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DO YOU KNOW WHO OWNS THIS CAR???

Parade Picture by Piotr Czyzewski

John McGinley

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



Party Mad Celbridge: Winner Best Commercial Float

Parade Picture by Alan Grant

Wayne Byrne Tribute Night

Friday 6th of May

Butler Donnelly Band
&
Local artists

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Catherine
MURPHY
independent TD



Thank you for your support during the recent General Election.

For the moment I can be contacted at any of the following:

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In next month's edition I will include further contact details.

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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



Dara Keogh & Brian McLoughlin



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

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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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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 Moynan 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 Moynan 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**
2. **O'Neill's Pub**
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 ($€1,000 \times 20\% = €200$). 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 heard 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 Rugby

LEINSTER LEAGUE DIVISION 3 SECTION A

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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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

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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.

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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

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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

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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.

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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"
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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.

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ALL AREAS COVERED*(Continued from page 9)***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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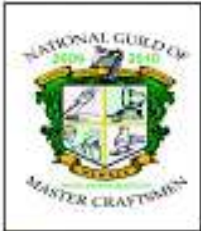
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By: Martina Jordan-Foy

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

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A Focal Point of Local History

We are not able to follow every step taken by the FitzGeralds 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	XXXVIIs IIIId	De Johanne Broun	XVIIIs IXd
De Thoma filio Willelmi Braill	XIIIIs Xd	De Willelmo Broun	XXXIs
De Gregorio de Stanes	IXs	De Ricardo Holer'	XIIIIs
De Johanne Marescallo	XIs IXd	De Alexandro Bakon	IIIIs
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	IIIIs 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	IIIIs 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 IId	De Thoma Okenken et	
De Non' Corody	XVIIs IIIId	de Alexandro Okenken	LIIIIs
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	XVIIIs	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

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 Grealley 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 Grealley 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 Grealley, Sian Miller, Louise Doran, Rachael O'Neill, Aoife Grealley, 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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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.

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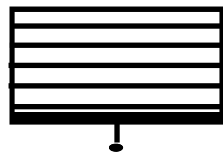
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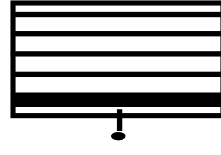
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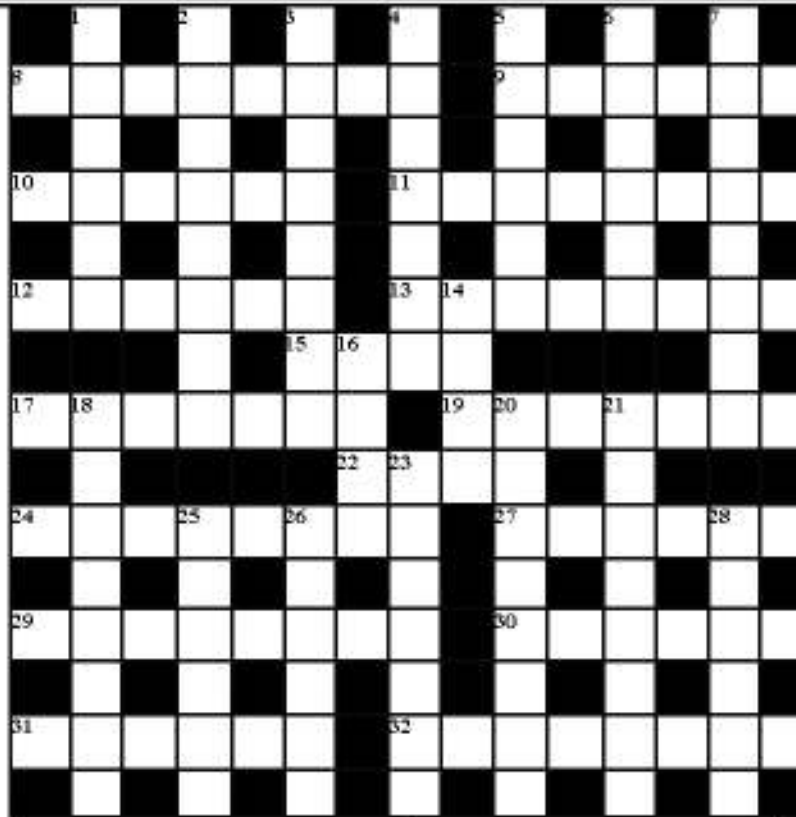
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**Now Jesus you live in me and I live
in you. Amen. I John 5:12, 13**

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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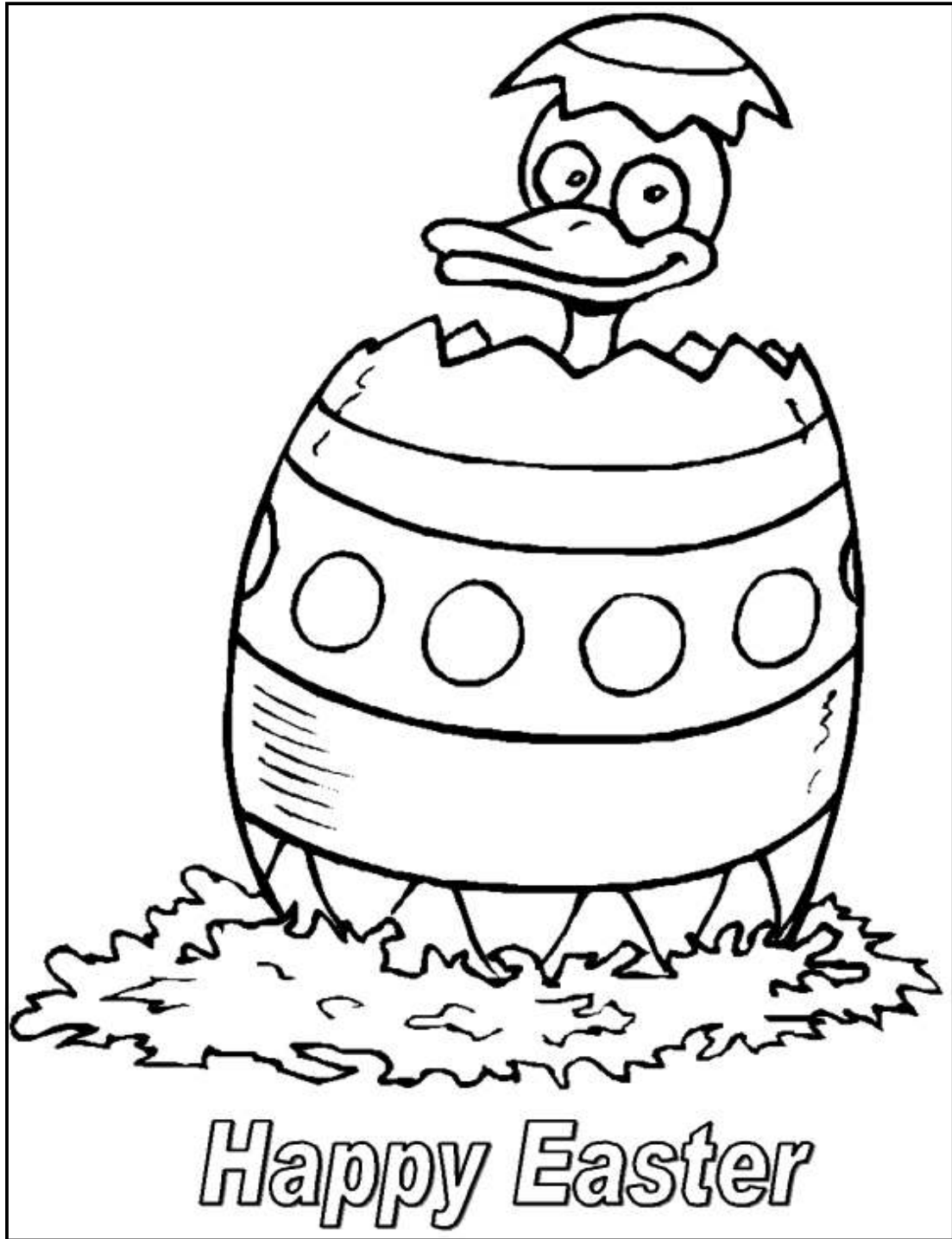
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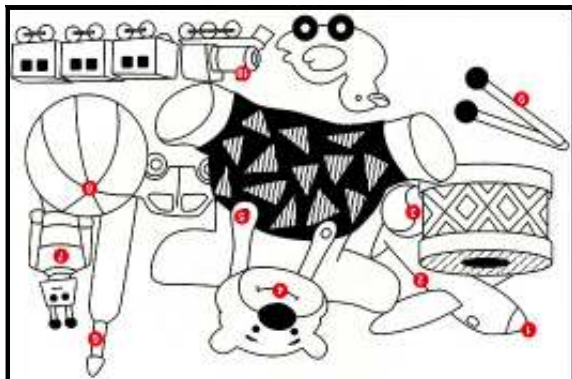
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O'Neill's

The family business at the heart of Maynooth.

This is a family run business which has been serving the public of Maynooth for nearly a century, whether through the earlier business as a butchers shop which was established in 1912 and run by Dermot's family or the modern pub/restaurant of today.

Dermot and Helene O'Neill are the proprietors of the newest pub in town, which is the only pub on the left hand side of the main street, and welcome the people of Maynooth along with students to enjoy the facilities, food and various entertainments on offer: Dermot's love of the butchers business can still be seen today with the



quality of the steaks. Rock bands perform in the upstairs venue on Saturday nights where there is also a bar and a dance area to be enjoyed by people of all ages.

Groups such as FARADAY, Jack's Elixir and The Bungalows will be performing through the month of April in the upstairs venue. FARADAY are a modern four-piece band playing rock and a lot of modern standards and will be playing in late April and early May. The Bungalows are a non-specific genre group who play everything from The Beatle's to current chart music. They have a very versatile range of music that will entertain a wide range of age groups and they are performing in O'Neill's on Saturday April 2nd.

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.

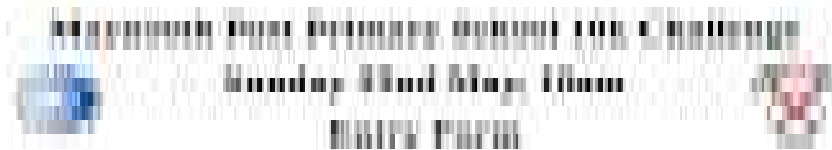
Like Princess Diana, her life was scarred by an unhappy marriage and by personal tragedy.

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.



First Name(s): * _____
 Last Name: * _____
 Gender: * _____
 Email: * _____
 Age: * _____ (over 16's only)
 Club: _____
 Mobile Number: * _____
 Other Phone Number: _____
 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 10k Challenge", along with cheque or postal order made out to Maynooth 10k Challenge. Cash not accepted.

Early entry fee of €20 before 17th April. Late entry fee is €25 from 17th April.

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

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

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