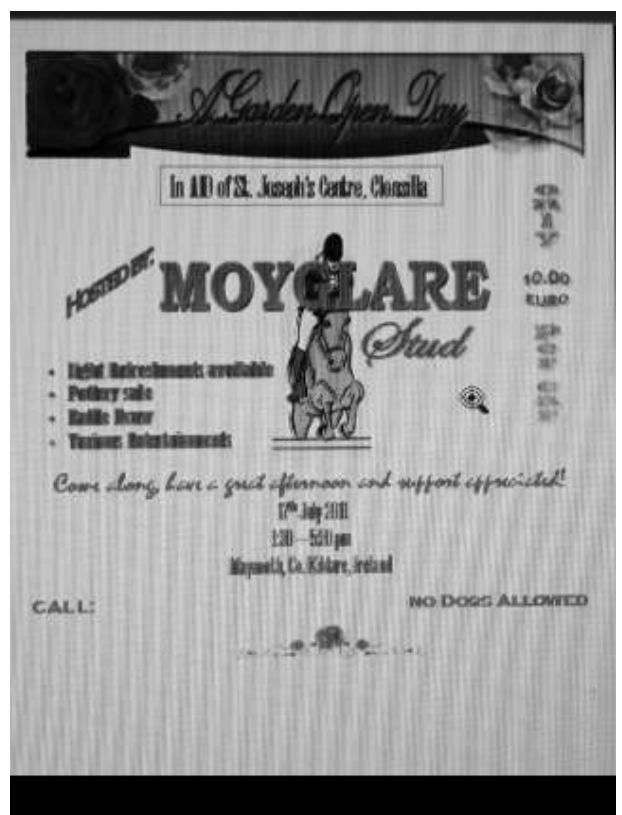
This office will allow me to continue working with those people, and of course anyone who has an interested in joining, in working on behalf of Kildare.”

The Kildare North TD drew particular attention to a key member of her campaign team who will now head up the running of the new Leixlip Constituency Office.

“I have to particularly thank Sheila Clifford who will not only be running the office but who has also been of enormous help in the set-up of it. Sheila is an extremely capable and trustworthy person who I feel truly lucky to have as part of my team.”

The public hours of the office are 10am to 1pm Monday to Friday.

Due to commitments in the Dáil Catherine will not be in the office at all times and so if anyone would like to meet specifically with her she is more than happy to make an appointment through telephone, email or a drop-in request. Equally, although the ideal is to meet people in the office Deputy Murphy is fully aware that travelling to Leixlip may not always be possible for some people so she is more than happy to make appointments for alternate locations if that’s the case.



St. Josephs, Garden Open Day

Moyglare Stud in Maynooth, Co Kildare have kindly agreed to allow the Parents and Friends of St Josephs to host a Garden Open Day to raise funds for St Josephs Centre in Clonsilla, on the 17th July 2011 from 1.30pm to 5.30pm. This is the first time in six years that the gardens have being open to the public and they are so beautiful, there is even an orchid house.

There is a charge of €10 per car and Blanchardstown Brass Band will play on the front lawn. There will be face painting and balloons for the children and plenty of refreshments. Also, we will have handmade pottery, made by our service users here in St Josephs, for sale.

Should you need more information, please contact me on 01-8248627

Gardening in July

Summer is here and it's a great time to add a water feature to your landscape. Craft stores, local nurseries, pound items and inexpensive small water pumps and filters will help you as you design and build a creative water feature that will allow you to enjoy the soothing sights and sounds of water. Creative pools, fountains and waterfalls are on display at many garden centre locations. Stop by and speak with our water garden experts and pick up informational literature about proper pond care. The library is full of books on design and construction.

Plants and trees that provide colour in the month of July include :

Spireas, Hydrangeas, Summersweet, Hypericum, Butterfly Bush, and Golden Rain Tree. Visit the nursery and see these beautiful plants in bloom.

Perennials that provide interest in the month of July include :

Daylilies, Phlox, Veronica, Ligularia, Larkspur, Tickseed and much more.

General Care for Plants & Trees

- Check all plants, especially newly planted ones, for water on a regular basis. Water deeply and thoroughly as needed.
- Gator bags provide a great way to keep trees watered during hot and dry months. These bags, which can hold up to 20 gallons of water, are secured to the trunk of the tree, where they release the water slowly

to the root ball over the course of 15-20 hours.

- Spruce up your summer landscape with beautiful colour in containers and hanging baskets. Be sure to use potting mix when planting and a water-grabbing polymer such as Soil Moist to reduce the frequency of watering.
- Stop pinching Chrysanthemums by July 16th.
- Do not prune Azaleas and Rhododendrons after the second week of July for they soon will begin setting their buds for next year's blooms.

Crape Myrtles



Things to do in the vegetable garden this month.

- Encourage runner beans to climb up their supports. They twist the other way from most other beans, climbing clockwise when viewed from above.
- Hoe regularly to keep weeds under control. Keep the blade sharp and hoe when seedlings are small and in dry weather for best effect.

- Brassica crops such as cabbages, sprouts, calabrese etc are favourites with many pests, from aphids and whitefly to pigeons and rabbits. Check your plants and take appropriate measures if necessary.
- Tomato side shoots can easily be rooted to make more plants. Cut them off when 10cm long, put into a pot of moist, well drained multipurpose compost. Leave in a cool, shady place for 10-14 days and they should have rooted.
- Harvest the first beetroot, spring onions, radishes and salad leaves. Don't forget to sow some more for a later crop.
- Traditionally early potatoes are said to be ready to harvest when the plants are in flower – but not all varieties produce flowers! Dig up a trial plant 10 weeks or more after planting to see how they are doing. Then dig them fresh, as you want to eat them. There's nothing better.



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New Lights at Farrell Bridge

Cllr. McGinley is very pleased that his request for replacement public lights at Farrell Bridge has now been addressed. The new lights look very nice.

Decorative Stones "Taken" from Bond Bridge Walls.

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

"What steps have been taken to recover the 100 or so decorative stones that were "removed" from the walls at Bond Bridge and when will they be replaced?"

Regulated Parking in Maynooth

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

1. "What progress has been made on extending the public car park in Maynooth to enable Pay Parking to be introduced?"
2. "That Fagans Lane be pedestrianised as part of the Pay Parking Scheme for Maynooth in the interests of pedestrian safety and proper traffic control."
3. "That as part of the Maynooth Parking By Laws that the proposed four parking bays at Maynooth Castle (Drawing E/3277/B) be removed and that the footpath be extended from Farrell Bridge to the Castle Gates in line with the wishes of the submission from Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee (MTTC) in May of this year. Furthermore that the two pedestrian crossings requested by MTTC be also put in place. All in the interest of public safety."

Cllr. McGinley Gets Smart Telephone Boxes Removed:

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his Motion

"Can the council take steps to have the ugly derelict Smart Telecom phone boxes in Maynooth either cleaned up or removed?"

Report: As the phone boxes do not belong to Kildare County Council the Transportation Department will make arrangements to contact the phone box providers on behalf of the Committee.

As residents will know all of the phone boxes have now been removed apart from the double unit at The Roost and Cllr. McGinley has asked that it also be removed.

Litter Bin Required at Silken Vale Entrance:

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his Motion

"That a litter bin be installed at the entrance to Silken Vale estate on the Straffan Road, Maynooth, in order to capture some of the enormous amount of litter dumped in the vicinity."

Report: The difficulty in installing additional bins is that the Maynooth Area have very limited resources and they are currently at capacity in relation to emptying litter bins. However, the Area Engineer has undertaken to look at this particular location and will report to the Committee at a later date.

Litter Management Scheme Pilot Scheme

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his Motion

"In relation to the Litter Management Pilot Scheme for Maynooth:

- How successful was the scheme?
- What feedback did the Council get from the businesses as a result of the letter that was issued to them in May 2010?
- How can Maynooth Tidy Towns help to develop the initiative in conjunction with the Maynooth Area Office?"

Report: Background

Following requests from elected representatives, the environment section developed a pilot scheme in Maynooth to work proactively with businesses to prevent, reduce and remove litter from the town. A letter was hand delivered by the litter warden to approximately 90% of the businesses in the town. The letter was posted to the remaining businesses as they were either not active or operated outside normal business hours. The litter warden would then discuss the practical and legal issues with the businesses. Special emphasis was placed on cigarette waste as well as the regular emptying of all bins provided outside each premises. The litter warden then undertook follow-up visits as required.

Outcome

According to the litter warden, the scheme is successful. The objective was to inform business owners of their obligation to keep the area directly outside their premises free from litter. In particular, business owners were asked, on days when there was no council street sweeping in progress to clean outside their own premises on that day.

The town appears to be visibly cleaner, due to the ongoing efforts of the street sweeping personnel and the litter warden working to reduce litter. The scheme has aroused interest from the business owners on this matter.

As evidence of the success of the pilot scheme, the number of litter fines issued to businesses has reduced.

Feedback

The response from business owners was very positive. All businesses contacted agreed to look after their own area. They thought that the scheme was much needed in the town and agreed to participate. All those contacted saw merit in the scheme and were pleased to be able to participate. Many offered the opinion that it would encourage trade in the town.

Cooperation between Maynooth Tidy Towns and the Maynooth Area Office

Vigilance is a key aspect to developing a tidy town ethos. While Maynooth Tidy Towns continue to work very effectively in removing litter and undertaking other improvements, it is important that any items/ locations that require council attention be reported by them immediately to the area office. Many cleanups have been organised by Tidy Towns in other locations around the town. It is important to note that the council have facilitated these by removing the materials gathered.

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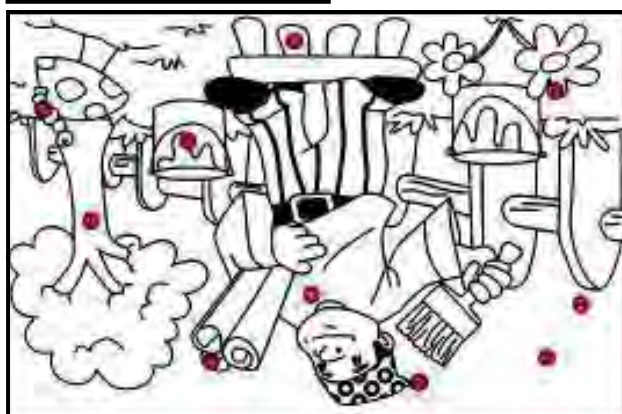
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Maynooth Tidy Towns



Maynooth floral display team



Tina & Paul from Larine House filling baskets on Main Street



Floral display on lamppost in Main Street



Entrance to Maynooth floral display

We have started our Sunday morning Clean ups, collecting 6 or 7 bags each Sunday, 7.30am outside the Garda Station.

Also we are continuing with our Wednesday evening clean up @ 7.30pm meeting at Supervalu car park.

Saturday clean ups commence at 10am in Supervalu car park.

We are very pleased that following a long campaign the new lights have been installed on the bridge near the Castle.

The Plaque was erected in the Pound with thanks to Kildare County Council and also our thanks to the Maynooth Historical Committee for their input into the wording on the plaque.

Our thanks to those who commented on the beautiful floral baskets on the Main street, in the Square and around the Church area.

We are lucky in Maynooth to be able to purchase all our floral requirements from The Larine Garden Centre, who also help assemble and erect the floral baskets . Our thanks to Paul, Tina and colleagues from The Larine Garden Centre.

Also our thanks to members of Maynooth Tidy Towns committee and friends of the committee who give of their time so willingly.

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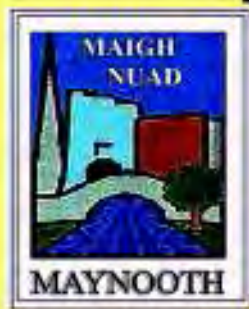


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Maynooth - Canet Twinning Update



The Maynooth Community Council Twinning Committee are currently preparing for the visit of a delegation from Canet-en-Roussillon to Maynooth at the end of Sept. During the visit a Charter Signing ceremony will take place. This will complete the process to twin the two towns of Maynooth with Canet.

Further details of the visit and the ceremony will be published in the next edition of the Newsletter.

(See page 27 The Canet Experience)



Some of the Ireland players took time out from their pre-season training regime to pose for photographers in the new PUMA Ireland kit at Carton House

Maynooth Festival at Maynooth Castle 2011

Over 350 people attended the various cultural events which took place on the grounds and within Maynooth Castle on a warm sunny evening of Thursday 30th June.

It was a colourful spectacle with Rita Doyle and Catherine Maher Schools of Dance giving lively and graceful displays of their dancing talents. The sight and sound of the Maynooth Brass and Reed Band as they played in the sunshine was a delight. The Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group displayed their art work on the Castle railings and which gave rise to much interest.



Sharon Dunne. (Castle Keep Art Group).

There followed an evening of entertainment in the Castle. Mary Cullen presented the various acts. Barry Smith wowed the audience with a selection of Sinatra songs. A comedy sketch written by local author Declan O'Connor recorded the funny observations of the ghosts of King George V and Queen Mary as they return to Maynooth 100 years after their Coronation visit in 1911. Brilliantly performed by members of the Nuadha Players it brought much laughter and contributions from the audience. The U3A Group strongly supported the event and contributed to the evening's entertainment in song. The evening ended with great performances from the Maynooth Musical Society under the direction of Emma Stack which included songs from *Rent*, *Avenue Q* and *I love you, your perfect, now change*. It was remarked by many that it was a very enjoyable family evening.



Anne McGarry, Ellie Leavey.

The Nuadha players also performed *Ghosts and things that go bump in the night*, at the Castle from the Friday 1st to 3rd July. **See inside for more details.**

Congratulations to all who contributed to and attended the event. A special word of thanks to Hilda Dunne, who organised and co-ordinated the evening.

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Editorial

There is no escaping the Cloyne report. It is impossible to get away from the awful stories and histories of the people hidden away from view. How could people treat children like that? But whatever shock and horror we express this was going on while we ourselves were children. In Galway city there was a huge industrial school as well as a Magdalene laundry. It is difficult to believe the cries of innocence that are emanating from various other towns throughout the country – we didn't know. And if people had known would they have done anything about the awful treatment of their children. The boys from the industrial school were marched to the breach at Grattan Road during the summer months in Galway and children were warned to stay away from them as they were supposed to be bad and have committed some awful crimes. Now, it has become clear that many had done nothing at all and others had simply skipped school. People knew about the Magdalene as well – girls were warned if they didn't behave they might end up there.

These boys and girls were sent to these places by the rest of society and we are as culpable as the Church. It is easy to blame the various orders who profited from these poor children and that is who they were by and large – the children of the poor. They were used as unpaid servants and slaves; used and abused, badly clothed and underfed before being tossed into a cruel place that was Ireland. Many of them left for so-called pagan England where they found a better and a less cruel life. How this country would have survived without the overflow to England of any problems we did not want to deal with ourselves – we simply exported our unwanted people and we still do.

We have fooled ourselves for decades that we were the perfect example of a Catholic, Christian people while we constantly criticized Protestant England. What a great little country we are – great indeed. We have very little to be proud of here at all. We have been harsh, cruel, uncaring and completely dismissive of anyone who showed any weakness. Illnesses such as depression are still treated with the 'pull yourself together' attitude. Our families produced these nuns, brothers and priests. The children were dumped by families who were unable or who did not want to keep them. The pregnant women were locked away while the men who made them pregnant went free, the resulting children were then hidden away as well. Quite often lay teachers and parents were as tough as the Church – violence was endemic in the whole system. If a child complained of a beating in school they were likely to get another beating at home. Hitting children is still legal. There was no point in trying to stand out from the herd; anyone who tried to be different or who criticized the status quo was silenced immediately. The same herd instinct led the country over the cliff of economic disaster and anyone who tried to cry halt was ridiculed.

This is not a great little country and until we face up to this fact we will not be able to recover from the untold damage that has been inflicted on our communal psyche. The soul of the nation is very badly damaged; we present a happy, friendly exterior but underneath there is an anger, pain and collective deep depression that emerges when Irish people drink too much and this drinking is similar to that found among the displaced aborigine and native communities in the States, New Zealand and Australia. We are the only colonized country in Europe and we display the sign of the dispossessed. Allowing a language to die is akin to losing an entire identity and gives rise to a collective guilt. Surviving the famine may have given us a collective guilt as well – survivor guilt. It has also produced a hard and uncaring culture.

By the time this *Newsletter* is delivered the Celtic Congress will have taken place in the College. For all the talk and advertising about Maynooth the University Town, there is no knowledge of this huge event outside the College. Considering that hundreds of Celtic scholars from all over the world will be coming to this small town for the Congress it seems a missed opportunity. The Congress also shows how much of an interest there is in this topic in countries all over the world; more interest than there is here in Ireland. Tá níos mó suime ag eachtrannaí sna séadchomharthaí freisin agus léirigh Alfie Smyth an droch-chaoi atá alán acu ina alt san *Irish Times* le deirneas.

Mar chríoch ba mhaith liom aird a tharraingt ar scéal nach mbaineann le Má Nuad. We do not often draw attention to events outside the town but I'd like you to visit the Facebook page From Here to Tangier – a group of young men are cycling to raise money for Aware, the group battling depression.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

Community Council Report

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

1. New school proposals

Councillor John McGinley (Labour) said that the issue of second level schools in Maynooth had been discussed at a recent Kildare County Council meeting, and that, notwithstanding the VEC proposal, the Loreto order of nuns had 'put in a bid' to provide a Catholic, co-educational, school in Maynooth. The Educate Together organisation was also interested in providing a school. He noted that views expressed by the Minister for Education in the Irish Times recently coincided with the views expressed by Maynooth community councillors – on the importance of locating schools close to towns centres rather than on green field sites, for reasons such as sustainability, health and the local economy. He also noted that a ceiling of 1000 had been announced by the Minister as the maximum number of pupils desirable in any school. He said that he did not know how far the VEC plan for Moyglare Hall had gone, but he hoped that a new second level school would be located on the south side of Maynooth.

J. McGinley went on to say that a new school would not necessarily be a gaelcholaiste. Colm Ó Cearúil (Deputy PDO) pointed out that there was a long-standing application in place for a gaelcholaiste for Maynooth, that had been renewed every year since 1997. He hoped that Maynooth Community Council would have a say on the management of whatever school was set up.

J. McGinley said that he thought that a VEC replacement school would probably go ahead in any case, and that Sean Ashe, CEO of Kildare VEC, had promised to keep the Community Council updated on any decisions made regarding the school proposal. He suggested the Community Council meet with representatives of all the local schools to discuss the schools issue. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin (Secretary) reported that the VEC CEO had sent apologies for not being able to attend the present meeting, but had said that he would attend the next one. C. Ó Cearúil suggested that the next Community Council meeting should be an open one for the schools and the community. It was agreed that the September meeting would be devoted to the schools issue.

2. Twinning with Canet-en-Roussillon

Tom McMullon (Chairperson) reported that, on the recent Maynooth Community Council trip to Canet-en-Roussillon, he had been so well looked after that it would be 'a hard act to follow', and that photos of the visit were viewable on Canet's facebook page. Eddie Tobin (Twinning committee) said that the signing of the twinning agreement between Maynooth and Canet was a two-stage process. The French delegation would travel to Ireland in September to complete the process. Canet had put a huge effort into the Irish visit; two hundred and fifty seats had been set out for the signing ceremony, but the event ended up as 'standing room only'. There was huge interest in Canet in the twinning project and Maynooth would have to match this enthusiasm when the Canet team arrived here. It would be an open event and he asked anyone interested in getting involved to contact him through the Community Council office.

Paul Croghan (Vice-chairperson) said that the first student exchange between school pupils of the two towns had taken place, and planning for next year's exchange was in progress. Outgoing Mayor of Kildare, Brendan Weld, had been of great assistance in the project, travelling to Canet with the Maynooth delegation, as had Peter Minnock of Kildare County Council. The people of Maynooth would need to get involved to drive the project forward from here.

E. Tobin said that people in both towns were enthusiastic about the twinning. Contacts had been made in tourism and sport – and due to Maynooth's connections with Canet, the NUIM swimming team had competed at international level in France, in an Olympic-size swimming pool. Rugby and Kick Boxing connections were also being made. The Canet equivalent of Maynooth's U3A group was keen to make contact and an exchange between members of the two groups was a strong possibility. Catalan dancers were also interested in visiting Maynooth. T. McMullon added that Canet was a wonderful destination for tourists, and he reported that a vineyard owner was hoping to organise a wine-tasting event at the Mill Wine Cellar.

3. Community Space

P. Croghan (Community Space sub-committee) reported that the Community Council now had the keys to the new premises at Manor Mills. A common insurance policy was in place and the space was now available to local groups. It was hoped that the premises would open during July. Educate Together had donated a pool table, and further donations of furniture in good condition would be welcome – particularly sofas. The Community Council office would oversee the use of the key.

4. Geraldine Festival

C. Ó Cearúil suggested that the organisation of next year's Geraldine festival should get going early and that the event should make good use of the Canet connection. T. McMullon said that not enough people had come forward to join the Festival committee and that one person had been left working on his own on the organisation of the event. Adrienne Flynn (Educate Together) said that at least seven people were needed on a working committee. P. Garrad complained that his proposals for the Festival had not been taken up. M. Ní Bhrolcháin suggested that the October Community Council meeting should divide up into small workshops in order to come up with ideas for next year. P. Garrad proposed that the meeting should be an open one and that other groups from the town should be invited.

5. Tidy Towns

P. Croghan (Tidy Towns committee) said that at this busy time of year, just a small group of dedicated people were out cleaning up twice a week, including early on Sunday mornings. More help would be welcome. Des Matthews, who single-handedly cleans up from Rathcoffey Road to the Harbour every week, collecting several sacks full of rubbish, was singled out for praise. 'Fly posting' and graffiti were creating difficulties, as they are very hard to remove, and P. Croghan said that KCC should take stronger action against these activities. He reported that a resident of Pound Lane was kindly helping to keep the newly refurbished Pound litter free. Skateboarding was occasionally a problem in the Pound, and while it was a great activity in the right place, it was not appropriate where it would cause damage. No funds would be available for repairs. T. McMullon said that he had seen no litter in Canet and that we needed to do better on this issue in Maynooth.

6. Youth Café

Hugh Gallagher (Chairperson Youth Café committee) reported that 14 people had come forward to be trained by Kildare Youth Services as Youth Café volunteers. Once this process had been completed, the Café hoped to get going in the new community space. He asked that young people fill out the committee's survey form, which has been distributed through the Maynooth Newsletter and can be accessed on the Community Council website.

Problems with your Hard Drive!!

People often ring me about hard drive issues. In fact I get on average 2 call's every week. Often they are in a panic and desperate. They may have a laptop that the hard drive has crashed, or they were storing important information on an external drive that has suddenly stopped working. Often the data can be retrieved by myself using specialist software which only takes a few hours. I can put the information on a DVD or memory stick and return it to the happy customer. The bad news is that a lot of the time I cannot retrieve the information. This occurs when the hard drive has completely died and often a clicking noise can be heard when it is turned on. The inside of the hard drive resembles an old record player and the clicking is caused by the spindle is digging a groove into the platter where the information is stored. When this happens I can refer it to a specialist data recovery company who take the hard drive apart in a clean room and can recover some or most of the data. This is very expensive, costing between 200 and 2000 euro. So I cannot stress how important it is to have a backup. You can buy 2 cheap external hard drives and backup every day automatically using windows 7, rotating the hard drives every week. You can also go to www.dropbox.com and sign up for a free account that will give you 2GB of space on which you can automatically backup to from your PC or laptop. I hate telling people the bad news about their college thesis or the photographs of deceased ones that are lost forever, so please, please, please get some sort of backup plan in place. If you have a hard drive problem give me a call for advice straight away.

Derek Moran SmartIT: 01-6287911 or 087-7779859

CREATIVE ARTS CENTRE MAYNOOTH.

Lets be totally honest here, HOW many times this summer (so far) have you heard "we're bored", or "we've nowhere to go"...? Well, relax, the answers to all those questions is right here, in Maynooth ! Thanks to the hard work, determination and pure drive, one young man, Bernard Wallace, who like the majority of us has seen the need, the real need for a place to go, an AFFORDABLE space for all ages, has opened the Maynooth Creative Arts Centre. Speaking with Bernard, I asked him why he choose to take on this mammoth task, and mammoth it is, not only is he starting a business in these financially unstable times, but this young man is SO driven and SO determined to see the arts thrive here in Maynooth, and so determined that our artists of all ages get the chance to "put themselves out there", that he is working in the centre himself, from early morning till late at night, you have to admire him, this is true grit, this is the stuff of films, a hero in our mist! So far, the centre has been a complete success, with film nights, summer camps, drama, music and arts classes, workshops, and even private functions have been held in the informal gallery space. Plans are in the works for a youth group (aimed at the 11-16 year olds, as other groups provide for the older and younger kids, but as Bernard so rightly points out, this age group seems to be "left out", there is a real need for them to feel like they too matter, and have a place of their own to go to, to "hang out" safely with friends).



While researching for this article I myself and my family have spent some time in the centre and considering my family consists of : a 42 year old x-box mad husband, a 13 year old drama queen and a 4 year old, and myself a knitter and fan of the arts in general, I can honestly say that YES this is the place that somehow, has got something for EVERYONE! A beautiful space, relaxed and informal atmosphere, where people of all ages gather to play board games, have a cuppa, rehearse their music or drama, its almost like Dr Who's tardis, you wonder how so much can fit so comfortably into one space! But fit it does! So, put the paper down, get yourself and your family or friends down to the centre, which by the way is a Community project so, feel free to volunteer! If you have ANY queries or would like to hold a workshop, meeting or party or even maybe an art exhibition? The sky is the limit, call into the centre on Coates Lane (situated between Supermacs and the Permanent TSB), or contact Bernard on: 01-5054744, Email: cacmaynooth@gmail.com, and make sure to tell everyone you know to stop by the centres web page : www.creativearts.ie, and of course on face book!

Well, I'm off to start a painting, who knows how many Van Gogh's and Van Morrison's are out there, here in our own town, and now at last they have a place to launch the rockets of their future careers in the arts!

By: Martina Jordan-Foy



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Annual Cemetery Mass at Donaghmore (Grangewilliam) Saturday August 13th at 5 p.m.

The annual cemetery Mass at Donaghmore (Grangewilliam) will take place on Saturday August 13th at 5 p.m.

The celebrant will be Fr. John Nevin MHM

All those with an interest in the Cemetery are invited to attend and prepare the graves and grounds in advance of the Mass. It is planned to have the gates at the road opened from early morning on the day of the Mass to facilitate people wishing to drive to the gates of the Cemetery.

Your support in attending would be greatly appreciated.

**Peter Nevin, Secretary
Grangewilliam Maintenance
Committee**



Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Know Your Rights

Question

I got the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance last year and am wondering how to apply again this year for the payment?

Answer

This year, the majority of Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BTSCFA) payments will be fully automated – you do not need to apply. The Department of Social Protection has sent out letters from mid-June onwards telling people when and how their payments will be made.

If you did not receive an automated payment, you should complete an application form. You can download the form from either welfare.ie or communitywelfareservice.ie. You can also get the form from your Social Welfare Local Office, from your local health centre or by texting 'form BTSCFA' followed by your name and address to 51909. You may qualify for the BTSCFA if you are:

- Getting a social welfare payment (including Family Income Supplement), or
- Taking part in an approved employment scheme, or
- Taking part in a recognised education or training course and
- Getting a qualified child increase with your payment.

Your total household income must be below a certain amount. Your total income is defined as your main qualifying payment, income of any dependent children on the Youthreach programme and any other income you may have including wages (before tax, but excluding PRSI and a standard travel allowance of up to €20 per week), maintenance, savings and investments.

The child must be between 2 and 22 years before 1 October 2011 and must be in full-time education at a recognised school or college. The rate of the allowance paid for each eligible child aged 2 to 11 is €200 and €305 if aged 12 to 22.

The scheme is open from 1 June to 30 September 2011 and the payments will start to issue from the end of June.

Question

I graduated from college last year and am claiming Jobseeker's Allowance as I have not been able to find a job. I heard that the Government had announced a scheme that would help people get work experience. Is this true?

Answer

You may be referring to the new National Internship Scheme which the Government launched recently. The scheme will provide work experience opportunities for 5,000 unemployed people in the private, public or community and voluntary sectors.

Participants in the scheme will be offered an internship of between 6 and 9 months with a host organisation. Under this scheme, if you take up an internship you can keep your social welfare payment and will get an extra €50 per week.

The scheme will run for 2 years so applications for internships will continue

to be accepted until June 2013. Individual internship positions will last from 6 months to a maximum of 9 months.

To be eligible for the National Internship Scheme, you must be unemployed and getting Jobseeker's Benefit or Jobseeker's Allowance for 3 months or signing on for credits for 3 months.

FÁS is responsible for managing the scheme, in conjunction with the Department of Social Protection. If you are interested in being considered for an internship, you should send an email to govinternprg@fas.ie or contact your local FÁS office.

Question

My daughter and I are planning a holiday in France and Switzerland this summer and I'm wondering what happens if one of us becomes ill. Am I liable to pay for any medical costs incurred if I don't take out insurance?

Answer

You and your daughter each need an individual European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). This card allows you to access public healthcare services if you become ill or get injured when visiting certain European countries. It doesn't cover private treatment or the cost of repatriation to Ireland, if one of you becomes very ill.

The countries covered by the card are the 27 member states of the EU, the three other members of the EEA (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) and Switzerland. The card is not required for a visit to the UK if you can show that you are ordinarily resident in Ireland. In practice, this means a driving licence, passport or similar document. You can apply online at ehic.ie if you already have a medical card, GP Visit Card or Drugs Payment Scheme card. Otherwise, you can download an application form from ethicize or get it from your Local Health Office. You will need to provide your name, address, date of birth and Personal Public Service Number (PPS No.). There is no charge for the EHIC card.

If you or other members of your family already have an EHIC card you should check the expiry date. If any of the cards has expired, you can apply online at ethicize to renew it. You will need the existing card number and your PPS number. If a family member has changed name or address, they will need to contact their Local Health Office.

You should apply for the card a month before travelling, if possible. If you have concerns about getting a new or renewed card in time, you can get a Temporary Replacement Certificate from your Local Health Office.

You may also wish to consider taking out private travel insurance for expenses that are not covered by the European Health Insurance Card. These may include the costs of repatriation or the expenses of relatives who travel to you if you fall ill abroad.

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Quick Recipes for August

Chicken Stir-Fry

Ingredients

4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves
3 tablespoons cornstarch
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
3 tablespoons cooking oil, divided
2 cups broccoli florets
1 cup sliced celery (1/2 inch pieces)
1 cup thinly sliced carrots
1 small onion, cut into wedges
1 cup water
1 teaspoon chicken bouillon granules



Method

Cut chicken into 1/2-in. strips; place in a resealable plastic bag. Add cornstarch and toss to coat. Combine soy sauce, ginger and garlic powder; add to bag and shake well. Refrigerate for 30 minutes. In a large skillet or wok, heat 2 tablespoons of oil; stir-fry chicken until no longer pink, about 3-5 minutes. Remove and keep warm. Add remaining oil; stir-fry broccoli, celery, carrots and onion for 4-5 minutes or until crisp-tender. Add water and bouillon. Return chicken to pan. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly.

Thai Red Beef Curry

Ingredients

450 g (1 lb) sirloin steak, thinly sliced along the grain
1 1/2 tbsp Thai red curry paste
3 tbsp vegetable oil
2 cups canned coconut milk
1 large garlic clove, minced
1 1/2 tbsp Asian fish sauce
1/2 onion, thinly sliced
1 tbsp light brown sugar
1 red bell pepper, seeded and thinly sliced
4 oz (115 g) baby spinach leaves
7 oz (200 g) white mushrooms, sliced
3 tbsp shredded basil leaves



Method

Toss the beef, 1 tbsp of the oil, and the garlic together. Heat a large wok over high heat. In batches, add the beef and stir-fry for 30 seconds to 1 minute, until the beef starts to change colour. Using a slotted spoon, transfer to a plate. When all the beef has been stir-fried, add the remaining oil to the wok and heat until shimmering. Add the onion and pepper and stir-fry for 2 minutes. Add the mushrooms and stir for 2 minutes more, or until all the vegetables are tender.

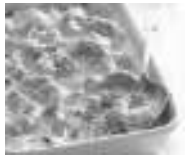
Stir in the curry paste. Add the coconut milk, fish sauce, and sugar and bring to a boil, stirring. Reduce the heat to medium and return the beef to the pan, along with the spinach and basil. Cook, stirring often, for 3 minutes, or until the beef is

heated through and the spinach has wilted.

Spicy Shrimp Gratin

Ingredients

1 1/2 lb (675 g) large shrimp, peeled and deveined
3 hot red chillies seeded and minced
juice of 2 limes
3 garlic cloves, minced
few drops of hot red pepper sauce salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 tbsp olive oil
1 cup heavy cream
2 red onions
3/4 cup shredded Gruyere



Method

Toss the shrimp, lime juice, and hot pepper sauce in a bowl and let stand for about 15 minutes.

Position the broiler rack about 8 inches from the source of heat and preheat the broiler. Heat the oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Add the onions and cook, stirring occasionally, about 5 minutes, until softened. Add the chillies and garlic and cook about 5 minutes more, until tender.

Spread in a large, ovenproof serving dish. Drain the shrimp and arrange over the onions. Season with salt and pepper. Pour in the cream and sprinkle with the Gruyere.

Broil about 5 minutes, or until the shrimp turn opaque and the cheese is golden brown. Serve immediately.

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Char grilled bananas with toffee sauce

Ingredients

115g/4oz unsalted butter
115g/4oz brown sugar
1 tsp ground cinnamon
125ml/4fl oz dark rum
150ml/1/4pt double cream
8 bananas in their skins



Method

Heat the butter with the sugar, cinnamon and rum and simmer until the sauce begins to thicken, stirring from time to time.

Add the cream and whisk until the sauce emulsifies. Do not boil. Place the bananas, unpeeled, on the barbeque or under a hot grill and cook until the skins have blackened all over and are just beginning to split. Allow to cool slightly and let your guests peel the bananas, serve the sauce separately.

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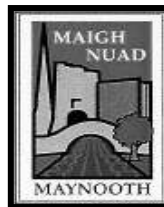
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Letters To The Editor

A Chara,

I refer to the plans by the Dept of Education to build 40 new schools over the next 6 years to provide for the expanding population of young people in Ireland. In particular, I am concerned by the plans for Maynooth because of my association with education in the town over many years. I was Principal of the Maynooth Post Primary School from its foundation in 1971 to my retirement in 1997.

I can recall at the time in 1971 that all of the Teaching Orders in Ireland were invited to apply to establish and manage a second level school in Maynooth but none was interested, primarily because it was the wish of the parents that the school would be co-educational. The parents then applied to Kildare V.E.C. and it was happy to oblige. So began Maynooth Post Primary School----- so called, to avoid the negative attitude some people had at that time towards Vocational Education. Sixty first year pupils enrolled in September 1971 and now as a result of a dedicated staff and committed and loyal parents there are nearly one thousand students. Throughout these 40 years parent's preferences were clearly in support of the quality and type of education Maynooth Post-Primary was delivering to the Maynooth area.

Now it would seem applications are again to be invited from interested patrons and are to be submitted to the New Schools Establishment Group which in turn will make a report and a recommendation to the Minister of Education

However, because there is a VEC school already in Maynooth it is being said a different type of school would be more favoured, in the interest of choice. Yet it is reported in the Press according to the Minister " Parental preferences should be at the heart

of considerations about the type of school to be recognised " Irish Times June 28th. I would have thought the choice of school made by the parents was already obvious---a school which has been in Maynooth for 40 years and grown from 60 pupils in 1971 to 1000 in 2011 was ample proof of parental preference.

Apparently, there will be applications for an All-Irish School, Educate Together School and from the Loreto Order for a Catholic Co-educational Secondary School. The existing Maynooth Post Primary has an all Irish stream from first year to Leaving Cert within the school and already and has the support from the parents of the Educate Together Schools in Maynooth and Celbridge. If these two types of schools do not get the new proposed school most of their desires are satisfactorily catered for by Maynooth Post Primary. The application by the Loreto Order to establish a Catholic Secondary co-ed school would, it seems to me, to be a retrograde step if granted. This Order has no history in Maynooth, it has little or no experience managing co-ed schools and in all probability will not have the Loreto personnel to staff the school. Indeed, one could ask where is the basic parental preference condition set down by the Minister? Furthermore, in recent years religious run schools are either being closed down by the Order itself or are amalgamating with other schools. There are plenty examples of this throughout Ireland or even Kildare.

While everybody accepts a second school is necessary the obvious solution to me is to divide Maynooth Post Primary into two schools i.e. Maynooth Post-Primary Junior School and Maynooth Post-Primary Senior School. The first would cater for students up to and including Junior Cert while the second would cater for the Senior Cycle students.

Two schools, both operating on the same campus, sharing all of the resources and facilities and whenever necessary or required the same staff. There is no other combination of schools or Board of Management which is capable of achieving this. One only has to look at provincial Ireland where towns have a variety of schools. It is my experience, that there is little or no cooperation among these schools. Indeed, the opposite is the case. Each one is very protective of its own. The division of the existing Maynooth Post-Primary into a Junior and Senior would be economically prudent and socially desirable while at the same time there would be no diminution of the quality of education. This solution would also eliminate the real risk of a division in the community over the decision as to which school one attends, something which has been a problem in many of our towns for a long time.

While the Minister has identified "Parental preference should be at the heart of consideration about the type of school to be recognised " he has not indicated how the parents preference is to be ascertained. Is it to be by plebiscite of the people or, I wonder, will it be by important people having a quiet word in the ear of a few influential people?

Maynooth Post-Primary has an excellent record of achievement in sport and cultural activities as well as examination results. I'm sure, it is the wish of the current management to be allowed to continue to serve all our community as it has done so over the last 40 years.

Tom Ashe
Retired Principal, Maynooth Post-Primary School

Pet Corner

A New pet passport procedure means that it's now even easier and cheaper to travel with dogs to the continent.

Until recently, travel to the European continent with dogs was difficult to the point of almost being impossible because of the strict measures that were in place to protect this country from rabies. The United Kingdom and Ireland had been kept free from rabies for many years thanks to strict border controls on the passage of animals.

Until a decade ago, dogs could only be brought into Ireland from Europe after being confined to quarantine kennels for six months. This system was effective at keeping rabies out of Ireland, but it was an expensive and socially disruptive barrier to the movement of pets to and from continental Europe.

The development of the European Union brought political pressures to change the quarantine laws. Ireland and the UK are now part of a large body of nations that aims to have as few border restrictions as possible between adjacent countries. When scientists reviewed the evidence, they realised that modern vaccine technology meant that it was possible to provide effective protection against rabies without imposing such a strict quarantine burden on pet owners.

In 2001, the Pet Passport scheme was introduced: dogs and cats could be brought in to Ireland from Europe, without quarantine, as long as they were microchipped, vaccinated against rabies, and blood tested to confirm that the vaccine had been effective. To be safe, a six-month delay was imposed between the blood test and the date of travel back to Ireland.

The system for importing dogs from continental Europe has just been reformed again: it has been made even simpler. The rabies vaccine is still necessary, but the need for the post-vaccine blood test has been removed, and there's no longer a six-month delay. From now on, dogs and cats just need to have a rabies vaccine and wait for a period of three weeks before travel. Thanks to European harmonisation, border crossings with pets are now easier and cheaper than ever before.

Travel considerations:

- Check whether your dog can travel with the airline and ferry company you wish to use.
- If you travel by plane and will be accompanying your dog, some airlines may allow

Taking your Pets Abroad

you to book your dog in as excess baggage as opposed to cargo, which usually works out cheaper. Your dog must fly in an IATA approved crate and you should check with the airline about how to measure your dog for an IATA approved crate. Airlines should provide information guides on how to do this.

•Most ferry companies will not allow dogs up on to the decks so your dog will need to stay in the car throughout the duration of the crossing. Some ferry companies will allow you to check your dog throughout the crossing but you are advised to check before travel. For foot passengers, some companies do have kennels on the car decks. If you decide to take a ferry crossing, make sure your dog will be happy to sleep in the vehicle or in a kennel (whichever you choose) throughout the duration of the crossing.

•Before booking your holiday accommodation, ensure that the hotel or bed and breakfast will accept dogs. Most places on the continent are pretty dog-friendly but, be advised you will normally be expected to pay a fee per dog.

•Consider travel insurance which covers your pet for emergency overseas veterinary and kennel costs.

While on holiday:

- Before travelling in a car, gradually accustom your dog to car travel by taking your dog on short journeys.
- Always ensure your dog has plenty of ventilation and shade in the car and that fresh drinking water is readily available.
- Train your dog not to bark or move around excessively whilst your car is in motion, as this can be very distracting to the driver.
- Check the regulations for travelling by car for the country you are visiting as some countries insist that dogs wear seat belts or be carried in a cage.
- Transport your dog safely, preferably by using a special dog guard, dog cage or canine harness. Your dog will be better protected and feel more secure if he has his own space in the car rather than being 'squashed' in with the luggage.
- Make sure your dog wears an identification collar and tag with your current contact details. The phone number is optional. It is well worth adding your address while on holiday to your dog's tag even if this is done simply by means of sticky tape over the current tag.



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Maynooth Golf Society

Results of Outing To:
Mount Wolseley

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Pat Connolly's President Prize
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1st Prize	Brendan Leigh	35pts
2 nd Prize	Martin Deveney	36pts NQ
3 rd Prize	Kevin Loftus	34pts
4 th Prize	Paul Farrelly	33pts B9
5 th Prize	Eamon Murphy	33pts B6
6 th Prize	John Carroll	33pts
7 th Prize	Mick Fahy	32pts B9
8 th Prize	John Byrne	32pts B6
9 th Prize	Gerry McTernan	32pts
10 th Prize	Norman Kavanagh	31pts
Front 9	Niall Farrell	19pts
Back 9	Marty Maguire	19pts
Nearest the Pin	Gerry Smith, Liam Farrelly	
Longest Drive	Aaron Tobin	
Past Captains	Kevin Loftus	
2's Club	M. Deveney, K. Loftus, M. Fahey, L. Farrelly, T. Campbell, S. Grant	

Pat Connolly's Captains Prize was played at
Mount Wolseley Golf Club
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45 members and visitors played for the coveted Captains Prize in excellent weather conditions on this challenging course. The winner on the day was Brendan Leigh with 35 points, 2nd place Martin Deveney, 3rd place Kevin Loftus all other results listed above.

In his captains address Pat thanked all of the society for their support of this fantastic golf society, for the craic and friendship that it extends to all of its membership. He thanked all of the committee for their hard work in maintaining standards and membership of the society. Finally he thanked Brendan Leigh of Maynooth Windows and Conservatories for his generous sponsorship on his Captains Day.

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A Focal Point of Local History

John FitzThomas Fitzgerald was created the first earl of Kildare in 1316. By this time the county system had been introduced into Ireland. When the Normans came to England in 1066 they found there before them a system of local government based on shires or counties. The shire was sub-divided into hundreds and each hundred and each shire had its own court which met at regular intervals. At local level the king was represented by the Sheriff, or shire-reeve, an official who presided at the shire court. The Normans naturally brought this system with them to Ireland. While the original grants of land to the invaders were based on the extent of Irish tribal territories, the new shires, or counties, usually followed the lines of the new divisions that developed as the settlement proceeded. The lordship of Leinster, originally Strongbow's grant, had been sub-divided into the shires of Kildare, Carlow, Kilkenny and Wexford by the time it was divided between the Marshall heiresses in 1247. As there were five sisters and four counties the split could not be simply a county apiece, and so a fifth share was created from the lands in the modern counties of Leix and Offaly which were then part of the county of Kildare. These lands were not formed into a new county but remained part of County Kildare and were administered by the County Officials. The accompanying map shows the extent of the medieval county of Kildare. The barony of Arklow was then included in the County of Kildare because it was held by the Kildare Fitzgeralds and it was administratively more convenient to include it with their other holdings.

The first Earl did not survive long to enjoy his newly acquired dignity and was succeeded by his son Thomas in September of 1316. He died at Maynooth and was buried in the Grey Abbey at Kildare. Thomas, the second earl, became sheriff of Kildare in 1317. He married in 1312 Joan, daughter of the famous 'Red Earl' of Ulster, Richard de Burgo. Joan's sister Ellen, or Elizabeth, married King Robert Bruce of Scotland, and her sister Margaret was the wife of Thomas' cousin Maurice FitzThomas Fitzgerald, who became the first earl of Desmond in 1329. The second Earl of Kildare died at Maynooth in 1328, and he too was buried in the Grey Abbey at Kildare. Lady Joan married for the second time at Maynooth the following year and her husband, Sir John Darcy, was granted by King Edward III, in his capacity as guardian to the heir who was a minor, the lands of Kildare, Maynooth, Cron, Adare and Estegrene during the minority of the fourth earl. The third Earl, who succeeded in 1328, had died in the following year at the age of twelve and was buried with his father. His brother Maurice then became the fourth earl. The marquis of Kildare says that he was a 'person of great piety', and a benefactor of the Priory of St Wolstans. When he died in 1390 he was buried in Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin.

The fifth Earl, Gerald succeeded in 1390. There is a certain confusion about the succession to the earldom at this stage. The marquis of Kildare says that Gerald's son John succeeded as sixth earl at his father's death in 1410, and was succeeded in his turn by his only son Thomas as seventh earl in 1427. Professor Otway-Ruthven finds some obscurity as to the succession at this period. Elizabeth, daughter of the fourth earl, had married the fourth earl of Ormond and it seems that the Kildare lands passed to Ormond by wife's right. Thomas, the seventh earl, whom she identifies as the grand-nephew, not grandson, of the fifth earl, was recognised as earl in 1456 and later



Boundary of County Kildare in 1300 superimposed on the modern county boundaries. Double line = boundary of the medieval county of Kildare.

Dotted line = modern county boundaries. Note that the barony of Arklow is part of Kildare. From a map in J. Otway-Ruthven, A History of Medieval Ireland

recovered all the Kildare inheritance. It seems then that John, the sixth earl, may not have been officially recognised as such, but the marquis of Kildare tells us that he 'strengthened and enlarged the Castles of Maynooth and Kilkenny'. Maynooth by this time had been the chief seat of the earls of Kildare for more than one hundred years and was known as 'one of the largest and richest' Earl's houses in Ireland.

During the fourteenth century the Kildare FitzGerald, with their cousins the earls of Desmond, and the Butlers, earls of Ormond, emerged as the most powerful of all the great Anglo-Irish families. By this time the Gaelic Irish were fighting back strongly against English advances and were pushing back the boundaries of English influence. At the same time the great Anglo-Irish families, including the Geraldines and particularly the Desmond branch, were becoming Gaelicised and 'more Irish than the Irish themselves'. The English kings had problems at home and ambitions on the continent that prevented them from concentrating their full force on Ireland. From 1337 to 1453 England was involved in the Hundred Years War with France, and, almost immediately after that had ended, the struggle began between the houses of York and Lancaster for the throne of England. In these circumstances the tendency was to leave the government of Ireland to one of the great Anglo-Irish lords who, because of his close relationship with the Gaelic Irish, could maintain relative peace and law and order with much less expenditure of men and money than could the English King. With the exception of the Butlers of Ormond, most of Ireland supported the Yorkists in the English struggle. When the Yorkist Edward IV came to power in 1461, he made the earl of Desmond chief governor in Ireland. Then both the Earl of Desmond and his cousin of Kildare were accused of treason by their enemies because of their relations with the Gaelic Irish. Desmond was replaced as chief governor by an Englishman, Sir John Tiptoft, and then was arrested by him and executed for treason in 1468. Kildare escaped, crossed to England and pleaded his case successfully with the King. With a rebellion in Ireland because of the treatment of Desmond, Tiptoft was recalled, and, since the Butlers were on the wrong side and the house of Desmond alienated, a long period of Kildare predominance began. The seventh earl became chief governor in 1471. His son, Gerald the eighth earl, known as Garret Mor or the Great Earl, who succeeded in 1477, is probably the best known and most colourful of all the Kildares and needs an article to himself.

The Jam For Japan - Mini Music Festival

Charity Event held in O'Neill's Pub Maynooth

On Friday 15th & Saturday 16th of July, O'Neill's Pub, Maynooth held one of their biggest music events ever, with all the proceeds going to Oxjam, the musical division of Oxfam.

Over the two nights there was a combination of local musical talent as well as some of Ireland's finest upcoming bands, such as Fox, E & The Good Hands, She's a Beauty and The Barley Mob playing. The opportunity for local acts to showcase their own music and play alongside bands of this caliber proved to be a great experience for everyone, especially the audience, who on both nights were overwhelmed with the standard of music provided. The event was organized by Jamie Caprani, as well as Jamie O'Neill from O'Neill's Pub. Both noted that the lack of a festival in Maynooth is absurd giving the amount of talent in the area and that there is an evident demand for live music in the area, considering both nights were full to capacity. Over the weekend a total of €1280 was raised, all of which went to the provide aid for the recent troubles in Japan. A special thanks to Adam Daly from the Barley Mob, K'n'B Music and Golden Discs Maynooth who made the event possible.

Over the past year O'Neill's has been running nights with bands of original material and intend to continue to do so. To keep up to date with Musical events that O'Neill's are running, you can follow them on facebook.



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When was the last time you went to the market?

One way to beat the supermarkets - that is, to eat healthily for less - is to use your local market stall. Lower overheads should mean lower prices.

Consider Don't buy designer labels

Celebrities are given expensive clothes to wear. You're not. At the end of the day, and let's face it you may only wear the outfit once, can you justify paying hundreds of pounds over the odds because a top designer has had his or her name sewn on the label? And can you honestly say you can tell the difference at a distance between a €600 designer bag and a €9.99 one from the market? Think about it.

Sell your clutter on eBay

Take this quick test: You're at home. Open a cupboard. Look inside. If it's full of clothes you haven't worn, or 'good ideas a the time' you haven't used, for, let's say, three years - you don't need them. So why not sell them to someone else who does? Ebay, the online auction house, has opened individual sellers to a world of buyers. And you can flog anything for the cost of a small commission. Tip: you may want to buy a few items first to build up your rating as a respectable eBay before you start selling.

Shop around for the cheapest household insurance

Unless you drive - car insurance is mandatory - you don't need insurance. But it's strongly advisable. Can you afford to foot the bill if your house burns down? Probably not. Similarly, can you afford to pay over the odds for the same policy available elsewhere because you can't be bothered to shop around? Possibly, but it's not advisable. The internet has made finding cheaper insurance easy and you can compare hundreds of policies in minutes.

Choose cheaper breakdown insurance

The breakdown sector is dominated by big names such as the AA and RAC. But being towed home if your car breaks down is just another form of insurance like any other and there are scores of cheaper alternatives.

Are you paying too much for your life insurance?

We're living longer. As a result the cost of insuring the unthinkable is getting cheaper all the time. If you were sold a policy when you took out a mortgage you may have been under too much stress to shop around. You could be missing a trick.

Book your own 'package' holiday online

The popularity of Main Street travel agents is waning as more and more people warm to the benefits of researching and putting together their own holidays on the internet. If your holiday consists of flights, accommodation, transfers and possibly car hire, then take this test. Order a brochure from a leading holiday company and work out the price of your holiday including all the complicated supplements. Now go online and, starting with the flights, try to put the same package together.

Stop trying to keep up with the Joneses

Trying to keep up appearances is little more than a costly illness. Remember, you cannot judge someone by what they have because you don't know how they got it. Chances are they're in more debt than you are.

Pack up smoking

Never mind the health implications, the guilt and the smell. Look at all the money you will save.

Use your library

The local library is a mecca for the money saver. You'll never need to buy another cookbook, guidebook or lifestyle manual again and if you can bear to wait a few weeks in the queue for the latest blockbuster, you never need to buy books again. CDs and videos are great value too.

Buy clothes and presents in the sales

So you need a new suit and the one you like comes in at a cool €300. Wait! The chances are that you can pick it up in the sale - and there's always a sale just around the corner - for €150. The same applies for birthday and Christmas presents. Buy in bulk in the sales and you not only save money, but you enjoy stress-free pre-Christmas and no last-minute birthday worries.

Avoid the payment protection racket

Banks and other lenders are selling expensive insurance policies to cover loan repayments to people who don't need it. Don't be a victim of the hard-sell.

Shop online

The internet is gradually taking over. Online grocery shopping is getting better all the time and there are plenty of comparison websites to help find the best prices for bigger items. Give it a try, unless of course you like fighting your way through supermarket crowds.

Brady's Clockhouse Lounge and Bar

Supporting Maynooth Community since 1895 The pub was bought from the family of the previous owner, Phil Brady, in 2002 and has retained the name, but also continues to deliver the excellent quality of service that it has become so well known for. But Brady's also continue another quality of service to the people and community of Maynooth in its support of local events and organisations such as Maynooth AFC and the local GAA. The friendly staff at Brady's strive to



maintain a relaxed and convivial atmosphere so that its customers can meet with friends and family for a quiet chat or can enjoy the entertainment which the live music has to offer. The opening times are from 10.30 am until close at 11.30 pm Monday to Saturday, with Sunday closing time at 11.00 pm, which is extended to a later closing time for Bank Holidays.

While Brady's is a well established and well known public house in Maynooth it also caters to the dining needs of its customers. There is a carvery on offer from 12.00 noon 6 days a week with an à la carte menu on Saturdays till 9.00 pm. Brady's are well known for their beef and chicken stir-fry's, but there is also a specials menu on offer with a different selection to choose from each day. This variety in menu options gives the customer a more enterprising and pleasant dining experience in a comfortable and relaxing atmosphere at very reasonable prices. For those wishing to enjoy a quiet drink in the sunshine or warm Maynooth evenings there are outdoor seating facilities just off the local square. Brady's also cater for party's of all ages from 21sts throughout, so if you are thinking of having a celebration or party why not call in and let the friendly staff organise and cater to your needs?

As part of the entertainment facilities on offer all major sporting events are screened for the customer to enjoy over a drink or two. But the entertainment also extends to live music which is performed in the lounge and upstairs bar. There is live traditional music on offer on Thursday nights, which is an open forum whereby anyone can join in and play along. There is also Jazz performances on Tuesday nights, which is a very enjoyable and entertaining experience in an intimate setting. The upstairs venue with its late bar caters for the more Rock music minded customers and it's here in B2 that this genre can be enjoyed on Saturday nights.

While Brady's support the local community and cater for the needs of its customers, they are also one of the larger employers in Maynooth with a staff of 22 people. So if you're looking for an enjoyable social experience in an ambient relaxed atmosphere, why not think of Brady's where the friendly and helpful staff are always willing to cater to your needs. Whether you're thinking of having a party or celebration, want to watch the big match, would like to listen to some excellent music or would like to enjoy a pleasant dining experience then call in, phone or email Brady's. For information on arranging any event or celebration or to make a booking call 01-505-4725, email bradysclockhouse@gmail.com or you can contact them on their Facebook website.

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An Nuadhá Players

From the 1st to the 3rd July An Nuadhá Players presented an evening of ‘Ghosts and things that go bump in the night!’ in the Geraldine Castle in Maynooth. The setting lent itself perfectly the theme.

Paul Mescal started the evening with a macabre piece from Flan O’Brien’s ‘The Brother’ which told the creepy tale of a taxidermist’s almost perfect murder of his employer. Using his taxidermist’s skills Murphy managed to perfectly cure his victim’s skin but his notion of wearing the skin to impersonate his employer had unforeseen consequences. Plenty of ‘oohs and aahs’ accompanied this gruesome tale.

Bill Elliffe then entertained the audience to a rendition of Alfred Noyse’s ‘The Highwayman’, an old classic which brought back memories of schooldays for many. The dramatic tale of the highwayman and his lover, Bess, and her untimely death to save him from the soldiers who were out to kill him always captures the imagination. The spectre of their ghosts meeting in the moonlight long after their deaths is as touching as it is romantic. This then brought us on to the main feature, ‘The Case of the Count formerly known as Dracula’ by Bruce Kane. The story centred around the hero, Justin Thyme, of the F.B.I., the Fictional Bureau of Investigation who gets called to Transylvania by Abraham Van Helsing to investigate the disappearance of the country’s second biggest export – virgins! It does not take our hero long to discover the cause of the disappearance of these virgins when he meets Count Dracula, whom he describes as the ‘whitest white guy’ he has ever seen! Dracula seduces Thyme’s girlfriend and makes her his own, sets his bevy of ‘undead dames’ on Thyme and besets him with bats. Thyme only has the unreliable Igora (barkeep at the local watering hole), his ‘overdeveloped secretary with the underdeveloped secretarial skills’ and the ‘little voice in the back of his head’ to help him along. However our hero does win out in the end with a little help from some unexpected quarters.

The whole performance was full of puns, silly jokes, references to songs and movies and exaggerated dramatic outbursts, all of which were skilfully and hilariously delivered by the cast. It was a great example of team work and double jobbing as actors jumped in and out of roles. The play included all sorts of quirky special effects which were provided with much hilarity by the two stagehands who were very much part of the performance – their rendition of a cock crowing, a wolf howling and the wolf then eating the cock had people rocking in their seats. Other sound effects were excellently provided by Kevin Molloy on keyboard. The reaction of the audience was enthusiastic and all agreed that it was a pleasant and uplifting way to spend a Summer’s evening – we all need a little pick-me-up from time to time.

Characters :

Justin Thyme – Rian Glynn
 Effie/Lady Macbeth/Mandi – Katie Noone
 Stagehands – Edel Hutchison and Patricia O’Malley
 Van Helsing / Renfield - Brendan Colfer
 Igora – Teresa Heeney
 Molly – Sarah Murphy
 Count Dracula – Paul Mescal
 Vampire Molly/Randi – Naoise Glynn
 Little Voice/Sax solo – Emma Stack
 Nurse/Candi – Sinead Ennis
 Martha/Juliet – Ursula McGinn
 Sandi – Autumn Carey
 Sound effects – Kevin Molloy
 Lighting – Martin Higgins/Terry Nealon
 Directed by Ann Kelly



August Diary Planner

I.C.A.

There will be no meetings in August.
 Monthly meeting for September is 1st at 8.00 pm in the harbour.
 Crafts return on Monday 5th.
 New members welcome

Parent & Toddler Group

There will be no meetings held during the summer holidays but they will resume in September.

Taekwon-Do

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 Contact Katherine Cooney 086 8205910

Toastmasters

There will be no meetings in August.

Family Fun Day

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If you would like your event for September put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter

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MAYNOOTH TABLE TENNIS BOYS TAKE THE ONLY ALL IRELAND COMMUNITY GOLD MEDALS FOR KILDARE

Four boys from Maynooth recently travelled down to Athlone to compete in the All Ireland Community Games Table Tennis Finals.

Their road began back in February when they competed against Twomilehouse to win the Kildare final. They then were up against Dublin (which was going to be their toughest opposition of the entire competition). After 6 singles, the Maynooth boys were 3-3 against the Ballyfermot boys. This meant that a deciding doubles match had to be played. You could have heard a pin drop in the hall as the boys battled it out. At last, the boys just managed to scrape a win against the Dublin lads, which then led them into the Leinster Finals.



Community Games representative, Alex McGovern, Shane Hurley, Evin McGovern, Donie Mullally

The Leinster Finals took place in Carlow. First they had to play a semi-final against Wexford, which they won comfortably enough. They then were up against Ballyroan, Co. Laois, which was, once again, tough competition for the four Maynooth boys. However, Maynooth pulled it out of the bag and came home with gold once again for Maynooth.

On 28th May, the four boys travelled down to Athlone, at this stage representing Leinster in the All Ireland Finals. After the stiff competition of Dublin and then Laois, earlier in the competition, the boys had comfortable wins over Munster first and then Ulster, resulting in their first All Ireland Gold medals. There were smiles all round from the boys after a great five months work.

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Maynooth Tidy Towns

We are continuing our weekly clean ups on Sunday morning at 7.30am, meeting at the Garda Station, Wednesday evening meet at 7.30pm and Saturday morning @ 10.am meeting at Supervalu Car Park. We could do with more volunteers to help with this work.

The Carton Park Roundabout has been developed and planted by members of Maynooth Tidy Towns and kindly sponsored by McDonalds photographs appearing elsewhere.

A number of people have asked how Maynooth is judged in the National Tidy Towns competition so here is a quick run through of the 10 criteria and one or two comments relevant to Maynooth

OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH :

As part of our tidy towns entry we have to submit a 5 year rolling plan, detailing plans, partnerships to include businesses, schools, local organisations to raise the awareness and importance of tidy towns in the community. Also a work plan for the current year and map with projects outlined.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT:

This covers all the aspects of the state of buildings in Maynooth paintwork, signage, window displays, lighting etc.

LANDSCAPING :

This covers the impact of hanging baskets, planters, the trees along the main street and Carton Avenue the castle area and the canal.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES:

Over the past few years we planted wild flowers in a number of areas in Maynooth e.g Joan Slade river, the pound, the green etc.

LITTER CONTROL:

Litter control is a very important part of our work and also very important to encourage visitors and shoppers to our town. this is why we have stepped up our litter-picking activities this year.

WASTE MINIMISATION:

In this category we work very closely with the schools in promoting the Green Flags initiative.



Wednesday night clean up by Maynooth Tidy Towns

Also here we have the various re-cycling initiatives that we undertake and also the various programmes that our local businesses are involved in recycling and reusing.

TIDINESS :

Work on derelict sites, painting old hoardings and a very extensive weed control programme.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS:

The work of our residents associations comes to the fore here and play a very important part with floral displays and well maintained green areas and litter control.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK LANES:

This covers all aspects of road maintenance and condition including approach roads.

This year we have cleaned signs and street furniture.

GENERAL IMPRESSION:

This is where the judge looks at Maynooth, our projects, our achievements, the level of support in the community.

As you can see there is a huge amount of work for a voluntary group to undertake, all talents are needed, can you help as we all try to make Maynooth a tidy town.

Maynooth Tidy Towns, P. R. O. 087-3153189.



Wild flower display at Joan Slade river.



Finished flower bed at Carton Park roundabout which is sponsored by McDonalds



Sean Cushen marking out flower bed at Carton Park roundabout



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Hanging

Air drying or hanging is the easiest and best method for preserving flowers. As a general rule, flowers need only to have the leaves removed and to be hung upside down in a warm, dry, dark place until the moisture content is greatly reduced. An attic, closet, or pantry is often an ideal place; avoid basements, porches, or garages, where dampness may ruin specimens.

Divide the flowers into small bunches to avoid crowding or crushing. The stems of the flowers can be tied together with twine, wire, pipe cleaners, rubber bands, or anything that will hold them securely yet not break the stems. Hang the flowers from a nail driven into an attic rafter, along the wall of a closet, from coat hangers suspended from a crossbar, from a clothesline or from a self-supporting drying rack.

Air drying flowers may take from one to two weeks or more depending on the moisture content of the cut stems and relative humidity. Some flowers should be picked for air drying in the bud stage, or partially opened, as they will continue to open while drying. Others must be picked when they are fully mature.

Suggested flowers to air dry include: strawflowers, goldenrod, hydrangeas, celosia (crested and plumed types), Queen Anne's lace, statice, baby's breath, millet, globe amaranth, salvia, *Xeranthemum* and many of the "everlastings."

Glycerine

This chemical replaces the water in the plant material, making the preserved plant supple and long-lasting. To use this method, the plant material needs to be gathered in a fully hydrated (non-wilted) state. Use two parts of

Preserving Flowers

water to one part of glycerine, making sure the water is lukewarm for better mixing and faster absorption. Ordinary car antifreeze will work. If the autumn colours are showing, it may be too late to preserve them in glycerine.

Where leaves only are used, they should be submerged completely in the glycerine-water solution. Where leaves attached to stems are used, then only the stems are immersed into the solution. The time required for completing the preservation process varies, but expect two to perhaps three weeks before the glycerine solution reaches the leaf tips.

If the samples appear to wilt after removal from the solution, then hang them upside down so the glycerine will migrate to leaf and branch tips. For beginners who are looking for assured first-time satisfaction, *Mollucella laevis* (Bells-of-Ireland) easily absorbs the glycerine solution and shows a wide colour variation.

Pressing

Pressing is a very easy way to preserve flowers although the relief is lost and the flowers are flat.

Unglazed paper, such as newsprint or an old telephone book, is best for pressing. Spread the flowers so they do not overlap between several thicknesses of newspaper. Additional layers of paper and flowers can be built up and then covered with a board or piece of cardboard before pressing down with a heavy object. The time required for drying, depending on the flower size or tissue content, can be anywhere from two to four weeks.

The process can be speeded by placing a stack of papers and flowers over a light bulb. Storing pressed flowers is not a problem because they usually are not removed until they are used.

Flowers to press include: aster, bleeding heart, buttercup, chrysanthemum, columbine, cosmos, dahlia,



dogwood, English daisy, geranium, larkspur, lily-of-the-valley, marigold, pansy, poppy, rose, sweet pea, violet, and zinnia.

Drying Agents/Sand Drying

Sand must be very fine, clean, dry, and preferably salt free. Sifting is recommended to remove coarse grains and foreign particles. Rinsing the sand in water several times to remove any soil is also recommended. Damp sand can be dried in an oven by placing in shallow pans and baking at 250 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes. Be sure to use only flowers in their prime and process them quickly to prevent wilting.

To dry with sand, place an inch or two of sand in a container; scoop away a small amount of sand to form a depression on the surface; place the flower head upright in this depression and press the sand in and around the outside of the flower to support it. Next, scoop a little sand into your hand and allow it to trickle in a fine stream around each petal. Start with the outer petals and work inward row by row, allowing the sand to build up equally on all sides of each petal so its position and shape are not altered. Flowers dried with sand are fragile so be very careful when removing them from the sand. Store in a strong carton to protect the petals from breaking.

Homemade Agents

Various mixtures can be made with ingredients found in most kitchens. For example, use equal proportions of powdered pumice and yellow corn meal or equal proportions of borax and yellow corn meal. To each quart of either of the mixtures, add 3 tablespoons of salt (non-iodized). Other grain cereals such as Wheatena or Cream of Wheat can be substituted for corn meal. These mixtures are usually heavier than sand or silica gel, but they work well. Apply the mixture like the sand as described above but in an open container placed in a warm, dry location for about two weeks.

Time is running out to sow seeds for cropping in the autumn, and some crops are ready to harvest now. For those that stay in the ground, you need to act now to protect them from pests.

When to harvest

August is a great month for harvesting your crops

Many people wonder when vegetables are ready to harvest and in short they will tell you, usually by the leaves turning yellow and falling down.

Potatoes are ready to harvest when they have flowered. Shallots are ready now and their leaves will be yellowing and drying. If onion leaves are still green, let them grow for another couple of weeks before loosening them by lifting a little with a fork before pulling out to dry a week later. Cut off the roots and cut the leaves down to eight inches (20cm) and take off the outer dirty layers of skin before ripening in a dry airy place.

Store loosely in nets or strings or even in old stockings or tights in a cool but frost free place and they will keep until late winter. Carrots can be lifted as and when you need them but remember to keep a fleece over them to ward off the carrot fly.

Cabbage white butterfly eggs, you need to remove these!

August is a month of great plenty in the vegetable garden and you will be harvesting a great variety of vegetables that you sowed earlier. Sweet Corn is unlikely to be ready until the end of the month at the earliest so leave it alone.

Home grown peas are unforgettably tasty closely followed by French Beans and our favourite runner beans. Also the cabbage family will be coming to maturity with sweet round cabbage and cauliflower for those clever enough to have grown them. They are not easy!

Watch out for the eggs of cabbage white butterfly and remove them or pick off the caterpillars.

If you miss them they will turn your cabbage plants and sprouts into lace very quickly. And, keep watering during dry spells.

Gardening in August



Vegetable Seeds to Sow in August

Lettuce

Winter lettuce is ideal if you want to keep picking lettuce throughout the autumn and winter. Some varieties are very winter hardy and some require frost protection in the form of cloches in September. As lettuce is a cool weather crop, high temperatures may cause slow or no germination. Sow in the coolest part of the day and water well with cold water.

Japanese Salad Winter Onions

Japanese salad onions have spring and winter varieties. The winter varieties can stand in the soil in cold conditions and withstand frost under a cloche.

Florence Fennel

Florence fennel is a white bulbous Italian vegetable which is a dwarf version of the herb fennel. The vegetable provides an aniseed flavour in salads or can be braised or roasted.

Turnip (Main crop)

Turnips are a quick and one of the easiest vegetable to grow. They come in a variety of colours: white, purple, yellow and purple. Both turnips and their turnip tops (green leaves) can be harvested and eaten. They hold their nutrients when cooked to give you a nutritious vegetable on your dinner plate. Harvest when they are the size of a golf ball.

Baby Beetroot

This is your last chance to sow beetroots this year for a late baby crop for harvesting in autumn. These baby vegetables can be grown in patio pots or raised beds and crop in 6 – 12 weeks. Baby beetroots are usually the size of a golf ball.

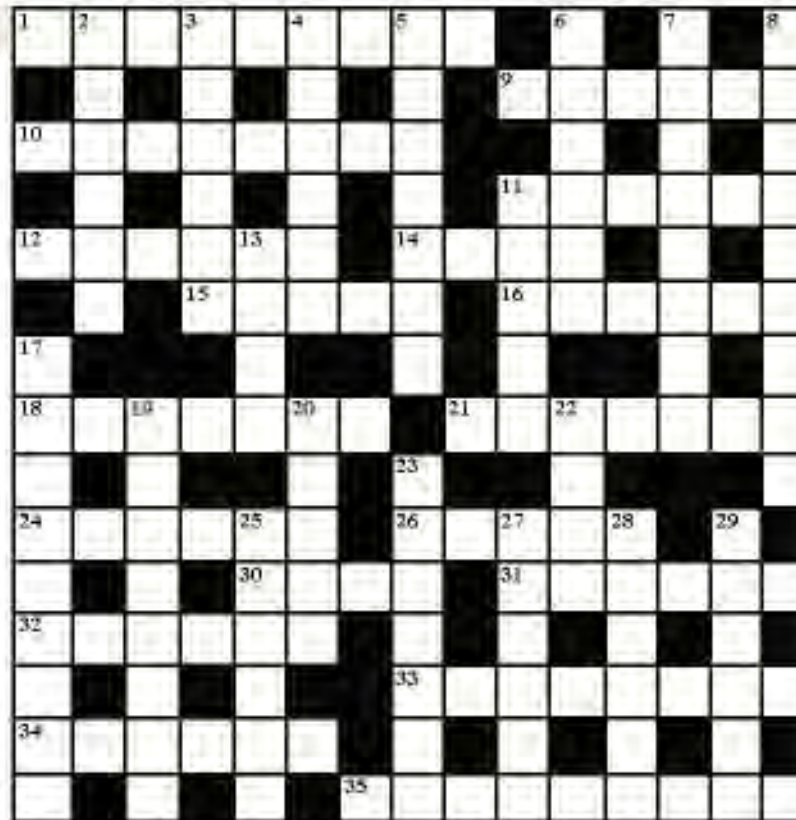
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August 2011 Crossword — No: 394

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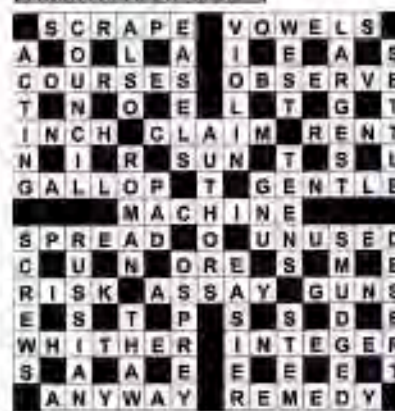
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 9. Recollect (6)
 10. Boiled oatmeal or prison sentence (8)
 11. Formal, ceremonious (6)
 12. Many and different (6)
 14. Round trip (4)
 15. Unit of liquid measure (5)
 16. Person with exceptional ability (6)
 18. Admiration or esteem (7)
 21. Went on hands and knees (7)
 24. Voracious sea fish (6)
 26. Verity (5)
 30. Irritating skin sensation (4)
 31. Required (6)
 32. Instructions for cooking (6)
 33. Relating to the management of wealth (8)
 34. X1 (6)
 35. Substituting (9)



DOWN

2. Foreign, strange or exciting (6)
 3. Jewish republic (6)
 4. Oldest (6)
 5. Brings into existence (7)
 6. Defy, withstand (6)
 7. Tangible substance (8)
 8. Next to (9)
 11. Sweetener (5)
 13. Move upwards (4)
 17. Kept in an unaltered condition (9)
 19. Sought, scoured (8)
 20. Large, long-necked, wading bird (5)
 22. Poker player's stake (4)
 23. The tale of one who is very fit (7)
 25. Smoked herring (6)
 27. Unfurl (6)
 28. Showing extreme courage (6)
 29. Area, neighbourhood (6)

Answers to No. 393



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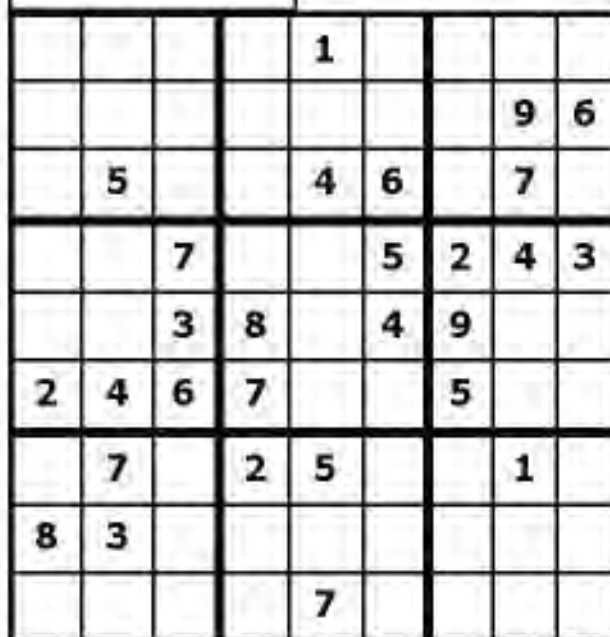
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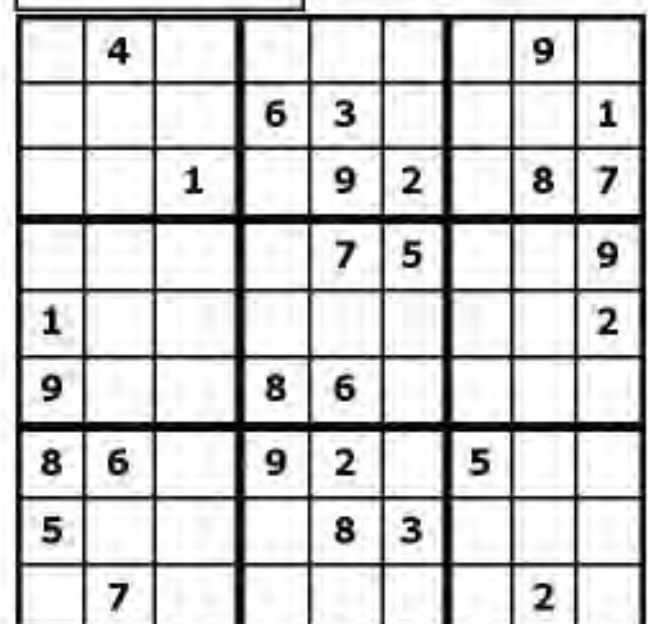


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MAYNOOTH GAA NOTES

MINOR FOOTBALL

Maynooth's minor footballers made a winning start to this year's A championship when they had six points to spare against Leixlip in the first round on Tuesday night (12 July). The Maynooth lads had their shooting boots on as they hit three goals to win by 3-10 to 1-10.

MINOR HURLING

Maynooth's minor hurlers carded an impressive victory against Killard on Tuesday night (5 July) to reach this year's minor hurling league division two final.

MHL Division 2 Semi-Final

Maynooth 1-13

Killard 0-5

After a closely fought first half, Maynooth powered home in the second half, keeping their opponents scoreless as they racked up eight unanswered points to run out convincing winners. A first half goal from wing-forward Neil Delaney put them on the front foot in the opening 30 minutes but Killard kept in touch from frees to ensure there was just three points between the teams at the break. Cian Forde was on song from frees for Maynooth as he landed some impressive points from inside his own 65.

It was all Maynooth after the interval as the defence kept Killard at bay while the forwards opened up and picked off some impressive scores. Centre forward Forde continued to hit the target from placed balls while Alex Birchall, Ciaran Broderick and Philly Murphy all found the target from play - Birchall scoring from inside his own half while Broderick found the range with two impressive scores.

Victory means Maynooth now progress to the league final, where they will meet Clane, which has been scheduled for Monday, 18 July.

MAYNOOTH: Sean Bean; Adam Nevin, Adrian Dornan, Shane Nolan; Tom Oliver, Conor Nolan, Conor Coyle; Sean Higgins, Philly Murphy 0-1; Neil Delaney 1-0, Cian Forde 0-8, Alex Birchall 0-2; Lee Kearn, Hugh Faherty, Ciaran Broderick 0-2. Subs: Ronan McCann for Oliver; Ryan Clancy for Broderick; Andy McCourt for S Nolan; Alan O'Toole for Delaney; Ciaran Browne for Birchall.

HANDBALL

Congratulations to Robert Maguire who partnered Niall O'Connor (Leixlip) to an All Ireland Minor Hardball Title on Tuesday 6th July in Crinkle Co Offaly.

HURLING

It may have been tougher than the score line suggests and there were plenty of anxious moments in the opening half but Maynooth proved the better side when it mattered most to claim their first win in this year's intermediate hurling championship.

IHC ROUND 1

MAYNOOTH 0-13

NAAS 0-8

MAYNOOTH: Colin Cushen; Shane Devereux, Shane Barry, Harry Oliver; Paul Moylan, Joe Brennan, Fergal Molloy; Eanna Lohan 0-1, Fiachra Lohan 0-2; Mikey Gillick 0-1, Mark Cummins 0-6 (5fs, 1 65), Graham Kenny 0-2; Andrew Higgins, Hugh Nevin 0-1, Eoghan Sinnott. Sub: Sean Higgins for A Higgins, 58.

SENIOR FOOTBALL

A goal in either half proved decisive as Maynooth cruised their way to victory in their latest outing in the senior football league on Saturday (25 June).



SFL DIVISION 1 ROUND 10

MAYNOOTH

2-10

RATHANGAN

0-7

A lacklustre Rathangan struggled in the opening half, despite playing with the breeze, while the home side enjoyed a blistering start to the game which put them on the front foot from the get go. Maynooth almost hit in the opening minutes when Michael Fahy's shot clipped the cross bar but the Crom Abu didn't have long to wait to rattle the net. Wing-forward Seamus McBride ghosted down the right hand side, slipping inside a couple of Rathangan defenders before coolly sliding the ball home past Joe Lyster. Against a strong breeze, Maynooth managed to dominate possession while their defence kept a tight rein on the Rathangan attack. It was 1-3 to no score after 20 minutes with further Maynooth points from Karl Ennis and John McAndrew and it took until the 28th minute of the opening half for the visitors to finally open their account when Brian Mullally clipped over a neat point from play.

Two more from Mullally before the break meant McBride's goal separated the sides.

With most of the hard work done in that opening 30 minutes, Maynooth started to pull away after the resumption and the result was never in doubt after lively corner-forward Michael Fahey netted a second, stunning goal midway through the second half. Again it was Mullally who opened Rathangan's account after the break but points were never going to be enough for the visiting side against the elements. Fahey and John McAndrew scored points either side of that effort and while they might have had a couple more goals their second one was good enough to keep the home support satisfied.

After first half goalscorer McBride made a promising run down the left hand side, his pass looked a little over-cooked as Michael Fahey stretched to receive it but with little room to manoeuvre and no time to think, Fahey buried an instinctive shot to the roof of the net. There was no way back for the visitors after that while Maynooth slotted over points for fun with Fahey adding another two while sub Fergal Molloy added the final score in the closing stages with a well worked point.

Only for a stunning save from the excellent Joe Lyster in the Rathangan goal, Maynooth would have added a third goal courtesy of Conor O'Brien but a nine point win was no less than they deserved, having playing the better football throughout.

Maynooth now lie fourth in the league table, level on 13 points with Sarsfields, who have two games in hand. **MAYNOOTH:** Paul Flood; Joe Brennan, Colin O'Neill, Dean McAvinue; Joe Gerry, Sean Kennedy, Alan McAndrew; Mickey Bennett, Andrew O'Regan; John Comerford, John McAndrew 0-3 (1f), Seamus McBride 1-0; Michael Fahey 1-4, Pierre Ennis, Karl Ennis 0-2. Subs: Niall Naughton for P Ennis, 25; Conor O'Brien for McBride, 50; Fergal Molloy 0-1 for Comerford, 55.

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Irish Rail get Go Ahead for Modified Car Park at Maynooth

Catherine MURPHY
independent TD

An Bord Pleanála has granted permission to Irish Rail for a new 34 space car park associated with Maynooth Railway Station. Access to the new car park will be from Straffan Road, the location is in front of the old Station Master's house on the opposite side of the canal to the existing car park. Deputy Catherine Murphy had appealed the Council's grant of permission primarily because of the additional peak time pressure that would result on the already heavily congested Straffan Road.

The original application was for 50 spaces, however, this has been modified by both the Council and Bord Pleanála, for a number of reasons including (i) the provision of adequate turning space for vehicles, (ii) to ensure freedom of access for occupants of the Station House, (iii) to allow space for planting features to assist the visual amenity of residents and those who use the station.

The issue of light overspill into the adjoining residential area of Silken Vale had been included, in the Council's decision,, following an earlier submission from Murphy.

The Board included the following new conditions on the permission:

Condition:

Prior to commencement of operation of the car-park, a management scheme shall be submitted for the written agreement of the planning authority, which shall include the following:

- Measures to ensure no illegal parking along the access road or any other part of the site.
- A sign at the entrance to the site, clearly visible to traffic approaching either direction on the R405, that informs traffic when the car-park is full (the technical operation of which may be determined by the developer).

A system of kerbs (or alternatively bollards) shall be put in place that will prevent the noses of cars parked in the permitted spaces from encroaching onto the two metre wide footpath.

Condition

- The proposed timber fence along the southern side of the road shall be omitted. It may be replaced by a low wall (or high kerb) to prevent illegal parking in this landscaped area.
- A landscaped border shall be provided on the southern and western edges of the large yellow-box turning zone in the western end of the site.
- A series of four landscape features (comprising of a semi-mature tree in a planted bed) shall be inserted into the proposed parking zone along the railway line, to be achieved by omitting parking spaces no.1, no.10, no.20 and no.30 (counting from the entrance inward).

NOTE: Irish Rail originally intended to provide 50 car parking spaces. They had assumed they did not require planning permission, claiming it was an exempted development, however, following a request from the owners of the Old Station Masters House for clarification, the Council confirmed it did in fact need planning permission.

Murphy Highlights Rural Broadband Scheme's Potential and Urges Kildare Residents Who Cannot Obtain Broadband Services to Apply

Kildare North TD Catherine Murphy is calling on those residents of Kildare who cannot obtain broadband services from internet service providers in their area to look into the Rural Broadband Scheme operated by the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources.

Murphy is highlighting the part EU-funded scheme as a means for those in the remote areas of Kildare who

cannot gain access to broadband services through the private sector due to coverage issues to finally obtain this crucial communications service. The Independent TD stated:

"I'd urge anyone whose been told that broadband services don't extend to their area to look at the Department's website and see if this scheme may provide a solution to their problem. Broadband is such a key service nowadays that should be made available to everyone which is why this scheme is such a positive initiative."

Those wishing to avail of or learn more about the scheme should visit www.dcenr.ie and follow the links for the Rural Broadband Scheme where applications can be made online. Alternatively enquiries and applications can be made by phone on 1850 678 100 or 01 678 2020. All applications must be received by 29th July 2011.

Before applying for the RBS however the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources recommends that people first check with private internet service providers whether they can obtain broadband services through them. This can be done at www.callcost.ie. Following on from that Kildare residents can also check if they qualify for the National Broadband Scheme at www.three.ie/nbs. Only after they've exhausted these avenues should people then make applications for the RBS as the scheme has been brought in to cover those areas not already catered to by the other two options.

Streamlined System Would Improve Homes and Save Money

Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government, Phil Hogan TD has promised to consider the possibility of establishing a One Stop Shop for local authority insulation housing grants following a request by an Oireachtas Committee.

Kildare TD, Catherine Murphy is a member of this committee.

Members of the Oireachtas Committee on Environment, Transport, Culture and Local Government put the proposal to the Minister at yesterday's meeting. It was argued that such an arrangement would avoid the current situation whereby some local authority tenants cannot access insulation grants because of the duplication in Government Departments handling the grant applications.

Committee Member, Catherine Murphy TD said; *"Under the current system, tenants in local authority housing and those in private accommodation access different Government Departments to obtain an insulation grant."*

This means that those in social housing, even though they would be willing to make a contribution to the cost of insulation, are not eligible to apply directly for insulation grants to the Department of Communications and Energy. Instead, they often have to wait for long periods for their local authorities to carry out this work."

This means that they are effectively "locked out" of the scheme. They are willing to pay towards the cost of the insulation but are not permitted to do so. This makes no sense whatever. A one stop shop system for both home owners and tenants of social housing would streamline this. It would result in more people having access to proper insulation for their homes and would save the State money as many local authority tenants would be willing to pay a contribution to the grant. We are pleased that the Minister is open to our suggestion and has resolved to examine it. The Committee hopes it can be a conduit for ideas which will be taken on board by the relevant Ministers."

MURPHY SLAMS GOVERNMENT'S LACK OF DIRECTION ON PUBLIC SERVICE REFORM

Catherine Murphy T.D. for Kildare North has today slammed the absence of a targeted response to government and public service reforms highlighted in a response to a parliamentary question she tabled to

Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Brendan Howlin. In the question, Murphy asked if the Minister would,

"carry out an assessment of the geographic imbalance in relation to the delivery of public service in which area of consistent and rapid population growth are subject to the same embargo but in which front line services are significantly below the national average" Minister Howlin responded in stating that *"There are no intended geographical targets associated with the numbers reduction being sought."*

The Independent Kildare T.D., in reaction to the Minister's statement, highlighted that a blanket embargo on the employment of new staff is an extremely blunt measure which doesn't take difference in population numbers or make-up into account. Furthermore she highlighted that in places like Kildare, where resource inequalities predate the introduction of the public services staffing embargo, services are being particularly hard-hit.

"Kildare has been growing rapidly for decades and, as a result, has always found itself at the bottom of the list when it comes to the funding and staffing of public services. It's extremely worrying that the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform isn't taking existing inequalities into account when he looks at making cut-backs as what we need now more than ever is a smarter approach to reform that will see improved efficiency in service provision. How do you do that if the simple demographics of your customer-base are not even being considered."

The Minister, in a separate response to another parliamentary question tabled by Deputy Murphy stated that

"The overall reform programme, including institutional reform, will of course have regard to the needs of service users and a range of other factors. The overall objective of the reform programme is to ensure that the Public Service does better for less and delivers quality services to citizens and businesses with the resources available."

In hearing this, Murphy concluded that, *"This government has made all the right noises in terms of saying it wants a public service that is efficient and customer-focused but when it comes to the detail of truly looking at what's needed where there's no real change happening. It's not enough to pay lip-service to reform, we need to radically rework the way that the whole public service is organised and delivered. To do that we have to use the information available to us and that means planning reductions and increases in service levels in accordance with where population growth and reduction is taking place. A blanket reduction in services is simply counterproductive."*

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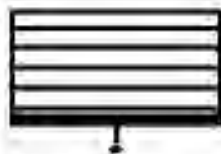
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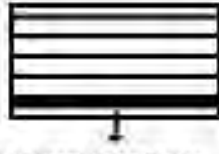
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Litter Management

Cllr McGinley got the following reply to his motion on better Litter Management in Main Street, Maynooth:

"The litter wardens will ask the takeaways and bookmakers where they are open on Sundays to clean outside properties on the day. Where premises aren't open on Sundays (such as the banks), the litter wardens will undertake to discuss alternative arrangements. Council bins will only be emptied by council staff, but bins provided by the owner of the premises (such as cigarette bins) will be emptied by their own staff. Environment section will discuss the wording of a letter with the litter wardens to ensure the best outcome."

Progress on Funding for Extension to 66 and 67 Bus Routes

Cllr. McGinley was given the Progress Report on the extensions of the 66 and 67 buses:

"The installation of two bus-friendly traffic ramps to replace the existing ramps on Moyglare Road will be completed in 2011. In addition, the signalisation of the Meadowbrook Road/Straffan Road junction will also be complete this year."

John asked that Dublin Bus be contacted to ensure that they were ready to proceed with the bus extensions this year and that bus turning points were agreed and in place.

Process with Receiver in Meadowbrook estate

Cllr. McGinley was given the Progress Report on the completion of Meadowbrook housing estate:

"The Planning Department are still awaiting receipt of As Constructed Drawings and CCTV surveys of the sewage systems. It will not be possible to prepare a comprehensive final costing of all outstanding works until this information is received. A snag list of surface defects has already been prepared for the developer last year. The Building Control Section are available to meet with the residents if they so wish and can contact Willie Hannigan or Stephen Cunningham directly."

Cllr. McGinley has again pointed out that there is no need for a comprehensive final costing and that an estimate should be prepared by Council engineers and sent to the Receiver.

Cllr. McGinley Allocates Funding for a Footpath from Farrell Bridge to Maynooth Castle;

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

"That as part of the Maynooth Parking Bye Laws that the proposed four parking bays at Maynooth Castle (Drawing E/3277/B) be removed and that the footpath be extended from Farrell Bridge to the Castle Gates in line with the wishes of the submission from Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee in May of this year. Furthermore that the two pedestrian crossings requested by Maynooth Tidy Town Committee be also put in place. All in the interest of public safety."

John was given the following reply:

"This submission can be considered in the context of the draft Maynooth Pay Parking Bye Laws."

Cllr. McGinley has advised the Area Engineer that he

will allocate funding from his Discretionary Grants to enable the footpath to be constructed now.

Extension of Public Car Park, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley was given the following reply to his motion:

"This matter is ongoing and I will advise the members when progress is made."

John again asked that matters be speeded up.

Flooding at Maynooth Town FC and M4

Cllr. McGinley was given the following reply to his motion:

"As previously stated this work will not be carried out by Kildare County Council as the budget for the M4 does not allow for such drainage works."

Cllr. McGinley again pointed out that the pipe was laid by the Council and that he is prepared to allocate funding from his Discretionary Grants. It was agreed that a Council Senior engineer would meet John on site to discuss what was required.

Cllr. McGinley Condemns Waste of Money

Cllr. McGinley Asks for an Explanation on the National Transport Authority Decision to Spend €750,000 on Four Junctions in Leixlip. John stated that these junctions are perfectly safe at present and spending €750,000 on them when the country is in Receivership is madness.

Cllr McGinley Asks Maynooth Gardai to Prosecute Drivers Who Park on Double Yellow Lines:

Cllr McGinley got the following reply to his letter to Maynooth Gardai on the parking on double yellow lines on Pound Lane:

"In respect of the issue at hand a number of Fixed Charge Notices have been issued to date and we will continue to monitor and deal with the matter highlighted by you on Pound Lane."

I am of the continued view that until Maynooth has a full time traffic warden assigned to it, similar problems will arise and may indeed exacerbate given the limited resources in this sub-district.

As you can appreciate we are bound by operational priorities and resources both within the District and Kildare Division."

It was agreed that that issue should be addressed by the County Kildare Joint Policing Committee. There is one garda for every 338 people in the State whilst in Kildare we have one garda for every 569 people.

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Heritage Week Events at Castletown House

The following events will take place at Castletown House during Heritage Week (Saturday August 20th - Sunday August 28th). We hope you can make it to some or all of these events.

Saturday 20th - Sunday 28th (excluding Monday 22nd) NUIM/Strokestown/OPW FREE exhibition. 10am-5pm Forgotten Voices: the Great Irish Famine revealed through the Strokestown Estate Archive.

Saturday 20th - Sunday 28th (excluding Monday 22nd) Free Children's Tours at 12pm. Booking required. Tel: 01 628 8252. Please note there are no prams, food or drinks are allowed within the museum rooms of Castletown House.

Saturday 20th - Free tours of the Castletown House. Tours take approximately 45 minutes to an hour and tickets are allocated on a first come basis. Please note there is a maximum of 25 people per tour and the reception is open at 10am and tours run throughout the day with the last tour at 16.45

Sunday 21st - Castletown Country and Craft Market. East Wing 10am -5pm

Sunday 21st - Children's Workshops 11am-12pm. Suitable for children between 5 and 12 years of age. Places limited. Booking and adult supervision essential. Tel: 01 628 8252

Sunday 21st - Sunday Summer Series - Dublin Concert Band. 2-4pm. Free recital in the East Wing.

Thursday 25th - Evening Tours of Castletown 5.30pm, 6.15pm and 7.15pm.

Saturday 27th - Aspects of Castletown. Free lectures from local history enthusiasts. 2-4pm. Location to be allocated.

Sunday 28th - Children's Workshops 11am-12pm. Suitable for children between 5 and 12 years of age. Places limited. Booking and adult supervision essential. Tel: 01 628 8252

Sunday 28th - Sunday Summer Series 2-4pm Frances Marshall and John Feeley. Voice and Classical Guitar - Italian arias and Celtic Songs.



MAYNOOTH GUILD ICA

New Committee for 2011/12:-

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Congratulations to members on winning "Federation-Guild-Of-The-Year" competition in June. The competition was held in Kilcock. This competition included Drama, Art, Cookery, Craft & Creative Writing. The theme was "Volunteering". Well done to all involved.

Members enjoyed a great day out at the Annual Garden Party at An Grianan on July 10th. The party coincided with the official opening of the museum by Minister for Arts & An The Gaeltacht Jimmy Deenahan. The museum is well worth a visit.

There is no guild meeting in August. All activities will resume in September.

Next meeting Sept 1st at 8 o'clock. New members always welcome.

The Canet Experience

My wife and I recently attended the signing of the twinning charter in Canet-en-Roussillon. We travelled over with Eddie Tobin, Paul Croghan, Mayor Brendan Weld and Peter Minnock. We were met at Carcassonne by our hosts and driven back to our hotel.

As can be seen in last months Maynooth Newsletter the signing went well and was a much bigger event than we expected. Maynooth will have a very hard time to match it but with the help of everyone in the town I am sure they will not be disappointed. Canet is a lovely town, very clean with nine km of beach, beautiful sand with lots of places to eat and drink. Music and dancing in a square and everyone is expected to join in the dancing.

Pictures can be seen on the Maynooth website.
<http://www.maynoothcc.com/index.html>

On Monday we were out with the Mayor and Peter Minnock and went to the Randero Restaurant. We had a lovely meal and visited the stables where we had a demonstration of dressage while eating. In the evening we went to one of the camp sites and were amazed at the fantastic layout. All the people appeared to be very happy. There was a great cabaret show with good food and wine. The following morning Pascal our chauffeur arrived and took us to Collioure, a beautiful town about twenty minutes from Canet. It has a lovely sandy beach with a long pier where you could see lots of families enjoying themselves. There are plenty of water sports. There is also a beautiful church and a castle. Next day we went to Perpignan, a city also worth a day visit. It has all the top shops, a big church with some beautiful features, good cafes and parks.

The Maynooth Local History Group

Walk from St Mary's Church of Ireland to Carton Estate and Cemetery

As part of National Heritage Week, the Maynooth Local History Group has organised a walk to commence at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, August 27th at St Mary's Church of Ireland and will conclude at the Fitzgerald family cemetery in Carton.

The Group is expecting prominent members of the Fitzgerald family (formerly of Carton House and Dukes of Leinster) to attend.

Members of the History Group will give talks along the route.

a) Matt Kennedy will speak on aspects of the Maynooth Castle defensive structure.

b) Seamus Cullen will speak on Queen Victoria's visit to Carton in the mid nineteenth century.

All are welcome to this opportunity to participate in appreciating our Maynooth Heritage

Peter Nevin
Chairman
July '11

On our final day Pascal brought us to Carcassonne where we went to a fantastic castle, one of the oldest in Europe and most complete, it has a small town inside with narrow streets, lots of shops food, drink, antiques and novelties. It has many cafes and a church built at the same time as the castle which was one of the most enjoyable places we visited. Our driver then brought us to the airport where we said goodbye to Canet but look forward to returning in the future.

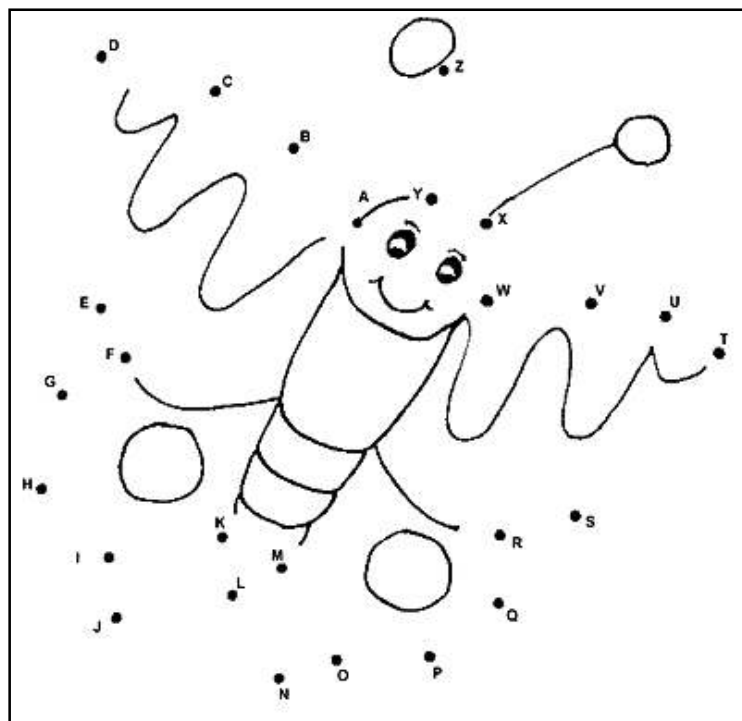
Tom McMullon.

Cutting from The Irish Times

Dated: 16th April 2011

Beach resort : Canet en Roussillon is less than 15 minutes by car from Perpignan, and is, during the summer months, an all-ages magnet for beach types, water sports enthusiasts and boating aficionados. The town, located scenically at the foothills of the Pyrénées, is twinned with Maynooth, Co Kildare – the official twinning ceremony linking the two towns takes place in Maynooth during the summer.

Join the Dots



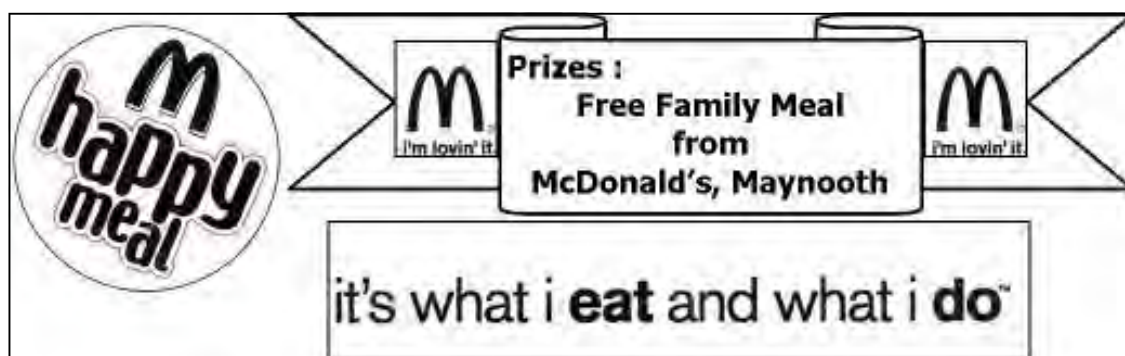
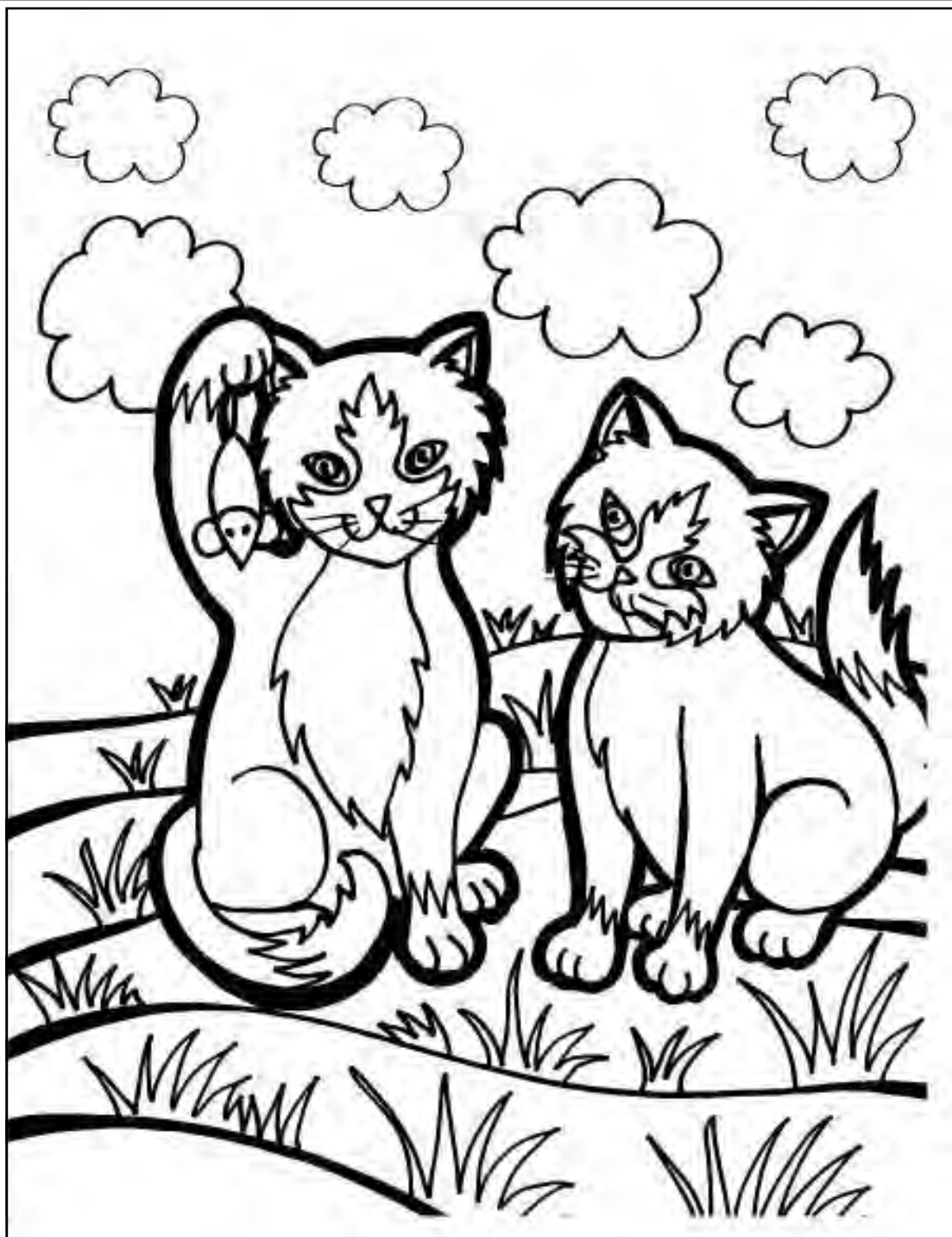
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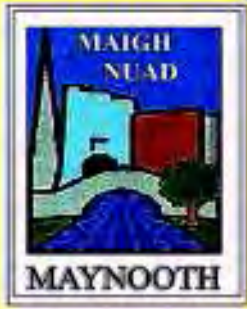
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HERITAGE WEEK EVENT 27th AUGUST 2011 "FITZGERALD WALK"

The Maynooth local history Group welcomed participants to the Fitzgerald Walk to Carton. Peter Nevin, Chairman of the Group made the following address in St Mary's Church of Ireland before the walk

"We have organised this event as part of Heritage Week which aims to create greater awareness and appreciation of the history, art and beauty that surrounds us particularly in our local areas and for the town we love so well, Maynooth.

I would like to thank Rev. Janice Aiton for allowing us to assemble and gain access to this beautiful, sacred and historical church of St. Mary's.

I take the opportunity to welcome Maurice Duke of Leinster and Fiona Duchess of Leinster, their family and their daughters Francesco and Polyanna and to thank them for travelling and for the sense of heritage, linkage with the past and the esteem they bring to this occasion.

There is another member of the Fitzgerald clan here today too, Counsellor Shane, who I would like to thank for sponsoring the flowers and plants for today's event from his flower and plant shop - Carrig- in Leixlip.

Sir Christopher Wren said when he was asked about the absence of any sort or memorial to his great work at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. "If you are seeking my memorial look around you." The same can be said of Maynooth this Church in particular. So look around, consider it has existed for almost 800 years. Look at the western walls and tower, they are said to have been part of the original church built in 1248 as part of the Castle compound. It formed an integral part of the first college at Maynooth dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary 1426. This wooden window on the East end of the Church was originally set in the Church at Laraghbryan which was also at one time part of this original college. This window was transferred here during James Fitzgerald's restoration of the Church in the 18th century. In its lifetime it fell into ruin on occasions being restored on one occasion by Richard Boyle during the exile of the Fitzgerald family in the 17th century, falling into decay again and finally restored extended and enhanced by James Fitzgerald in 1770.



The Duke & Duchess of Leinster (Maurice & Fiona Fitzgerald), Daughters Lady Pollyanna & Francesca, with their son-in-law Greg and Granddaughters Daisy & Amelia outside Fitzgerald Mausoleum, St. Mary's Church of Ireland during Heritage Week.

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**Maynooth Welcomes
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Professor Philip Nolan



TWINNING UPDATE



The Twinning Committee of the Maynooth Community Council are looking forward to welcoming a delegation from Canet en Roussillon at the end of September when a Charter Signing Ceremony will take place to complete the Twinning Process between Maynooth and Canet.

*EXCITING NEWS FOR MAYNOOTH WITH THE
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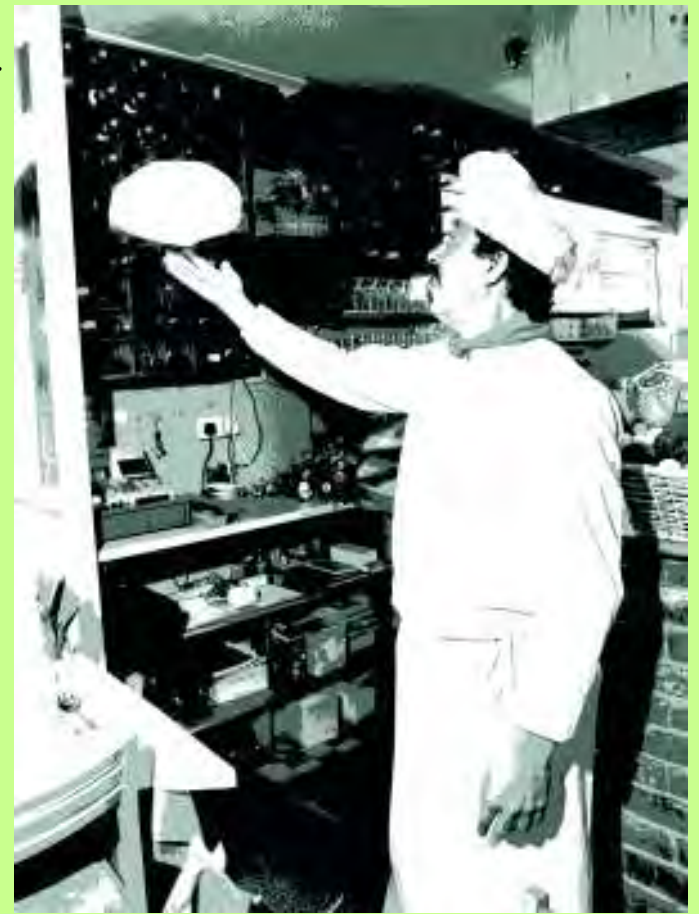
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Food is certainly in this family's blood as Antonio is the 5th generation chef. He has a knowledge of Catalan Cuisine, as his home place Naples has a great Catalan influence in food and dialect, hence the interest in opening this restaurant.

The Cascella Family expect to see Picadaros open in October which will be a strange coincidence as this would be their third restaurant to open in October, beside the Bookshop across the road from the Library.

You can now recapture those holiday moments right here on Main Street, Maynooth, maybe experiencing a Paella with a delicious glass of Rioja, or sit at the bar and enjoy a tapas and, perhaps a glass of Estella beer. For those carnivores, a delicious steak straight from the lava rock grills with all the Argentinian trimmings.

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Antonio in the 1990's



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**Community Group representatives viewing the New Community Space,
Manor Mills opened on September 1st**



*Paul Croghan, Hugh Gallagher, Meike Saunders, Andrew McMullon, Bernadette Sweeney,
Helena Kirkpatrick, Tom McMullon, Hilda Dunne, & Eddie Tobin*

ICA Notes

All ICA activities resume from Thursday next 1st Sept. Guild meeting at 8 o'clock. Guild competition for Sept:- "A cushion any medium minimum size 16"X16". Winning entry will be displayed at The National Ploughing Championships in Athy Sept 21st-24th. Guild members will be involved on all days. More volunteers appreciated. Craft nights resume on Monday Sept 5th at 8 o'clock.

Some of our members enjoyed a night at the semi-final of ICA Bootcamp at An Grianan on Wed Aug 5th. The show was great fun and congrats to Peter Clohessey who was a very popular winner!

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Heritage week event August 27th '11 "Fitzgerald Walk"

"The Fitzgerald family's association with Maynooth is a little older than the Church, arriving in 1169, and we are privileged to have with us today the direct descendants of the first Fitzgerald also named Maurice.

According to our local book "Cannonballs and Crosiers", Maurice arrived in Maynooth with a small army, 30 mounted retainers and 100 foot soldiers, built his castle and established his roots here.

James Fitzgerald, as mentioned and who restored this Church, had a very successful career, being influential in the Irish Parliament in the 18th century, and close to the political situation in England and to the Crown. He laid out the structure of the town of Maynooth, more or less what we have today. He also developed the house at Carton and the estate. He was ultimately created Duke of Leinster, Ireland's premier Peer, a title enjoyed by his ancestors to this day."

"So without further adieu let's proceed at enjoyable and leisurely pace to Carton as follows; we go from this Church to the Castle, where our member Matt Kennedy will speak on the attack on the Castle in 1535.

We will then walk towards Carton via the Main Street and the Avenue.

We will stop close to the house for our member Seamus Cullen's talk on Queen Victoria's visit to Carton in 1849.

Our walk will terminate at the Cemetery for the tree planting ceremony by the Duke and Duchess in memory of their son Thomas".

PS. Maynooth History Group is always looking for new members. Our next meeting in the Community Office on September 28th.

**Peter Nevin
Chairman**



Tree Planting by The Fitzgerald Family in Carton Graveyard in Memory of their Son Tom 1974—1997 with Des Galvin Curator of Carton House.

Tony Smith Memorial Walk

By the time you read this article we will have left the dreary summer behind us and perhaps can look forward to a pleasant Autumn. Our Seniors have just returned from their annual week in Kerdiffstown, which they enjoyed despite the weather.

Our morning club re-opens on Sept. 6th and our committee will meet on that evening. Our next event will be our Halloween Tea-dance on Oct. 16th and the Tony Smith memorial walk will also take place on that day. Our sale of Work will take place on Nov. 20th in the Aula Maxima in Maynooth College and I thank Colm, John, Liam, Kevin, Ollie and all involved in this venture for all their help. Your support was never more needed as in this time of recession. Our people will try to get to every house on the run up to this date and I know you will be as generous in the future as you have been in the past. If we happen to miss you, donations can be left into my house or to any committee member. The tickets for the monster hamper will be on sale as usual at Tesco and we thank them for this facility and not forgetting Ollie Bright for all his help.

Our Christmas shopping will take place on Dec. 8th courtesy of Supervalu and our annual dinner will take place on Dec. 11th.

A very full schedule for the Autumn/Winter you will agree, so I ask you to remember these dates, in particular our fundraising events as our survival depends on them. I thank you all in anticipation.



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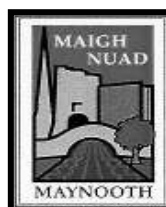
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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre — Know Your Rights

Question

My husband has just lost his job, so I think that we will qualify for a medical card now. What is the best way to apply?

Answer

The quickest way is to apply online at www.medicalcard.ie. If you are eligible you will be able to print out an application pack, which you then sign and return to the HSE at the address below.

If your income is too high, you will be able to see this immediately and the HSE will provide you with an assessment of your application within fifteen days. You can also download a medical card application form from the HSE website or get a form from your Local Health Office. Completed forms should be sent to: Client Registration Unit, P.O. Box 11745, Finglas, Dublin 11.

If you have any questions before you send your application **Lo-call 1890 252 919** or contact your Local Health Office. If you are over the income guidelines you may still be eligible on a discretionary basis and you should contact your Local Health Office.

If you do not qualify for a medical card, you will be automatically assessed for a GP Visit Card. This covers the cost of visits to your GP, but not any prescriptions that you may need.

Question

I am a pensioner and I get the Household Benefits Package. What will the recent changes to this scheme mean to me?

Answer

There are a number of changes to the value of the Household Benefits Package from September 2011. There are no

changes in the qualifying conditions.

The annual value of the **Electricity Allowance** is being reduced from 2,400 units a year to 1,800 units. That means you are now entitled to 300 free units in each two-monthly billing period. If you do not use all your free units, up to 1200 unused free units may be carried forward between each billing period. The allowance continues to cover the standing charge and the Public Service Obligation (PSO) levy.

The value of the **Electricity (Group Account) Allowance** is being reduced from €43.80 to €35.80 a month.

The **Natural Gas Allowance** is being reduced from €52 every two months in the summer (June to November) to €42 and from €111 every two months in winter to €89. The total allowance for a year will be €393. The **Bottled Gas Refill Allowance** is being reduced from €40.70 a month (€489 a year) to €32.70 a month (€311 a year).

The **Telephone Allowance** is being reduced from €21.41 plus VAT each month (€311 a year) to €18.36 plus VAT a month (€267 a year). If you have a hearing or vision impairment, the allowance also covers the cost of renting a special telephone, subject to availability. There is no change in the Free Television Licence.

Also, the **Fuel Allowance** is to be standardised at €20 a week from September 2011. There will be no additional allowance for living in a smokeless area.

Question

My husband had a small business, and I worked in it part-time. He has just sold it and retired and is getting a State pension. Someone said that I might get a State Pension in my own right. Is this true?

Answer

If, in practice, you and your husband were working in a partnership but did not claim to be in a partnership when making tax and PRSI returns you can claim partnership status retrospectively.

Each case is investigated by the Department of Social Protection under the spouses' partnership criteria. If you wish to claim partnership retrospectively you must have adequate supporting documentation for the relevant years.

If a Social Welfare Inspector from the Scope Section of the Department of Social Protection decides that a business partnership existed you can pay your Class S contributions retrospectively. The contributions due are worked out by splitting the income from the partnership (for each year the partnership existed) between you and your husband. The PRSI liabilities are then recalculated. Any additional PRSI contributions due can then be collected from you. If the deciding officer decides that a partnership did not exist you may appeal the decision to the Social Welfare Appeals Office.

It is important to remember that even if a partnership existed and you pay any outstanding social insurance contributions this does not entitle you to a State Pension (Contributory) at age 66 unless you meet all the other criteria. You should check the full eligibility conditions for benefits and pensions on welfare.ie before deciding whether to apply for retrospective partnership status.

If you don't qualify for a State Pension (Contributory) in your own right, either your husband can claim for you as a dependent on his pension, or you can apply for a means-tested non-contributory pension for yourself.

MURPHY DRAWS PUBLIC ATTENTION TO NEW STREET LIGHT FAULT REPORTING WEBSITE

Independent TD for Kildare North Catherine Murphy today highlighted the new service launched by Airtricity in order to enable the public to report street light faults in a more direct and clear-cut fashion. The Utility Solutions company launched the first Interactive Street Lighting Website in Ireland and this month encouraged those who notice faults with public street lighting to make use of this direct interface.

"The major benefit here is that people can report faults as and when they see them regardless of the time or day. Most particularly, given the advent of smart-phones and the wider availability of broadband generally people are becoming ever-more connected to the internet and it makes sense for companies such as Airtricity to utilise this", stated Murphy.

The new service is available at www.airtricitysolutions.com and can be accessed simply by clicking the "Report a Fault" button on the homepage. You can both log and track the progress of the fault online.

"What's very useful about this particular service is that it puts an element of control back into the hands of the public in that they have a direct link to the fault reporting site and can track the fault until its resolution. I'd encourage people to use this service as and when they come across faults and I'll certainly be making use of it myself."

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September Diary Planner

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Meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm. in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour. Crafts Every Monday Night at 8.00pm. New members welcome

Senior Citizens Club

Morning Club reopens on Tuesday 6th September. Club meets every Tuesday & Thursday morning in the I.C.A. Hall. Halloween Tea Dance takes place Sunday 16th October in the GAA Club. Tony Smith Memorial Walk will also take place on Sunday 16th October.

Bridge Club

Open for new members. If you would like to play in a friendly club with Purpose built facilities in the centre of Maynooth, please see our website at maynoothbridgeclub.com. Contact Katherine Cooney 086 8205910

25 Year Class Reunion

Maynooth Post Primary Leaving Cert Class of 1986 25 Year Class Reunion on 24th September from 8.00 p.m. in Caulfields Back Lounge. If you know anyone who was in that class and not living in Maynooth please pass the word on. Looking forward to catching up with everyone. Contact Melanie Oliver 087 9704910 or Karen Cassidy 087 2855464

Parent & Toddler Group

Will resume Every Tuesday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. in the Maynooth GAA Club.

Taekwon-Do

Children's Classes for 5 years and up held every Wednesday in St. Marys Boys School, Moyglare Road & on Fridays in Educate Together, Celbridge Road 6.30 p.m.—7.30 p.m. For details: Contact Stephen Doyle 087 6986491

Irish Girl Guides

Meetings Tuesday evening in Maynooth. For further information contact Jackie on 085 1413787 or visit I.G.G. website www.irishgirlguides.ie

Community Library

Due to the commencement of essential building and renovation works, the Library will be closed from Monday 5th September and will re-open on Monday 26th September

Flower & Garden Club

Welcome back after the Summer Holidays Come and enjoy a lovely night of Floral Demonstration Lovely way to relax after such a bad summer, this will cheer you up Tuesday 20th September at 8.00p.m. in Loftus Hall, Maynooth College Demonstrator: Diane Gallagher Competition: "Shades of Autumn" Tea/Coffee served after demonstration nice way to meet and make new friends PRO Lila Flynn 086 8740

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University Increases its Links with the Local Community

NUI Maynooth, Ireland's only University town, is joining forces with Maynooth Community Council to provide short morning courses and workshops to anyone over 21 who has an interest in knowing more about themselves, society and how government and politics work. The new courses will provide a learning experience with a difference; no assignments and no exams, just a great opportunity to pursue interesting topics in dialogue with university academic staff and a group of like-minded people. There are no entry requirements. All you need to participate is your enthusiasm, your life's knowledge and experience and a willingness to join in the discussions. Speaking about the new initiative, Josephine Finn, Head of the Department of Adult and Community Education said "we are delighted to be able to pursue this initiative and to meet the demand for short university courses in the community of Maynooth and the surrounding areas." This year's theme is Human Studies with a series of three courses focusing, in turn, on the individual, society and practical politics. The three courses are complementary but each course is designed to stand alone – you can sign up for one course or you may decide to participate in all three. Launching the programme, Derek Barter, Continuing Education Coordinator at the Department described the courses as "a chance for people to explore the humanities at university level. The classes will examine human behaviour and the social and political worlds we live in, identifying patterns and connections within them" Courses will run on Thursday morning from 10:30-12:30 in the new fully accessible Maynooth Community Space at the entrance to Manor Mills Shopping Centre. Courses are for 8 weeks (€120) or 10 weeks (€150). The first course in Psychology will begin on Thursday 22nd September at 10.30am. Information on the courses is available from Kay Loughlin, Department of Adult and Community Education, NUI Maynooth, Tel 01 708 6062, Email kay.loughlin@nuim.ie and on the Department's website <http://adulteducation.nuim.ie>. Different courses will run in the autumn, winter and spring.

Further information

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The courses are complementary but each course is designed to stand alone – you can sign up for one course or you may decide to participate in all three. You must be over 21 but there are no other entry requirements. All you need is your enthusiasm, your life's knowledge and experience and a willingness to join in the tutor-led discussions.

Sessions are held in the fully accessible **Maynooth Community Council Community Space, Manor Mills Shopping Centre, Maynooth, Thursday Mornings 10:30-12:30.**

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12 April 2012 – 31 May 2012, 8 Sessions, €120

For more information contact: Kay Loughlin, Department of Adult & Community Education, National University of Ireland Maynooth.

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Gardening in September

Deadhead spent blooms

Deadhead faded flowers regularly to encourage more blooms in your hanging baskets.

Keep bedding plants watered

Deadhead the last of your blooms and continue to water them, particularly if there's a dry spell.

Propagate strawberry plants

Cut back any straggly strawberry runners, or use them to propagate new plants for next year.

Plant out container-grown trees

Plant out a container-grown tree now to give your garden structure and year-round interest.

Continue harvesting beetroot

Lift roots, and select the best ones for storage, if you want to keep some in a cool shed through winter.

Improve your lawn

Repair and renovate your lawn: rake it vigorously to remove any dead or dying grass and re-seed or re-turf any bare patches.

Treat perennial weeds

Dig up any perennial weeds you spot straight away. As growth slows in autumn they become more difficult to kill.

Add herbs to pots

Give your patio pots and containers a fresh look for autumn by removing any summer bedding plants that are past their best and replacing them with scented, evergreen herbs. Parsley can be sown now for an early spring crop.

Divide your perennials

Any large clumps of summer-flowering perennials, such as daylilies, can be divided to make new plants.

Water your hanging baskets

Continue watering your hanging baskets daily to get the most of your remaining flowers.

Prune rambling roses

Once blooms have faded, prune out any thin, diseased or out-of-place branches, and tie in new growth.

Plant last-minute salads

Plant a few pots of quick-growing cut-and-come-again salad leaves for tasty autumn salads.

Ripen late tomatoes

If you've got a glut of green tomatoes, try putting a few in a kitchen drawer with a banana to encourage them to ripen.

Harvest celery

As the plants reach the required size, simply lift the celery hearts carefully using a hand fork.

Keep greenhouse veg watered

Warm late summer sunshine can catch out greenhouse gardeners, so make sure you continue to water thirsty plants such as tomatoes and chillies through September.



Trim summer hedges

Give any summer-flowering hedges such as forsythia, berberis or deutzia a light trim to keep them in shape.

Leave seeds for wildlife

Let plants such as golden rod and sunflowers go to seed to provide extra food for wildlife.

Prune summer raspberries

Once you've harvested the last berries, cut back the canes that have borne fruit to ground level, and tie in the best new canes.

Harvest apples

Harvest ripe fruit and store it carefully in a cool, dry place.

Plant blueberry bushes

Plant this super-food now for an abundant crop of tasty blueberries next summer.

Caladiums

Before the first frost dig up caladiums. Allow them to dry and store them in a dry place for the winter.

Sweet Pea

Sweet Pea lovers may find that sowing seed in autumn produces stronger plants. Do not soak the seeds as they are liable to rot. Use Seed and

Potting Compost and sow the seeds in root trainers, sweet peas tubes, pots or trays. It has been found that dark coloured seeds germinate well in fairly damp compost, but pale seed require compost that is only just moist. Cover the containers with glass or put them in a

propagator and keep at around 15 C (59 F). When the seedlings appear transfer them to a cold frame. Pinch out the growing tips when the plants are about 10 cm (4 inches) high.

Plan spring window boxes

Plant a few early-flowering bulbs in pots and planters for colour, cheer and scent next year.

Spring Bulbs

Plant your Spring bulbs now for early Spring flowering.

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If you choose a pedigree pet, please ensure that the breed's physical and behavioural characteristics will suit your lifestyle. Important aspects of this would be to ensure that it's size, shape, physical appearance and coat type fit in with your way of life. There are many books and websites available which give advice on pet selection and on pups' and kittens' breed characteristics. One point worth noting, especially with dogs, is the importance of finding out the origin of the breed. This is because the function for which the dog was originally bred will strongly influence it's behaviour, e.g. herding dogs, toy breeds etc. Your vet will be happy to advise you on the suitability of a particular breed.



Should I consider a male or a female pet?

This is largely a matter of personal choice but some factors to consider are that males tend to be slightly larger than females of the same breed and are usually more assertive. Male dogs may also exhibit undesirable social behaviour such as mounting, urine marking, roaming from home and possibly aggression towards other dogs. Castration while the dog is six to nine months old will often reduce the instances of such undesirable behaviour. The same applies to male cats. With females you should consider if you are going to breed from your pet or have her spayed.

What is the optimum age to obtain a pet?

Matters to consider here include vaccinations and socialisation of your new pet. Puppies and kittens will usually have had their first vaccination between the ages of six to eight weeks and will require further vaccinations, as advised by your vet. Regarding socialisation with other dogs, the sensitive period of socialisation is before fourteen weeks old. Therefore between six to eight weeks of age is the best time to acquire a new puppy. With kittens, the optimum period for socialisation is between two and seven weeks of age. Therefore, a kitten should be acquired after weaning, but before seven weeks of age. With both kittens and pups, it is important that they have had adequate socialisation interaction with their mothers and litter-mates, in order to learn how to exist with their own species. This can be developed during their training.



In certain circumstances, obtaining an adult cat or dog may be more attractive for the pet-owner. This can be because the playing, feeding, toilet-behaviour and exercise needs of a puppy or kitten may be difficult to fulfil for the family who are away from home for much of the day. Therefore, an adult pet may provide a better solution. It is important to remember that such an adult pet may not have had sufficient or complete training and socialisation skills. This may cause behavioural problems that are difficult to overcome.

If you have any queries regarding the purchase of a new pet, please contact us at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic, Newtown Grove, Maynooth. Phone: 01-6289467 or maynoothvet@gmail.com or please visit our website www.maynoothvets.com where we provide further information regarding pet care.

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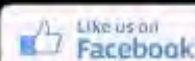
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Throughout the years the Roost has had a great connection with Rugby, soccer and G.A.A. They sponsor the local G.A.A. club, Maynooth Town Soccer Club and the North Kildare Rugby club. There's a new spacious heated beer garden with no fewer than 12 plasma screens showing live sports and a super 20ft big screen for the "main event", you'll never miss a kick!!

The Roost has a cosy public bar with a feature stone open fireplace and an original tiled floor, the perfect place for a quiet pint and a read of the paper.

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Party Political—Maynooth Labour News

Cllr. McGinley Allocates his Discretionary Grants in Maynooth

Cllr John McGinley has allocated the bulk of his €40,000 Discretionary Grants for 2011 for the following work in Maynooth:

- The footpath to the Gael Scoil on Celbridge Road has been badly damaged by frost and salt. Also, the concrete mix seems to have been of poor quality. In order to prevent it from getting any worse Cllr. McGinley has allocated funds for the footpath to be given a coating seal.
- The installation of decorative bollards from Farrell Bridge (At Greens Restaurant) to the entrance to Maynooth Castle, in the interest of public safety. John had previously asked for a footpath here but the Council engineers ruled it out for a number of valid reasons. Maynooth Tidy Towns had requested that this work be carried out.
- The installation of decorative bollards at the bottom of Old Greenfield to replace the unsightly girders.
- The installation of two new public lights at the front section of Carton Court as the lighting was very poor at this location

Kildare County Council Ceases to Provide a Waste Collection Service

At the Council's Monthly Meeting on 25 July the County Manager announced that the Council would cease to provide a waste collection service from 22 August. He stated that AES (Bord na Mona) following a tendering process will be taking over the waste collection service. The Manager stated that the Council now had more customers on waivers of charges than those who paid and that it was costing the Council €3m per year which was not sustainable.

The Waste decision was An Executive Function of the Co. Manager with no input from the Elected Councillors permitted or sought.

Cllr. John McGinley expressed his deep disappointment at this development and he proposed that the Council write to the Government asking that a National Waiver Scheme for domestic waste collection be introduced and this was agreed.

STAGG WELCOMES UPGRADING OF RAILWAY STATIONS ON MAYNOOTH LINE

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the provision of funding in the sum of €2 million to upgrade the railway stations on the Maynooth line, sanctioned by Minister of State for Transport Alan Kelly T.D.

Deputy Stagg stated that the Maynooth line had been one of the fastest growing routes in the Irish Rail network with approximately 15,000 passenger journeys daily. Train services along this line have been modernised over recent years, through rolling stock replacement programmes and improvements in service frequency, including the start of services on the M3 Parkway – Docklands route in 2010. The stations, however, have not been upgraded since construction and are now in need of modernisation.

The objectives for this project are to enhance the customer facilities and presentation of Maynooth line stations. The following elements are included in the proposed works:

- Building structural improvements;
- New customer shelters on platforms incorporating new seating;
- New station furniture on platforms (seating, litter bins, etc);
- Platform and station lighting improvements;

- Upgrade of station signage plus new information panels;
- New signage on approach roads;
- Upgrade of electrical services at each station;
- Landscaping and painting works around stations.

These works will provide a cleaner, brighter more welcoming experience for customers.

The Kildare stations on the line to be refurbished under this project are as follows;

- Leixlip Confey
- Leixlip Louisa Bridge
- Maynooth.

In addition similar works will be undertaken at Drumcondra, Broombridge, Ashtown, Castleknock and Coolmine Stations. Some of these will require upgrading of all elements listed above while basic works will address all others. In respect of the remaining stations, Phoenix Park does not require upgrading as it is effectively a new station, while Clonsilla is being currently being addressed as part of a separate project.

This funding stated Deputy Stagg follows on from the €34,000 approved for IE Signage, Directional Signage, External and Internal Painting and Platform Furniture at Kilcock Railway Station approved in July last.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that it is anticipated that these station upgrade works will be completed by year end. The overall estimated cost of the refurbishment programme is €2 million.

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Draft Maynooth Local Area Plan

Invitation for Pre-Draft Submissions for Proposed Local Area Plans for Maynooth, Newbridge and Kildare Town (including Magee Barracks)

Notice is hereby given that Kildare County Council, being the planning authority for the area, proposes to prepare Local Area Plans for Maynooth, Newbridge and Kildare Town (including Magee Barracks). Kildare County Council invites pre-draft submissions and observations from interested parties in relation to the areas named above.

A Local Area Plan is a statutory document that sets out the planning and development objectives of the Council for the designated area. This is prepared in accordance with the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2010 and is in line with the objectives of the County Development Plan 2011-2017.

To assist this process an "Issues Paper" has been prepared which identifies the key planning issues that the three local area plans could address. To view the Issues Paper online and / or submit an observation click onto; www.kildare.ie/countycouncil

Copies of the Issues Paper are also available at the following locations:

- Kildare County Council, at the address below from Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) between the hours of 9.00am to 4.00pm
- Northern Area Office, Leinster Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
- Western Area Office, Newbridge Industrial Estate, Newbridge.
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Submissions should be made in writing to Mary Foley, Administrative Officer, Forward Planning, Kildare County Council, at the address below or emailed to lapsubmissions@kildarecoco.ie by 5pm on Wednesday 7 September 2011. Please mark your submission with the appropriate town name.

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Result Sheet Joe Murray Cup Sponsored By Derek Murray		
Beech Park Golf Club		11 / 8 / 20 11
1st Prize	John Carroll	37pts
2 nd Prize	John Byrne	35pts
3 rd Prize	John Caulfield	33pts B9
4 th Prize	David O'Donoghue	33pts B6
5 th Prize	Mark Kehoe	33pts
6 th Prize	Derek Murray	31pts B9
7 th Prize	Gerry Smith	31pts
Front 9	Damian Daly	17pts
Back 9	Norman Kavanagh	17pts
Visitors	Sam Feeney	
Nearest the Pin	Norman Kavanagh	
2's Club	K Loftus, J Carroll, J Byrne, J Caulfield, M Kehoe, G Smith	

The Joe Murray Memorial Cup was played at Beech Park Golf Club which is located on the outskirts of Rathcoole Village. Beech Park is an 18-hole parkland golf course which was designed by Eddie Hackett, it is a good test of golfing skills.

38 members played for the Joe Murray Cup in good weather conditions on Thursday evening of the 11th August.

The eventual winner was in the last 4 ball of the evening John Carroll with a score of 37 points beating the leader in the club house up till then John Byrne 35 points, third place was new member John Caulfield with 33 points beating another new member David O'Donoghue 33points on the back 9.

Prizes for all of the winners were presented in Caulfield's by Derek Murray who sponsored the prizes at this outing in honour of his dad Joe. **Next outing is Shay Moore Cup Athlone to Golf Club 27th August. Members and visitors welcome.**

Result Sheet Shay Moore Memorial Cup Sponsored by The Moore Family		
Athlone Golf Club		27 / 8 / 2011
1st Prize	Eamon Murphy	38pts
2 nd Prize	Mick Flynn Jnr.	32ptsB9
3 rd Prize	Niall Byrne	32ptsB9
4 th Prize	David O'Donohue	32pts
5 th Prize	Gerry McTernan	31pts
6 th Prize	Paul Farrelly	29ptsB9
7 th Prize	Brendan Leigh	29pts
Front 9	John Caulfield	18pts
Back 9	John Carroll	15pts
Visitors	Robert Moore	34pts
Nearest the Pin	Terry Moore	
2's	Niall Byrne, Brendan Leigh, Mick O'Rourke	

The Shay Moore Memorial Cup was played for at Athlone Golf Club on 27th August. 41 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 difficult test of golf.

The winner with a score of 38 points was Eamon Murphy followed by Mick Flynn Jnr. on a score of 32 points beating Niall Byrne and David O'Donohue both on 32 points into 3rd and 4th place on count back. The Cup and prizes were presented in Brady's to all of the prize winners by our captain Pat Connolly and Terry Moore. In his acceptance speech Eamon said it was his first time to win a cup within the society, he thanked his playing partners and all members of the society who make every outing an enjoyable experience. Both he and the Captain thanked the Moore family for their generous sponsorship of the society over many years.

Our next outing John Tiernan Cup at Kilcock on Saturday 17th September



CHRISTY HENNESSY

A SHORT AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Christie's song writing was about life, dreams and the reality of the people in them. He was never one to go down the easy route of writing a song with good music and empty lyrics. Christie takes you on an emotional awareness that life can also be painful and lonely.

He was a man who wrote with honesty and feelings from his heart and soul.

He is the ultimate storyteller of our time

Christie was born in Tralee, County Kerry; he was the youngest of 9 children.

There was always music in the house. His father played jazz on the accordion, his Mother a great storyteller, sang traditional Irish songs. Neighbours and family members, including Henry Curtin who played drums (Frank Sinatra's drummer), would join in the regular sessions of music and song. (Happy Days)

From these early memories, Christie's influences ranged from Elvis, Al Johnston, Bill Haley, Fats Domino, Robert Johnston, Mississippi John Hurt to The Beatles and all Musicals. Christie left school at 11½ (the ½ he said was important). At 15 he went to work on building sites in London by day and played in the R&B clubs by night.

Christie was 23 when he wrote his first song. Christie released his first album "Christie Hennessy" (also known as "The Green Album") in 1972, "The Rehearsal" 1992 (triple platinum), "A Year In The Life" 1993 (quadruple platinum), "Lord of Your Eyes" 1994 (triple platinum), "The Box" 1996 (triple platinum), "This Is As Far As I Go" 1999 (double platinum), "The Definitive Christie Hennessy" 2003, "Stories For Sale" 2005, "The Platinum Collection" 2007. Christie was discovered by the late John Peel.

Christie composed the theme tune and incidental music for the BBC TV series "Get Well Soon" written by Ray Galton ("Steptoe & Son") and composed and wrote a Musical/Feature film about his native Ireland ("Two Stops to Paradise").

As well as writing Christie produced two of his own albums with Steve Nye, "The Box" and "This Is As Far As I Go". He solo produced Aled Jones' album "Whenever God Shines His Light".



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The Vertically Challenged

Focus Ireland: 25 years working for everyone without a home

If you're anything like me then climbing a small hill is the proverbial uphill battle, but there are those more adventurous souls who relish the challenge that climbing mountains can pose. Four such enterprising people are Anita Hamilton, Iain Keaney, Orla Power and Anthony Doran or collectively known as "The Vertically Challenged". Anita [Team captain], Iain, Orla and Anthony have wanted to do the **Four Peaks Challenge (16th – 18th Sep 2011)** for a number of years now and have decided that this was the year that they were going to make that dream come true. This is no small ambition due to the fact that they have to climb 4 mountains in 3 consecutive days and the mountains they are going to climb to raise much needed funding for Focus Ireland are Carrauntoohil (Kerry), Mweelrea (Mayo), Slieve Donard (Down) and Lugnaquilla (Wicklow).

There is no doubt that this challenge demands a high fitness level and for this Focus Ireland have set up a training programme whereby the team are training most weekends in the Wicklow Mountains. Initially the training begins with a 1 to 2 hour trek a number of times a week which builds up to a walk which can take up to 6 hours. Focus Ireland have organised a dietary plan along with the training schedules for health and safety reasons to ensure the safe journey of the participants and to enhance the enjoyment of the experience. As you can see, there is a high level of commitment and training on behalf of the participants, but they all agree that it's worth the effort if they can raise the 4500 euro which goes towards those who are in need of a home, a bed and a decent hot meal. At the moment Anthony is recovering from a recent ankle injury, but he is very hopeful that he will be back to peak fitness by the time the event takes place.

Donations of all sizes and amounts are greatly accepted and the following list which was issued by Focus Ireland will let you see what can be achieved;

- 8 euro – will help to provide food for a family who is homeless.
- 25 euro – helps to provide counselling, advice, guidance and support to someone who comes to us faced with the frightening prospect of being homeless.
- 50 euro – helps to provide a place away from the streets in our childcare centre for a young child who is homeless.
- 75 euro – supports us to provide a safe place to live for teenagers, (16-18 years), who are homeless and need someone to turn to, and help them manage their future lives.
- 100 euro – provides funds that will help support a previously homeless family for a month to live independently.

250 euro – helps us to create an opportunity to rebuild the life of a young person leaving a state institution or whose foster care just hasn't worked out.

While this is a long list, it shows how much can be achieved with your help and donations. There are over 5000 people homeless at any one time in Ireland and any money donated is not only greatly received, but it does make a real difference to people's lives.

So why not think about supporting Anita, Iain, Orla and Anthony in this tremendous challenge and make a real difference to someone's life as well? So far they have organised a family fun day in Rockfield Square on Sunday 21st of August which was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended, but they are also going to have a camp-out on the lawn in front of the John Hume Building in Maynooth University on the 28th of September, a book-sale on the 21st of September and a cake sale on the 26th of September which are both also being held in the college. Due to time constraints the team will still be collecting donations for the challenge after the **Four Peaks Challenge** event, so you will still have some time to make that generous donation. The Vertically Challenged team would like to acknowledge and thank all of those individuals and businesses that have sponsored them so far, but they would also like to say that if any other individual or business would like to make a donation or sponsor them they can call Anita at **085-155-6525**. They can also be sponsored on the Focus Ireland website at www.focusireland.ie, just click on the 'sponsor a friend' option and you can sponsor them under their name "The Vertically Challenged".

By Brian O'Neill



Maynooth Musical Society

Maynooth Musical Society will be busy in September. We Have chosen our musical for 2011, RENT!, so now we have to begin fundraising and auditioning.

Fundraising:

Tuesday 20th September: Table Quiz in O'Neills Pub, Main Street, Maynooth @ 8pm. €20 for a table of four. This is a rollover quiz that will take place over a few months. There will also be prizes on the night for those who wish to take part in the quiz for only the one night.

Saturday 1st October (Provisionally): Car Boot Sale and Market [Location and date to be confirmed. Please contact us at maynoothmusicalsociety@gmail.com for further details].

RENT! Auditions:

Auditions will take place over three days, 29th - 1st October (You only need to attend one night). Audition pieces will be provided before the audition so anyone wishing to audition should email us at

maynoothmusicalsociety@gmail.com.

Location and times will be confirmed at a later date so register your interest with us or watch out for the posters. RENT will go to stage on 28 - 31st March, 2012.

If you have any queries please drop us a line or visit our facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Maynooth-Musical-Society/120070758073783>



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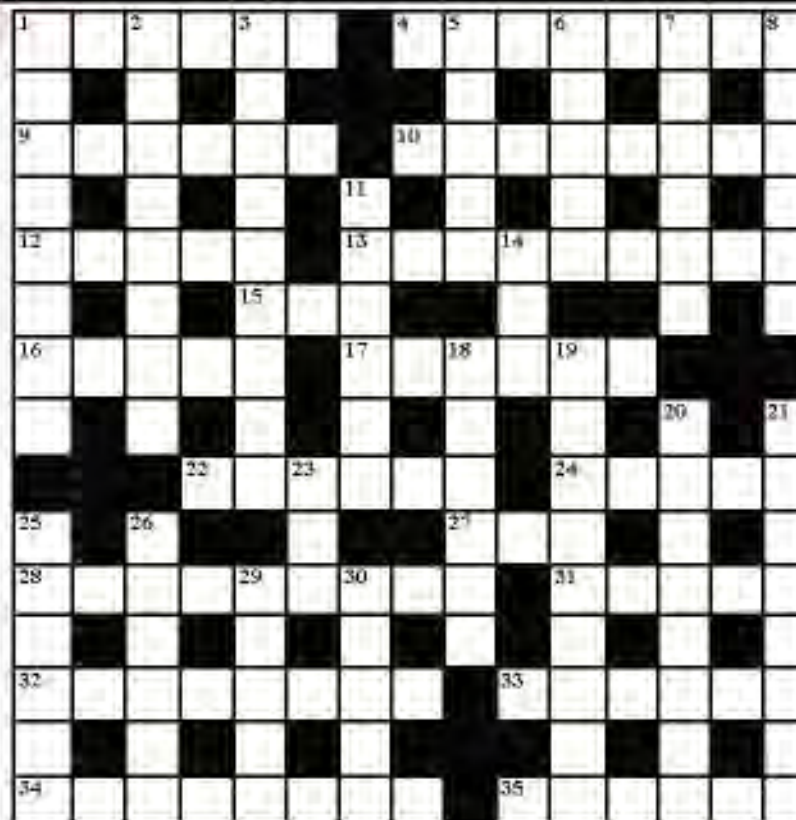
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September 2011 Crossword — No: 395

ACROSS

1. Toxin (6)
 4. Particular, exact (8)
 9. Option, selection (6)
 10. Ghastly, grisly (8)
 12. Go (5)
 13. The study of the finances of the state (9)
 15. Wise old saying (3)
 16. Awake and watchful (5)
 17. Virgil's epic (6)
 22. Better to light one than curse the darkness (6)
 24. Light, semitransparent fabric (5)
 27. Scheduled to arrive (3)
 28. Halted car at the important church (9)
 31. Synthetic material (5)
 32. Institution to express belief in a divine power (8)
 33. The ability to see (6)
 34. Excited uncertainty (8)
 35. If not (6)



DOWN

1. Odd, rum (8)
 2. Set apart from others (8)
 3. Band of musicians (9)
 5. Snap, exposure, in short (5)
 6. Freight (5)
 7. Cloth, material (6)
 8. Solid food made from milk curd (6)
 11. Recompense for worthy act (6)
 14. Indicate maiden name (3)
 18. Sewing implement (6)
 19. New device or process (9)
 20. Slope of a small mountain (8)
 21. Leftovers, scraps (8)
 23. Sign of assent (3)
 25. Frightens (6)
 26. They support plants (6)
 29. Large bird of prey (5)
 30. Beginnings, origins (5)

Answers to No. 394

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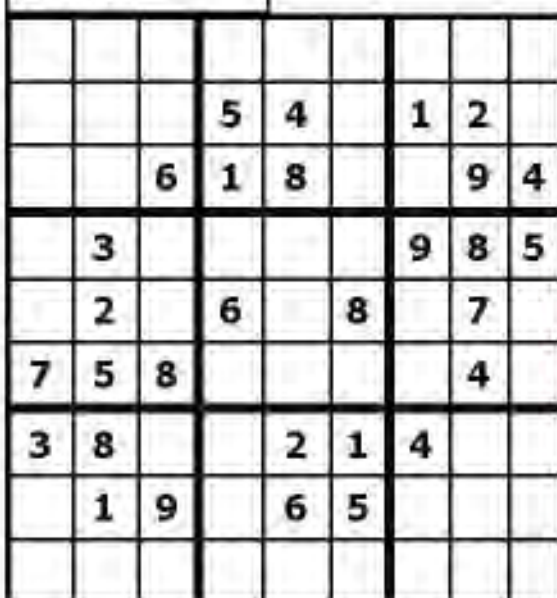
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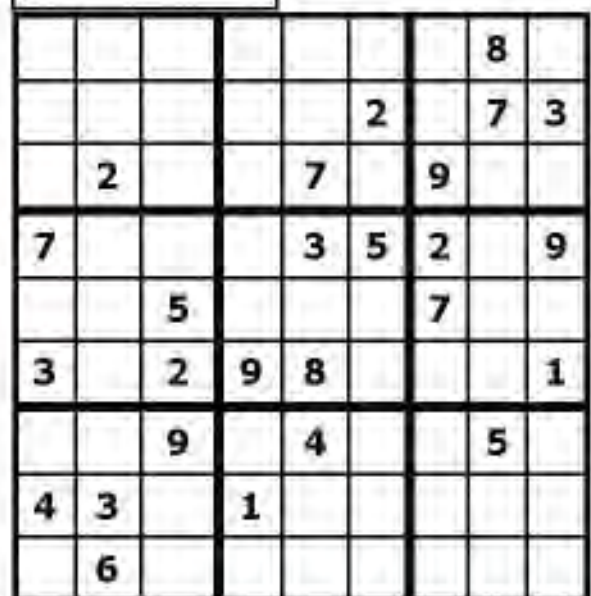


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Maynooth: Joint 38th out of 53 towns / cities surveyed. Litter Classification – Moderately Littered.

Back in the league, an important university town, hope it will be better. Only one approach road gets a Grade A. The council can force Tesco and the Railway Station to keep their sites free of litter. Three of the ten sites surveyed in Maynooth got the top litter grade and the remainder were all moderately littered, with no seriously littered sites. The top ranking sites were Pound Lane (Residential), Maynooth College – West Wing and Approach from West. St. Mary's School was moderately littered but with a quick clean-up this could easily be a top ranking site. As well as the ten sites surveyed as listed below, the surveyor noted no sign of litter outside fast-food outlets.

Approach from West: Grade A. (not motorway) An excellent approach road leading in to Maynooth. Grass was neatly cut and adorned with daffodils.

Dublin Approach: Grade B. There was a litter presence along this approach route – all of the litter present was food related.

Dunboyne Approach Road: Grade B. Sweet papers, cans, fast-food wrappers and plastic bottles were all found along both sides of this road and the litter bins were dirty.

Clane / Naas Approach Road: Grade B. The litter along this approach road was most pronounced at the busy lay-by, despite a litter bin just beside it – maybe the litter bin is simply too far for individuals to walk.

Tesco Car Park: Grade B. A light scattering of litter took away from an otherwise well presented site – road surface / signage / markings and low lying shrubbery were in good condition. With a quick clean up this could easily get the top litter grade. The McDonald's with the car park was in pristine condition.

Maynooth Railway Station: Grade B. There was litter in the car park and paper on the railway tracks – despite the provision of plenty of litter bins.

Maynooth College – West Wing: Grade A. A very well cared for and maintained site – all was in good order and clear of litter throughout.

St. Mary's School: Grade B. The grounds of the school were clear of litter but it was the food related litter on the grassy area parallel to the parking outside the school which was responsible for the downgrading of this site. With a little extra effort this could easily be a top ranking site.

Public Park: Grade B. This site requires a little more care in order to get the top litter grade – there was a variety of food related litter and surveyor noted just one litter bin in the area surveyed.

Pound Lane – residential area: Grade A. This was a top ranking site where the residents are clearly very house-proud.

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Word Search

My Clothes

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½ cucumber cut into batons
1 small red onion, thinly sliced
2 tbsp sesame oil (optional)
fresh coriander leaves

For the plum sauce

1 eating apple, grated
2 tbsp water
250g/9oz dark red plums
6 tbsp apricot jam
85g/3oz light brown sugar
110g/4oz white wine vinegar
generous pinch chilli powder

Method

1. Salt and roast the duck, in a preheated oven 180C/350F/Gas 4 for about 1 hour until the meat is tender, basting occasionally. Once the duck is cooked allow it to rest and divide into portions or shred the flesh.

2. While the duck is cooking, prepare the sauce. Simply tip all the ingredients into a pan, cover and simmer for about an hour. Sieve and allow to cool slightly. Taste and adjust seasoning, adding more sugar if necessary.

3. Assemble the salad ingredients in a bowl.

4. To serve, gently warm the plum sauce, pile some of the salad into the centre of a serving plate, place a portion of duck on top and serve the warm plum sauce on the side.

Blackberry & Apple Pie

Ingredients

175g plain flour
pinch salt
100g butter
25g caster sugar
1 tsp grated lemon zest
1 egg yolk
milk, to moisten and glaze



For the Filling

300g cooking apples, peeled, cored and sliced

225g fresh blackberries
caster sugar, to taste

Method

1. Heat oven to 180C/fan 160C/gas 4. Sift the flour and salt into a bowl. Cut the butter into small pieces and rub in until the mixture resembles fine bread-crumbs.

2. Mix in the sugar, lemon zest, egg yolk and a splash of milk to form a dough. Knead the dough lightly.

3. Spoon the apples and blackberries into a shallow 1.2ltr/900ml dish, then sprinkle over sugar to taste.

4. Roll out the pastry on a lightly floured surface, large enough to cover the pie. Place the pastry over the filled pie dish, then seal and flute the edges. Glaze the top of the pie with a little milk, then bake for 40-45 mins until golden.

Blackberry Coulis

Ingredients

250g blackberries
50g golden caster sugar
½ tsp vanilla extract

Method

1. Put the blackberries and sugar into a small pan with 100ml/3 1/2 fl oz water. Bring to the boil, then simmer for 5 mins until the fruit is soft. Stir in the vanilla, remove and cool a little.

2. Tip the contents of the pan into a blender or food processor, and whizz to a purée, then strain through a sieve, rubbing it through with the back of a ladle or spoon. Serve warm or chilled. Keeps in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 3 days, or freeze for up to 3 months.

This versatile fruit sauce is perfect for serving with ice cream, pancakes or layered up in creamy desserts



Maynooth Tidy Towns

At time of writing we are awaiting results from The National Tidy Towns competition. We will print a comprehensive report in the October Newsletter.

We appreciate all the efforts made by residents associations to beautify the residential areas in Maynooth.

A big thank you to those businesses who put up flower baskets on their premises.

A number of NEW LITTER BINS have been put in place by Kildare County Council.

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A packed Renehan Hall in St. Patrick's College welcomed a delegation from Canet-en-Roussillon for the formal signing of the twinning charter on Saturday October 1st last. This signing was the second of a two-part signing process to complete the twinning of Maynooth with Canet-en-Roussillon, where the first part of the signing process took place in Canet-en-Roussillon in June 2011.

The attendance included Catherine Murphy T.D., Bernard Durkan T.D., Emmet Stagg T.D. as well as Senator Sean Barrett, Local Councillors Senan Griffin, Deputy Mayor of Kildare and John McGinley. Also present were Mayor of Kildare Micheál Nolan, Kildare County Manager Michael Malone and Director of Services with responsibility for twinning Peter Minnock. Former Mayor Cllr. Brendan Weld who signed the charter in Canet-en-Roussillon last June and who has strongly supported the twinning was also present. NUI Maynooth was represented by Deputy-President Prof. Jim Walsh.

Proceeding was chaired by Eddie Tobin, Chairperson of Maynooth Community Council Twinning Sub-Committee, who welcomed everyone. Speakers included Micheál Nolan, Mayor of County Kildare, who outlined the value of a twinning agreement to a town and the value to the County. Bernard Dupont, Mayor of Canet, left aside his formal speech to "speak from his heart" of his joy that the twinning agreement was being signed. He thanked everyone involved especially his Councillor with responsible for twinning Emmanuelle Garbani de Lacvivier and said that many people in Canet were looking forward to coming to Maynooth and that a big welcome will be given to people from Maynooth when they go to Canet-en-Roussillon.

Cllr Emmanuelle Garbani de Lacvivier addressed the gathering advising that the three main pillars on which the twinning is built is Education, Sport and Culture. She said that she looked forward to working on further projects as part of the twinning agreement. Tom McMullon, Chairperson Maynooth Community Council, told the gathering that of all the projects that he had been involved in over many years on Maynooth Community Council, the twinning was special as it links us to another community. He said that this twinning is for all of the people in the town to get involved with and that Maynooth Community Council would support people who want to make connections in Canet. He thanked the twinning committee members for their efforts in ensuring that the project had been a success so far. He said that this twinning was for the future generations of Maynooth.

Colm O'Cearúil, Secretary of the Maynooth Community Council Twinning Sub-Committee, gave a short history of Maynooth/French historic connections as well as an outline of what has happened in the twinning to-date. Killian Campbell and Ursula McGinn from Maynooth Post-Primary who were part of first student exchange that took place earlier this year, lifted the crowd with their enthusiastic report on their experience and the friendships that they had formed because of the twinning. It is clear that the connections between the people of Maynooth and Canet-en-Roussillon are only beginning.

At the end of the ceremony gifts were exchanged to mark the event. Mayor Micheál Nolan and former Mayor Brendan Weld presented a specially commissioned painting of Maynooth, donated by local artist Emma Boyce, to Mayor Bernard Dupont.

Signing The Charter



Tom McMullon, Mayor Bernard Dupont, Mayor Micheál Nolan, Michael Malone, Kildare County Manager



Eddie Tobin, Stéphane Loda, Paul Croghan, Bernard Dupont, Mayor of Canet, Emmanuelle Garbani de Lacvivier, Tom McMullon, Micheál Nolan, Mayor of Kildare, Alexandra Maillochaud, Francis Clique, First Deputy Mayor of Canet, Jocelyn Hodapp, Michael Malone, Kildare County Manager, Colm O'Cearúil

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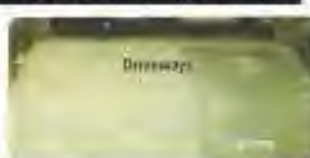
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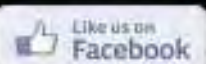
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New members welcome

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If anyone is interested in joining the group please contact Susan at 6289349 evenings or email me at Durackgs@eircom.net. We gladly welcome new members. All you need is enthusiasm and interest. It doesn't matter if you are at beginner, intermediate or advanced level. We do not offer teaching but do learn from each other. It is a very informal and friendly group. Bring whatever materials you wish to work with. A number of people expressed an interest in joining after our last exhibition at Easter - please make contact if you still wish to join.

We meet from the end of Sept to April/May and our year's work is shown in an annual exhibition just after Easter in the Post Primary School. Our starting fee is €30 to cover insurance etc. There may be an extra charge near the end of the year to cover exhibition set up. We are very grateful to Kildare VEC, Mr. Johnny Nevin, Principal, Post Primary School and to our patron Mr. Thomas Ashe for their support.

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Thanks to Kildare Vocational Education Committee, U3A Maynooth has a significant space. Maynooth Community Library graciously facilitated us since 2006. Thank you to all those who gave of their skills and time. It is a very pleasant venue. We shall remember Positive Ageing Week 2011. A new premises! A letter from Queen Elizabeth's senior secretary at Buckingham Palace in reply to our letter following the Queen's visit to Ireland. U3A Maynooth were delighted to attend the Charter signing of Maynooth Town with Canet-en-Rousillon France. Carton House welcomed French and Irish guests to an Irish evening with a U3A Maynooth song, dance and drama presentation. U3A Maynooth remembers Maura Wilcox whose husband Leslie Wilcox died recently. Maura is a very hard working and much appreciated member. Mona Meagher is also in our thoughts and prayers on the death of her sister Phyllis McNamee.



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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

By the time you read this article we will have left the dreary summer behind us and perhaps can look forward to a pleasant Autumn. Our Seniors have just returned from their annual week in Kerdiffstown, which they enjoyed despite the weather.

Our next event will be our Halloween Tea-dance on Oct 16th and the Tony Smith memorial walk will also take place on that day. Our sale of Work will take place on Nov 20th in the Aula Maxima in Maynooth College and I thank Colm, John, Liam, Kevin, Ollie and all involved in this venture for all their help. Your support was never more needed as in this time of recession. Our people will try to get to every house on the run up to this date and I know you will be as generous in the future as you have been in the past. If we happen to miss you, donations can be left into my house or to any committee member. The tickets for the monster hamper will be on sale as usual at Tesco and we thank them for this facility and not forgetting Ollie Bright for all his help.

Our Christmas shopping will take place on Dec. 8th courtesy of Supervalu and our annual dinner will take place on Dec. 11th.

A very full schedule for the Autumn/Winter you will agree, so I ask you to remember these dates, in particular our fundraising events as our survival depends on them. I thank you all in anticipation.

Josephine Moore

Curves

We Want Your Bras! Help Support Action Breast Cancer With Curves Maynooth

Curves Maynooth will collect old and/or unwanted bras from both Curves members and local residents alike for the club's bra recycling bank. Curves, located in Maynooth Business Campus (off the M4 motorway), has installed a bra bank for both member and non-members to donate unwanted bras. For every each kilo of bras deposited, 1.10 Euros will be donated to Action Breast Cancer, a programme of the Irish Cancer Society.

Fundraising for breast cancer charities is something which unites the Curves community globally and the team in Curves Maynooth is delighted to be able to support Action Breast Cancer, whose goals of supporting and strengthening women match Curves' core values extremely well.

Over the past two years, Curves clubs across Ireland have fundraised in excess of €11,000 for Action Breast Cancer. Jim O'Malley, Corporate Partnerships Manager of the Irish Cancer Society said, "We are thrilled to work with Curves on their very creative Bra Recycling Campaign, and of course are so grateful for their efforts in raising such a generous amount of money."

"Action Breast Cancer is a vital programme of the Irish Cancer Society, one which requires ongoing support," O'Malley elaborated, "One in 10 women living in Ireland will develop breast cancer in their lifetime and so we need to keep promoting the breast cancer message and ultimately raising funds to enable ongoing research. Curves has certainly come up with a unique way of helping us to promote our message."

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

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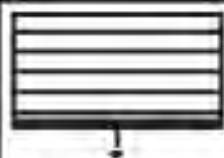
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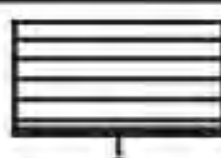
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Answer

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You can check if you are listed on the Register of Electors at checktheregister.ie. You can also inspect the Register which is available in local authority offices, post offices, Garda stations and public libraries. The updated Register is published in February each year.

If your name is not on the Register of Electors you can apply to be included in a supplement to the Register. To do this you should complete form RFA2 and send it to your local authority. You can download it from checktheregister.ie. The form is also available from your local authority.

In order to be included in the supplement used at an election, your application must be received by your local authority at least 15 days before polling day. (Sundays, Public holidays and Good Friday are not counted as days for this purpose). So if you want to vote on 27 October 2011 you should make sure your local authority has received your completed form RFA2 by **Monday 10 October 2**

Question

Last May I entered into a civil partnership. We both work and pay tax as single people. How will we be taxed as civil partners?

Answer

The tax provisions that apply to married couples (in the year of marriage and in subsequent years) now apply to civil partners. The Finance (No. 3) Act 2011 made the necessary taxation changes. The changes apply for the 2011 year of assessment.

When you enter into a civil partnership, both you and your civil partner continue to be treated as single people for tax purposes in that year. However, if the tax you pay as two single people is greater than the tax that would be payable if you were taxed as civil partners, you can claim the difference. (In other words, you can claim a tax refund.) Refunds are only due from the date the civil partnership was registered and will be calculated after the following 31 December. In your case any refund due to you would be calculated after 31 December 2011.

As you entered a civil partnership in 2011, both of you will continue to be taxed as two single individuals for that tax year. In subsequent years the options that are available to married couples apply – joint assessment, separate assessment or separate treatment. You can choose which type of assessment suits you best – in general couples choose separate or joint assessment. This allows the use of extra personal tax credits or any unused part of the standard tax rate band for one partner against the income of the other partner to reduce their combined tax liability.

You and your civil partner should contact your local Revenue office to tell them the date of registration of your civil partnership, your PPS numbers and to fill in the nominated civil partner's election form (pdf). This form is available at www.revenue.ie.

You can find out more about how people in a civil partnership are taxed on the Revenue website.

Question

I work part-time and my working hours are irregular. If I do not work on a public holiday, how do I get my public holiday entitlement?

Answer

If you have worked at least 40 hours in total in the 5 weeks before the public holiday you are entitled to paid leave on the day or one of the following alternatives:

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

If you have worked for your employer at least 40 hours in the 5 weeks before the public holiday and you are due to work on a public holiday you are entitled to that day off as paid leave or one of the alternatives as listed above.

If you are not required to work on that particular day you should receive one-fifth of your weekly pay instead of the actual day's leave. Even if you are never rostered to work on a public holiday you are entitled to one-fifth of your weekly pay as compensation for the public holiday.

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. If your employer does not, you are entitled to take the actual public holiday as a paid day off.

Information about public holiday entitlements is available from the National Employment Rights Agency which operates an information helpline on Lo-call 1890 80 80 90.

Complaints in relation to holiday entitlements may be referred to a Rights Commissioner at the Labour Relations Commission, Tom Johnson House, Haddington Road, Dublin 4, Lo-call 1890 220 227, lrc.ie.

Question

I am 19. I left school this summer and I have just become eligible to apply for Jobseeker's Allowance. I am living at home with my parents – will this make any difference to how much I will get?

Answer

If you apply for Jobseeker's Allowance (JA), are aged under 25 and are living with a parent or a step-parent in the family home, your parents' income is taken into account in the means assessment. This is called benefit and privilege.

To work out how much, if any, will be deducted from your payment, add together your parents' net weekly income from all sources. (Net income is gross income less income tax, PRSI, Universal Social Charge, private health insurance contribution, superannuation and union dues.) Capital or savings that your parents have is not assessed.

You then deduct the following from your parents' net weekly income to get their assessable income:

- Any rent or mortgage repayments
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- €30 for each child up to 18 years of age or over 18 years and in full-time education (unless they get a social welfare payment in their own right)

Then, 34% of your parents' assessable income is assessed as benefit and privilege against your payment. This means that you must subtract this

amount from your weekly JA which, as you are aged 19, is €100 a week.

If, however, you have no means or income and your parents' assessable means are less than the personal rate of JA, you are entitled to a minimum payment of €40 a week. For example if 34% of your parents' means is €80 and the JA rate for your age is €100 you will get €40, not €20.

If you return to live with your parents after having lived independently either in Ireland or abroad for at least 3 years, benefit and privilege is assessed as €7.00 per week. If you are living with your parents and you are married, in a civil partnership, or cohabiting, you are not assessed for benefit and privilege.

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HAMILTON WALK

On Sunday 16 October 2011, the staff and students of the Department of Mathematics at NUI Maynooth and members of the general public will take to the banks of the Royal Canal to mark a famous day in the history of science and mathematics. On this day in 1843, William Rowan Hamilton, one of the world's most outstanding mathematicians ever, created the quaternions in a flash of inspiration while walking along the banks of the Royal Canal in Dublin. Anyone interested in participating in the walk is welcome to come along. The walk will be part of Maths Week Ireland 2011. The aim of Maths Week Ireland is to promote the understanding, awareness and appreciation of Maths. Check www.mathsweek.ie <<http://www.mathsweek.ie> for a schedule of events for Maths Week.

Each year the Mathematics Department at NUI Maynooth commemorates the event by retracing Hamilton's steps. The walk begins at Dunsink Observatory and heads south to meet the Royal Canal before going east along the canal to end up at Broombridge train station in Cabra, where a plaque marks the area where Hamilton scratched his formulas for the quaternions on the bridge. The walk is about three miles long and passes through some pleasant countryside.

A quaternion is a certain type of four-dimensional number and was a totally new concept in mathematics. Quaternions played an important role in some major breakthroughs in science. For example, they were fundamental in Maxwell's formulation of his theory of electromagnetic waves in 1864. This theory ultimately led to the invention of the first wireless telegraph by Marconi in 1895 and then radio, television and radar all followed. Also, vector analysis, which is indispensable in modern physics, is an offspring of quaternions. Quaternions are now also important in computer graphics, designing computer games and special effects in movies. For example, quaternions were used to create the famous character, Lara Croft, in the computer game "Tomb Raider" and also some of the special effects in the movie, "The Matrix Reloaded."

Hamilton has been called the Liberator of Algebra because his quaternions shattered the previously accepted convention that a useful algebraic number system should satisfy the rules of ordinary numbers in arithmetic. The mathematical world was shocked by his audacity in creating a system of 'numbers' that did not satisfy the usual commutative rule for multiplication (this is the rule which says that it does not matter in which order you multiply two ordinary numbers, i.e. two times three equals three times two. The quaternions do not satisfy this rule). Hamilton's quaternions opened up a whole new mathematical landscape in which mathematicians were now free to conceive new algebraic number systems that were not shackled by the rules of ordinary numbers. Thus, one can say that modern algebra was born on 16 October 1843, on the banks of the Royal Canal in Dublin.

William Rowan Hamilton (1805-1865) is Ireland's greatest mathematician. He was born in Dominick St. in Dublin and spent his youth on the banks of the River Boyne in Trim, Co. Meath. Hamilton was appointed Professor in 1827 while still an undergraduate at Trinity College, and lived at Dunsink Observatory for the rest of his life.

All are welcome to participate in the walk.

Contact Dr Fiacre Ó Cairbre in the Department of Mathematics at NUI Maynooth (Tel: 01-708 3763) to book a place on the walk.

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Maynooth Castle (12) A Focal Point of Local History

Garret Mór, the Great Earl of Kildare, lived from 1456 to 1513. This was a period when the kings of England ruled Ireland, in so far as they can be said to have ruled it at all, through the agency of a great Anglo-Irish Lord acting as the deputy of a nominal lord lieutenant of royal blood. With a few interruptions Garret Mór was acting governor of Ireland from 1478 to his death in 1513. He was of Fitzgerald stock on both sides. His mother was Joan, daughter of James, the executed seventh earl of Desmond, and his father was Thomas, seventh earl of Kildare. Garret was most probably born at his father's chief castle of Maynooth, and grew up there with his two sisters and three brothers.

The Great Earl first took office as governor of Ireland during the reign of the Yorkist King Edward IV, and the Kildares, with most of the lords of Ireland, continued to support the house of York throughout its struggle with the rival house of Lancaster for the throne of England. So indispensable did his services in keeping Ireland relatively peaceful and trouble-free appear to both rival English houses, that his governorship of Ireland survived not only the downfall of the Yorkists, but even his own active involvement in an attempted coup to restore them. In 1485 the Lancastrian Henry Tudor defeated the Yorkist Richard III at the battle of Bosworth and became king as Henry VII. In 1487 a pretender, Lambert Simnel, who claimed to be a nephew of Edward IV, was crowned in Dublin as Edward VI with Kildare's support. An invasion of England to place the claimant on the throne followed, and Thomas, brother of the Great Earl, fought and died on his side at the battle of Stoke where Simnel was defeated and taken prisoner. A few years later yet another pretender claiming to be a Yorkist heir appeared at Cork. Again Kildare plotted to help make him king of England, though on this occasion he did not go to the length of

rebellion.

At this stage the Tudor King Henry VII, not surprisingly, experimented with removing Kildare from power in Ireland. In his place he sent over an Englishman, Sir Edward Poynings in 1494. Poynings held a famous parliament at Dorogheda which passed an act limiting the power of Irish parliaments. It also outlawed the war-cries of the Fitzgeralds and the Butlers, and attainted the Great Earl; that is, it passed an act declaring him a traitor. He was arrested, sent to England, and lodged in the tower of London. During his long detention in England his wife, Alison Eustace, died of grief in November 1494. From the Tower, Garret Mór was brought before the king and his Council and accused of many offences by enemies and rivals from Ireland. In an article in the Journal of the County Kildare Archaeological Society in 1896, Lord Walter Fitzgerald, using contemporary accounts, recounts what happened as follows:

"The Bishop of Meath commenced by accusing the Earl of sundry offences, and amongst others of forcing him from the sanctuary. The Earl answered that he was not sufficiently able to defend himself, as the Bishop was a learned man, and so was not he, and thus he might be able to get the better of him in an argument. Thereupon the King advised the Earl to select a counsellor, and any one he choose he would surely get. The Earl replied that he doubted he would get the good fellow he would select. 'By my troth, thou shalt,' said the King. 'Give me your hand on it' said the Earl. 'Here is my hand,' said the King, 'choose well, for thou art badly in need of a good one.' 'I will choose the best in England,' said the Earl. 'And who is that?' asked the King. 'Marry! The King himself,' replied the Earl, 'and by St. Bride I will choose none other.' At this the King laughed, and turning to the Council remarked, 'A wiser man might have chosen worse.'

"After finishing with the Bishop of Meath's complaints, the Bishop of Cashel eventually came

forward and accused the Earl of having burnt his cathedral on the Rock of Cashel, and at the same time produced numerous witnesses to prove the fact. But contrary to their expectations, the Earl not only confessed it, but added: 'By St. Bride! I never would have done it but I thought the Bishop was inside.' This being said in front of the bishop himself made the King laugh heartily, and he was so impressed with the bluntness and frankness of the Earl, that on the Bishop of Meath irritably exclaiming: 'Your Majesty must see all Ireland cannot rule this man,' the King at once replied: 'Then he shall rule all Ireland.' "And thus the Earl was restored to his honours and estates, and appointed Lord Deputy by letters patent, dated 6th August 1496."

Not only this but he returned to Ireland with a new wife, Elizabeth St. John, who was a cousin of the king. After his restoration to the post of deputy, Garret Mór ruled Ireland until his death in 1513. He could still use parliament in his own interests as long as he had Henry's approval. He held control over appointments to most of the great offices in church and state, control over the way in which revenue was spent, and command of the royal forces in Ireland, and of the royal artillery. Apart from all this he exercised great power in his own right as earl of Kildare, and this he built up by judicious alliances. His daughters married into the great Irish and Anglo-Irish families of O'Donnell, O'Carroll, MacCarthy Reagh, Butler and Burke. He was recognized as virtually the 'uncrowned king' of Ireland and historians have speculated as to his chances of success if he had launched an all-out campaign to repudiate the authority of the kings of England and set himself up as king of Ireland. This however he never attempted to do, and was satisfied to rule Ireland in the interests of his family and allies, using to the full all the resources available to him as deputy of the king, and representing his actions to the king as being in the interest and defence of royal power. In this he was so successful that Henry VII created him a knight of the Garter as a reward for his victory in the battle of Knocktoe, or Cnoc Tuagh, near Galway, in 1504, a battle which was the result of long-standing family feuds in Ireland and where, with the help of Irish and Anglo-Irish forces drawn from all over Ireland, the Great Earl defeated a strong rival in the person of his son-in-law Ulick Burke, Lord of Clanrickard.

Garret Mór died at Kildare in 1513 as the result of wounds received in a skirmish near Kilkea with a party of the O'Mores of Leix. He was buried before the high altar of St. Mary's Chapel in the choir of Christ Church. The chronicler, Richard Stanyhurst has left this description of the Great Earl. He was:

"a mightie man of stature, full of honore and courage, who had bin Lord Deputy and Lord Justice of Ireland three-and-thirtie yeares, Kildare was in government milde, to his enemies sterne, He was open and playne, hardly able to rule himself when he was moved; in anger not so sharp as short, being easily displeased and sooner appeased This olde Earle, being soone hotte, and soone cold, was of the Englishe well beloved; a good Justicier, a suppressor of the rebels, a warrioure incomparable; towards the nobles, that he fansyed not, somewhat headlong and unruly. Notwithstanding hys simplicitie in peace, he was of that valoure and policie in warre, as his name bred a greater terrour to the Irish than other men's armyes."

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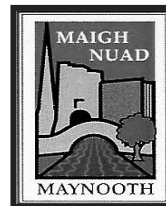
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The academic year of 2011-2012 sees the 40th Anniversary of Maynooth Post Primary School.

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The opening celebration will be held on October 7th when President of Ireland, Mary McAleese visits the school. It is a huge honour for the school to have the President of Ireland recognise our 40th Anniversary.

In November we hope to have a 40th Anniversary Ball. This will be open to staff, past pupils, parents and the wider school community. The Ball will be held on November 12th in Carton House and ticket numbers will be limited.

In December a special 1970s Day will be held by the History Department for students. They can dress up and learn about what life was like when the school began.

Later in the year we hope to have a gala musical evening. For this event we ask any past students who have gone on to perform to please let us know. We would love to have you perform at our special concert. If you or anyone you know would like to participate in this event please contact Ms Anne-Marie Lawlor or Ms Sinead O'Connell.

The day of the Maynooth Post Primary School Fun Run 2012 will see a Family Fun Day on the grounds of the school. The local community is invited to come and see what we do here in Maynooth Post Primary School. More details of this event will follow.

**More information on the year's celebrations from
Sinead O'Connell, Maynooth Post Primary School.**

Ghost Stories

Are you interested in local ghosts and supernatural phenomena, and the 'not-so-local' ones, also?

At 8 pm on Tuesday, 1st November, at the Glenroyal Hotel, the Maynooth Local History Group hosts an evening of ghost storytelling.

Come along on the night to tell your own story, or to listen to the stories and experiences of others.

'Google' this website..... "Seamus Cullen's personal website,"..... and then click onto

"The Lady in White" for a real flavour of a local ghost story.

This is a terrific website, and packed with local history studies.



Maynooth Ladies Golf Society.

Ladies Captain's Day.

The Maynooth Ladies Golf Society had their Captain's Day at Killeen Castle, Dunsany, Co. Meath on Saturday 3rd September. The 2011 Solheim Cup will be held on this course on the 26th - 28th September. We all had a very enjoyable day of golf, with the rain staying away. There were 15 golfers playing on the day. Our Lady captain Yvonne Murphy organised a great day out and some really lovely prizes. The course itself was long and very challenging but everyone played well and enjoyed it.

Well done to everyone.

Results:

1st Prize: Karen Kelly

2nd Prize: Yvonne Murphy

3rd Prize: Deirdre Glynn

Front Nine: Ursula Byrne

Back Nine: Edel Hutchinson

Nearest the pin: Roseleen McCabe

Longest Drive: Mary Buckley

If you are interested in joining our society, our annual membership fee is €30 and each outing is €40 approx. We play various golf courses around the Kildare area once a month from February to October. You can contact Louise Saults at 0868793610 after 6pm, or email louisesaults@gmail.com. New members very welcome.

The 8th Kildare Maynooth Scouts

The 8th Kildare Maynooth Scouts are having a number of fund raising events coming up, all these events are open to everybody in the community. Monies raised will go towards the building of the new Den. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Friday 21st October 2011 - Race Night in the Glenroyal Hotel, 8pm - late, no cover charge. Great prizes on the night.

Friday 4th November - Disco for 12 -15 year olds will be held in the Students Union (NUIM North Campus). The disco is fancy dress. It will be from 8 to 11 pm. The event will be suitably supervised. Admission is 10 Euro, which includes a soft drink.

Saturday 5th November - Disco for 6 - 11 year olds, in the Students Union (NUIM North Campus)

5 - 8pm, Admission 5 Euro, including a soft drink and glow stick.

This is a fancy dress disco and there will be face painting available for 1 Euro.



October Seis

*Traidisiún ceoil
ó chroí Bhaile Átha h
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chun go mbeidh againn spraoi.*

The O'Neill's and Friends **October Seis** has now become an annual event which has been held in various venues in Ireland, England and New York and has entertained all who have come to share and enjoy the music and craic with all proceeds going to a worthy local cause. As the opening verse states that it's a "musical tradition from the heart of Athy, bringing it home for all to enjoy", and that's what this is; a musical tradition with its roots and foundation in Athy, Co. Kildare which has now proudly returned to the place of its birth. While there will be a variety of musical entertainments to suit all tastes the event is also being staged to raise much needed funds for the St Vincent's Hospital Athy, an establishment which has served the people of the town of Athy and the people of Kildare for many generations. The official launch of the **October Seis** was held on Friday 8th of July 2011 in the activities room of the hospital and was attended by staff and patients alike with music provided by Kevin, Maureen, Joe, Martin and Sean & Ellen O'Neill. The launch was attended and supported by Jack Wall TD, Sean O' Fearghail TD, local historian Frank Taffe and Athy Mayor Cllr. Richard Daly.

The **October Seis** events take place over the bank holiday weekend, details of which can be found on their official website october_seis@yahoo.com, and the opening venue is on Friday 28th in the Clanard Court Hotel, which will be followed on Saturday 29th in the Carlton Abbey Hotel and on Sunday 30th in the Castle Inn; all venues are situated locally in Athy and are well sign-posted. All musical tastes are catered for with a variety of genres on offer from Blues, Jazz, Ballads, Folk, Rock, Cheile, Traditional, Waltz and Old-Time performed by groups such as The Roving Crows, The Tewkesbury O'Neill's, The Tunesmiths and McDara, who will also be performing some of his own unique blend of music from the selection of his KMH series of recordings, among many other groups who will be performing over the long weekend. Music and the love of entertainment has been an integral part of the lives of the O'Neill family, which has been passed down to them by their father, the late Joe O'Neill, who instilled in them the appreciation of music as a medium to bring people together in a community spirit. While this event is being staged in Athy, all of the people of Kildare and other County's and communities are invited to share and enjoy what is bound to be a fun-filled weekend with something to offer to those of all ages and musical persuasions.

So if you're looking for an enjoyable, musical and fun-packed weekend then think of the **October Seis** on the forth-coming Bank Holiday weekend. While Saturday night is the main venue of the weekend in the Carlton Abbey Hotel with a 10 euro entry fee, there will also be the big raffle and other fundraising events for you to participate in. Whether you're a Jazz or Blues fan, a dancer who prefers to step out to a Waltz or Old-Time or you fancy a sing-a-long to some well known Folk and Ballad songs then this is the venue for you. But the further benefit to this weekend is the support you will be giving to a very deserving cause, that of the care of the elderly in our community. The support you give, they will receive with many thanks both from them and the dedicated and grateful staff at St Vincent's Hospital. When you talk to some of the patients at St Vincent's they can tell you of events that they had attended when they were younger, so now is your chance to add a memorable moment to your own list of enjoyable recollections.

Tickets for the big raffle on Saturday, which is for a hand-made rocking horse (Tickets €3.00 each) which was generously donated by the staff of Wheatfield Prison, can be purchased at the venue on the night or if you would like to enquire about other methods of purchase then please visit the official website.

For Further information on all events and weekend timetables please visit october_seis@yahoo.com

By Brian O'Neill



*John Dooley, Sean, Martin, Paul, Kevin,
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Kevin, Martin, Sean and (background) Jamie O'Neill



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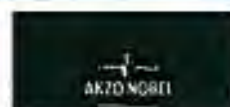
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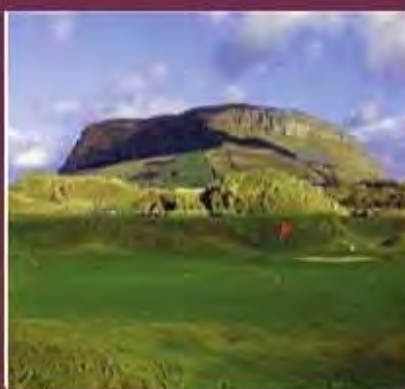
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Maynooth — Canet — Twinning

Canet delegation welcomed in Maynooth and beyond

The advance delegation from Canet-en-Roussillon arrived in Maynooth on Wednesday September 28th and as rugby fans from the Perpignan region of France they were given a major treat in NUI Maynooth where they were greeted by President Nolan and had an opportunity to be photographed with the Heineken Cup.

Most of the delegation had been to Maynooth in 2009 and remembered with amazing clarity many of the key features of the town.

Thursday was spent in Dublin that included a visit and lunch in Dail Eireann hosted by Deputy Bernard Durkan.



Eddie Tobin, Alexandra Maillochaud, Emmanuelle, Garbani de Lacvivier, Tom McMullon, at Leinster House

On Friday the delegation were welcomed to Kildare County Council offices in Naas, by Mayor Micheál Nolan together with Deputy Mayor Cllr, Senan Griffin, Cllr. Brendan Weld, as well as by Michael Malone, County Manager and Director of Services with responsibility for twinning, Peter Minnock.

Later the delegation attended a ceremony in Newbridge to mark the passing out of new members of Kildare Fire Service and then went on to visit to Newbridge Silverware



Brendan Weld, Tom McMullon, Alexandra Maillochaud, Emmanuelle Garbani de Lacvivier, Eddie Tobin, in Kildare Co. co. Chambers



Eddie Fitzgerald, NUIM Barnhall RFC, Jocelyn Hodapp, Alexandra Maillochaud, Tom McMullon, Eddie Tobin, Emmanuelle Garbani de Lacvivier, Colm O'Cearúil,



Dennis Bowes, NUIM Barnhall RFC Rugby Development Officer, with Philip Nolan, President of NUI Maynooth, and NUIM Students



Niall O'Riordan, Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Micheál Nolan, Emmanuelle Garbani de Lacvivier, Celina Barrett, Chief Fire Officer at Kildare County Council, Alexandra Maillochaud, Jocelyn Hodapp, Chanel Donnelly, Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer

Maynooth — Canet — Twinning



Mayor Bernard Dupont & Mayor Micheál Nolan holding The Twinning Charter to the audience following the signing



A section of the large attendance at Renehan Hall, St. Patrick's College



St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band



The 8th Kildare Maynooth Scouts

Maynooth Twinning Events a credit to everyone involved

The events around the formal signing of the Twinning Agreement between Maynooth and Canet-en-Roussillon on October 1st last were a great success because everyone in the town pulled together to extend a wonderful welcome to our distinguished visitors. In thanking everyone for their involvement, Paul Croghan, PRO of the Maynooth Community Council twinning sub-committee said that the organising of such an event is a difficult task and the willing support from community groups, institutions and the business sectors was greatly appreciated by the community council. The twinning ceremony was held in Renehan Hall, in St. Patrick's College on what was a very wet Saturday but the large attendance from all sectors and interests in the town meant that there was a packed hall with only standing room left well before the start of the proceedings.

No event of any significance can happen in the town without the involvement of St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band and they were on hand to bring their special support to the significance of the occasion playing both the Irish and French National Anthems as well as entertaining the audience before formal proceedings commenced. A high standard was set in Canet-en-Roussillon last June when the first official charter was signed but the presence of the band was a major boost for the ceremony in Maynooth. The Maynooth Scouts led the march with flags bearers representing France, Ireland, Catalan and Kildare.

The preparations for the twinning began almost a week earlier with Maynooth Tidy Towns putting up bunting in Main Street reflecting the French/Irish/Catalan/Kildare colours. Also Tidy Towns maintained their floral hanging baskets for the twinning as well as doing additional clean-ups for the occasion. As part of the post twinning event celebrations hosted by Carton House, music was provided by local songwriter and musician Danny McCarthy as well as local traditional music group Push For Porter. Irish dancing was provided by the Rita Doyle, School of Dancing, who is always willing to support community events. U3A was also on hand to add song and fun to the occasion. Dr. Mary Cullen gave our visitors a short history of Maynooth and in particular the many French connections in our history.

On the business side the events were supported by a number of restaurants such as Chill (in NUI, Maynooth), O'Neill's Bar, The Avenue, Brady's and Donatello's as well as The Ryevale and The Springfield House Hotel in Leixlip. St. Patrick's College provided Renehan Hall for the formal signing event. With special agreement Maynooth Castle was opened on Sunday with a tour from local historian, Matt Kennedy.

One person who merits special mention is retired NUI Maynooth French Lecturer, Dr. Michael O'Dwyer who provided us with French/English translations as needed as well as a excellent guided tour of St. Patrick's College. Special thanks to May Daly for flags and Paddy Furlong for photos. Apologies if I have missed anyone, but it was a major undertaking and well done to everyone involved.

Recipes

Rich tomato soup with pesto



Ingredients

- 1 tbsp butter or olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 5 soft sun-dried tomatoes in oil, roughly chopped
- 3 x 400g cans plum tomatoes
- 500ml turkey or vegetable stock
- 1 tsp sugar or more to taste
- 142ml soured cream
- 125g pot fresh basil pesto
- basil leaves, to serve

Method

1. Heat the butter or oil in a large pan, then add the garlic and soften for a few mins over a low heat. Add the sun-dried tomatoes, canned tomatoes, stock, sugar and seasoning, then bring to a simmer. Let the soup bubble for 10 mins until the tomatoes have broken down a little.
2. Whizz with a stick blender, adding half the pot of soured cream as you go. Taste and adjust the seasoning - add more sugar if you need to. Serve in bowls with 1 tbsp or so of the pesto swirled on top, a little more soured cream and scatter with basil leaves.

- 2 sprigs thyme
- 2 bay leaves
- 25g butter
- 250g mushrooms

Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 180c/gas 4.
2. Toss the beef in some seasoned flour.
3. Heat the oil in the dish and cook the beef in batches.
4. Heat a little more oil in the dish and add the bacon, onion and garlic. Cook for five mins until golden then add the carrots and tomato puree. Gradually add the wine and the beef stock.
5. Add the cooked beef, thyme and bay to the dish. Cover and cook in the oven for 2 hours.
6. Meanwhile melt the butter and cook the mushrooms for 5 mins. Add to the dish and return to the oven for an additional 15mins.
7. Season and serve with creamy mashed potatoes

Halloween Barnbrack



Ingredients

- 375g dried fruit
- 300ml cold tea
- 225g self-raising flour
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 teaspoon mixed spice
- 125g caster sugar
- honey or Golden Syrup (optional – for decoration)

Method

1. Soak the fruit in tea overnight, then drain. Mix together with the rest of the ingredients (apart from the honey/golden syrup) and stir in the charms. Don't over knead the dough, or your delicately re-hydrated fruit will break up. Wrap ring and any other 'charms' in greaseproof paper and stir into mixture.

2. Line the base of a 20cm round cake tin or
3. 900g loaf tin with greaseproof paper. Grease the tin and pile in the mixture.
4. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 170C for about an hour until risen and firm to the touch.
5. You can brush melted honey or golden syrup over the brack before cutting. Or glaze the brack with a syrup made from two teaspoons of sugar dissolved in three teaspoons of boiling water.

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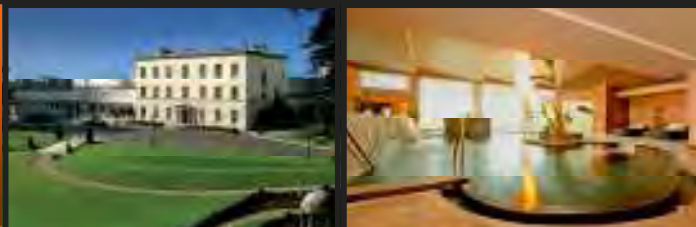
Beef Bourguignon



Ingredients:

- 2tbsp olive oil/ rapeseed oil
- 1.5 kg stewing beef, chopped
- 180g streaky bacon, chopped
- 1 onion, diced
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2tbsp plain flour
- salt and freshly ground pepper
- 2tbsp tomato puree
- 500mls red wine
- 300mls beef stock
- 500g carrots chopped

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We recommend that both dogs and cats are neutered at six months of age but the operation can be performed at any time.

The neutering of a male animal is called castration and involves the removal of that animals testes. This stops the pets sexual urge and so the male dog or cat will display no interest in a potential mate which is in heat. It also has the advantage that if your pet is showing aggressive tendencies, castration can help to suppress these. Tomcats will often mark their territory by spraying urine - this can be very unpleasant in a domestic situation. Castrating the tomcat is a major help in dealing with this problem. Male dogs can develop testicular cancers, by having him castrated at an early age this danger is removed.

With bitches it is often thought by owners that you have to let them have one heat (season) or a litter of pups before they are spayed. The latest scientific evidence does not support this theory and in fact shows that neutering a bitch before her first heat drastically reduces the incidence of mammary tumours in later life and also stops her developing uterine conditions such as pyometra which is very debilitating and can be fatal if left untreated. The spayed bitch will also not suffer from phantom pregnancies which can be very distressing for the patient.

Female cats are some times overlooked but it is important to spay a cat if she is not going to be bred from. This is because of their often large litter size. Therefore the potential for a cat to have several litters of kittens during the course of a year has to be carefully considered.

There are some very common fallacies regarding neutered pets - they do not become fat and lazy if exercise is maintained and they are fed a high quality balanced diet without any additional titbits. Neither do they lose their character but they usually become more gentle which with a pet that may have been previously aggressive is an advantage. Your pet's spirit and intelligence is retained and can be best expressed in a pet which benefits from a correct diet and exercise regime.

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MURPHY CAUTIOUSLY WELCOMES GOVERNMENT'S ESTABLISHMENT OF PYRITE COMMISSION AND ADVISES HOMEOWNERS EXPERIENCING PYRITE PROBLEM TO COME FORWARD

Deputy Catherine Murphy has today welcomed the government's establishment of a Pyrite Commission aimed at tackling the escalating Pyrite problem and HomeBond's withdrawal of support for those affected. Although viewing the action by government as positive, Murphy hastened to add that establishing a commission is more of a statement of intention than a resolution in its own right and that those affected must continue to act if this statement of intent is to translate into true delivery on this urgent issue.

"I'm very happy to see the government taking definitive steps to act on this problem but we're still a long way from an acceptable solution that ensures people who bought and insured their homes in good faith receive the full financial assistance necessary to carry out remedial works on their homes. Now that we're seeing some movement on the issue on the part of government, those affected by the destructive damage of Pyrite must come forward and increase the pressure on HomeBond who have so far failed to cover the financial costs involved adequately."

Murphy stated her wish to highlight among Kildare residents the advice of the government's working group and the "Pyrite Action" campaign who have both come out and said that,

"Those people who suspect or know that Pyrite was used in the construction of their homes and are seeing the adverse effects of it are advised to come forward and report it to HomeBond as soon as possible. The reason for this is the government task force can then compel HomeBond to provide them with information on the number of houses affected by the issue, which can only strengthen their ability to take action. This problem unfortunately does not go away by itself so it's vital that people do report it to HomeBond as soon as possible."

The Kildare North TD went on to state that those experiencing Pyrite problems are also advised to contact the "Pyrite Action" campaign which is "a campaign group made up of concerned homeowners across many areas whose homes are affected by pyrite". They can be contacted at:

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Finally Murphy stated that she is happy to hear from and assist any Kildare resident experiencing Pyrite problems. She can be contacted at:

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MURPHY SIGNS NORRIS NOMINATION PAPER "IN THE INTEREST OF DEMOCRACY"

Deputy Catherine Murphy, Independent TD for Kildare North has today announced that "in the interest of democracy and a varied ballot paper" she has added her name to the list of nominators requesting that Senator David Norris be allowed to appear on the ballot paper for the forthcoming Presidential Election on October 27.

"Today I signed the nomination papers for David Norris and I did so to ensure that he can be judged not by fellow politicians but by the people of Ireland. For me, the entry of Martin McGuinness into the presidential race - a man who once espoused the strategy of the armelite in one hand and the ballot box in the other - was a game changer. If the citizens of this republic are to have the opportunity to adjudicate over his suitability for the role of President they should equally have the opportunity to judge Norris at the ballot box. My signing Senator Norris' nomination paper is all about ensuring that the people get to have their say on the candidates in the field, no more and no less."

The North Kildare T.D. made no bones about the worrying nature of the revelations which spurred Norris to withdraw from the race in early August however stated that as a strong believer in open and fair democratic procedure she could not act as a barrier to a fellow Independent politician who simply wished to gain a place on the ballot paper.

"I said at the time [of Norris' withdrawal] that it was a major misjudgement on his behalf to write the letters seeking clemency for his former partner. I stand over those remarks, but having said that, I have had a lot of people contacting me since his withdrawal with arguments both for and against my signing his nomination papers. That tells me that there is a huge level of interest in having Norris as a candidate in this election. As a democrat, what else can I do but support his bid to appear on the ballot paper in order that all those people have the opportunity to express their opinions through the democratic process. Like it or loath it, democracy is about presenting a choice to the people and accepting their decision, I feel it's my duty to facilitate that choice here."

Murphy however went on to highlight her distinct dissatisfaction at the current means of candidate selection,

"I am deeply unhappy with the process which is predominantly controlled by the political parties. I have myself suggested that obtaining the signatures of 10,000 electors as nominators would be a strong means of ensuring the people have a say on the make-up of the ballot paper. Within the past week that number of signatures were collected and handed to David Norris, so I cannot argue for such a provision to be added to the nomination process and then not sign

this nomination paper. Unfortunately it's too late to change the law for this election but I think it's clear that the current system just doesn't match the will of the people anymore and must be altered."

The Independent TD concluded in highlighting her satisfaction at approach taken by presidential hopeful Sean Gallagher to the nomination process, "...I was also impressed by Sean Gallagher's decision to only seek the backing of four Local Authorities in order that other potential candidates could be presented to the electorate. I think in doing so that he demonstrated a generosity to other potential candidates as to seek additional councils would have been about seeking an endorsement as opposed to gaining a place on the ballot."



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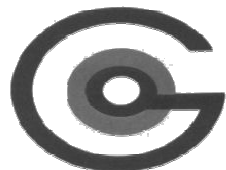
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Progress on Funding for Extension to Bus Routes 66 and 67

Cllr. McGinley was given the following highly disappointing update on the extensions of the 66 and 67 bus routes in Maynooth at the Area Meeting on 16 September:

"There has been no confirmation from Dublin Bus that it will extend the bus routes once the works have been completed. It would appear that Dublin Bus funding has been reduced and that the extensions are, therefore, unlikely. However, if the works are completed then there should be no obstacle from a roads perspective to any future extension of these routes."

Cllr. McGinley stated that it is extremely disappointing that a semi-state body like Dublin Bus fails to communicate to the Council. He asked that they be contacted again and advised that if they don't confirm that they are going ahead with the bus extensions that the Council will be unable to draw down the €200,000 already approved by the National Transport Authority.

Extension of Public Car Park in Maynooth:

Cllr. McGinley was given the following update at the September Area Meeting on his motion concerning the extension of the Public Car Park at Doctors lane:

"The Roads Department will be meeting with the landowner in September. It is hoped that an agreement can be reached at this meeting."

Update on Process with Receiver in Meadowbrook Estate.

Cllr. McGinley was given the following update at the September Area Meeting:

"Report: That an estimate of works be prepared by the planning department and that a member of staff from the building control section attend the September meeting to discuss this matter further

It is estimated that a preliminary costing of €75,394 would be required to complete remedial works in Meadowbrook estate. However, as stated in March this year, until we have a chance to review as constructed drawings and CCTV surveys of the sewage systems, we will not know the full extent of remedial works required.

Underground defects cannot be estimated in the absence of this documentation and the cost of these specific remedial works (if any) are not incorporated in the calculations for the figure quoted above. A comprehensive final costing of all outstanding works cannot be completed without as constructed drawings and CCTV surveys of the sewage systems.

Building control wrote to the receiver in May this year and offered to meet the receiver to discuss this case. Unfortunately we have still had no response. As stated previously, building control staff can meet with representatives of the residents association to outline the implications of proceeding with the taking in charge of Meadowbrook at this stage. Please contact Willie Hannigan or Stephen Cunningham to make any necessary arrangements."

Cllr. McGinley asked that the Receiver be given a breakdown of the costs to complete the estate as per Planning Permission.

Update on Flooding at Maynooth Town FC and M4

The Senior Engineer has met Councillor McGinley on site and has undertaken to carry out further investigative works with the intention of addressing the drainage problem at this location.

Relocation of bus stops at NUI Maynooth, Kilcock Road

Cllr. McGinley and other Councillors highlighted the problem with having the two bus stops opposite each other on the Kilcock Road. As a result all traffic has to stop.

Cllr. McGinley was given the following update at the September Area Meeting:

"The Council is currently engaging with the applicant's agents with regard to the measures arising from a Road Safety Audit. When this process is complete details of the outcome can be circulated to the Area Committee."

Cllr. McGinley Asks for public Lights at the Square to be Repaired;

Cllr. McGinley was given the following update on his motion:

That the top covers on the triple public light at The Square, Maynooth, be replaced before irreparable damage is caused to the unit.

"Report: Currently the Council is operating a call-on/call-off maintenance contract pending the appointment of a contractor based on a new public lighting contract. The Public Lighting Section is not in a position to repair all public lighting faults at present. A review of the Council's public lighting spend is under way and only faults that are considered to contribute to a traffic hazard are being repaired. The fault identified will be investigated and the section will report back to the Committee if a repair is possible."

When Cllr. McGinley pointed out that it is the covers that were stolen and that it is not a fault as such the Director of Services undertook to have the matter seen to.

Cllr. McGinley Submits Further Motion on the "High Road" at Old Greenfield, Maynooth

John got the following reply at the September Area Meeting to his motion:

"That a report be given to the area committee on the progress made with the developer, High Degree, on getting safe entrances to the houses off the "High Road" at Old Greenfield, Maynooth. (See An Bord Pleanála Conditions for 06/424)."

The Director of Services undertook to take this serious matter up directly with the Developer.

Cllr McGinley Submitted a Motion to Get Developer to Re-instate Road at Dunboyne Road, Maynooth;

"That the developers of Castlepark, Maynooth, be asked to properly re-instate the road from Carton Square to their new development beyond Lyreen Park and that they also be asked to repair the cable to public lighting pole number 11 (opposite the entrance to Pebble Hill) which they damaged during their road openings."

As residents will know the developer has now carried out the work.

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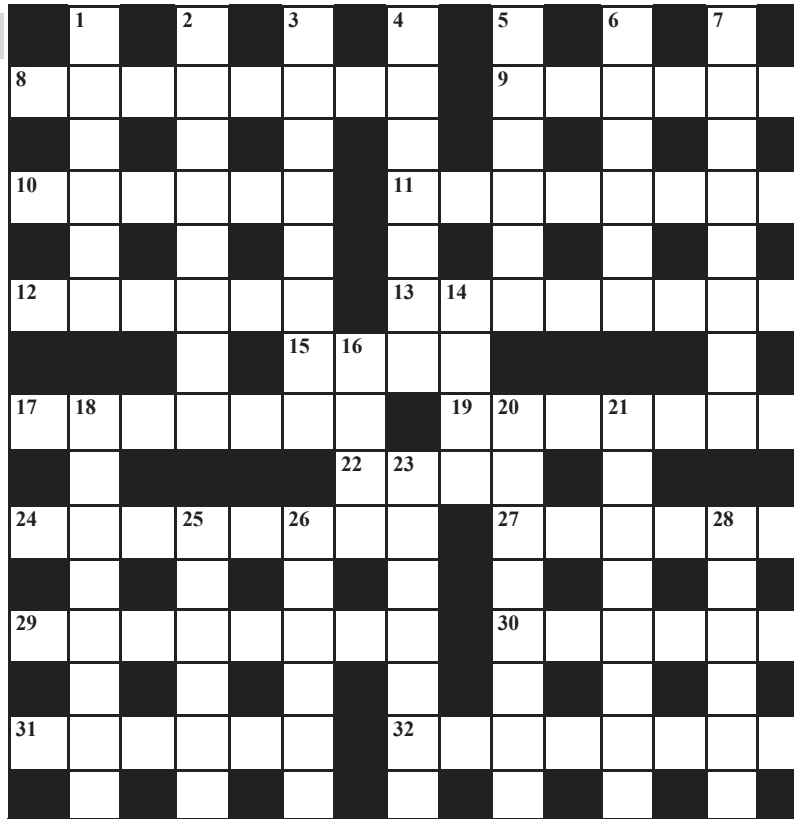
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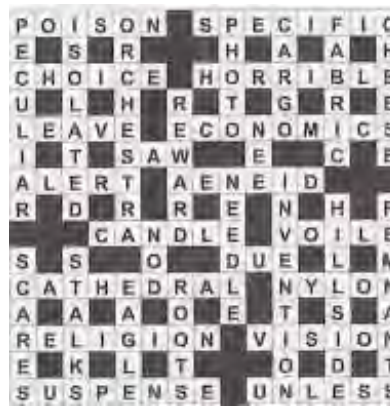
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 9. Share or allotment, of food say (6)
 10. Cloth, material (6)
 11. Most irate (8)
 12. Room below ground (6)
 13. Changeless and unceasing (8)
 15. One unit (4)
 17. Leaves for smoking (7)
 19. Hurts (7)
 22. Place, location (4)
 24. Having the greatest weight (8)
 27. Moves upwards (6)
 29. Constant and true (8)
 30. Directed one's gaze (6)
 31. Less rich (6)
 32. Large oval nuts with fibrous husks (8)



DOWN

1. Make (6)
 2. Lure lamb under it out of the rain (8)
 3. Relating to a form of energy (8)
 4. Forward movement, a change for the better (7)
 5. Mythological creature is no grad (6)
 6. Exacting, rigid (6)
 7. Foolish or meaningless words (8)
 14. Leave out (4)
 16. Throw lightly and casually (4)
 18. Agent who runs a machine (8)
 20. Ornamental chain (8)
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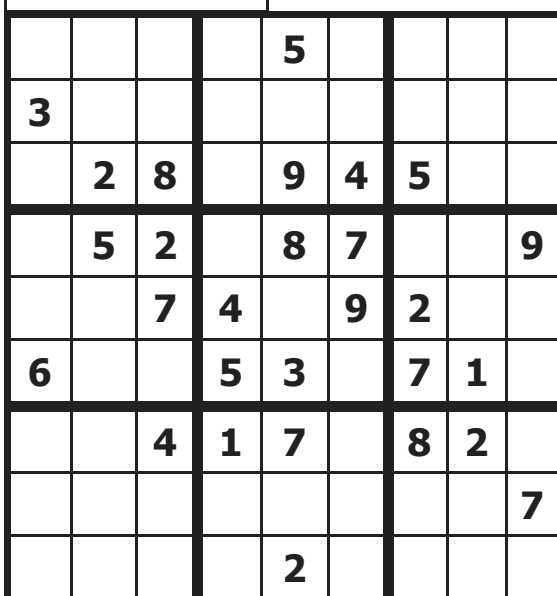
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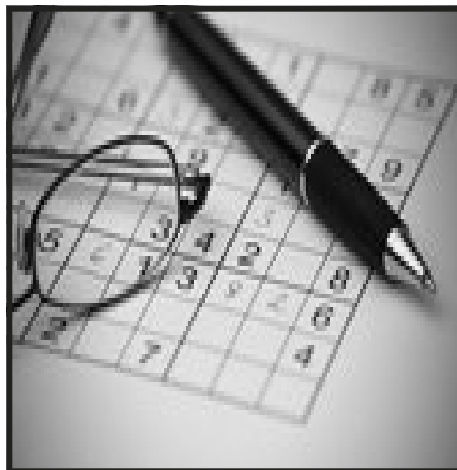
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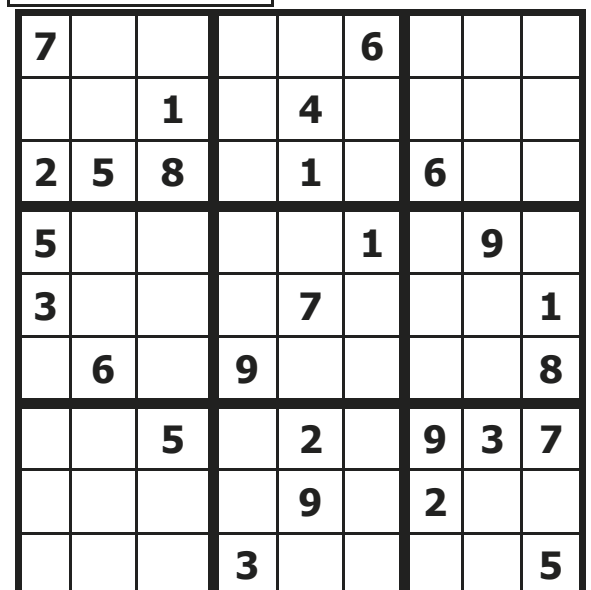


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Gardening in October

The Flower Garden

One of the first things gardeners have to do in October is to harden their hearts and turf out the summer bedding, which may still be looking wonderful, and planting in its place the bedding which is going to supply the colour during the winter, and perhaps more importantly, the spring ahead. Wallflowers, polyanthus and primroses will do better in the spring if they can get their roots down reasonably early in the autumn, while there is still some warmth in the ground. The same goes for pansies, which are more likely to flower through the winter if they are established before the cold weather comes to slow them down. Two old fashioned spring bedding plants which sometimes get overlooked but are always rewarding are Bellis, those delightful pink and white double pompom daisies, and forget-me-nots, which are a more intense blue than the ones which seed around in your garden naturally. All spring bedding plants combine wonderfully with tulips and daffodils, so don't forget to plant some bulbs at the same time. (Set your bedding plants out first, then the bulbs-otherwise, confusion results!) Narcissi, alliums and crocus are the ones to get on with as soon as you can; tulips can wait happily till next month, though it's advisable to buy the ones you want in case they sell out.

Plant container grown hardy cyclamen in pockets of humus-rich soil, in the shade of deciduous shrubs and trees.

The miniature flowers carry on for ages and even when they are over, the beautiful foliage will be there right through the winter until the early summer.

You need to lift any tuberous begonias (the ones with the enormous flowers, which have done so well this summer) before they are hit by frost. Lift them carefully and put them in pots or trays of moist compost and keep them in a greenhouse, light shed or on a cool bedroom windowsill. Keep them watered until the leaves begin to go yellow. Dry them off by gradually withdrawing watering. Cover with a shallow layer of peat and store somewhere frost-free. Moisten the peat occasionally over winter to prevent the tubers from shrivelling.

Geraniums too will need lifting soon, as well as tender Fuchias and any standard Fuchias, before there are any proper frosts; -there is no need to panic-a touch of ground frost will do them no harm. Lift them carefully, trim them back to tidy them up, pot them into multi-purpose potting compost, keep them barely moist over winter, in your cool, frost-free place, which is gradually getting fuller. Plants already in containers should be moved in too, again just keeping them barely moist. These will be potted on or repotted in March.

Gladioli which have been planted deeply in well-drained soil are pretty safe to leave



in the ground over winter these days; but if you don't want to risk it or if your soil is heavy, lift the corms carefully with a fork, around the middle of the month, cut the stem down to 1/2 an inch above the corm, dry them off in an airy place, and when they are completely dry, store them in trays in a cool, frost-proof place.

Dahlias rarely need lifting (if at all) until November or even December, after they have been well blackened by a couple of good frosts; so carry on dead-heading and enjoying those gorgeous flowers.

October is the perfect month in which to split hardy perennials like daylilies. Peonies can be done too this month, though the earlier the better-get them done before the cold weather. Leave grasses and the less hardy perennials, such as kniphofias, till the spring.

It is also an excellent **time to plant new perennials**, as well as container-grown shrubs and trees. Their roots continue to grow even after their leaves are off, and they get off to a much better, more stress-free start in the spring. The month is starting off rather on the dry side this year, so you need to water things in well.

Lightly trim over lavender hedges and individual plants.

Lawns

Apply an autumn weed and moss killer this month. The idea is not to get your grass growing but to give it the vigour and resilience to get through the winter.

October is a good month in which to lay turf. Make sure you get your turf from a reputable supplier-if possible, see it before you buy it. Prepare a weed-free tilth on which to lay your turf and give it time to settle. Start laying in a corner, bonding the turves in the same way as bricks; butt them together as tightly as you can, filling any gaps or depressions with sieved soil.

Free Second Level Maths Support at NUI Maynooth.

The Mathematics Support Centre (MSC) in the National University of Ireland, Maynooth (NUIM) recommences its provision of free drop-in maths support for local secondary schools on the 3rd of October 2011. This service is supported by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, and the Admissions and Access Offices in NUIM. It is available to students, from first year to Leaving Certificate regardless of level. These sessions will run on Monday evenings from 6-8pm in Rye Hall, North Campus of NUIM. A location map, a full list of the schools currently involved, the dates that the service is available and additional free online resources can be viewed at the website <http://supportcentre.maths.nuim.ie/secondlevel>.

This support is not a replacement for the classroom; rather it complements the

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If you require any additional information, you can contact the Manager of the MSC: Dr. Ciarán Mac an Bhaird at ciaran.macanbhaird@nuim.ie

Letter to the Editor

Maynooth Library

It is deeply disappointing to discover the opening hours at Maynooth Library have been reduced since 26th September. No survey was done asking the community what they wanted in relation to opening hours. It would appear cash strapped KCC are not closing the doors to the public for economic reasons as the staff are still working inside. This facility is badly needed in this University town especially in this time of economic turmoil. We now have one of the best Libraries in the county and KCC choose to restrict opening hours to the community. .

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Bernie Kane,
Community Champion



MARIAN GALE

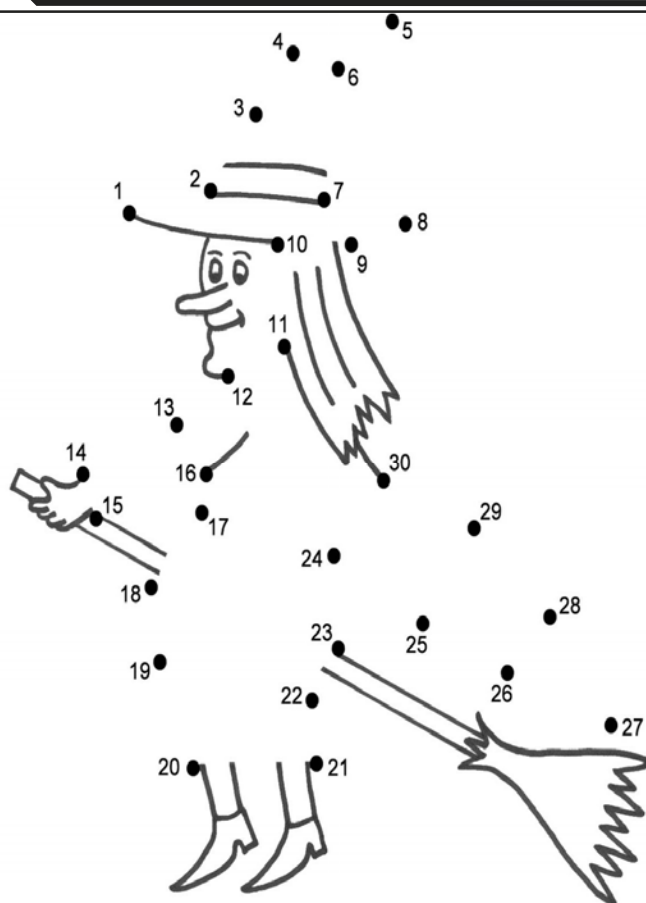
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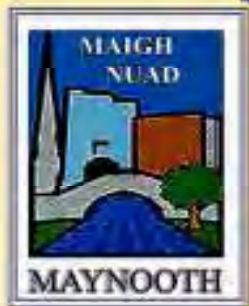
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Community Space open to new groups

The new Community Space opened in September and while it was a scaled opening as some works needed to be completed there is now very significant use of this new facility.

“Maynooth Community Council has invested significant funding to convert the premises for use as a multi-purpose space and even still there are more things that we will need to do,” confirmed Paul Croghan, Chairperson of the Community Space sub-committee.

That been said we already have a demand for the premises five mornings a week and on a number of evenings. We are excited with the range of activities that are taking place there already but we welcome new groups particularly new ones being set up. Paul Croghan takes the view that the lack of reasonable facilities has been a barrier to community activity in Maynooth. This has now been solved and Maynooth Community Council will assist people to develop new community activities. An example of this is the lack of men’s groups in Maynooth that exist in other towns of our size.

The centre already caters for a broad range of groups from Parents and Toddlers, Youth Groups and for the mature adults. For youth: “Teen Space”, and “Maynooth Youth Café” use the premises. U3A, University of the Third Age are there two mornings a week and An Nuadha Players are there one night a week. The centre is also being used by Co. Kildare VEC on three mornings a week to provide classes for young people. Paul Croghan confirms that there are still opportunities for other groups that have a need for the premises to be included subject of course to the terms of use that applies in a multi-purpose, multi-user centre.



Maynooth acknowledges value of volunteers



Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee honoured at Repak Awards by WEEE Ireland

Like many communities everywhere Maynooth has always benefitted from a small but very active community volunteering sector. In this the “European Year of Volunteering” we asked one volunteer about the reasons why he has been a volunteer in Maynooth for the past twenty one years.

Paul Croghan is Maynooth Community Council Vice –Chairperson but he is involved with a number of sub-committees and affiliated organisations of the community council and represents North Kildare on a number of important county-wide bodies. So why does he volunteer?

Being perfectly honest when I originally became involved it was just in my local residents association. However, since joining Maynooth Community Council back in 1992, I could see the value that organisations such as Maynooth Community Council give to Maynooth. Events such as St. Patrick’s Day parade do not happen without a committee behind it. Tidy Towns is an industry in public relations, financial management as well as the more obvious things such as litter control needs a committee where the members have a broad range of interests. More recent projects such as twinning with Canet-en-Roussillon and the opening of the community space require project management skills as well as diplomacy. All these activities require people with different skills. Being very active in your community is also a very social thing and you meet people from all walks of life on an equal footing.

In more recent economic times we have more people who unfortunately find themselves without work or indeed have retired early. I would encourage them to become involved in the voluntary sector as an outlet for their skills and time. I have been involved in over twenty different projects of the years and have a great sense of achievement when I look back on my involvement. Here’s to the next idea.



European Year of Volunteering 2011



Gardening in November

This isn't the time of year when you feel inspired to get out into the garden, yet it's one of the better times to get some work done, especially planting of trees and shrubs and, most of all, roses, as this is the time of year when the best selection is available. It's also the time of year when some plants actually come into their own, producing berries which fatten up our birds for the winter. Planting now means that trees and shrubs have a full six months or so where they don't need watering, and it gives roots time to develop.



Wicklow Hedgerow

Deciduous and evergreen trees: finding the right balance. These days are special. The last of the autumn leaves are still hanging on, but will fall soon. It will be another six months or so before we see leaves again, and the world is a very different place without them. Different species lose their leaves at different times, withdrawing their hard-earned chlorophyll back into the plant to give us 'autumn colour'. Over the winter the evergreen trees come in to their own: glossy Holly and Yew, tough Scots' pine and compact Juniper. Evergreen plants have the advantage of year-round foliage, but usually lack the spectacular highs and lows of deciduous plants. That's why it's worth always having a healthy balance of them in your garden. Deciduous plants can provide the flowers and fancy leaf colours, whilst evergreen plants can provide shelter and greenery over the winter. During the windy months of winter deciduous trees slow down the wind, something which is considered more effective in terms of a windbreak than creating a solid 'wall' of evergreen plants.

Bare Roots Plants

In these leaner times, everyone wants good value. Traditionally, November heralds the start of the planting season for trees and shrubs. Planting bare root is cheaper, easier and faster than plants which are in containers. Planting bare root generates less waste (there are no pots to get rid of), the plants are easier to transport and they establish very quickly. Most commercial forests are planted with bare root plants, known in the trade as 'whips'. The fastest way to plant a bare root tree or shrub is to cut a T-shaped incision in the ground and slot the plant in, firming it in carefully and checking that the roots start to flare out exactly at soil level.

Pruning

As trees lose their leaves you are better able to see their shape or form. It therefore makes sense to prune them now. Many plants in Ireland are routinely savaged by inexpert 'gardeners', quite often irreparably destroying the plant. Unless a plant is deliberately a piece of topiary, such as a box ball or a clipped bay cone, plants should be allowed to have a natural shape. Branches should never be

foreshortened. If a branch is too long, or taking too much light, or in the way, it should be removed in its entirety at the joint from where it grows. The cut should be made with a secateurs, loppers or pruning saw. In the vast majority of cases, chainsaws and hedge trimmers have no place

whatsoever in pruning, and a good pruning saw is adequate for all but the largest plants.

Harvest Brassicas

Harvest winter brassicas such as kale and Brussels sprouts as soon as they're large enough as they do not keep well in the ground.

Make Leaf Mould

Use fallen leaves to make your own garden leaf mould. It's easy to do and your plants will love you for it.

Saving leaves in bags

- Take a black bin liner and punch a few holes in the side and bottom.
- Rake up leaves weekly and stash in the bag.
- When almost full, sprinkle with water, shake and tie.
- Store in a shady spot and the following autumn the leaves will have rotted down into a rich, crumbly mixture that can be used as a mulch around the base of plants.
- Let the leaves rot down for another year if you want to use as soil conditioner.

Colour in the house

Hyacinths

The blooms of this plant are guaranteed to fill your house with their strong floral perfume and gorgeous colour. Place a bowl of these bulbs in a cool but bright spot and they'll easily scent an entire room. Plant the bulbs in the garden after flowering and you can continue to enjoy their display year after year.



Cyclamen

This delicate plant is perfect for any cool windowsill. As it grows from a corm, it's best to place the plant on a saucer and water from underneath rather than directly onto the plant. This avoids rotting the corm. Remove any spent blooms and it will continue to flower through the winter. The blooms of this plant are guaranteed to fill your house with their strong perfume.



Junior Infants 2011



Presentation Convent (Teacher Bernadette Smyth)



Presentation Convent (Teacher Miss McNamera)



Presentation Convent (Teachers Denise Farnan, & Marta Norris)

Maynooth Youth Café

Maynooth Youth Café will officially open on Thursday 10th November (8-10pm) and continue opening every Thursday thereafter. The Café is located in the "Maynooth Community Space" at the entrance to the Mill Shopping Centre.

We sent a questionnaire to the boys and girls in Maynooth Post-Primary on 2 occasions to get a full understanding of what they wanted as a Youth Café. The feedback was excellent and showed us that the youth of Maynooth, not only wanted a Café, but they also wanted to be part of the running of same. We, as a Committee, always said that the Café must comprise the thoughts and aspirations of the boys and girls that will be attending it. As a Committee we want the Café to be run by the senior (TY, 5th & 6th Class) boys and girls, under the supervision of Parents and Volunteers in the long term.

Since our last newsletter all Committee members, have applied for Garda Vetting which is necessary for any adult involved in the Café over the age of 18. The Café is situated in the "Maynooth Community Space" at the entrance to the Mill Shopping Centre. We have acquired tables and seating, pool and air hockey tables and a table tennis table. The space also has excellent catering facilities. We are also working on acquiring computers. We would welcome any offers of equipment or finance to make this Café the best in the land. If you wish to contact us you may do so by phoning our Chairman Hugh Gallagher at 085-1397318 or email at h20gallagher@gmail.com or through the Community Council Offices.

The Committee has been preparing for this opening with a meeting every month over the past 14 months and we now have a Committee of 14 people. All members of the Committee have had 2 days certified training in the running of a youth café and the necessary training needed when working with young boys and girls. This was given by Deirdre Gleeson of Kildare Youth Services on 8th & 9th of Oct at the community space in "The Mill". We all found this very informative, enjoyable and we used the opportunity to air our views and work together as a team. A major part of the training involved dealing with the possible problems we may encounter when dealing with youth and services available to assist young people.

We will be having an opening evening on Thursday 10th November from 8-10pm with an open invite to all youth in the town currently in the transition to leaving age group. We intend to open every Thursday thereafter with the option of a second evening should numbers demand. You do not need to be in school in the town- just in the age range. We will have a Facebook site open in advance of the official opening to promote the event among the young people from Maynooth. Also we are putting up posters in all shops, school and public areas. We hope to add a separate night for the younger boys and girls (1st, 2nd & 3rd year age group) once we are up and running. This will be done sooner rather than later.

We as a Community need to get behind this project to make it a success. I am appealing especially to the parents of boys and girls of this age group to make contact with us by contacting Hugh or by coming along on the opening night and making you known to a member of the Committee. You are most welcome to volunteer in the Youth Café once you have applied for Garda Vetting through our secretary Jackie McGloughlin.

Maynooth Youth Café will provide a "Safe" place for the youth of Maynooth to chill out and find support for any worries or concerns they may have, giving them an environment to communicate and make new friends for life.

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Editorial

It has been a momentous month both here at home in Maynooth, in Ireland and at a world level. The death of Gaddafi and the events in Libya elicited different reactions from different people. The development of the modern and social media now gives the world access to the most ghastly scenes of the capture and killing of human beings. One wonders if the access to violent games and films are making all of us less sensitive to the dreadful real violence that appears in all our media now every day. It seems unreal to watch the capture and death of such figures as Osama Bin Laden, Saddam Hussein and Colonel Gaddafi over and over again; it reminds us of the past horrors of the French revolution and the knitting women at the guillotine. A scene that was apparently repulsive but perhaps not. Have humans learned no morality at all?

The same question arises as the Troika pats us happily on our ex-colonial head and gives us a really encouraging report card for our good behaviour in doing what we are told. We lose our young people again, the poor get poorer again and the elite abandon their country. I’m finding it difficult to run with the phrases ‘great little country’, or how we will get back to where we were and how wonderful we are. Are we?

With the news of pyrite in housing estates all over the country, the incredible bad standards of recently build habitations and the lack of any regulation at all, one must begin to wonder about the morals of Irish people at many different levels. Pyrite in houses is bad enough; where else does it lurk? Less than thirty years ago, most Irish people would probably have believed that we were far superior in all sorts of morality than our nearest ‘pagan’ neighbour. We were a good, Christian and Catholic country, unlike them. Then we learned of the neglect and abuse of children by our clergy and the collusion of so many people at the highest and lowest levels of Irish society, as well as the women and others who were hidden away in laundries and mental asylums. Then we thought we had it made – out of the blue came the unexpected financial success of the ‘Celtic tiger’ years but we couldn’t really handle that either. The government in power lost all control, sat back, partied, did not bother regulating anything. Afterwards, we discover that there seems to be no standards or morality at most levels of Irish life – corruption is endemic. Strangely, it is still the local relationships that still work. This is one of the few beacons of this new, strange and unfamiliar Ireland. We will have to re-invent ourselves. Or perhaps not, we will have to re-evaluate what we had, who we were and how much of this we can use to become good and unique in the future. Nowhere can this be better seen than in our own lovely town over the past while, particularly in the extraordinarily successful twinning ceremony linking Maynooth with Canet in France. The Community Council worked very hard on the twinning and we would like to congratulate all those involved in this venture. It has been covered extensively by the Newsletter already.

Another notable event was the recent visit of President Mary McAleese to the Post-Primary School to mark its 40th anniversary. The school is part of the heart of a community in any town or village but the growing population means that the educational future of the town must be examined and planned. Any decisions made now will impact on the future of the town.

As we go to press, the new president has been elected with over a million votes. What an extraordinary mandate and such a turnabout that occurred in the last week of the campaign. There seems to be a general agreement that Michael D. Higgins will perform the duties of office in an extraordinary way. The country is broken and he will at least give voice to a new vision – not that expressed by the Celtic Tiger as he has already indicated. He is known in all five continents, he is an educationalist as President McAleese was before him; he is a poet and a man of ideology and identifiable ideals. Beidh Uachtarán feiliúnach ag an tír nuair atáimid ag smaoineamh ar an 100 bliain a d’imigh thart; nuair a bheidh cuimhneacháin tábhachtacha a dhéanamh againn ar an gCogadh Mór agus ar Éirí Amach na Cásca and na blianta a tháinig ina dhiaidh. Guímid beannachtaí ar a shaothar, ar féin, ar Sabina agus ar a chlann agus go n-éirí an t-ádh leis. Ba mhór an pléisiúr éisteacht leis an Taoiseach, an Tánaiste agus leis an Uachtarán tofa ag labhairt i nGaeilge líofa.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

Maynooth Community Council Meeting 10th October 2011

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

1. Proposal for new school campus at Moyglare Hall

The future development of second level education in Maynooth, and the proposals regarding a new campus at Moyglare Hall were discussed. Representatives of parents from Maynooth Educate Together School and Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich attended the meeting. Tom McMullon (Chairperson) said Maynooth Community Council was not taking a stance on the proposals. It was up to the people of Maynooth, and especially the parents, to say where the school should be located, and what kind of school it should be. Maynooth Community Council's role was to provide a forum. He said that the VEC is a great organisation and that no one was trying to put it down. Cynthia Gallagher (Scouts) told the meeting that parents of Maynooth Post Primary School pupils had been invited to a PTA meeting at which Mr. Sean Ashe would outline the VEC proposals for the school, and that she believed an invitation had also been issued to parents of future pupils.

Gaelscoil parents indicated their support for the idea of a Gaelcholaiste in Maynooth, and said that research had to be done to see if there were enough potential students at the feeder schools. They said that they had visited the VEC's Piper's Hill campus at Naas, and that facilities there were very good. Moyglare Hall was closer to Maynooth town centre than Piper's Hill to Naas and we might need to put up with distance to get facilities.

Adrienne Flynn (Educate Together) asked if it was certain that two schools would be located on the Moyglare site, as she had thought there were ten acres available for a school on the other side of town. Councillor John McGinley (Labour) said he didn't think that there would now be a school at the other side of town. He understood from a recent meeting that there would be a replacement building for Maynooth Post Primary at the new Moyglare site, and an additional new school building. The VEC would not necessarily run the additional school. They were proposing the idea of having Maynooth Post Primary junior and senior schools on the new site, and MPPS Board of Management was in support of this idea. The Loreto Order are still looking to run the new school, and the deadline was 13th January 2012. He said that the Department of Education has ruled out a Gaelcholaiste for Maynooth in the short to medium term. The timescale proposed was 2014 for the new school and 2016 for the replacement school.

Councillor Senan Griffin (Fine Gael) said the Moyglare site had been purchased by the Department of Education. He favoured the proposal that there would be a full Aonad for the Irish language stream, as had been put forward by retired MPPS principal Tom Ashe. He would also favour the junior and senior schools idea. He thought that a separate second school would be divisive, whereas the VEC plan would serve the unity of the community. He didn't think that the Girls National School would move to the new site.

Colm Ó Cearúil (Deputy PDO) was against the proposal. He didn't think a second school would be divisive and said most towns had two schools. Maura Wilcox (U3A) said her home town, Tuam, had three or four schools, and that there was good, positive competition between them, in things like debating and sports.

Peter Garrad (Scouts) said that MPPS had served Maynooth very well and had recently celebrated its 40th anniversary. The present building has served its purpose. There would be benefits to a new campus: it would have all services on site, and playing fields. He said there would be negative and positive aspects to the VEC plan.

Cynthia Gallagher asked if there would be school buses for the new campus - it would be a very long walk and parents wouldn't want to drive and get stuck in traffic. Senan Griffin said there was a shuttle bus in Naas. One of the Gaelscoil parents who had visited Piper's Hill said the terminus of the Sallins to Naas bus was in the campus, and that the school had its own bus. Parents have to pay for this. Aongus Ó Maoláin (NUIM) said NUIM were implementing their own bus service from Maynooth to Lucan and Celbridge and that it should be possible for MPPS to do something similar at the new campus.

Mieke Sanders (Teen Space) asked if the junior and senior schools would have different Boards of Management. Senan Griffin said they would have the same Board of Management but different principals.

Colm Ó Cearúil said that the location of the campus looked like a done deal - the issue was what kind of school the second one would be. He didn't see merit in idea of junior and senior schools. There had been a long-standing application for a Gaelcholaiste for Maynooth. He said that MPPS had an Irish Sruth, but that was different to an Aonad which had its own ethos. He believed multilingualism provided a very good education and that the new school should be a Gaelcholaiste.

2. Community Space

Maura Wilcox (U3A) said her group had been using the new community space and appreciated it. Mieke Sanders said the space was a brilliant location for the Friday Teen Space session. Colm Ó Cearúil said great thanks was due to Paul Croghan and Eddie Tobin for their work in getting the space off the ground. Helene Kirkpatrick said the Youth Cafe group had started training their volunteers and would have an open evening in the space for teenagers from Transition Year age up. Tom McMullon said there was still space available for other groups from the town.

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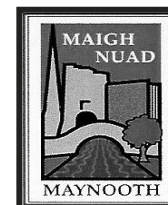
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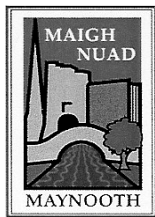
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The Community Council, promote through common effort, the wellbeing of the inhabitants of the Maynooth area, without distinction of age, sex, race, colour, religion, or political party.

To try through all options to secure whatever facilities or amenities it considers desirable, and help provide employment to the Maynooth area.

We also assist where possible the local authority in the exercise of its office where it concerns the local area.

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Maynooth just signed a twinning charter with Canet-En-Roussillon in the south of France, and as our office is involved in all correspondents and communications it adds an exciting aspect to our future. Canet is a University town much the same as Maynooth which is on the coast (9Km of beach) with beautiful scenery and activities, swimming, boating, hill-walking, bird-watching, markets and an aquarium. This will open up lots of opportunities for travel and student exchange between both communities. Take time to check out their web-site at <http://uk.ot-canet.fr/>

Maynooth Community Council have just opened a Community Space at Manor Mills Shopping Centre for the use of all groups who are interested in a place they can use for meetings and leisure activities. To date the space is booked for the Youth Café, Teen Space, U3A, Musical Tots, Parents & Toddlers and the An Nuadha Players. We welcome any new groups interested in using the space in the future.

The Community Council hope to have a full Community centre open some time in the future that would provide a much bigger space for all, in the mean time we hope our space in Manor Mills will provide for most of our groups with what they need and that they will enjoy the time they have there.

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Maynooth Castle (13)

A Focal Point of Local History

Gerald, ninth earl of Kildare, Garret Óg to the Irish as his father had been Garret Mór, was born in 1487. He died in the Tower of London in December 1534. While his death has been attributed to grief on hearing the news that his son, Silken Thomas, had come in open rebellion against the king of England, Henry V111, this rising is likely to have been the usual Fitzgerald strategy of demonstrating that the rulers of England could not control Ireland without Fitzgerald support. This time the rebellion proved to be the occasion of the final fall from power of the house of Kildare. It is both sad and ironic that it is for the life-time of the ninth earl that we have the most abundant evidence for the life-style of the Fitzgeralds at Maynooth Castle, just before it was swept away and destroyed forever. The surviving evidence suggests that the life-style was one of power, elegance and culture, and very much in line with the development of European renaissance culture of the period.

When Maynooth Castle was captured by the king’s forces a few months after the death of the ninth earl, Sir William Skeffington reported to Henry V111 on the strength of its fortifications. In a letter dated 26th March 1535, he wrote that it was “so strongly fortified both with men and ordenaunce, as the like hath not been seen in Irlande, synes anny your moosst nobell progenitors had furst dominion in the lande”. But it was also richly and beautifully furnished. The chronicler Stanyhurst described it at the same time; “Great and rich was the spoile; such store of beds, so many goodly hangings, so rich a wardrobe, suche brave furniture, as truly it was accompted, for householde stuffe and utensils, one of the richest earle his houses under the crowne of Englande”.

Still more striking is the evidence of the inventories, compiled during the rule of the ninth earl, of the books and plate belonging to the Fitzgeralds. Two lists of the books in his library are extant, the earlier not dated and the later dated 1525-6. The earlier list must relate for the main part to books already in the library of the eighth earl, with perhaps some additions in the time of his son.

The Great Earl’s biographer, Donough Byrne, describes the earlier list as follows: “In his library, where Latin books predominated, Gaelic manuscripts came next in number. There were more French books than English. The French books were chiefly romances. The English were similarly romances and histories. Among the Latin were works of Virgil, Juvenal and Terence. Some of the Latin and most of the Gaelic volumes were devoted to religion. There was a gilt copy of the Psalter in Latin on parchment. In Gaelic there were the lives of various saints, but there were also 'Coucullyn’s Actes' and a 'boke wherein is the begynning of the Cronicles of Irland’’. Some of the additions by the date of the later list of 1525-1526 are particularly interesting and show that whoever was responsible for their presence was aware of and interested in contemporary European developments in renaissance scholarship and religious controversy. Among the Latin works are Sir Thomas More's Utopia which was first published in 1517 and Laurencius Valla, presumably either a book about the famous humanist scholar who contributed so much to the critical approach to documentary evidence, or some of his works.

Among the later additions in English are another work by Thomas More, this time in defence of traditional religious practices which were coming under heavy attack by reformers, Sir Thomas Moore his books Agayns the new opinions that hold agayns pilgrimages, and a book by no less a person than the king of England, Henry V111 himself. This was Henry’s venture into religious controversy in answer to Martin Luther’s attack on the seven sacraments. Henry’s reply was first published in 1521 in Latin, Assertio Septem Sacramentorum, and was soon translated into both German and English. The pope, Leo X, was extremely pleased with the book and conferred on its author the title “Fidei Defensor”, defender of the faith. Although the royal author’s subsequent career caused Pope Paul III to deprive him of the title, the English monarchs retained it and it continued to appear in abbreviated form on British coins as FID. DEF or simply F.D.

The inventory of the plate belonging to the earl of Kildare was drawn up in 1518 and so again much of this must have been in the possession of the Great Earl. The list is long and much of this elaborate plate must have come from the continent. A few samples give the flavour of the collection:-

A salt, with a lady holden it, xxii unces at iiis and vid the unce, sterlying.
A standyn coupe with gilt whit roseis about fote and cover, weing xxvi unces.
Ad gylte salte, with dragons hedds in the cover, weing xviii unces.
An ewer, of an ostrycheis egg, garnyshed with silver, and gylt, and stonys, weing xxv unces, quarter.
A stone cowppe of Turky making, garnesid with silver with a covver, and a marmasett in the topp of hit.
An adder his tonge garnseid.
An Almayne pott, parcel gylt, with a man on the handell, weing iiii score vi unces.
Another Almayne pott of the same sorte parcel gylte, with a marmaid on the handell.

Finally, a note from the chronicler Richard Stanyhurst about the ninth earl and his second wife, Lady Elizabeth Grey, rounds out the picture: “This noble man was so well affected to his wife, the Ladie Gray, as he woulde not, at any time, buy a sute of

apparell for himselfe, but hee would sute her with the same stuffe. Whiche gentleness she recompenced with equal kindnesse”. The furnishings, the books, the plate, and the insight into personal relationships, together suggest that renaissance culture had made more impact on Ireland than is sometimes imagined. But the ninth earl’s life-time, which saw these developments at Maynooth Castle, also saw the beginning of their end. The English monarchs were growing more powerful and were less and less willing to tolerate what was, from their point of view, the unacceptable power of their over-mighty subjects in Ireland, the Earls of Kildare.

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Mary Cullen

BAND BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER

St. Mary’s Band once again showed the importance of the Band to the town of Maynooth when they played an important role in the twinning ceremony between the town and Canet-en-Roussillon in St. Patrick’s College on Saturday 1st October last. The Band provided the musical entertainment before proceedings began and played both the French and Irish National Anthems on the arrival of the French delegation to the ceremony. It gave us great pleasure knowing that our rendition of the French Anthem, by his own admission, brought tears to the eyes of the French Mayor Bernard Dupont. We were also heartened by the Community Council’s comments that the presence of the band was a major boost for the ceremony in Maynooth.

The event brought back happy memories of an occasion many years ago when the Band played the Spanish Anthem for the King and Queen of Spain during their visit to St. Patrick’s College. Again the playing of the French Anthem reminded us of when we played the American National Anthem before the start of the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Kansas City in 1998 which most certainly brought out the goose bumps on many of our own members’ skins. These are some of the reasons why we feel the necessity to understand the importance of the Band to the town and the people of Maynooth and we would ask that you please support the Band wherever and whenever you are asked as it is becoming more and more costly to keep the Band going in the current economic climate.

MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS

In a change to previous years the Annual Mass for Deceased Members this year is taking place on Saturday 12th November at 7pm. With just one mass taking place on that day it will allow the band more time to honour all the past deceased loyal members who helped maintain the band over the past 80 years since it was reformed and those also involved since it’s founding in 1795. Our Musical Director Aine Daly has chosen some extremely beautiful and appropriate music for this occasion and all family and friends of deceased members, as well as friends of the Band are invited to join with us on this very special day.

Christmas Concert

The Band will be returning to St. Mary’s Catholic Church on Saturday 10th December at 3pm for our Annual Christmas Concert and once again you are all invited to this event which will have a varied programme of popular numbers and of course all of the well known Christmas favourites. As in previous years admission to the Concert is totally free of charge.





LORETO
SECONDARY SCHOOL

Will Maynooth get a **Loreto** Secondary school?

Parents - Your support is important

Register your support NOW at:

- Local Primary schools
- Maynooth Community Library
- www.loretoeducationcentre.ie

(Go to Home page; Maynooth New school)

Maynooth may get a Loreto Secondary School Views of parents will influence the decision

Loreto Education Trust has applied to the Minister for Education and Skills to run the proposed new Maynooth school as a Loreto Secondary school. The school will be co-educational and free, providing parents in Maynooth and surrounding areas with a choice of secondary school for their sons and daughters.

"If parents want us, we would love to open a new Loreto co-educational secondary school in Maynooth", says Sr Rionach Donlon, Chair, Loreto Education Trust. The level of support of parents for a Loreto Secondary school will be taken into consideration when the Minister makes the decision about who will run the new school to be established in Maynooth.. Loreto has distributed information and a form for parents to fill out, through local Primary schools recently. Forms are also available at the Maynooth Community Library. Expressions of interest and support can also be registered on-line before November 30 at www.loretoeducationcentre.ie (Home page: Maynooth new school)

Loreto has been involved in founding and managing schools in Ireland since 1821. They also have experience of running schools in many other countries throughout the world. There are currently 18 Loreto Secondary schools in Ireland, as well as 5 Co-educational Community schools which are associated with Loreto.

It is expected that the new school will open in 2014 with 1st Year boys and girls from those now in 4th class in the Primary schools. A large site on the Moyglare Road has been secured by the DES for the new school, as well as for other educational facilities. The Department holds the view that there should be different types of schools in every area, where possible, so that parents would have a choice of schools for their children.

The Minister for Education and Skills is due to announce his decision about the new school in the early part of the new year.

Will it be a Loreto Secondary school for Maynooth?

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Maynoothvets.com discuss Pet Emergencies

In Maynooth Veterinary Clinic we have found that veterinary emergency medicine has become very topical in recent years, this is largely due to the popularity of certain TV programmes. Although these programmes usually present very dramatic cases there are times when owners are uncertain whether their pet does require emergency treatment. The aim of this months article is to assist pet owners in deciding if their pet needs emergency care.



Some situations require immediate emergency treatment e.g. a dog hit by a car. Other cases may not be so obvious e.g. a large deep chested breed of dog such as a Great Dane, which has been vigorously exercised, has a meal and then starts vomiting. Here gastric dilation is likely and this is a true emergency.

Some common emergencies are :

- Bites and fight wounds - these are especially serious if there is a lot of bleeding, if the chest or abdomen have been penetrated or if the eyes, ears, nose or head are involved.
- Haemorrhage - if the blood loss is so rapid that it is forming a pool on the ground or soaking through dressings within a few minutes, then ring the vet.
- Injuries - these are very variable and can be difficult for the pet owner to assess. They can present as anything from moderate lameness, burns, lacerations to severe traumatic injuries. If in doubt contact your vet.
- Continuous vomiting and /or diarrhoea - these can be caused by certain poisons and also by acute infections e.g. Parvo virus in unvaccinated dogs. If your dog has started to pass bloody sloppy stools we should be contacted.
- Prolapse of the eyeball - this is common in certain breeds such as the Shitzu or Cavalier King Charles. Sometimes a sneeze is enough to cause it. Fighting can also

cause it, in any breed, this condition requires immediate attention.

Avoidable Emergencies:

There are several conditions which if not recognised in time can insidiously progress into being emergencies. One of the most common of these is a heart attack. In older dogs congestive heart failure is quite common. The symptoms can include: coughing, especially after rising, breathing difficulties and with or without a swollen abdomen. If these symptoms go unrecognised and the affected dog is excited or moderately exercised then he may suffer a "heart attack" and collapse. Similarly with seizures or convulsions - these are often initially noticed as being very intermittent and of little consequence. However they often become much more frequent and can result in collapse.

As can be seen from the above two examples, with early intervention some emergencies can be easily avoided.



Things to do in the event of an emergency:

1. Don't panic, stay calm - phone the vet and explain clearly what has happened to your pet.
2. Always ensure that you fully understand any instructions that you are given. Ask for them to be clarified if you are unsure of what you have been told to.
3. Carry out any first aid procedures as advised
4. Keep your pets movements to a minimum particularly if you suspect limb or spinal damage.
5. Keep your pet warm, quiet and comfortable.
6. If instructed, bring your pet directly to the clinic.

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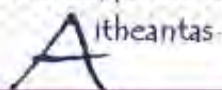
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*Mary Cullen delivering a talk on the history of
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*Local Historian Matt Kennedy with members of
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Ingredients

- olive oil
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 carrot, diced
- 1 leek, diced
- 2 celery sticks, diced
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 75g mushrooms, sliced
- 500g braising steak, cubed
- 2 tbsp plain flour
- 3 sprigs of thyme
- beef stock, fresh, cube or concentrate made up to 750ml
- 2 tbsp tomato purée
- a dash of Worcestershire sauce



Method

1. Heat 1 tbsp olive oil in a large pan then add the onion, carrot, leek, celery and garlic, and cook gently for 5 minutes, do not brown. Add the mushrooms and cook everything for a further 5 minutes then remove from the pan. Heat a little more olive oil in the pan, add the beef (in batches if necessary) and brown all over then stir the flour in well.

2. Return the vegetables to the pan and add the thyme, stock, purée and Worcestershire sauce. Season and mix well. Bring to a gentle simmer and cook covered for 1 1/2 hours until tender, stirring occasionally. Serve with jacket potatoes, rice, pasta or mash.

- 150g mushrooms, sliced
- 225 ml double cream
- 1 heaped tbsp Dijon mustard
- 4 tbsp finely chopped mixed herbs
- 1 kg mashed potatoes

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/Gas 4.
2. Place the onion in the bottom of a large saucepan and lay the fish on top in an even layer. Pour in the wine, add the lemon juice, scatter with 100g of the butter and season with salt and pepper. Cover with a lid and simmer on a low heat for 15–20 minutes or until the fish is cooked.
3. In the meantime, melt the remaining butter in a small frying pan and sauté the mushrooms on a gentle heat for 5–6 minutes or until softened. Season well with salt and pepper.
4. Once cooked and using a slotted spoon, carefully transfer the fish from the saucepan (leaving the onions and cooking liquid in the pan) to a 22cm square ovenproof dish.
5. Add the cream to the onions and cooking liquid in the pan and continue to simmer, with the lid off, for 10–15 minutes or until the sauce is reduced and thick enough to coat the back of a spoon. Stir in the mustard, herbs and sautéed mushrooms and check the seasoning.
6. Pour the sauce over the fish in the dish and spoon over the mashed potato, spreading with the back of a spoon or fork. Alternatively, pipe the mash over the fish with a piping bag and nozzle for a more professional-looking finish. The fish pie can be prepared to this stage, left to cool and then placed in the fridge overnight until ready to bake.
7. Bake in the oven for about 30 minutes or until bubbling and golden on top. If cooking from chilled then bake for about 40 minutes instead. Serve immediately.

Fish Pie

Ingredients

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 800g skinless fillets of fish such as salmon, cod, whiting, hake or haddock
- 150 ml white wine
- 1 lemon, juice only
- 125g butter, diced
- salt and freshly ground black pepper



President Mary McAleese Visits Maynooth Post Primary School.



President Mary McAleese visited Maynooth Post Primary School on Friday October 7th. The very special visit was in recognition of the schools 40th Anniversary.

She arrived at midday and was greeted by a delegation representing the school community. She was invited to mingle with some students and view their work. She was then welcomed into the school SportsHall where the students of the school awaited.

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(L-R) Suzanne Cunningham (WEEE Ireland), Leo Donovan (WEEE Ireland), Mattie Callaghan (Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee) and Richard Farrell (Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee).

Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee were honoured at the recent Repak Awards during National Recycling Week. WEEE Ireland.

The Irish compliance scheme for electrical and battery recycling, selected Maynooth as a recipient of their Special Merit Award and as a finalist in the *WEEE Ireland Best WEEE & Battery Recycling Event* Category for their hard work during the year and participation in the WEEE Ireland Collection Programme.

Maynooth Tidy Towns have been holding and promoting collection days in Maynooth for the past 5 years. Maynooth Tidy towns have a waste minimisation project and by participating in the WEEE Ireland collection day this allows them to meet their targets, an event that is always well received by the residents of Maynooth. One WEEE & Waste Battery collection event was held this year and 18.490 tonnes was collected on the day, a massive achievement.

An additional service was opened to the locals and surrounding areas for the elderly and those who had no transport facilities to the event. Members of the Tidy Towns assisted individuals in transporting their WEEE and Waste batteries to the collection day event, which really allowed all members of the community to take part. There was a strong Maynooth Tidy Towns presence throughout the day of the event assisting all members of the public and displaying the community spirit involved in the event.

WEEE Ireland would like to thank all of those involved in the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee for their dedication and commitment to keeping Maynooth clean and free from electrical and battery waste.

For further information on all future recycling events in Maynooth and in Kildare, or to find your nearest civic amenity site, please log on to WEEE Ireland's website www.recyclefree.ie <<http://www.recyclefree.ie>> or like our page on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/WEEEIreland> <<http://www.facebook.com/WEEEIreland>> for all updates on collection days.

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Senior Citizens Club

Club meets every Tuesday & Thursday morning in the I.C.A. Hall.
Sale of Work takes place on 20th November in the Aula Maxima in Maynooth College.
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Annual Dinner Dance takes place on 11th December

Irish Girl Guides

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*Teacher Margaret Simms with Junior Infants pupils
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Junior Infants class with their teacher
Miss Tracey Kirran*



*Gealscoil Uí Fhiaich
Junior infants with their teacher miss Lára Ní Duibh*

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Deputy Bernard Durkan*



Senator Sean Barrett & Deputy Emmet Stagg



Aine Doyle directing St. Mary's Band Maynooth

Celebrations after Twinning at Carton House October 2011



*Presentation of a Kildare Flag by Kildare Mayor
Micheál Nolan to Mayor of Canet Bernard Dupont*



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"It is the policy of the Planning Authority under Section 19.10.6 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2011-2017 to prevent the excessive concentration of take aways and to assess the cumulative impact of such uses. In addition, Section 4.3.4 of the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 states that there is an "adequate supply of hot food take-aways. No further permissions will be granted for such developments." Having considered the proposed development in the context of the above, and having regard to the number of existing take-away units in proximity to the current site, to permit the proposed development would seriously injure the amenities and depreciate the value of property in the vicinity by reason of the noise, litter and disturbance created would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan 2011-2017 and the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 and would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area."

Cllr. John McGinley

TONY SMITH MEMORIAL WALK 2011 TO RAISE IN EXCESS OF €8,000

The Tony Smith Memorial Walk 2011 was held on Sunday 16th October last and will raise in excess of €8,000 for Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee and will hopefully pass out last years figure of €8,323. At the time of writing the sum raised to date is €8,184 but this figure will rise over the coming weeks.

The Annual Walk is organised by Maynooth Labour Branch and all funds raised go directly to the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee who use it in their various supports for senior citizens in the area.

The Walk was led off from Maynooth G.A.A. grounds at 3 pm on Sunday 16th by Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley and then proceeded down to the

Main Street, up Carton Avenue and into Carton Estate. We would like to thank Carton Estate for their continued support for our Annual Walk.

The Sponsored Walk was first held in 1979 and was the idea of the then Treasurer of Maynooth Labour Branch, Tony Smith, who wanted to assist the senior citizens of the Town. Tony died tragically at the age of 33 in 1982 and the Walk was then renamed in his honour.

The proceeds of the Walk will be handed over to the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee at their Annual Christmas Party in December.

Finally we would like to thank the Participants and all those who sponsored us for this worthy cause.

(Photo page 16)

Dave Moynan - Treasurer Maynooth Labour Branch
087/2424638

Dublin Bus Not Extending the 66 and 67 Bus Routes in Maynooth

Kildare County Council has advised Cllr. John McGinley that Dublin Bus is not progressing with the extensions of the 66 and 67 routes in Maynooth. Cllr. McGinley stated that this was very bad news for the residents of Rathcoffey Road and Moyglare Road as they were led to believe by Dublin Bus that they would be getting the bus service this year. It also means that funding for the much needed traffic signals at the Meadowbrook Link Road/Straffan Road junction will not be forthcoming.

At the Celbridge Area Committee meeting on 21 October Cllr. McGinley asked the Council Officials to use their imagination to secure the funding from the NTA for this very dangerous junction. Cllr. McGinley has also asked his colleague Deputy Emmet Stagg to put as much pressure as possible on Dublin Bus to get the route extensions in Maynooth.

Farrell Bridge Wall to be Repaired

The Council has agreed to repair Farrell Bridge wall as a result of representations from Cllr. McGinley.

Planning Permission Granted for Car Park at Leinster Street

The Council has granted Planning Permission for a new car park at Leinster Street. It will cater for 100 cars and the permission lasts for 4 years.

Draft Local Area Plan for Maynooth to go on Public Display in January

The Council has advised Cllr. John McGinley that the Draft Local area Plan 2012-2018 for Maynooth will go on public display in January. The public will have 6 weeks to make submissions on this very important document.

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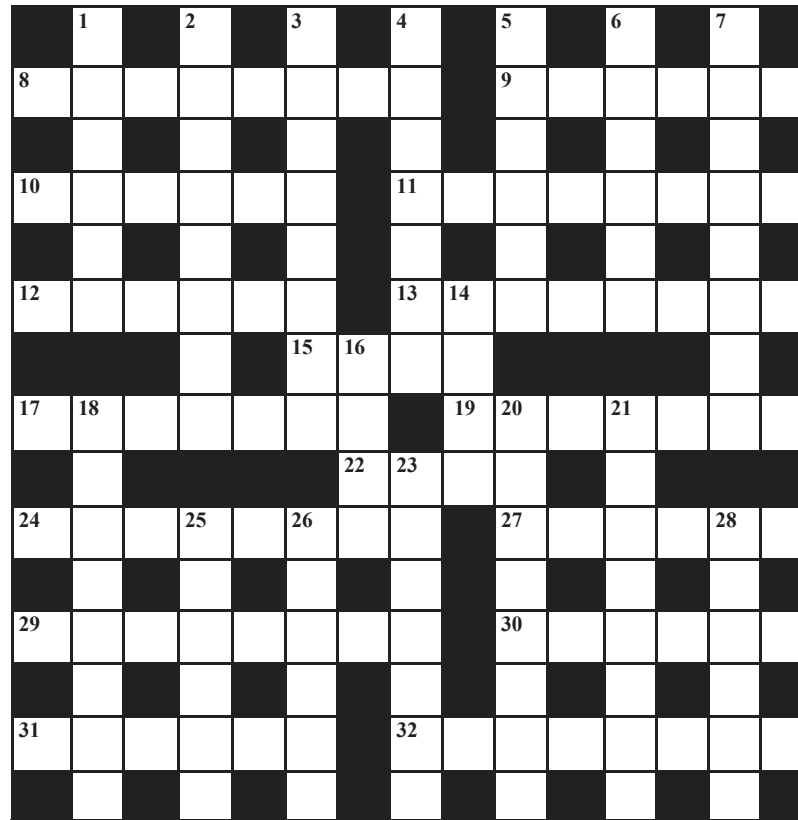
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November 2011 Crossword —No: 397

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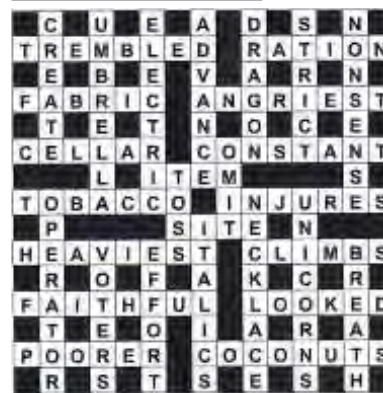
8. Eject or evict (5,3)
9. Mildly diverted or entertained (6)
10. Writer of opinions on plays, concerts etc (6)
11. Polite toilet in a public building—relax in it (4,4)
12. Turkey's capital (6)
13. V-shaped stripes denoting army rank (8)
15. Over-riding negative vote (4)
17. Became gradually narrower as candle may (7)
19. Person who tells fortunes from studying hands (7)
22. A narrow valley (4)
24. Ornamental lacework in gold or other metal (8)
27. Flowers associated with Amsterdam (6)
29. Of water, slightly salty (8)
30. Great art gallery in Paris (6)
31. Moralising address from pulpit (6)
32. Predatory greed and extortion (8)



DOWN

1. Boatman across the river Styx (6)
2. Programs that drive computer, not hard (8)
3. An assembly of Catholic cardinals (8)
4. Draw toward as magnet does metal (7)
5. An informal quarrel or upset (6)
6. Hitler's title (6)
7. So herein find brave women (8)
14. It goes with faith and charity (4)
16. Cutting side as of knife, or margin (4)
18. Places where bees are kept (8)
20. A graceful gazelle from Africa (8)
21. Cull moss to find snails, mussels, oysters etc. (8)
23. Unrestrained sexual desire (7)
25. Money received as wages or interest (6)
26. Rules as monarch (6)
28. Bandit of the ocean, buccaneer (6)

Answers to No. 396



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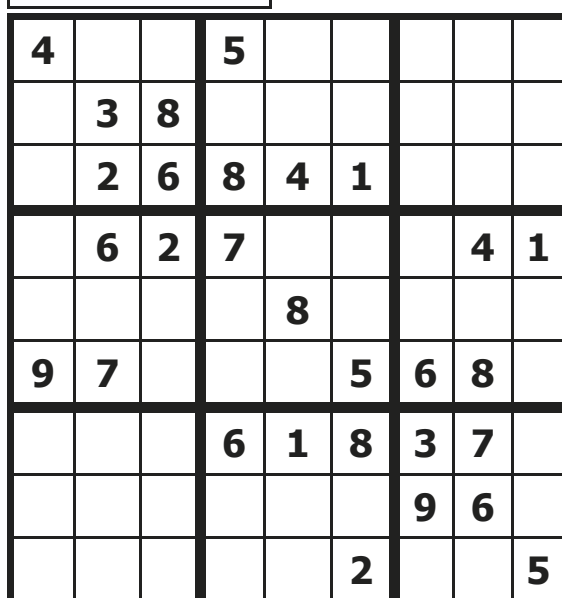
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David Wraith,
The Arches

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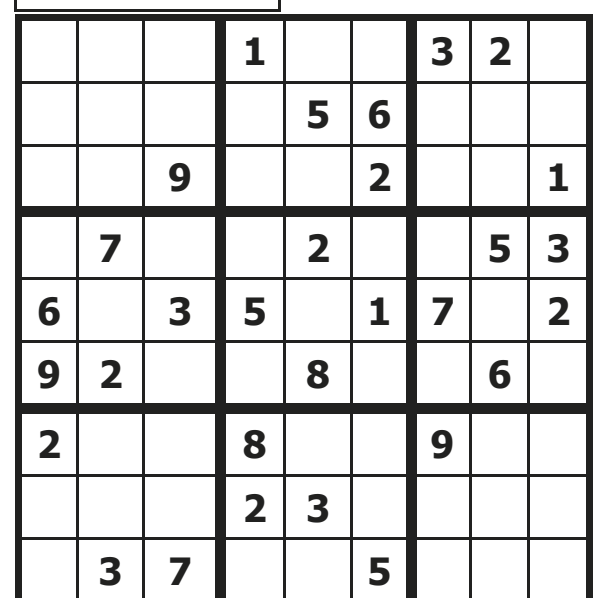


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MURPHY SLAMS MINISTER FOR LEGAL AID WAIT TIME INEQUITIES WAITING LIST FOR SERVICES IS 11 MONTHS IN TALLAGHT AND 0 MONTHS IN DUNDALK

Catherine Murphy T.D. for Kildare North has today strongly criticised the way in which Legal Aid is made available having discovered that applicants encounter no waiting time if they live in Dundalk but 11 months of waiting if they live in Tallaght.

"This is just another example of the huge flaws in the way we organise and distribute public services in Ireland. The fact that access to Legal Aid depends more on where you live than on the level of need for assistance is extremely worrying and must be addressed."

Murphy's comments came in response to a newly released FLAC report on access to Legal Aid which she has strongly welcomed.

"I find FLAC's approach to the whole issue of legal aid to be very user-oriented and practical and so I am of course very welcoming of this report. It's vital however that this document doesn't just sit gathering dust on the shelf of a Government Minister's office but rather that it is responded to in a decisive and proactive fashion in the interest of an overhauled system of service distribution."

The Independent TD has a strong record of raising matters of this type and her knowledge on the waiting times for services derives directly from a response to a parliamentary question she tabled on the first day of the Dáil's Autumn session on 14th September 2011. In this response, Murphy learned that waiting times for the provision of legal aid vary wildly throughout the country with, for example people based in Dublin's Blanchardstown waiting 4 months for services while their neighbours on the South side of the city in Tallaght must wait 11 months.

"This is just pure madness, I'm calling on Minister Shatter to adjust the system in order that a more equalised level of services is received by people all over the country as soon as possible. I'm hugely concerned that with such disparity in access to justice the constitutional provision that "All citizens shall, as human persons, be held equal before the law" is not being upheld. This must change now."

647. Deputy Catherine Murphy asked the Minister for Justice and Equality the waiting times for free legal aid by FLAC by location; the number of clients that are on the waiting list; the arrangement that are put in place in the case of court dates being reached in advance of the certificate; his plans to augment this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. [23248/11] Minister for Justice and Equality (Deputy Alan Shatter): "I wish to inform the Deputy that under the Civil Legal Act 1995, as passed by the Oireachtas, the Legal Aid Board is independent in the operation of its functions. However, as a courtesy to the Deputy I have

obtained the information sought and am providing it to the Deputy.

At the outset, I wish to clarify for the Deputy that the Legal Aid Board provides 'legal aid' and not 'free legal aid'. The vast majority of persons receiving services from the Board pay a small financial contribution. I also wish to clarify that the Board provides services through, inter alia, law centres. However, FLAC (Free Legal Advice Centres) is a non-governmental organisation and is not connected to the Board in any way.

I am advised by the Board that the waiting time by reference to each law centre as of 31 August 2011 is set out below. As of 1 September 2011 there were 4,482 persons waiting for a first appointment with a solicitor. The Board prioritises matters that it considers require an immediate service. The sort of matters prioritised include cases involving domestic violence, the risk of children going into care, child abduction, and critical dates being close to expiry. Some other cases that are heard in the District Court are also given earlier appointments. The Board does not generally prioritise matters simply because there is a court date. It considers that this is unfair and inequitable to other applicants, many of whom may be seeking to get to court. Persons who have a court date and are not given an appointment prior to the court date are given a letter detailing their application which they may produce to the court."

Table of figures
(source: <http://debates.oireachtas.ie/dail/2011/09/14/00475.asp>)

Law Centre

Maximum current
waiting time — 31/08/11
(months)

Dundalk	0
Ennis	2
Letterkenny	2
Limerick	2
Galway	3
Tralee	3
Blanchardstown, Dublin	4
Popes Quay, Cork	4
Monaghan	4
Navan	4
Tullamore	4
Waterford	4
Brunswick Street, Dublin	5
Finglas, Dublin	5
Athlone	5
Castlebar	5
Kilkenny	5
Longford	5
Sligo	5
Wexford	5
Wicklow	5
Gardiner Street, Dublin	6
South Mall, Cork	6
Clondalkin, Dub- lin	7
Portlaoise	7
Cavan	8
Nenagh	9
Newbridge	9
Tallaght, Dublin	11

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Kevin is a past student of the Maynooth Secondary and Post Primary Schools, Dublin Institute of Technology and South West London College. He has also served as an external examiner for the Dublin Institute of Technology for a number of years. Kevin is the son of Doreen and Sean Tracey, formerly of Dillons Row and now of Greenfield.

We wish Kevin every success in his future professional career.

Maynooth Citizens Information Centre - Know Your Rights

Question

I have been renting my home from the local authority for 12 years. I understand there is a new incentive for me to become a ‘tenant purchaser. What are the details?

Answer

There is a new Fixed Term Tenant Purchase Scheme which will remain open until the end of 2011. If you have been a local authority tenant for over 10 years you can buy your home at a discount from current market prices. The maximum discount available is 45% on the market price of your home. (This discount is based on a 3% discount for each year of tenancy up to a maximum of 15 years.) You must also pay stamp duty on the purchase. This is fixed at €100 for all sales under the Scheme.

You can finance the purchase price in the following ways:

- From your own resources
- With a mortgage loan from a financial institution or city/ county council (terms and conditions apply)
- With a combination of a lump sum deposit and a mortgage loan

If you wish to apply for a mortgage loan to your local authority you will have to show (with documentary evidence) that you have been refused a loan by two financial institutions and your income must be below a certain amount. You must also state the amount of the loan refused. If you wish to sell your house within 20 years of purchase you must get the consent of your local authority.

The new Fixed Term Tenant Purchase Scheme does not replace the existing Tenant Purchase Scheme which remains in place until June 2012.

The Fixed Term Tenant Purchase Scheme is open for applications only until the end of December 2011.

For further details you should contact the Housing Section of your local authority (city or county council).

Question

My neighbour is planning to build a large extension to his house and has put up a planning notice on his gate. I am really worried that the extension will block light from my kitchen and garden but I don't have any details about what exactly is planned. What can I do about this?

Answer

You could speak to your neighbour and ask them about what they are proposing. You also have the right to see all the documents submitted with a planning application, which will be kept at the offices of your local authority. Most local authorities also make the documents available online.

You can also make a written submission or observation on the application. There is a fee for this (currently €20). You must make your submission or observation within 5 weeks of the date of receipt of the planning application (by the local authority). Planning authorities cannot rule on an application until 5 weeks have elapsed to allow them to take all submissions and observations into account.

Your comments must be in writing to your local authority. If possible, you should quote the planning application's reference number. You must quote your

name and address and postal address (if different). You should outline how you think the proposed development will affect you – including blocking light from your property, reducing the amenity value of your garden and allowing overlooking of your garden. Your comments must be based on planning considerations, not on personal likes, dislikes or grievances.

Your submission/observation must be acknowledged by the local authority and you must be notified of the planning decision within 3 days.

If you made a submission/observation that has been acknowledged by the local authority, you have the right to appeal its planning decision to An Bord Pleanála. You also have the right to be informed of any other appeals that have been lodged to An Bord Pleanála and to receive a copy of the appeal.

Question

I turn 65 next year and will qualify for a State Pension (Transition). However I see that the conditions include a stipulation that you cannot be in insurable employment. I will be retired from work but I get a small income from rent from an investment property I own and I pay Class S PRSI contributions on this income. Does this mean that I won't qualify for the Transition Pension?

Answer

It is possible to qualify for a State Pension (Transition) even if you are paying self-employed PRSI. The State Pension (Transition) lasts for one year and to qualify you must:

- Have reached your 65th birthday and be under 66
- Be retired from work
- Have enough social insurance contributions.

Being retired means that you must not be in insurable employment or self-employment. If you have earnings, they must be less than €38 a week from employment or €5,000 a year from self-employment. If you have an income from savings or investments, you could be liable for self-employed PRSI but you can still get a State Pension (Transition) if you are not actually engaged in self-employment.

So in your case since you are not actually engaged in self-employment you should qualify for the pension. The ‘being retired’ condition ends when you reach 66 and transfer to the State Pension (Contributory) and you can then work without any effect on your pension.

Question

I recently had a walk-in bath fitted in my home to accommodate my elderly father who has limited mobility. I paid VAT on the appliance itself and on the cost of having it fitted. Can I claim this VAT back?

Answer

Yes, you can claim the VAT back.

People with a disability can get a refund of VAT on certain special aids and appliances they need. In some cases people who pay for aids and appliances that are for the exclusive use of a person with a disability can also claim the VAT refund. The aid or appliance must be owned by and for the exclusive use of the person with the disability. You can also claim VAT back on the cost of having the appliance fitted (provided the fitting is carried out by a VAT-registered contractor and is claimed for with the claim for the appliance).

Since the VAT refund is being sought by a person other than the user of the aid or appliance, the Revenue Commissioners may ask you for evidence that the bath

is solely owned by and is for the sole use of your father. Revenue may also ask you for medical evidence of your father's disability.

To apply for a VAT refund on aids and appliances, you must fill in claim form VAT 61A which is available on the Revenue Commissioner's website, revenue.ie. You must make the claim for a refund within four years of the purchase.

You must attach supporting documentation with your claim. For example, original invoices for all the goods in the claim. Invoices should show the supplier's name and the amount of VAT paid.

You send your claim form and supporting documentation to:

Revenue Commissioners, FREEPOST, Central Repayments Office, M-TEK-II Building, Armagh Road, Monaghan. Email: cromon@revenue.ie

Refunds or remission of VAT on motor vehicles for the transport of a person with a severe disability is covered under a separate scheme.

Information is also available online at citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, Lo-call 1890 777 121 or (021 4521600).

Tom Ashe Education Bursary

At the official reception for First Year students into Maynooth Post-Primary School for 2011 Tom and Stasia Ashe inaugurated the “Tom Ashe Education Bursary” in order to mark the 40 year celebrations of the foundation of the school in 1971.

The purpose of this Bursary is to assist students of Maynooth Post-Primary School who qualify and are accepted for a Third Level course of their choice. Tom and Stasia have contributed €10,000 initially and in order to ensure the continuity of the fund they will also contribute a further €4,000 annually for as long as Tom lives. The student selected will receive €4,000 one-off payment to help defray the costs of Third Level education. A committee of the Principal, two Deputy Principals, Career Counsellor, Year Head and one representative nominated by the sponsors will select the student deemed most worthy every year.

The recipient of the inaugural award was Megan Marshall and she has been accepted for a degree course in Radio Therapy in Trinity College.

He also invited all past pupils and past parents who feel the school may have made a significant contribution to their education and/or career to make a contribution to this fund in order that in future years the fund may grow so that instead of one award there may be two, three or even more whatever the fund permits, the possibilities are limitless. If just 100 past-students or parents from all our students over the past 40 years made an annual contribution of €100 it would amount to €10,000 ! If anybody wishes to make a contribution the following are the Bank details.

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Tidy Towns Competition 2011
Adjudication Report

Centre: Maynooth	Ref: 377		
County: Kildare	Mark: 297		
Category: F	Date(s): 09/06/2011		
	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2010	Mark Awarded 2011
Overall Development Approach	50	44	43
The Build Environment	50	36	37
Landscaping	50	42	43
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	29	29
Litter Control	50	30	29
Waste Minimisation	20	11	12
Tidiness	30	17	18
Residential Areas	40	26	27
Roads, Streets and back Areas	50	32	33
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	400	275	279

Overall Development Approach:

Your adjudicator would like to welcome Maynooth to the 2011 TidyTowns Competition and your participation is important to the competition. Your entry documentation was comprehensive and most helpful on adjudication day. The route suggested for your adjudicator was useful and formed the basis of the adjudication, but other parts of the town were also included. Your committee of eighteen is very large by national standards and illustrated very strong support for Tidy Towns in Maynooth. Your meetings structure is well thought out and your relationship with the various agencies and organisations appears to be very strong.

Your media approach is comprehensive. The Maynooth web portal sounds a great project and it is great that your Committee is an important part of this initiative. Your Schools liaison continues and this is most important for the future of Tidy Towns in Maynooth. Your adjudicator notes that a Tidy Towns Plan for Maynooth was not included though you appear to have one that covers the period 2010-2015. The appendices back-up documentation was helpful on adjudication day and many thanks for that. The many photographs included with your entry were most helpful.

The Built Environment:

The fine wide pavements in the town centre help to reduce the visual impact of some of the less successful retail frontages. Some poor graphics were noted where there were issues of font, scale, style and colour. The central square area is well presented and is an oasis of relative calm in a busy town. Your work on the 19th century schoolhouse has been noted and hopefully this has improved security and related issues. It is great to see that the old Parish Hall has been removed and hopefully it will be replaced by an architectural statement that will sit well in the Maynooth environment. Your project to encourage small businesses into side lane areas is significant and helps to develop further the core area of the town. The timber facade area of the new café area is successful and the Pound area was greatly enjoyed. The improvements to the Glenroyal area were examined and certainly improve this area. The Tesco Extra area has been greatly improved and the landscaping here gives some character to this large retail area. The Railway Station was visited and the modern core area in glass was much admired. A rough grass area however by the parking sign on the entrance ramp needs to be tidied up. You are to be commended on The Best Shop front Competition and this is a great way of encouraging year on year presentational improvements. Derelict sites are a difficult issue to tackle and your progress in this regard has been noted. Is there any possibility of the house opposite the Castle being redeveloped? The Castle was visited and enjoyed and the presentation of this area is excellent. The use of the Irish language on signage is required under present legislation and this should be encouraged where appropriate. On signage the Irish language must have the primary role. The Mantra property in fine cut stone caught the eye and various other properties in the core area stand out for all the good reasons.

Landscaping:

The new planters were examined and these do make a visual difference. You have improved the area by the Boys Primary School which was visited and this is indeed a busy area when the School closes for the day. The maintenance of the many landscaped areas on approach roads has continued to a high standard and the work at Carton Avenue and Carton House is appreciated. Work on the old Straffan road has enhanced the amenity value of this area. Along the Main Street the fine trees here helps to link the town core area to the surrounding countryside. Your adjudicator told all Tidy Towns Committees that the cutting of roadside banks and ditches in the period 1st March to 30th August is not permitted under Section 40 of the Wildlife Act 1976, incorporating section 46 of the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000. New planters at Manor Mills were noted. Across from the Castle the fine well mown grass area running down to the small stream is most impressive.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your adjudicator did not find evidence of a formal Wildlife Trail and this is a project that might be considered for the future given the extensive well maintained green areas in the Maynooth area. The Joan Slade Rivers wildlife area was visited and it was noted that this project was completed in May of 2010. A lot of litter was seen in the grass area here and in the stream. The new planting here was admired. This seems to defeat the whole purpose of an area dedicated to the needs of nature. The Harbour area was visited and greatly enjoyed but no wildlife interpretation was seen. Why is the large car park here closed?

Litter Control:

Your annual litter control plan was read with interest and a structured approach is always recommended. However litter was evident at various locations in and around Maynooth. Much litter was seen along Parson Street and on the Ballygoran Road where cut grass on verges had not been removed. The relationship with the Litter Warden seems to be excellent and his / her role is crucial. The new Recycling Centre at the Tesco Carton Park car park was well presented. The Bring Centre near SuperValu is poorly located and the official signage was missing. A lot of litter was evident in Greenfield and at the back areas of Carton Court where bad kerb weed was also present. Along by the road edge / road kerbing on Main Street large quantities of cigarette butts were noted and this creates a poor impression. Some litter was noted outside the Castle and on Mill Street near the Main Street junction.

Waste Minimisation:

The University is making major efforts in respect of waste minimisation and they are warmly commended for this approach. The emphasis on cycling and walking that they have adopted is admired. Likewise the Wee collection seems to have been highly successful and should be repeated annually. Do note that this category is about waste reduction in Maynooth and recycling plays a much lower role. Have you considered a Waste Audit of businesses in Maynooth?

Tidiness:

Your positive action in respect of illegal signage is commended and I presume that you have checked out any legal issues that might be involved. Your work on graffiti has also been noted and appears to be successful, the Sub-Committee idea seems to work well. The weed spraying programme may solve some problems but in environmental terms it may not always be beneficial. The short road leading down to the back of the Railway Station was poorly presented with much weed growth. On the Moyglare road the timber fencing across the road from the University Village Apartments needs to be repaired and treated. Well done on the removal of ugly plastic cable ties. Your attention to derelict sites is commended and this is always a difficult area to handle. At the Beaufield Road / Newtown Road junction the fence here should be painted black to match the other section of the same fencing. The Kilcock road area was most untidy but the road works were still in progress. This situation has not adversely influenced your marks. Gable advertising was noted on the Three Pin Electrical premises and this is out of place in an attractive town like Maynooth. Opposite the Afro Caribbean Food Store the black and white timber screening needs to be treated.

Residential Areas:

The Best Estates Competition is welcomed and appears to have influenced the presentation of many of the estates visited in Maynooth. Rockfield is just one of many superb estates visited and the large grass area here is magnificent while kerb weed at Greenfield needs attention. Carton Court is another estate where the standard of grass areas is extremely high and this experience was repeated in many other estates. The new bins for Moyglare Village have been noted. Meadowbrook and Beaufield estates were visited and your recent work here was examined. The work along the stream has been most successful but the painting of the railings by the bridge over the stream might be considered. The use of weedkiller was noted in some estates along by kerbing. This is not a really environmentally friendly approach and the cutting of kerb grass areas by hand is preferable.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Along Leinster Street the new wooden bollards were admired as was the Leixlip Road pathway. You have done much work on roadside verges and you have many of them – well done. The Kilcock Road will be greatly improved when the present works are completed and hopefully appropriate landscaping will be included. The fine Limestone walls along Parson Street are a very strong visual feature so well maintained. On Straffan Road the fine walls along here also caught the eye. The extensive cycle ways were noted on many roads and seemed to be well used. On the Moyglare and Ballygoran roads cut grass had not been removed.

General Impression:

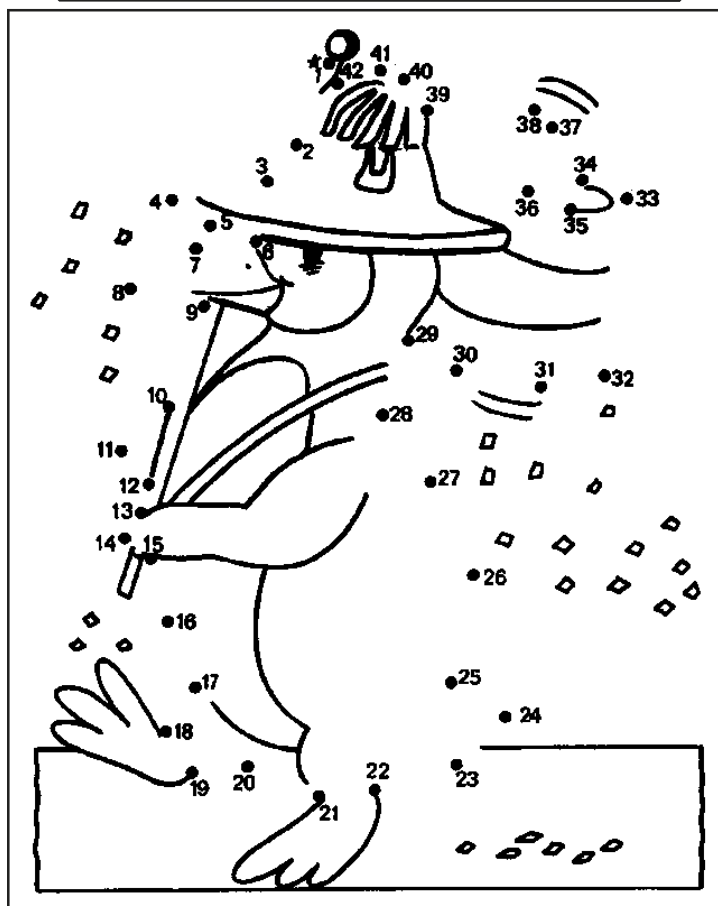
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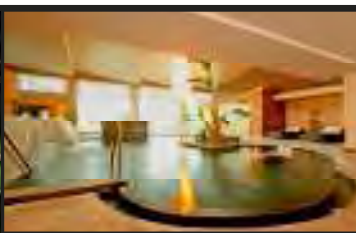
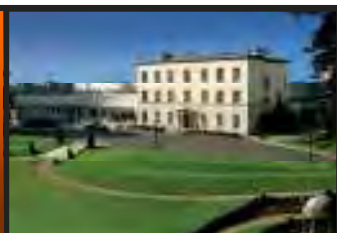
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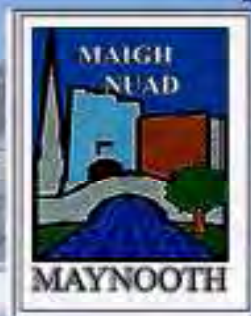


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Hundreds of screaming and excited fans welcomed X-Factor boy band One Direction to Tesco Extra Maynooth on Saturday 19th November last. Dedicated fans queued as early as 5.00 pm on Thursday 17th November to purchase the band's new album. Over 600 wristbands were given out on a first come first serve basis. A great atmosphere was created by fans singing songs and generally just having a good time while waiting to see their heroes. As **One Direction** took to their seats, they waved and posed for pictures with VIP guests, competition winners and staff. Nothing was too much for the boys on the day. They signed CDs, kissed the girls, had photos taken which I know was very much appreciated, as I myself was given dozens of letters, gifts and well wishes from their adoring fans. I know from speaking to my colleagues, it was an enjoyable day for them and customers alike.

As one mother said "what a lovely bunch of lads", as she accompanied her two daughters to see the group. Even though time was very tight, they were very focused and made a lot of effort with their fans. I think it's good to have events such as this in store as it generates a very positive atmosphere in the area. I can honestly say that One Direction had a good time in Tesco Maynooth as we sent them off out to Clare Hall with sandwiches and pizza prepared by the lovely ladies from our café. Well done to fans, staff and One Direction for a wonderful day and one that will not be forgotten for a long time.

Bernie Kane
Community Champion
Tesco Extra Maynooth



Dedicated Fans who camped out for 24 hours

Since my last note we have opened "Maynooth Youth Café" on Thursday 10th November (8-10pm). We had 15 boys and girls attend the opening. We had planned having a band playing on the opening night, but given the space available we decided that rather than having the band on the night we would have them in a bigger space at a future date, possibly in Manor Mill S.C itself, with the permission of Dunnes Stores, where we could accommodate larger numbers in a safer environment. The opening night was a fantastic success with the boys and girls playing Snooker, Pool, Table Tennis, and Cards and enjoying Hot Cocoa, Coffee, soft drinks and snacks on the night.

We have had the same numbers every Thursday night since and the young people attending are very encouraged by every body's effort to provide a safe environment in which they can meet, chill out, talk among themselves, listen to their music and play each other in the games provided.

We as a Committee are also very encouraged by the level of enthusiasm shown by the boys and girls attending who are asking to be represented on the Committee and play a meaningful role in the overall running of the Café. After all the Café belongs to the Youth of Maynooth under the supervision of the Committee.


We need more young boys and girls, to support and grow the Café, to make it a venue they can be proud of and organise events internally and other activities that they can participate in within the Community at large.

We would encourage parents of the TY to Leaving Cert age group to make contact with us through Maynooth Community Council Office email...

maynoothcc@eircom.net .We can organise Garda vetting which is essential for any adult to be part of Maynooth Youth Café.


The Maynooth Youth Café will be open every Thursday night from 8-10pm going forward and all are welcome to attend in the TY to Leaving Cert age group.

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Midnight Mass

Christmas Day:

Sunday 25th: 9.00 a.m., 10.15 a.m., 11.30 a.m., 12.45 p.m.

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Saturday 17th

Thursday 24th (Christmas Eve)

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Christmas Eve:

Saturday 24th: 9.00 p.m.

Christmas Day:

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Maynooth Community Church



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Christmas Day

Christmas Breakfast: 9.30a.m.

Christmas Service: 10:30a.m.

New Year's Day Jan 1st

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Our next event will be our Christmas shopping night on Wed. Dec. 7th, courtesy of Super Valu and our Annual Dinner will take place on Sun. Dec. 11th at 4pm in the Glenroyal Hotel. Our morning club will close on Thurs. Dec. 8th and will reopen on Tues. Jan. 3rd. 2012. Our Mass bus will continue throughout this time and our Senior Citizens will be informed of any Christmas Mass time changes. Our A.G.M will take place on Tues Feb. 7th 2012 at 8pm in the Health Centre. This is an open meeting to which all are welcome.

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Editorial

Firstly, the Newsletter would like to wish all our readers, supporters and the advertisers a Happy Christmas and New Year. We would also like to encourage people to support our local businesses who advertise with us and to keep jobs locally as well.

As the winter solstice and the shortest, darkest day approaches, the future for Europe and for the euro currency is still uncertain. The frightening prospect of economic contagion is now a reality and the death of the euro and the European project seems imminent. The Irish economy is said to be improving but, increasingly, for ordinary people the future is also doubtful. Retailers depend on the Christmas spending spree but there is little evidence of this as people wait for the axe of the budget to fall. The ‘bail-out’ is now a year old and the Fianna Fáil/ Green coalition paid the ultimate price for losing the country’s economic sovereignty. The clouds of contagion and the problems encountered by Greece, Portugal and Italy make Ireland look quite healthy. Should we cut our losses now? Leave the euro, join sterling and the Commonwealth?

But is there any difference between the old and the new Government? Increasingly, the tactics of the new coalition in taxes, finance and economics seems to be very similar. The large salaries, the huge pensions remain in place. The story of the Cardiff nomination and the intervention of Eoin O’Shea have shown the Irish in a very bad light with other European countries. They cannot quite understand what is going on and that this is the Irish way, it is certainly not the European way and they made that quite clear. The behaviour of some politicians in trying to shut down comments by MEPs was equally unpleasant. The whole scenario made Ireland look like a typical banana republic losing 3.6bn down the back of the sofa.

It is equally unsettling to watch the RTÉ debacle and how

many people were involved in allowing the programme to air without the proper care being taken. The national broadcaster has taken a huge hit in this case. It was a brave decision to take on such a large organisation but it has proved successful.

On a lighter note, the election of Michael D. Higgins as president and his inauguration ceremony brightened the public mood. The tone of his speech as well as the organisation of the day itself, particularly the haunting singing of the Galway choir Cois Cladaigh (beside the Claddagh), was proof of what is best in Ireland. Ba aire iontach é Michael D. nuair a bhí Páirtí an Lucht Oibre sa chomhrialtas sna 90aidí. B’eisean a bhí i gceannas ar cultúr agus oidhreacht, thosaigh sé TG4 a chuir borradh faoi teanga do ghlúnta óga agus a thug cláracha cosúil leis an sobaldráma Ros na Rún ar an scáileán. Some days after his inauguration, the possible end of the Heritage Council was mentioned as part of the cull of the quangos. The irony was not lost on some and the catastrophe was averted. Hopefully, he will bring his vision (aislin as he said himself) to bear on his presidency, his ideology and he is a man of both ideas and ideology and makes no apology for this – unlike other politicians who believed that ideology was a dirty word.

There is no evidence locally of much economic activity either but there are bright stars on the Maynooth horizon, the scouts have been granted planning permission for the Geraldine Hall and they are looking for as much help as possible from the people of the town. The Festival Committee is also looking for local help and perhaps, in these straightened times; there might be more time to volunteer.

On another local note, the Gardaí have asked that we highlight the growing incidents of crime in the area but particularly to be careful about the possibilities of theft in car parks and at supermarkets. This applies chiefly to woman who may be distracted when putting the groceries

into the car and may not notice a thief approaching taking a handbag.

In these dark times, the future of education is even more important and one of the few ways out of this present dire situation for our young people. Although it is depressing to see nurses, teachers and doctors being educated here and then heading immediately for the emigration plane. Maynooth is a unique educational hub with three different levels and two universities in the town. The importance of the school and its location has been highlighted in this publication on a number of occasions and this arises again in this issue with the number of letters that we have received from the public, the advertisements placed by organisations and a wonderful speech given by a transition year student in the Post-Primary School recently. This speech is printed elsewhere in this publication but it is a credit to the school in two ways; firstly the ability of a 15 year old to give such a speech but also that this student was so fulsome in praise of the school.

To finish with the words of our new President, in his second language, fluently spoken as he emphasises the importance of hope, heritage and culture. He also mentions the creativity, imagination and humanity of Ireland.

‘Ní díonas ach dóchas a bheidh ag teastáil uainn ins na blianta dúshlánacha atá amach romhainn. Dóchas as ár n-oighreacht shaibhir, as ár ndúchas iolrach; dóchas as ár n-acmhainn samhlaíochta agus cruthaíochta; as an daonnacht choiteann a fáisceadh as stair chasta ár muintire i ngach cúinne d’Éirinn.’

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

Community Council Notes

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

1. Community Space up and running

Paul Croghan (Vice-chairperson, PDO) updated the meeting on the new Community Space at Manor Mills. He reported that many local groups were now using the space, including Teen Space, U3A and Nuada Players. The VEC was also using it for a course for early school leavers. There were still some time-slots available, and new local groups about to set up were particularly welcome. Manor Mills had been extremely helpful with setting up the space. Helena Kirkpatrick (U3A, Youth Café) said that the Youth Café would be having an open evening for parents and senior-cycle students shortly. Councillor John McGinley (Labour) said this was the first community space to be funded by Kildare County Council. The permanent community space at the Tesco site would be very large - 4,500 square feet - and it was important to show that this would be fully utilised when it is provided in a number of years time. Paul Croghan added that Maynooth Community Council had spent quite a lot of money on the present space in order to provide adequate sanitation, comply with fire regulations, and so on. However he was hopeful that it would be possible to provide it to local groups at 'as close as possible to free.' It was important that those using the space cleaned up after meetings as other groups would be using it after them.

2. Fear that Senior Citizens' services might suffer cutbacks

Tom McMullon (Chairperson) congratulated Josie Moore (Senior Citizens Committee), who was recently honoured at the Person of the Year event in recognition of her years of dedicated service to the senior citizens of Maynooth. Josie Moore thanked all those who had helped the Senior Citizens Committee over the years. She said that the annual sale of work would take place shortly at the Aula

Maxima in St. Patrick's College. There was some discussion about the likelihood that facilities currently available to senior citizens in Maynooth might be affected by Government cutbacks. Maura Wilcox (U3A) expressed her fear that services at the Day Care Centre and the Community Care Unit would be cut and that standards of care would slip. Josie Moore said she had written to the H.S.E. and had received a response which said that 40 beds were now open 'in line with workers available.' It was agreed that this was not very reassuring.

3. Scouts appeal for support

Peter Garrad (Scouts) told the meeting that the Scouts had received planning permission for their redevelopment of the Geraldine Hall at the Harbour as a scout facility. They were looking forward to bringing this fantastic building back to life, but it would take some time to raise the necessary funds. One of the conditions of their planning permission was that they would develop and make good the old building first. The new facility would not be just for scouts - it would also be available for other community activities. The Scouts would be using the hall five nights a week and at weekends, but it would be available to the rest of the community at other times. Peter Garrad said that the Scouts would be running events each month to raise funds for the project, and he asked for assistance from anyone in the community who could help with fund raising. Josie Moore said that the Senior Citizens Committee would like to use the new facility because the committee had started out in the Geraldine Hall in the 1960s. It was pointed out that public lighting outside the hall is poor, and Brendan Ashe (NUIM) said that students were recommended not to use the area at night for security reasons. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin (Secretary) suggested that the hall would be a good candidate for flood lighting. The Scouts can be contacted at maynoothscouts@gmail.com.

4. Suggested dates for the Festival

Tom McMullon (Chairperson) said that planning for next year's Maynooth festival needed to get going, more people were required on the organising committee, and it was

important to liaise with Canet en Roussillon in good time so that they could participate. Naoise Ó Cearúil (NUIM Students' Union) said that the students' union would like to get involved with the Community Council and the festival, and would present more ideas at a later stage. There was a discussion about dates for the festival. Peter Garrad suggested that running it mid-summer was wrong as it missed out on student and school involvement. Aongus Ó Maoláin (NUIM) suggested mid-October as a good time because new students were being introduced to the town and at the beginning of term students in general would have time to participate. Deirdre Cullen said this date would also suit second level students as it didn't clash with exams. Paul Croghan warned against the festival becoming Rag Week by the back door, and said the idea of a Harvest Festival had sometimes been suggested. Tom McMullon said Maynooth's festival was called the 'Geraldine Festival' and the history theme should be remembered. Naoise Ó Cearúil suggested that children's activities could be held during the day and other activities at night. Hilda Dunne (History Group) pointed out that the Castle was an important venue for festival events and is closed in October. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin thought it might be possible to arrange to have it opened for the occasion. It was agreed to take up names of volunteers to join the committee, and to seek further festival support and help in the town.

5. Garda Advice

The Garda representative at the meeting warned that handbags were being snatched at car parks in Maynooth at present, especially where there were no security cameras. People were leaving their handbags in their cars while they put their trolleys back, and their handbags were being stolen while they were away from the car.

D. Cullen PRO

Letters To The Editor

A chara,

The Department of Education is currently deliberating the issue of patronage for two new post-primary schools slated to begin construction in Maynooth, County Kildare in 2012. In this university town, over the past forty years, the VEC-led Maynooth Post-Primary has assembled a very impressive track record, producing leaving cert results almost a third better than the national average and consistently ranking amongst the top schools in the country in terms of proportion of students going on to higher education. Based on this success, the VEC has proposed a unified patronage structure for both these schools. They have also made a very strong case for a single patron system, based on spatial logistics and human resource cost-efficiencies. In other words, the VEC proposal addresses many diverse social requirements at a time of straitened national finances and an increasing focus on a highly educated workforce required by the so-called knowledge economy.

As a blow-in, albeit one of nearly two decades residence, and a proud father of two children likely to attend post-primary school in Maynooth, I am persuaded by the VEC's case. As a social scientist (an anthropologist) with, what one might call, a professional interest in communities, I am very concerned about a competing proposal arguing for Catholic religious patronage for one of the schools on this site. First, in a national system positively saturated with Catholic patronage of schools at all levels, serving a population of increasing ethnic and confessional diversity, another religious patronage of this sort seems at best unnecessary and at worst genuinely counter-productive. More importantly, it is all but inevitable that a two-school solution will amplify various stratifications within a community that has managed, in the time that I have been here at least, to maintain a high degree of unity and sense of inclusion. Class, ethnic, town-gown, amongst other divisions in this area would find ready-made institutional expressions in a two-school set up, complete with uniforms, geographies, potentially confessional spaces, and, I fear, post-secondary school life-trajectories. As an anthropologist, the two-school set-up strikes me as an interesting (if wholly unnecessary and somewhat unethical) social experiment, which, as a resident and a parent, I would very much prefer to avoid.

The Maynooth Post-Primary School, under VEC patronage, based on an inclusive ethos and a dedication to serving the entire community, has for decades been a unifying factor in the experience of coming of age in Maynooth. It has maintained this commitment while emerging as one of the best schools in the country. The VEC proposal for the new schools best serves the whole community of Maynooth. It deserves the full support of the Department of Education.

Yours etc.,

A. Jamie Saris, PhD

Dear Editor,
On behalf of Maynooth Post Primary PTA I would like to sincerely thank members of the public for their warm reception and positive response to our campaign supporting Kildare VEC's application for patronage of the second new school. The parents and staff of Maynooth Post Primary School have been out and about on the streets and in our shopping centres explaining and discussing the patronage question while asking for support for Kildare VEC's application to be patron of the new second level school in our town. The support of our six Councillors from the Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge Area Committee, John Mc Ginley, Senan Griffin, Colm Purcell, Anthony Larkin, Kevin Byrne and Frank O'Rourke is greatly appreciated. I also wish to publicly acknowledge our four public representatives Deputies Emmet Stagg, Bernard Durkan, Catherine Murphy and Tony Lawlor for attending our meetings, for their advice and for their wholehearted support of the VEC patronage. Yours Sincerely
Teresa Murray
Chairperson Maynooth Post Primary Parent Teacher Association

Parents and Friends of Maynooth Post Primary School and Kildare VEC

A new lobby group who's aim is to promote the patronage by Kildare VEC of second level education in Maynooth, held its inaugural meeting on Thursday 24th November. In a statement announcing its formation their spokesperson explained that the group was formed in response to concerns about the implications of divided patronage at second level education in Maynooth.

The founding group includes retired Maynooth Post Primary principals Tom Ashe (honorary president), Senan Griffin and Willie Coughlan (joint treasurers), as well as parents and former pupils. They intend to publish and distribute information about the benefits of Kildare VEC patronage. Any person who wishes to join this group are invited to do so by email at newschoolpatronage@gmail.com or to make a donation; please send cheques payable to 'Parents and Friends of Maynooth Post Primary school and Kildare VEC', c/o Maynooth Post Primary school, Moyglare rd, Maynooth

Please support the choice of Parents for a Gaelcholáiste as the Second Secondary School for Maynooth.

Muintir Mhaigh Nuad, a chairde,
Education has always been highly valued in Ireland. It is the key which enables the development of intellectual, social, cultural and spiritual potential. It plays an important part in shaping people's lives, their economic opportunities, their participation in society and their view of themselves. For society, education is a means of shaping the future and equipping the next generation to face the challenges that emerge.

As Parents we wish to give our children the best educational opportunity that is possible. Since 1995 a substantial number of Maynooth Parents believe that this opportunity is best served through Irish medium education. Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich has grown from humble beginnings to a successful 16 class school. The majority of Parents are not themselves fluent in Irish but realise the benefits for their children. Irish medium education provides students with fluency in both Irish and English. Cognitive skills are increased as the student communicates through both languages. This process allows for the easy assimilation of a third or fourth language leading to multilingual skills. This diversity of language leads to a greater respect for the culture which is behind each language. As the Irish language belongs to all of us it is an inclusive element of modern Irish society. The Parents being aware that these educational benefits carry through to second level sought the provision of an Irish medium secondary school or Gaelcholáiste. They have pursued this objective diligently since 1997 on behalf of their children. Our local representatives have impressed upon Ministers for Education the need for the Maynooth Gaelcholáiste through Dáil questions. The reply down through the years from the office of each Minister was that if Maynooth Parents wished to have their children educated at second level through the medium of Irish, such a facility existed in Lucan, Co Dublin.

The Department of Education & Skills have now announced that a new second secondary school will open in Maynooth in 2014.

We ask you to support the long running campaign to establish Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad. We ask this in the interests of students who have received their education through the medium of Irish in Maynooth and who wish to continue to do so in their home town. We ask your support in the interests of Educational and Parental choice. We ask your support in the interests of the democratic rights of the Maynooth Community.

Is sinne anois ar thairsceint an dhórais Gaelcholáiste a bhunadh anseo ar an mbaile. Tá gach éinne ar an eolas faoi an feachtas tríd na blianta ar a shon. Anois tá sé in am ghníomhú chun an fis sin a fíoriú. Táimid fíor bhuíoch don Foras Patrúnachta as ucht an Gaelcholáiste a thógaint faoin a chúraim. Tá moladh tuille ag an Coiste Bhunaithe, táid dianbháilte, eagraithe agus díograiseach. Is orainn atá an dualgas anois an scéal a chur i láthair ár dTeachtaí Dála, is í a scaipeadh i measc an phobal.

We are on the threshold of securing the Gaelcholáiste for our town. Everybody is aware of the campaign down through the years on its behalf. Now is the time to ensure that this long held aspiration is realised for the benefit of our children's future. We are most grateful to an Foras Patrúnachta for accepting Patronage of the school. The work of the Coiste Bhunaithe in promoting the establishment of the Gaelcholáiste has been well organised and diligently pursued. The following is a brief history and raison d'être for the Gaelcholáiste as outlined by Máirín Ní Chéileachair, Príomhoide, Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich, at a public meeting on the 23rd. Nov., attended by parents of all four Gaelscoileanna.

Irish Medium Education in North Kildare/Meath

- Scoil Uí Dhálaigh, Léim an Bhradáin, 1979
- Scoil Uí Riada, Cill Choca, 1986
- Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich, Maigh Nuad, 1996
- Scoil Tullach na nÓg, Dún Boinne, 1998
- 1,600 páiste (measta) attending Irish Medium Primary Schools in the area

Post Primary Provision

- Maynooth Post Primary, "Sruth", 1st year-Junior Cert, 1 class per year, approx 90 pupils.
- Coláiste Cois Life, Lucan, capacity approx 600 pupils, sporadic enrolment from North Kildare, under pressure from growing schools in Lucan.
- Gaelcholáiste Chill Dara, Naas, distance is an issue.

Proposed provision

- The transfer of the existing "sruth" within the existing MPPS, to the Gaelcholáiste.

Coiste Bunaithe

- Established in 2006
- Met with MPPS
- Met with Kildare VEC
- Met with An Foras Patrúnachta
- Coiste representative of Local Schools and MPPS and VEC
- Initial Survey November 2006, 80% first preferences for Gaelcholáiste located locally
- Application denied Feb 2007
- Appeal denied May 2007, on the grounds of proximity to Coláiste Cois Life and space there
- Coiste advised to wait until Coláiste Cois Life nearer capacity
- Survey 2010, 88% first preferences for local Gaelcholáiste
- Application 2010 denied on the grounds that North Kildare not designated area for Gaelcholáiste

Where to from here?

- Application for Gaelcholasite has been for one of the two schools sanctioned for Maynooth. The other school being MPPS replacement school.
- Latest application under VEC patronage refused. The second patronage cannot be awarded to a body with an existing school already in the town.
- An Foras Patrúnachta will apply for patronage of "new" Maynooth second secondary for Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad.
- We need public support for this application.

What can you do?

Fill in an expression of interest form or register interest online at www.foras.ie

Canvas to your friends and neighbours to do the same, even those with younger children who are considering Irish-Medium Education (IME)

Lobby local politicians and public representative to question the Department of Education and Skills as to why North Kildare has not been sanctioned a Gaelcholáiste in spite of obvious demand from parents over many years for a Gaelcholáiste

Mar focal scoir, iarrimid do thacaíocht ar son an teanga is an chultúr Ghaelach.

Guímís Nollaig faoi sheán is faoi mhaise daoibh !

Colm Ó Cearúil, ar son an Coiste Bhunaithe.

Letters To The Editor Cont.

Dear Editor,

A situation has been foisted upon our community that has unsettled and confused our town unnecessarily. The Minister for Education and Skills has sanctioned a second post primary School. This proposed school will sit side by side, on the same site, with the new school building for the existing post-primary. The patronage for this new school has yet to be determined and the DES has requested applications from all interested parties. The turmoil in our community stems from this dilemma. A number of patrons have come into play, all vying for the patronage of this new school.

Picture this scenario, three short years from now. Two schools, with two separate patrons, adjacent to each other, sharing one site and one entrance. Two separate schools with two sets of expensively equipped specialist rooms, with two sports halls, two administrative centres etc. Two disparate groups of students, walking to school along the same road, wearing two different uniforms. Two separate groups of students pitted against each other on the sports field or in the debating forum. Who can tell us that this will not cause division in our town?

Try telling any individual who has grown up in a community with two schools that both schools are regarded equally. Invariably one school becomes the "good" school and the other the less attractive option. What happens when "your child" is the one who fails to

gain access to the "good" school?

Presently, in Maynooth, we have a strong, vibrant school with an excellent reputation academically and in all other aspects. The proof of this is that nearly all students from our primary schools choose MPPS for secondary education. This, despite the fact that within a five mile radius there is ample and diverse choice available.

At the moment, our school building is unable to accommodate the growing numbers of students attending – such is its popularity. So, what we need, from our DES, is a larger building to accommodate our present and future needs and to facilitate the continuation of an ethos that produces a cohesive school community of happy, well educated, tolerant and well rounded individuals. Instead, what we are being offered is two schools, one of which will be bursting at the seams, the other housing a mere handful of students at the start.

At a time when the Minister is cutting funds to all schools and increasing pupil-teacher ratio etc it seems ironic that he should see fit to sanction two schools in a town where one would suffice. What a waste of tax payers' money!

Our plea would be that Kildare V.E.C. retains patronage of second level education in Maynooth. If it ain't broke – don't fix it!!

Yours,

Nuala Forde & Mary Walsh

A Dáil Question

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for the new post primary school in Maynooth, County Kildare; if there are to be two separate schools covering the junior and senior cycle or one building; the stage of planning for the school; if it would be more cost beneficial to build the schools on same campus;

Ruairi Quinn (Minister, Department of Education and Skills; Dublin South East, Labour)

A replacement school building for the existing VEC post-primary school in Maynooth has been approved. Earlier this year I also published details of new procedures and criteria for the establishment of new second level schools and of the process for determining the patronage of such new schools. I also announced details of 20 new second level schools that would need to be established between 2012 and 2017 to meet our increasing demographics. As the Deputy will be aware, Maynooth is one of the areas where a new 1,000 pupil second level school is to be established. Applications for patronage of any of the new second level schools, including the new school in Maynooth, would need to relate to the provision of a full curriculum through from first year to sixth year. This is one of the key requirements of the process. In the case of the Maynooth school the main medium of instruction will be English. The closing date for receipt of applications for patronage of the new second level schools is Friday, 13th January 2012.

Both new school buildings will be located on one campus and responsibility for the delivery of the buildings has been devolved to County Kildare Vocational Education Committee. I understand the VEC is in the process of appointing a Design Team.

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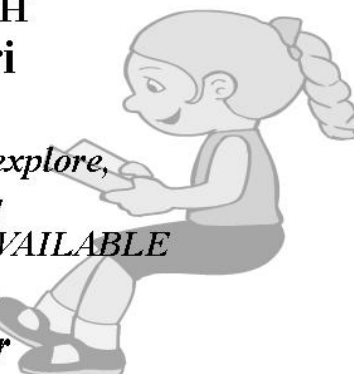
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A Focal Point of Local History

To the evidence for the cultural activity at Maynooth in the heyday of the Kildare FitzGerald's we can add the foundation of a college which, had the times been more favourable, might have developed into Ireland's first university.

This was the brain child of the Great Earl who decided to follow the example of his cousins of Desmond who had founded a college at Youghal. Rev. M.T. MacSweeney, writing in the Irish Ecclesiastical Record in 1940, quotes from an article by Rev. John Healy in the same periodical in 1880, which tells the story of the foundation as follows:

"No person who enters the gates of the College can fail to observe . . . on his left, just within the walls, a square ivy-covered tower of much more ancient aspect than the Protestant Church of Maynooth, of which it now forms a part. The old tower is all that remains of the ancient College of St. Mary of Maynooth, which was founded and endowed by . . . Gerald, Earl of Kildare, and dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary . . . This Gerald (The 8th Earl), by his will assigned the Manor of Rathbeggan and the lands of Kiltel and Carbestown, in Meath . . . to the intent that the feoffees should grant the Manor and lands aforesaid to the Master of the College . . . Rathbeggan, between Dunboyne and Dunshaughlin, contained 271 acres, Kiltel, three miles west of Dunshaughlin, contained 140, and Carbestown 80 acres . . . In 1518 Gerald, the ninth Earl . . . presented a petition to William Rokeby, Archbishop of Dublin (1511-1521), for licence to found and endow a College at Maynooth which was granted. . . . The Earl then built the College in a most beautiful form adjoining the Castle of Maynooth, and dedicated it to the Blessed Virgin. He appointed a Master, five Fellows (priests), two clerks and two boys . . . By the Constitution of the College, the nomination of the Master and the Sub-Master was vested in the Earl and his successors; they were, however, to obtain induction from the Archbishop. The five Fellows were to be chosen by the majority, the vote of the Master to be reckoned as two. The boys were to be nominated by the Earl, to whom was reserved the donation of the temporalities. The investiture of the spiritualities was to rest with the

Archbishop, who granted to the clergy the privilege of having a common seal and of suing and being sued as a corporate body, without infringement, however, of the rights of the Prebendary of Maynooth, the Vicar of Laraghbryan, or the Dean and Chapter of St. Patrick's Cathedral. These ordinances, made on the 6th of October 1518, were confirmed by royal letters patent of Henry VIII on the 12th of the same month. So early as 1248, with the consent of the Baron of Offaly, the Church of Laragh Bryan was made a prebend of St. Patrick's Cathedral by Luke, Archbishop of Dublin . . . Shortly after [1518] the Earl endowed Maynooth even more amply . . . [he] also rebuilt the church, which had originally been attached to the Castle, and caused it to be made a prebendal Church, instead of Laragh Bryan. The perpetual right of presentation, however, even to the College Church, was still reserved to him and his successors down to the disestablishment of the Irish Church. In 1521 this prebend being vacant, it was at the Earl's request, annexed to the Mastership of the College . . . the Vicar of Laragh Bryan should be Sub-Master of the College in which he was also to reside, while retaining the cure of souls in the Parish of Laragh Bryan. The profits of the vicarage were to be added to the funds of the College, with exception of £6. 13s 4d per annum, to be paid to the vicar . . . Five marks were to be deducted from the profits of the vicarage for his support in the refectory. 'A good and learned curate' was to be provided at the expense of the College, to celebrate the divine service in the 'Cathedral' of Laragh Bryan. The members of the College were generally prohibited from going to market to buy corn, on any occasion however urgent, even for feasts of Charity."

The College founded with so much enthusiasm and generosity was given very little time to develop and prove itself. The political scene in Ireland was changing. The Tudor monarchs of England presided over a policy of drawing control into the hands of central government, and the days when a mighty lord could rule Ireland almost independently were coming to an end. The usual Fitzgerald strategy of demonstrating that the kings of England could not control Ireland without their support no longer worked. The ninth earl found himself more and more often in trouble with Henry VIII. He was summoned to London and died there in September 1534 as his eldest son, Silken Thomas, came out in open rebellion against the king. Maynooth Castle was stormed and taken by the

King's forces in 1535. The power of the house of Kildare came to an end, and in 1538 the College was suppressed together with many other religious institutions.

Gerald the ninth earl of Kildare was called Garret Óg, or Garret MacAlison, after his mother, Alison Eustace, by the Irish annalists. As a boy he spent some years at the court of Henry VII as a hostage for his father's loyalty. These however must have been pleasant years. There are records of the King ordering for his use such items as black velvet and tawny satin doublets, crimson and tawny hose, and velvet gowns trimmed with white lambs fur, not to mention boots, spurs, shoes and slippers. Also, before he returned to Ireland he had married his first wife, Elizabeth Zouche, who was a cousin of the King himself. Back in Ireland, he was appointed Lord Deputy soon after the death of his father in 1513. His career followed the pattern of that of his father in many respects. He lived and acted in Ireland as an Irish chief, furthering the interests of his family, while at the same time trying to keep the king satisfied that he was acting only in the defence and best interests of the English crown. Unfortunately in his lifetime the time arrived when the kings of England felt strong enough to refuse to tolerate this situation any longer.

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Christmas Poinsettia Centrepiece

Materials for Christmas Poinsettia Centrepiece

- low-growing poinsettias or artificial plants
- floral foam or styrofoam
- decorative bowl, cache pot, or soup tureen
- greenery



Follow these simple steps to make your poinsettia centrepiece:

- If you're going to use cut flower stems, place a brick of floral foam or styrofoam into the container and secure it in place.
- Place small, low poinsettia plants or artificial stems into your bowl, soup tureen, or cache pot.
- Be sure the flower pots do not show above the top of your decorative container.
- Add trailing greenery around the base of the plants.
- Place the container with plants in the centre of your table.
- Place the soup tureen on its serving plate.

A Simple Centrepiece for Christmas

You will need;

- A vase
- Masking Tape
- Roses
- Greenery



Tear masking tape into small strips to create a grid on the top of a vase to hold stems evenly in place.

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Amongst the dental problems that pets can get are infected gums, broken teeth, halitosis (bad breath) periodontal disease and even occasionally, tumours. Sore infected teeth and gums can cause your pet to stop eating.

Periodontal disease affects tissues and structures surrounding healthy teeth. Normally it is seen in dogs over 3 years of age, and can affect over 85% of dogs in this age category. Regular cleaning and dental care is the best prevention, as untreated periodontal disease can result in the loss of healthy teeth.

Just take a moment to consider how you would feel if you failed to brush your teeth every day, your dog's teeth are no different. Ideally training should begin at the puppy stage, but with patience, even elderly dogs can be trained to have their teeth brushed. Training should commence by placing a small amount of pate or soft meaty treat your dog likes on the toothbrush and brushing up and down with the jaw held closed. Some patience may be required so start by doing this for small periods at a time, ensuring to rub bristles against gums and teeth. Most dogs tolerate their cheek teeth being cleaned in preference to their front teeth or incisors, however, once more with small frequent sessions, these potential difficulties should disappear. When you have achieved success in cleaning the outside surfaces of the dog's teeth, it should be possible to proceed to the inner surfaces. To do this, it is important to hold the dog's head up as high as you can, and then to gently open his mouth, then commence gentle cleaning by being careful not to excite or agitate your pet.



The inner surfaces of the dogs teeth do not require much brushing as their tongues are comparatively long and flexible and therefore the build-up of tartar on these inner surfaces are considerably less in dogs than people. A special canine toothbrush is available for the regular cleaning of your dog's teeth. We are happy to supply these. If your best attempts to clean your dog's teeth fail don't worry, we have special foods that are formulated to assist with tooth cleaning and dental care. We also prescribe gels which dispense within the mouth and in so doing, help to maintain dental hygiene. In cases that present where we feel normal brushing will not succeed, we in Maynooth Veterinary Clinic use an ultrasonic de-scaler to remove all plaque tartar and other deleterious material from your pet's teeth and gums.

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Main Courses

Pollo Lanzarote.

Succulent slices of pan fried chicken breast cooked in a tomato sauce with black olives, garlic, onions, capers & a touch of cream.

Parillada de Verduras con salsa Romesco. (v)

Barbequed courgettes, aubergines, mixed peppers, tomatoes, spring onions & asparagus with Romesco sauce.

Estofado de carne de buey

Mouth watering beef stew with potatoes & mixed vegetables served in its own cast iron casserole dish,

Tapas of Ratatouille & fresh crusty Spanish breads.

Cerdo al Limón

Succulent pan seared fillets of pork sautéed in a garlic butter, lemon & white wine sauce.

Entrecôte de Rosario.

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Dessert

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Calamari Fritto

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Main Course

Linguini con Cozze

Linguini pasta & fresh clams cooked in a white wine, lemon, garlic & freshly chopped tomato sauce.

Gnocchi alla Sorrentina

Petite potato pillows cooked in a rich vine tomato & lightly spiced traditional Italian sauce.

Pollo Lombardy.

Succulent chicken filled with Gorgonzola sauce & cooked in a white wine reduction.

Saltimbocca Alla Romana

Thin slices of pork and parma ham dusted in flour and pan seared in white wine & sage sauce.

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Risotto al Funghi

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Smoked Salmon Rolls

Ingredients

1 Packet Brown Bread Mix
250g/8oz Shelled Prawns (cooked and cold)
3 tablespoons Mayonnaise
3 tablespoons Greek Style Yogurt
2 tablespoons Lemon Juice
1 tablespoon chopped Dill
Freshly Ground Pepper
325g/12oz Smoked Salmon (sliced)
Thin Sprigs of Spring Onion or chives to "tie" the rolls
Lemon slices and sprigs of Fresh Dill to garnish.



Method

1. Make the Brown Bread Mix as per pack instructions. Allow to cool.
2. Mix together the prawns, mayonnaise, yogurt, lemon juice, dill and pepper.
3. Separate the slices of smoked salmon. Take 2 thin slices and form into a roll. Put some prawn filling into each roll and tie with a thin strip of the spring onion or chive.
4. Cut the bread into slices; place a slice of bread on a serving plate, spread with a thin layer of butter or mayonnaise. Sit a smoked salmon roll on each slice and garnish with lemon slices and sprig of dill or as preferred.

Light Christmas Cake

Ingredients:

- 275g/10oz Cream Plain Flour
- 225g/8oz Caster Sugar
- 225g/8oz Margarine
- 4 Eggs (beaten)
- 100g packet Ground Almonds
- Juice and Rind of 1 Orange
- 100g tub Mixed Peel
- 100g tub Cherries (halved)
- 1 x 375g packet Sultanas



Method:

1. Preheat oven to 150°C/300°F/ Gas 2. Line a 20cms/8" deep round cake tin with baking parchment.
2. Put sugar and margarine into a large mixing bowl and cream together. Gradually add the eggs, beating well after each addition.
3. Stir in the ground almonds, orange rind and juice. Add the flour and gently stir until well mixed through.
4. Finally add the fruit - mixed peel, cherries and sultanas. Mix thoroughly.
5. Transfer to prepared tin. Bake for about 2 1/2 hours or until nicely browned and a clean knife inserted into centre comes out clean. After an hour cover top of tin with a sheet of brown paper!
6. Cool in tin. When cold wrap in greaseproof paper and store in a cool dry place.

Mince Pies

Ingredients:

- 350g/12oz Plain Flour
- 225g/8oz Butter (at room temperature)
- 125g/4oz Golden Caster Sugar
- 1 jar Mincemeat
- 1 small Egg (beaten) - optional for brushing
- Icing Sugar for dusting



Method:

1. Preheat oven to 200°C/400°C/Gas 6. Lightly grease two bun trays.
2. Place flour into a large mixing bowl. Rub in the butter, then mix in the sugar. Bring the mixture together to form a ball! Do not add any liquid, keep bringing the dough together and it will form a ball.
3. Press small walnut sized pieces of pastry into each section of two patty tins. Put a teaspoon of the mincemeat into the centre.
4. Take slightly smaller pieces of pastry than before and pat them out between your hands to make round lids, big enough to cover the pies. Top pies with the lids, pressing the edges together to seal - you do not need to seal them with milk, egg or water as they will stick on their own! If liked they may be brushed with the beaten egg.
5. Bake for about 20 minutes until golden. Leave to cool in tin for 5 minutes, then remove to a wire tray.
6. To serve, dust with icing sugar.

Mulled Wine

Ingredients

- 1 Bottle Red Wine
- 600ml/1pt. Orange Juice
- 75g/3oz Caster Sugar
- 1 Orange (stuck with Cloves)
- 1 Orange (cut into slices)
- 1 Lemon (cut into slices)
- 5cms/2" pieces of Cinnamon Stick
- 2 Tablespoons Brandy (optional)



Method

1. Put all the ingredients into a large saucepan and heat to simmering, stirring occasionally until all the sugar is dissolved.
2. Keep it barely simmering for about 20 minutes, so the flavours can combine!
3. Do not boil or the alcohol will evaporate!
4. Ladle into heatproof glasses to serve



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Avenue Café

RESTAURANT

Avenue Café, in Maynooth, has become one of most popular restaurants in Kildare. When it opened in 2007 owners Robert and Bronagh Kennedy were intent on providing consistently good food and service to customers.

Their passion for excellent service began in 2003 after they opened the clubhouse in Carton House. It was after building up a strong reputation there that the Kennedy's considered moving into their own premises in Maynooth village as they felt the town was lacking when it came to good casual dining restaurants.

"It was because of a huge level of commitment and dedication from our staff that we were able to open and run our restaurant" says Robert. "By maintaining this dedication, we have been lucky to welcome so many people into our restaurant, building a very loyal customer base".

Bronagh, who trained with Darina Allen in Ballymaloe in Cork, introduced her knowledge of Irish cooking into their kitchen and it has been translated into head Chef John Cole's dishes as he has consistently provided modern Irish food of excellent standard and taste. The menu is imaginative and boasts a wide range of good quality, flavoursome food.

"Food traceability is very important to us here and the origin of all of our produce and suppliers". Avenue steaks and burgers are 100% Irish Hereford beef and the restaurant has a keen emphasis on local produce and ingredients such as Jane Russell sausages.

The food caters for many tastes with dishes such as burgers, salads, excellent fish dishes, steaks and a great choice of desserts and although the menu displays a strong sense of inventiveness, it still maintains the

modesty and simplicity that a casual dining menu promises.

With Great Lunch offers from €10, Avenue also provides an early bird menu which runs throughout the day till 6.45pm. The menu offers two courses for 18 euro and three for just 23 which means customers can enjoy an inexpensive and delicious meal.

The restaurant also hosts Ladies night on Tuesday evenings which begins at 6.45. This menu provides two courses for 21 euro, three courses for 26 euro and there is a complementary glass of wine with the meal.

Downstairs or upstairs is ideally suited to cater for larger groups. Avenue has been a popular choice for Christmas parties. Large or small, birthdays, christenings and even the odd wedding!

This year The Irish Restaurant Awards chose Avenue as their winner for 'Best Customer Service' in Kildare. This award has provided the restaurant with the recognition it deserves after four years of consistently excellent service.

The restaurant service hours are from 12pm-9.45pm Monday-Saturday and 1pm-7.45pm on Sundays with the Early Bird menu running all day.

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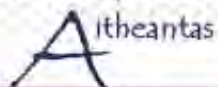
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THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS



Christmas is the one holiday celebrated by most cultures around the world, though much of its popularity is due to the commercial promotion of it. In many Protestant Churches through the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, Christmas was noted but not really celebrated. It was observed in some church liturgies but there was little in the way of gift giving and celebration, in fact until recently, in the last part of the nineteenth century, it was a regular working day. In many areas of the world today it remains an insignificant Holiday even among Christians.

The story of Christmas still captures the heart in a way that transcends all the commercial hype. There is something in human nature that would rather focus on the birth of a baby, especially children, whom the story of Christmas with all the images of angels, a young mother, the shepherds and the three Kings in a stable make the season captivating.

Contrary to advertising campaigns the season starts on Christmas eve and lasts till the 5th of January, as this is twelve days it became the twelve days of Christmas. That's why some cultures celebrate on the 6th of January.

Through the years the holiday has been adapted to local customs, culture, and history with a variety of Christmas traditions around the world. Some, such as the giving of gifts, the use of a star came indirectly from nativity stories, others like the legend of St Nicholas who has origins in church history, a fact that became legendary. The Yule log and evergreens have pagan origins but were adopted by Christians,

carolling were local traditions that spread and others such as reindeer, elves, and the North Pole are loosely associated with the holiday through popular imagination and marketing techniques.

Though Christmas is now an important celebration on modern culture, historians agree that it did not begin till the fourth century. The most common conclusion is that Christmas originated in Roman culture to celebrate the winter solstice on December 25th and was a pagan celebration of the birth of the sun as it once again began its journey north.

The abbreviation of Xmas for Christmas, though hated by some cultures is not as bad as it seems, the Greek language used X as "chi" and in the Roman alphabet the first letter of Christ is X. When writing in old manuscripts, or printing, to save ink they used X as a type of shorthand.

Christmas is something most of us don't really understand though most of us celebrate it in some way. It give us a happy feeling to give and to watch the faces of children even if their not our own. Whatever the real meaning is, no matter what religion you are, the best reason to celebrate is to bring us all together, family, friends, relations and even those we don't have much in common with.

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New School Patronage

The Department of Education and Skills has requested school patrons (management organizations) to declare their intentions on patronage of new schools by the 13th January 2012

Kildare VEC intends to apply for patronage of the new post primary school to be built for the Maynooth area

To gauge parental support for the application, parents and guardians are asked to register their support by the 16th December 2011

WHY SHOULD PARENTS AND GUARDIANS REGISTER THEIR SUPPORT FOR KILDARE VEC PATRONAGE?

KILDARE VEC IS WILLING TO SHARE SCHOOL BUILDINGS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS. FOR EXAMPLE, MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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KILDARE VEC PATRONAGE HAS A PROVEN TRACK RECORD AT MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOW CAN PARENTS AND GUARDIANS REGISTER THEIR SUPPORT FOR KILDARE VEC PATRONAGE?

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WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER THEIR SUPPORT?

THE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF NEW BORN TO TEN YEAR OLD CHILDREN(0yrs -10yrs), WHO WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO START POST PRIMARY SCHOOL IN AUG/SEPT 2014 ie CHILDREN IN 4TH CLASS AND YOUNGER.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Above are some of the reasons to support Kildare VEC patronage. In particular WILLINGNESS to share the new school buildings is of crucial importance to our children. At the moment there are 1,056 students attending Maynooth Post Primary in a building designed for 800. This number is expected to rise to 1,400 over the next few years. One patron managing both schools and willing to share classrooms etc is the only way to meet the immediate demand for school places and provide the broad subject choice available at Maynooth Post Primary School to all the students of the Maynooth area.

Yours sincerely,

TERESA MURRAY, Chairperson Maynooth Post Primary School PTA

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MAYNOOTH LABOUR NEWS

Cllr. McGinley Seeks Safety Improvements for Parson Street:

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

"That the following safety improvements be carried out at Parson Street, Maynooth:

That the road be resurfaced

That the footpath at the residential side be reconstructed

That the double yellow lines on the college side be repainted"

John was given the following response at the Area Meeting on 18 November:

"This section of road is in the Road Works Programme for 2012. Unfortunately there is no funding for the footpath and also the levels of the doorways are too low for the construction of a path here. The double yellow lines will be restored after the road is resurfaced."

Draft Maynooth Pay Parking Scheme to go on Public Display

The Celbridge Area Committee has agreed that the Draft Maynooth Pay Parking Scheme could now go on display as agreement has been reached on extending the public car park at Doctors lane.

Cllr. McGinley Seeks Safety Improvements for Celbridge Road/Laurence Avenue Junction:

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

"That a footpath be constructed from the Celbridge Road to Laurence Avenue at the junction in order to make it safer for the school children attending the Gael Scoil."

John was given the following response at the Area Meeting on 18 November:

"There is no source of funding for this work in 2011 budgets. At present, the Traffic Management Section staff are concentrating on completing schemes which have funding allocations confirmed. However, the proposal can be evaluated in December to determine if the council is satisfied to include it on

the list of potential schemes seeking NTA funding in 2012. It should be noted that it is expected that the NTA allocation available to Kildare County Council in 2012 will be noticeably less than in 2011.

Cllr. McGinley pointed out that this is a very serious safety issue and that he will allocate funding from his Discretionary Grants next year so that the small amount of footpath necessary can be put in place.

Cllr McGinley Continues to Seek Traffic Signals at the Straffan Road/Meadowbrook Road Junction:

Cllr. McGinley raised this issue again at the Area Committee Meeting on 18 November.

The Senior Executive Engineer from the Traffic Management Section of the Council stated that the NTA has asked the council to make a case for funding for improved safety on the Straffan Road and Moyglare Road and he is hopeful that this will include lights at the Meadowbrook Road junction.

The lights are the only solution to prevent cars doing U Turns at Carton Court.

Cars Speeding on Rail Park Road, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley has again asked the Council to write to the Gardai asking them to enforce the 60km/h speed limit on this narrow road.

VEC Youth Grants Awarded

Cllr McGinley is a member of the VEC Youth Subcommittee and at their meeting on 21 November they agreed to award Grants to the following Maynooth Youth Clubs:

€1,000 to 8th Kildare (Maynooth) Scouts

€300 to Maynooth Brownies

€300 to Maynooth Girl Guides

€1,000 to North Kildare Maths Problem Club

€1,750 to St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band

€800 to Teen Space Maynooth

STAGG WELCOMES APPROVAL OF €29.7 MILLION TENDER FOR EXPANSION OF LEIXLIP WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement today by the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government, that he has approved the

necessary funding to enable Fingal Co. Council to accept a tender for a major expansion of the Leixlip Water Treatment Plant.

Deputy Stagg stated that the €29.7 Million contract will see production rise from 148 to 215 million litres per day and will help to ensure that there is sufficient capacity to deal with demand from population growth and future economic development in North East Kildare, Fingal and the north side of Dublin City. The work is expected to take 2 years to complete.

Taken in conjunction with the Castlewarden/Ballygoran Water Supply Scheme which is expected to commence next year at a cost of €18.7 Million, these schemes will greatly assist in ensuring security of supply for North East Kildare and should ensure that we do not have water supply shortages which have been experienced both at Winter and Summer times in the North East of the County in recent years. The Castlewarden/Ballygoran Water Supply Scheme will see an additional supply taken from Castlewarden which will be piped to Leixlip via a new storage reservoir at Ballygoran in Maynooth.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that both the schemes now approved will enhance the delivery of Water to residents and businesses in North East Kildare.

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Winter Advice and Information.

For information, alerts and advice see Kildare County Council's website: <http://kildare.ie/countycouncil/emergencynewsandinformation/>

There will also be a household advice leaflet available on the website and the leaflet will be distributed through the Council's offices and libraries.

A national campaign was also launched on the 9th November with an accompanying website <http://www.winterready.ie> and a "Be Winter Ready" advice booklet available to download from the website.

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Abandonment of current plans to construct the Dart Interconnector shows "same old lack of vision" which has "crippled our development"; says Catherine Murphy TD

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind – Kildare North) has criticised the Government's decision in the review of infrastructure and capital investment to defer, into the very long term, any commitment to build the Dart Interconnector.

"This particular project was recently described as "the game changer" by a senior Irish Rail Official. Given that this project alone has the potential to treble rail capacity in the greater Dublin area to 100 million passengers annually, by networking all the suburban lines, it would have economic, transportation and environmental benefits to the surrounding counties of Meath, Kildare and Wicklow.

"While the economic climate might indeed be tough, the argument for proceeding with vital transport infrastructure projects is a strong one. While labour costs are lower, and skilled construction workers are desperate for employment, we must seize this opportunity to both stimulate the economy and finally upgrade our shockingly badly resourced public transport system.

"The lack of an adequate high capacity public transport option in the Greater Dublin area adds to congestion, adds to insurance costs and detracts from the efficiency of the region. The greater Dublin Area, in which one in every three of the Irish population resides, will be the driver of our recovery – therefore we must make every effort to ensure we fulfil the potential of the region".

"We measure the public benefit of projects like the Dart Interconnector in the hundreds of years; sadly the Government remains focused almost blindingly on the short term and will not take the braver decision to back this project. This is especially disconcerting given the support which would be available to us from the European Investment Bank to shoulder some of the costs.

"In the last capital review, spending on public transport was planned to be almost as much as the projected spend on roads. This review skews that ratio drastically; so that roads will now take twice the exchequer spend as public transport. The Government has clearly learned nothing from the mistakes of the past.

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Achieving citizen focused public services must be at the heart of reform – Deputy Catherine Murphy

Achieving citizen focused quality public services, at an affordable cost, must be the primary objective of public service reform according to Deputy Catherine Murphy.

The Deputy has today published a report entitled "Public Service Reform: Rebalancing & Renewal" which aims to highlight the flaws of the current system of public service resource distribution and offer a simple message for reform.

At the core of the document is the fact that current resource allocation relies more on historic trends of demand than on projections of future need based on current growth trends. While short, "Public Service Reform: Rebalancing & Renewal" is intended to highlight the fundamental and systemic changes needed to usher in a more forward-looking, efficient and citizen focused public service in order that Ireland can truly use this time of economic downturn to eliminate dated, ineffective and wasteful practices which lie at the core of the problems we currently face.

"There is a major opportunity to radically reform our public services, values such as placing the citizen at the centre, must be at the heart of the process, otherwise all that will occur are crude financial cuts and a major opportunity will be lost".

Deputy Murphy will present a copy of "Public Service Reform: Rebalancing & Renewal" to Minister for Public Expenditure & Reform, Brendan Howlin TD on the floor of the Dáil this afternoon during question time.

Murphy expresses dismay at racist remarks of Councillor Darren Scully

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind – Kildare North) today condemned as 'outrageous' and 'totally unacceptable' remarks made by Councillor Darren Scully to the effect that he intended not to deal with any black or African constituents. She described as 'unfathomable' the reasons why Councillor Scully felt the need to make such a statement.

"While listening to Kildare FM this morning I could scarcely believe what I was hearing. It's right and proper that Councillor Scully step down as Mayor of Naas immediately and I welcome his decision to do so – however it's essential that if he remains as a public representative he must undertake to represent all of the people, without qualification or prejudice.

"Ireland has so far managed to largely avoid the extremely destructive social and racial conflict that has sometimes been seen in some of our European neighbours, yet discrimination and prejudice are unfortunately a feature of the lives of many people from different ethnic backgrounds who have made their homes here. We rely on our elected representatives to take the lead in challenging potential racial discord, not encouraging it so patently.

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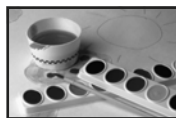
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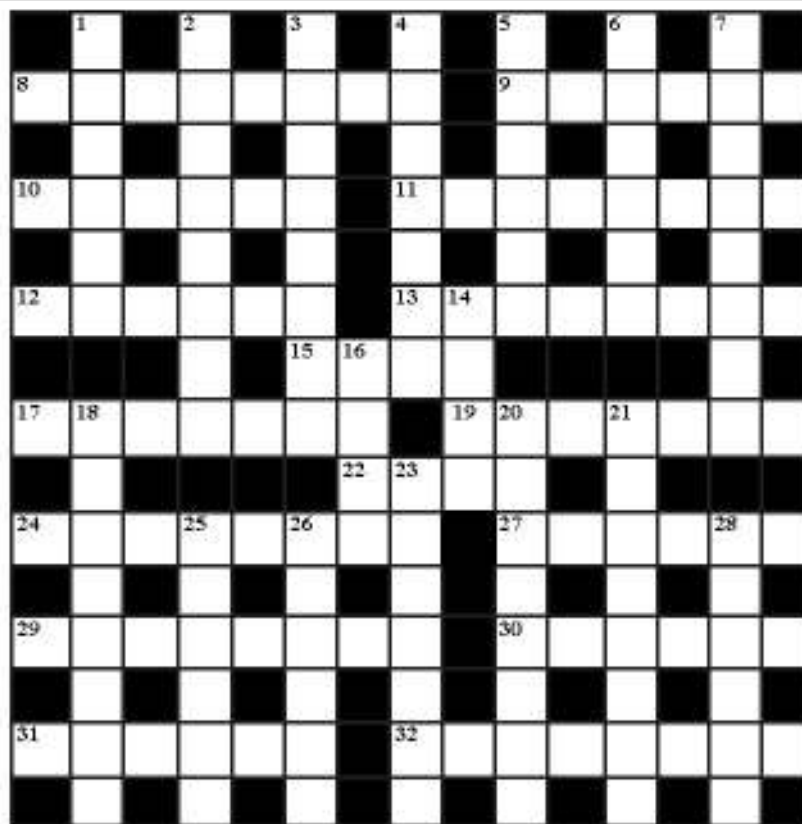
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8. Determined, dead set (8)
 9. Felines of the forest (6)
 10. Church minister (6)
 11. Emotions (8)
 12. Empower (6)
 13. Lessen the intensity (8)
 15. Cook slowly in liquid (4)
 17. This son, if the son of another, is a healer (7)
 19. Sets of steps (7)
 22. Compass point at 90 degrees (4)
 24. Evident, seeming (8)
 27. Brown songbird (6)
 29. Game played in sable lab (8)
 30. Tag showing fare or fee (6)
 31. Round figure (6)
 32. Young children (8)



DOWN

1. It's now Sri Lanka (6)
 2. Dreadful, awful (8)
 3. Fastest (8)
 4. Fragrance, scent (7)
 5. Be present at (6)
 6. More unsightly (6)
 7. Shinier or smarter (8)
 14. Nocturnal birds (4)
 16. At that time (4)
 18. Forceful and definite (8)
 20. Posture or opinion (8)
 21. Without deviation (8)
 23. The late one is very fit (7)
 25. Business that serves other businesses (6)
 26. Rubbed out
 28. Large scissors with strong blades (6)

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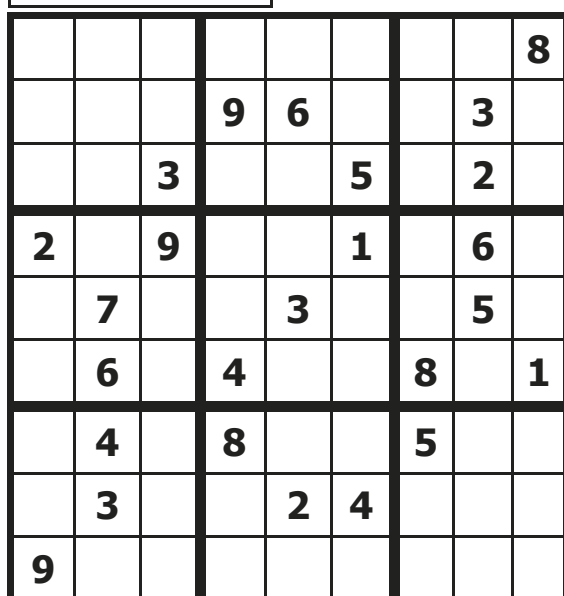
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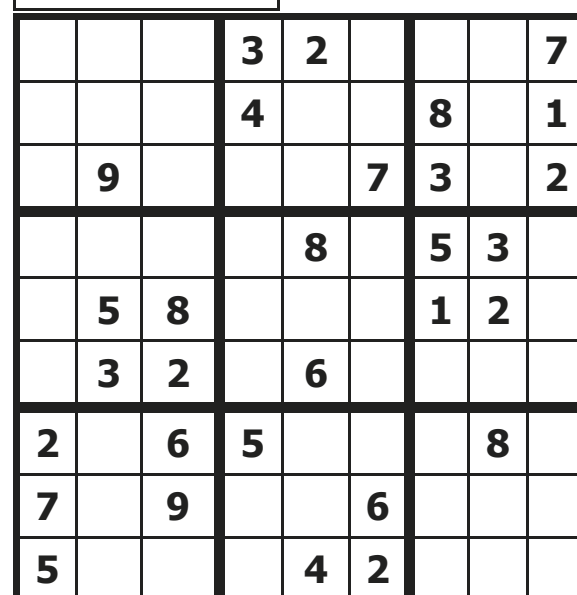


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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre — Know Your Rights

Question

I work a 5-day week, Monday to Friday. What days off will I get at Christmas?

Answer

Christmas Day (25 December), St Stephen's Day (26 December) and New Year's Day (1 January) are public holidays every year.

In 2011 Christmas Day falls on a Sunday and St Stephen's Day falls on a Monday. New Year's Day 2012 falls on a Sunday.

There is no specific rule about what happens when a public holiday falls on a weekend. You are not automatically entitled 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 Tuesday 27 December and Monday 2 January off in lieu of Christmas Day and New Year's Day – but it is important to remember that this is not an automatic entitlement.

The National Employment Rights Authority (NERA) has published information about the Christmas public holidays on www.employmentrights.ie.

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

We are not happy with the service that our frail and elderly parents are getting from a number of health and social care professionals. Where and how can we complain?

Answer

You should be able to find the right place to give your feedback on a recently launched website called healthcomplaints.ie. This website has been developed by a group of public and voluntary organisations, including the Citizens Information Board.

Healthcomplaints.ie provides information on how to make a complaint about a healthcare service or a social care service in Ireland. It is aimed at people who use health and social care services, as well as their families, care-givers and advocates.

As well as explaining the options for making a complaint about many specific services, the site also includes sample complaint letters, case studies and guides on how to complain, along with checklists to help ensure that you give all the relevant information.

You can download a booklet, a leaflet and a poster from the site, explaining what it does and how to use it.

Question

I was told to apply for Supplementary Welfare Allowance (SWA) while I wait for a decision on Jobseeker's Allowance. What is SWA and where do I apply?

Answer

The Supplementary Welfare Allowance (SWA) Scheme provides a basic weekly allowance for people with little or no income. Its main purpose is to guarantee a basic minimum income and provide immediate help for people waiting for decisions on other State payments.

The Scheme also includes:

- Rent Supplement;
- Mortgage Interest Supplement;
- Single payments for urgent or exceptional needs;
- Payments in emergency situations, such as flooding.

The Health Service Executive (HSE) used to administer the SWA Scheme through its network of Community Welfare Officers (CWOs). All CWOs have recently transferred to the Department of Social Protection and are now known as Department of Social Protection representatives administering Supplementary Welfare Allowance.

These officials are still based in health centres, so you will visit your local health centre to apply for a Supplementary Welfare Allowance payment. The Department's representative will have to assess your income – this may involve a home visit. They will actively refer you to other State agencies and/or voluntary organisations, if relevant. For example, they may refer you to the Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS).

Before applying for SWA you must have applied for any other benefit or allowance that you may be entitled to. SWA is a means-tested payment. You must also meet the habitual residence condition.

You will not normally qualify for any payment under the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme if you are in full-time education or full-time work – that is, working for more than 30 hours per week.

Question

I have ordered some Christmas presents from UK and Belgian websites. Can I return them if I'm not happy when they arrive?

Answer

Online purchases within the EU are covered by the European Directive on Distance Selling. Under this Directive you are entitled to a cooling-off period of 7 days. During the cooling-off period, you can cancel distance contracts without giving a reason and without incurring charges or penalties, other than possible charges incurred in returning the goods.

You must send the goods back within this 7-day period. It is not enough to say that you will return them.

The 7-day period begins on the day that you receive the product, not the day that you make the purchase.

Upon cancellation, the distance seller is obliged to repay you within 30 days. Once the contract is cancelled, any credit agreements entered into at the time of the contract will be cancelled as well.

Your supplier should have provided you with written confirmation of the contract, including information on after-sales and guarantees, how to cancel the contract and a postal address for complaints. Where a supplier doesn't provide this written confirmation, the cooling-off period can be extended to 3 months from the date you receive the goods.

Cancellation may not be accepted, however, in certain cases, as follows:

- The goods cannot be returned because they were made specially for you
- The goods are audio or video recordings (like CDs/DVDs) or computer software whose seals have been broken by you
- The goods are newspapers or magazines
- The price of the goods or services is dependent upon financial market fluctuations that are beyond the supplier's control
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The European Consumer Centre handles queries on purchases within the EU.

Information is also available online at citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, Lo-call 0761 07 4000.

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PATRONAGE DEBATE

An address given by a transition student at the information meeting about Kildare VEC Patronage held on 17th November in Maynooth Post Primary School

My name is Mary-Kate Quane, and I am a Transition Year student in the school that former President Mary McAleese referred to as 'the best school in Ireland', Maynooth Post Primary. With so much talk about the plans for the new school, with budgets and designs I think it is important to also talk about the community of the school, which is why I would like to share with you my experience of Maynooth Post Primary from a student's perspective.

Before I started first year in this school, to say I was 'nervous' would be a major understatement. Like most adolescents at that age, butterflies constantly inhabited my stomach for weeks before entering into the 'unknown'. Truthfully, I didn't know what to expect, I just hoped that the first year horror stories I had heard from other schools, would not be the case in this school. Despite all my little queries and worries, I was not too anxious about making the life-changing transition from primary to secondary school, because I knew that all my friends were going to be right with me, as they too experienced the same transition to Maynooth Post Primary.

The first thing I noticed about the school, after calming down from the initial shock of the size of the place, was how well the students from all different years mixed,

despite the overwhelmingly large numbers at the time. There was a constantly positive, and relaxed atmosphere about the place, free from any tension or unease. Nothing about the students mixing ever seemed forced, it was always by choice. However, I never really appreciated this bond until later during my first year. Not only were the tragic, unforeseen events that took place dealt with consolingly, compassionately and sensitively by all staff members, but by the entire student body, in particular, the year above us. That year all pulled together and decided "We have to look after the first years" - and that they did. I will never forget the warmth and support that was thrust upon us. Not only did this support last until the final bell rang signalling the end of the school day, no, that support was brought into our personal lives creating friendships that I believe will last a lifetime. All of the time and energy that year put into us, and not once did they expect a thank you. Having talked about this truly incredible reaction to friends of mine from other schools around the country, I know for a fact that, that experience was unique to Maynooth Post Primary.

I think each person here tonight is aware of the academic excellence this school is renowned for. An attribute that I believe is as a result of the lack of pressure put on students to perform 'the best' rather than to the best of their ability. I believe that subconsciously knowing this, the students of our school strive to reach their potential leading to these excellent results. Maynooth Post Primary encourages competition academically, in our many sports teams and in extra-curricular activities such as debating. However, something Maynooth Post Primary does not encourage is rivalry. It is difficult enough being a

teenager these days with peer pressure and social cliques, that this school knows competition socially or emotionally will only increase pressure or strain on teenagers. That is why the student body of Maynooth Post Primary never feels it's about 'me' against 'them', because it is always about 'us'. I know of schools where it is not 'socially accepted' to have friends in different years, but in Maynooth Post Primary that idea seems absolutely ridiculous, as that is just not how us students choose to function.

From my years in Maynooth Post Primary, I have learned a lot, socialized a lot and managed to fit study in as well, but really it was all the opportunities I was offered, experience I gained and people I worked with that not only made me the person I am today, but the person I hope to become. Maynooth Post Primary truly is something to be proud of, and somewhere, I know will continue to grow and improve, despite what it is faced with. I have no doubt that all the atmosphere and ethos of the school, and the student body will remain the same no matter how many people are in the school - the more the merrier!

Looking back on the last 3 years, I know that had I not attended Maynooth Post Primary, I would not be the person I am, and I would be severely missing out. With that in mind I look forward to the next three years in Maynooth Post Primary.

Thank you.

==PRESS RELEASE - FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2011==

Maynooth Students' Union Occupies TD's Office

Maynooth Students' Union (MSU) has occupied the office of Kildare North TD Anthony Lawlor, Naas.

The occupation follows a long national campaign involving every Students' Union in the country to get the Labour Party and Fine Gael to honour their pre-election pledges to students.

Maynooth Students' Union President Rob Munnelly said:

Last year, the maintenance grant was cut by as much as 60% for the students who need it most. For families that don't get the grant, fees per student went up by a third, and now they look set to go up again.

If you think these fees and these cuts didn't hurt students then ask yourselves why this Students' Union had to introduce food vouchers this year. It's a disgrace. And we simply can't let it get worse next year.

The failure of both parties to publicly stand over their pre-election promises to students, parents and families is simply unacceptable given the unprecedented level of access that the parties had to information on the public finances prior to the election.

But this is not just a student issue - it's a family and a national recovery issue. We've tried everything. We have repeatedly called on this Government to keep to their promise and they have refused every single time.

We contacted every single Government TD in the country and not one would stand by their pre-election promise - not another rise in college fees, no more cuts to the grant. We met personally with almost every single Government TD in the country. We've sent tens upon tens of thousands of letters. We've made tens of thousands of phone calls and sent almost one hundred thousand tweets. We took out full page ads in major newspapers with a list of every Government TD that lied for votes - Deputy Lawlor is on that list.

Twenty thousand students from all over the country - from Mayo, from Cork, even from Belfast - travelled to Dublin two weeks ago for a day of peaceful protest that said to this Government, "If you raise fees or cut the grant you are not just keeping me out of college, you are keeping my friend, my brother and my sister out of college."

When they ignored that, Students' Unions all over the country protested for hours outside their local TDs offices - we were here just a week ago. They're just not listening. It's come to this. The height and depth of last year's fees and cuts made it impossible for too many of our members to stay in college this year.

We have been left with no alternative. If you thought students were going to take this lying down, then think again."

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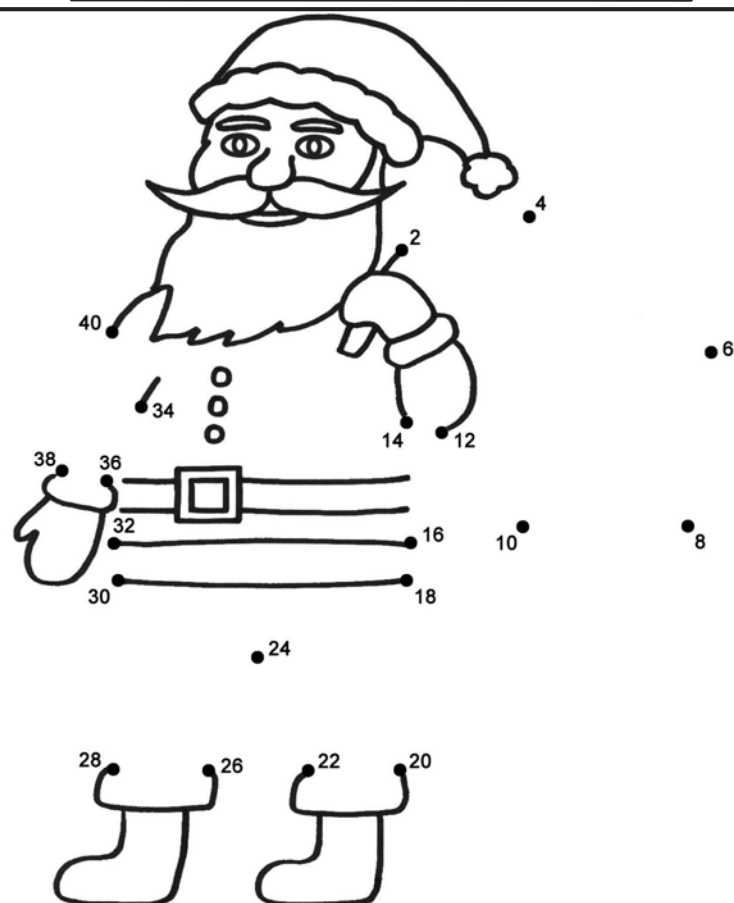
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Community Library

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Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm
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Saturday 9.30am to 1pm

Irish Girl Guides

Meetings Tuesday evening in Maynooth. For further information contact Jackie on 085 1413787 or visit I.G.G. website www.irishgirlguides.ie

Senior Citizens Club

Club meets every Tuesday & Thursday morning in the I.C.A. Hall.
Christmas Shopping courtesy of Supervalu takes place 8th December.
Annual Dinner Dance takes place on 11th December at 4 p.m. in the Glenroyal Hotel.
Morning Club will close on Thursday 8th December and will re-open on Tuesday January 3rd January 2012.

Taekwon-Do

Children's Classes for 5 years and up held every Wednesday in St. Marys Boys School, Moyglare Road & on Fridays in Educate Together, Celbridge Road 6.30 p.m.—7.30 p.m. For details: Contact Stephen Doyle 087 6986491

Parent & Toddler Group

Every Tuesday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. in the Community Space, Manor Mills Shopping Centre.

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Toy Sale takes place on 6th December 10.00 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.

Bridge Club

Open for new members. If you would like to play in a friendly club with Purpose built facilities in the centre of Maynooth, please see our website at maynoothbridgeclub.com. Contact Katherine Cooney 086 8205910

University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Tuesday & Friday in Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills. New Members Welcome Enquiries : Bernadette Phone: 6289131

Rathcoffey Historical Group

Christmas Extravaganza in Rathcoffey GAA Thursday 8th December 2011 @ 8.30 p.m. Warm Mince Pies and Cream served Admission €10

If you would like Your event for February put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter Phone 01 6585922/6285053



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