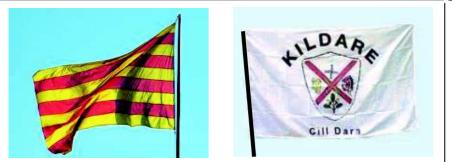


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Maynooth - Canet Twinning Update



The Maynooth Community Council Twinning Committee are currently preparing for the visit of a delegation from Canet-en-Roussillon to Maynooth at the end of Sept. During the visit a Charter Signing ceremony will take place. This will complete the process to twin the two towns of Maynooth with Canet.

Further details of the visit and the ceremony will be published in the next edition of the Newsletter.

(See page 27 The Canet Experience)



Some of the Ireland players took time out from their pre-season training regime to pose for photographers in the new PUMA Ireland kit at Carton House

Maynooth Festival at Maynooth Castle 2011

Over 350 people attended the various cultural events which took place on the grounds and within Maynooth Castle on a warm sunny evening of Thursday 30th June.

It was a colourful spectacle with Rita Doyle and Catherine Maher Schools of Dance giving lively and graceful displays of their dancing talents. The sight and sound of the Maynooth Brass and Reed Band as they played in the sunshine was a delight. The Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group displayed their art work on the Castle railings and which gave rise to much interest.

There followed an evening of entertainment in the Castle.

Mary Cullen presented the



Sharon Dunne. (Castle Keep Art Group).

various acts. Barry Smith wowed the audience with a selection of Sinatra songs. A comedy sketch written by local author Declan O'Connor recorded the funny observations of the ghosts of King George V and Queen Mary as they return to Maynooth 100 years after their Coronation

visit in 1911. Brilliantly performed by members of the Nuadha Players it brought much laughter and contributions from the audience. The U3A Group strongly supported the event and contributed to the evening's entertainment in song. The evening ended with great performances from the Maynooth Musical Society under the direction of Emma Stack which included songs from *Rent*, *Avenue Q* and *I* love you, your perfect, now change.. It was remarked by many that is was a very enjoyable family evening.



Anne McGarry, Ellie Leavey.

The Nuadha players also performed *Ghosts and things that go bump in the night,* at the Castle from the Friday 1st to 3rd July. **See inside for more details.**

Congratulations to all who contributed to and attended the event. A special word of thanks to Hilda Dunne, who organised and co-ordinated the evening.





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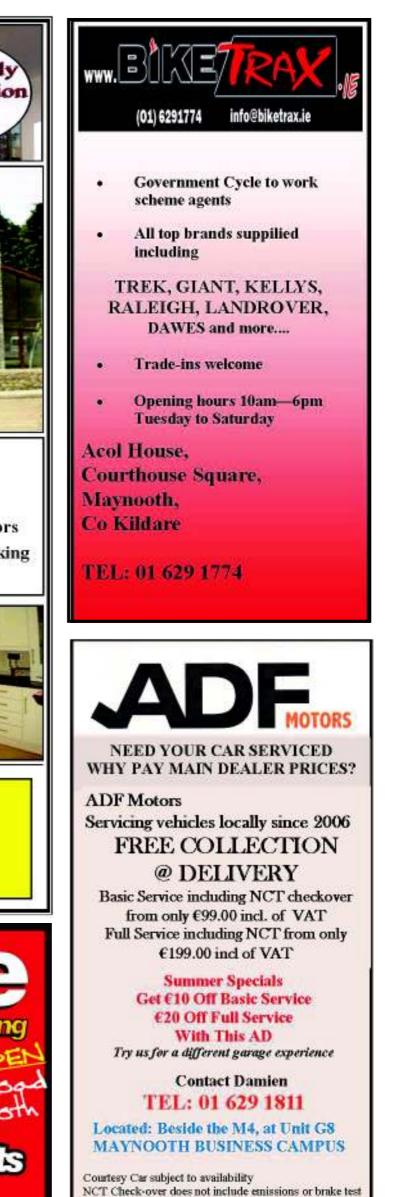


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Editorial

There is no escaping the Cloyne report. It is impossible to get away from the awful stories and histories of the people hidden away from view. How could people treat children like that? But whatever shock and horror we express this was going on while we ourselves were children. In Galway city there was a huge industrial school as well as a Magdalene laundry. It is difficult to believe the cries of innocence that are emanating from various other towns throughout the country - we didn't know. And if people had known would they have done anything about the awful treatment of their children. The boys from the industrial school were marched to the breach at Grattan Road during the summer months in Galway and children were warned to stay away from them as they were supposed to be bad and have committed some awful crimes. Now, it has become clear that many had done nothing at all and others had simply skipped school. People knew about the Magdalene as well - girls were warned if they didn't behave they might end up there.

These boys and girls were sent to these places by the rest of society and we are as culpable as the Church. It is easy to blame the various orders who profited from these poor children and that is who they were by and large - the children of the poor. They were used as unpaid servants and slaves; used and abused, badly clothed and underfed before being tossed into a cruel place that was Ireland. Many of them left for so-called pagan England where they found a better and a less cruel life. How this country would have survived without the overflow to England of any problems we did not want to deal with ourselves - we simply exported our unwanted people and we still do.

We have fooled ourselves for decades that we were the perfect example of a Catholic, Christian people while we constantly criticized Protestant England. What a great little country we are - great indeed. We have very little to be proud of here at all. We have been harsh, cruel, uncaring and completely dismissive of anyone who showed any weakness. Illnesses such as depression are still treated with the 'pull yourself together' attitude. Our families produced these nuns, brothers and priests. The children were dumped by families who were unable or who did not want to keep them. The pregnant women were locked away while the men who made them pregnant went free, the resulting children were then hidden away as well. Quite often lay teachers and parents were as tough as the Church - violence was endemic in the whole system. If a child complained of a beating in school they were likely to get another beating at home. Hitting children is still legal. There was no point in trying to stand out from the herd; anyone who tried to be different or who criticized the status quo was silenced immediately. The same herd instinct led the country over the cliff of economic disaster and anyone who tried to cry halt was ridiculed.

This is not a great little country and until we face up to this fact we will not be able to recover from the untold damage that has been inflicted on our communal psyche. The soul of the nation is very badly damaged; we present a happy, friendly exterior but underneath there is an anger, pain and collective deep depression that emerges when Irish people drink too much and this drinking is similar to that found among the displaced aborigine and native communities in the States. New Zealand and Australia. We are the only colonized country in Europe and we display the sign of the dispossessed. Allowing a language to die is akin to losing an entire identity and gives rise to a collective guilt. Surviving the famine may have given us a collective guilt as well - survivor guilt. It has also produced a hard and uncaring culture.

By the time this *Newsletter* is delivered the Celtic Congress will have taken place in the College. For all the talk and advertising about Maynooth the University Town, there is no knowledge of this huge event outside the College Considering that hundreds of Celtic scholars from all over the world will be coming to this small town for the Congress it seems a missed opportunity. The Congress also shows how much of an interest there is in this topic in countries all over the world; more interest than there is here in Ireland. Tá níos mó suime ag eachtrannaí sna séadchomharthai freisin agus léirigh Alfie Smyth an droch-chaoi atá alán acu ina alt san Irish Times le deirneas

Mar chríoch ba mhaith liom aird a tharraingt ar scéal nach mbaineann le Má Nuad. We do not often draw attention to events outside the town but I'd like you to visit the Facebook page From Here to Tangier – a group of young men are cycling to raise money for Aware, the group battling depression

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

1. New school proposals

Councillor John McGinley (Labour) said that the issue of second level schools in Maynooth had been discussed at a recent Kildare County Council meeting, and that, notwithstanding the VEC proposal, the Loreto order of nuns had 'put in a bid' to provide a Catholic, coeducational, school in Maynooth. The Educate Together organisation was also interested in providing a school. He noted that views expressed by the Minister for Education in the Irish Times recently coincided with the vineyard owner was hoping to organise a wine-tasting views expressed by Maynooth community councillors - event at the Mill Wine Cellar. on the importance of locating schools close to towns centres rather than on green field sites, for reasons such 3. Community Space as sustainability, health and the local economy. He also noted that a ceiling of 1000 had been announced by the Minister as the maximum number of pupils desirable in any school. He said that he did not know how far the VEC plan for Moyglare Hall had gone, but he hoped that a new second level school would be located on the south side of Maynooth.

J. McGinley went on to say that a new school would not necessarily be a gaelcholaiste. Colm Ó Cearúil (Deputy PDO) pointed out that there was a long-standing application in place for a gaelcholaiste for Maynooth, that had been renewed every year since 1997. He hoped that Maynooth Community Council would have a say on the management of whatever school was set up.

J. McGinley said that he thought that a VEC replacement school would probably go ahead in any case, and that Sean Ashe, CEO of Kildare VEC, had promised to keep the Community Council updated on any decisions made regarding the school proposal. He suggested the Community Council meet with representatives of all the local schools to discuss the schools issue. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin (Secretary) reported that the VEC CEO had sent apologies for not being able to attend the present meeting, but had said that he would attend the next one. C. Ó Cearúil suggested that the next Community Council meeting should be an open one for the schools and the community. It was agreed that the September meeting would be devoted to the schools issue.

2. Twinning with Canet-en-Roussillon

Tom McMullon (Chairperson) reported that, on the recent Maynooth Community Council trip to Canet-en-Roussillon, he had been so well looked after that it would be 'a hard act to follow', and that photos of the visit were viewable on Canet's facebook page. Eddie Tobin (Twinning committee) said that the signing of the twinning agreement between Maynooth and Canet was a two-stage process. The French delegation would travel to Ireland in September to complete the process. Canet had put a huge effort into the Irish visit:, two hundred and fifty seats had been set out for the signing ceremony, but the event ended up as 'standing room only'. There was huge interest in Canet in the twinning project and Maynooth would have to match this enthusiasm when the Canet team arrived here. It would be an open event and he asked anyone interested in getting involved to contact him through the Community Council office.

Paul Croghan (Vice-chairperson) said that the first student exchange between school pupils of the two towns had taken place, and planning for next year's exchange was in progress. Outgoing Mayor of Kildare, Brendan Weld, had been of great assistance in the project, travelling to Canet with the Maynooth delegation, as had Peter Minnock of Kildare County Council. The people of Maynooth would need to get involved to drive the project forward from here.

E. Tobin said that people in both towns were enthusiastic about the twinning. Contacts had been made in tourism and sport – and due to Maynooth's connections with Canet, the NUIM swimming team had competed at international level in France, in an Olympic-size swimming pool. Rugby and Kick Boxing connections were also being made. The Canet equivalent of Maynooth's U3A group was keen to make contact and an exchange between members of the two groups was a strong possibility. Catalan dancers were also interested in visiting Maynooth. T. McMullon added that Canet was a wonderful destination for tourists, and he reported that a

P. Croghan (Community Space sub-committee) reported that the Community Council now had the keys to the new premises at Manor Mills. A common insurance policy was in place and the space was now available to local groups. It was hoped that the premises would open during July. Educate Together had donated a pool table, and further donations of furniture in good condition would be welcome - particularly sofas. The Community Council office would oversee the use of the key.

4. Geraldine Festival

C. Ó Cearúil suggested that the organisation of next year's Geraldine festival should get going early and that the event should make good use of the Canet connection. T. McMullon said that not enough people had come forward to join the Festival committee and that one person had been left working on his own on the organisation of the event. Adrienne Flynn (Educate Together) said that at least seven people were needed on a working committee. P. Garrad complained that his proposals for the Festival had not been taken up. M. Ní Bhrolcháin suggested that the October Community Council meeting should divide up into small workshops in order to come up with ideas for next year. P. Garrad proposed that the meeting should be an open one and that other groups from the town should be invited.

5. Tidy Towns

P. Croghan (Tidy Towns committee) said that at this busy time of year, just a small group of dedicated people were out cleaning up twice a week, including early on Sunday mornings. More help would be welcome. Des Matthews, who single-handedly cleans up from Rathcoffey Road to the Harbour every week, collecting several sacks full of rubbish, was singled out for praise. 'Fly posting' and graffiti were creating difficulties, as they are very hard to remove, and P. Croghan said that KCC should take stronger action against these activities. He reported that a resident of Pound Lane was kindly helping to keep the newly refurbished Pound litter free. Skateboarding was occasionally a problem in the Pound, and while it was a great activity in the right place, it was not appropriate where it would cause damage. No funds would be available for repairs. T. McMullon said that he had seen no litter in Canet and that we needed to do better on this issue in Maynooth.

6. Youth Café

Hugh Gallagher (Chairperson Youth Café committee) reported that 14 people had come forward to be trained by Kildare Youth Services as Youth Café volunteers. Once this process had been completed, the Café hoped to get going in the new community space. He asked that young people fill out the committee's survey form, which has been distributed through the Maynooth Newsletter and can be accessed on the Community Council website.

Community Council Report

Problems with your Hard Drive!!

People often ring me about hard drive issues. In fact I get on average 2 call's every week. Often they are in a panic and desperate. They may have a laptop that the hard drive has crashed, or they were storing important information on an external drive that has suddenly stopped working. Often the data can be retrieved by myself using specialist software which only takes a few hours. I can put the information on a DVD or memory stick and return it to the happy customer. The bad news is that a lot of the time I cannot retrieve the information. This occurs when the hard drive has completely died and often a clicking noise can be heard when it is turned on. The inside of the hard drive resembles an old record player and the clicking is caused by the spindle is digging a groove into the platter where the information is stored. When this happens I can refer it to a specialist data recovery company who take the hard drive apart in a clean room and can recover some or most of the data. This is very expensive, costing between 200 and 2000 euro. So I cannot stress how important it is to have a backup. You can buy 2 cheap external hard drives and backup every day automatically using windows 7, rotating the hard drives every week. You can also go to www.dropbox.com and sign up for a free account that will give you 2GB of space on which you can automatically backup to from your PC or laptop. I hate telling people the bad news about their college thesis or the photographs of deceased ones that are lost forever, so please, please, please get some sort of backup plan in place. If you have a hard drive problem give me a call for advice straight away. Derek Moran SmartIT: 01-6287911 or 087-7779859

CREATIVE ARTS CENTRE MAYNOOTH.

Lets be totally honest here, HOW many times this summer (so far) have you heard "we're bored", or "we've nowhere to go"...? Well, relax, the answers to all those questions is right here, in Maynooth ! Thanks to the hard work, determination and pure drive, one young man, Bernard Wallace, who like the majority of us has seen the need, the real need for a place to go, an AFFORDABLE space for all ages, has opened the Maynooth Creative Arts Centre. Speaking with Bernard, I asked him why he choose to take on this mammoth task, and mammoth it is, not only is he starting a business in these financially unstable times, but this young man is SO driven and SO

determined to see the arts thrive here in Maynooth, and so determined that our artists of all ages get the chance to "put themselves out there", that he is working in the centre himself, from early morning till late at night, you have to admire him, this is true grit, this is the stuff of films, a hero in our mist! So far, the centre has been a complete success, with film nights, summer camps, drama, music and arts classes, workshops, and even private functions have been held in the informal gallery space. Plans are in the works for a youth group (aimed at the 11-16 year olds, as other groups provide for the older and younger kids, but as Bernard so rightly points out, this age group seems to be "left out", there is a real need for them to feel like they too matter, and have a



place of their own to go to, to "hang out" safely with friends). While researching for this article I myself and my family have spent some time in the centre and considering my family consists of : a 42 year old x-box mad husband, a 13 year old drama queen and a 4 year old, and myself a knitter and fan of the arts in general, I can

honestly say that YES this is the place that somehow, has got something for EVERYONE! A beautiful space, relaxed and informal atmosphere, where people of all ages gather to play board games, have a cuppa, rehearse their music or drama, its almost like Dr Who's tardis, you wonder how so much can fit so comfortably into one space! But fit it does! So, put the paper down, get yourself and your family or friends down to the centre, which by the way is a Community project so, feel free to volunteer! If you have ANY queries or would like to hold a workshop, meeting or party or even maybe an art exhibition? The sky is the limit, call into the centre on Coates Lane (situated between Supermacs and the Permanent TSB), or contact Bernard on: 01-5054744, Email:

cacmaynooth@gmail.com, and make sure to tell everyone you know to stop by the centres web page : www.creativearts.ie, and of course on face book!

Well, I'm off to start a painting, who knows how many Van Gogh's and Van Morrison's are out there, here in our own town, and now at last they have a place to launch the rockets of their future careers in the arts!

By: Martina Jordan-Foy





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Annual Cemetery Mass at Donaghmore (Grangewilliam) Saturday August 13th at 5 p.m.

The annual cemetery Mass at Donaghmore (Grangewilliam) will take place on Saturday August 13th at 5 p.m.

The celebrant will be Fr. John Nevin MHM

All those with an interest in the Cemetery are invited to attend and prepare the graves and grounds in advance of the Mass. It is planned to have the gates at the road opened from early morning on the day of the Mass to facilitate people wishing to drive to the gates of the Cemetery.

Your support in attending would be greatly appreciated.

Peter Nevin, Secretary Grangewilliam Maintenance Committee



Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Know Your Rights

Question

I got the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance last year and am wondering how to apply again this year for the payment?

Answer

This year, the majority of Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BTSCFA) payments will be fully automated - you do not need to apply. The Department of Social Protection has sent out letters from mid-June onwards telling people when and how their payments will be made.

If you did not receive an automated payment, you should complete an application form. You can download the form from either welfare.ie or communitywelfareservice.ie. You can also get the form from your Social Welfare Local Office, from your local health centre or by texting 'form BTSCFA' followed by your name and address to 51909. You may qualify for the BTSCFA if you are

. Getting a social welfare payment (including Family Income Supplement), or

Taking part in an approved employment scheme, or

Taking part in a recognised education or training course and

Getting a qualified child increase with your payment.

Your total household income must be below a certain amount. Your total income is defined as your main qualifying payment, income of any dependent children on the Youthreach programme and any other income you may have including wages (before tax, but excluding PRSI and a standard travel allowance of up to €20 per week), maintenance, savings and investments.

The child must be between 2 and 22 years before 1 October 2011 and must be in fulltime education at a recognised school or college. The rate of the allowance paid for each eligible child aged 2 to 11 is €200 and €305 if aged 12 to 22.

The scheme is open from 1 June to 30 September 2011 and the payments will start to issue from the end of June.

Question

I graduated from college last year and am claiming Jobseeker's Allowance as I have not been able to find a job. I heard that the Government had announced a scheme that would help people get work experience. Is this true?

You may be referring to the new National Internship Scheme which the Government launched recently. The scheme will provide work experience opportunities for 5,000 unemployed people in the private, public or community and voluntary sectors.

Participants in the scheme will be offered an internship of between 6 and 9 months with a host organisation. Under this scheme, if you take up an internship you can keep your social welfare payment and will get an extra €50 per week. The scheme will run for 2 years so applications for internships will continue

to be accepted until June 2013. Individual internship positions will last from 6 months to a maximum of 9 months. To be eligible for the National Internship Scheme, you must be unemployed and getting Jobseeker's Benefit or Jobseeker's

Allowance for 3 months or signing on for credits for 3 months. FÁS is responsible for managing the scheme, in conjunction with the Department of Social Protection. If you are interested in being

considered for an internship, you should send an email to govinternprg@fas.ie or contact your local FÁS office.

Question

My daughter and I are planning a holiday in France and Switzerland this summer and I'm wondering what happens if one of us becomes ill. Am I liable to pay for any medical costs incurred if I don't take out insurance?

Answer

You and your daughter each need an individual European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). This card allows you to access public healthcare services if you become ill or get injured when visiting certain European countries. It doesn't cover private treatment or the cost of repatriation to Ireland, if one of you becomes very ill.

The countries covered by the card are the 27 member states of the EU, the three other members of the EEA (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) and Switzerland. The card is not required for a visit to the UK if you can show that you are ordinarily resident in Ireland. In practice, this means a driving licence, passport or similar document. You can apply online at ehic.ie if you already have a medical card, GP Visit Card or Drugs Payment Scheme card. Otherwise, you can download an application form from ethicize or get it from your Local Health Office. You will need to provide your name, address, date of birth and Personal Public Service Number (PPS No.). There is no charge for the EHIC card. If you or other members of your family

already have an EHIC card you should check the expiry date. If any of the cards has expired, you can apply online at ethicize to renew it. You will need the existing card number and your PPS number. If a family member has changed name or address, they will need to contact their Local Health Office.

You should apply for the card a month before travelling, if possible. If you have concerns about getting a new or renewed card in time, you can get a Temporary Replacement Certificate from your Local Health Office.

You may also wish to consider taking out private travel insurance for expenses that are not covered by the European Health Insurance Card. These may include the costs of repatriation or the expenses of relatives who travel to you if you fall ill abroad.

Know Your Rights has been compiled by **Citizens Information Service which** provides a free and confidential service to the public. citizensinformation.ie and the **Citizens Information Phone Service.** Lo-call 1890 777 121 or (021 4521600).

Quick Recipes for August

Chicken Stir-Fry

Ingredients

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4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves 3 tablespoons

cornstarch 2 tablespoons soy sauce

- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 3 tablespoons cooking oil, divided
- 2 cups broccoli florets
- 1 cup sliced celery (1/2 inch pieces)
- 1 cup thinly sliced carrots
- 1 small onion, cut into wedges
- 1 cup water 1 teaspoon chicken bouillon granules

Method

Cut chicken into 1/2-in. strips; place in a resealable plastic bag. Add cornstarch and toss to coat. Combine soy sauce, ginger and garlic powder; add to bag and shake well. Refrigerate for 30 minutes. In a large skillet or wok, heat 2 tablespoons of oil; stir-fry chicken until no longer pink, about 3-5 minutes. Remove and keep warm. Add remaining oil; stir- fry broccoli, celery, carrots and onion for 4-5 minutes or until crisptender. Add water and bouillon. Return chicken to pan. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly.

Thai Red Beef Curry

along the grain 1 1/2 tbsp Thai red curry paste 3 tbsp vegetable oil

large garlic clove, minced 1 1/2 tbsp Asian fish sauce 1/2 onion, thinly sliced 1 tbsp light brown sugar

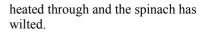
1 red bell pepper, seeded and thinly sliced

4 oz (115 g) baby spinach leaves 7 oz (200 g) white mushrooms, sliced 3 tbsp shredded basil leaves

Method

Toss the beef, 1 tbsp of the oil, and the garlic together. Heat a large wok over high heat. In batches, add the beef and stir-fry for 30 seconds to 1 minute, until the beef starts to change colour. Using a slotted spoon, transfer to a plate. When all the beef has been stir-fried, add the remaining oil to the wok and heat until shimmering. Add the onion and pepper and stir-fry for 2 minutes. Add the mushrooms and stir for 2 minutes more, or until all the vegetables are tender.

Stir in the curry paste. Add the coconut milk, fish sauce, and sugar and bring to a boil, stirring. Reduce the heat to medium and return the beef to the pan, along with the spinach and basil. Cook, stirring often, for 3 minutes, or until the beef is



Spicy Shrimp Gratin

Ingredients

1 1/2 lb (675 g) large shrimp, peeled and deveined 3 hot red chillies seeded and minced juice of 2 limes



³ garlic cloves, minced few drops of hot red pepper sauce salt and freshly ground black pepper

2 tbsp olive oil 1 cup heavy cream

2 red onions

3/4 cup shredded Gruyere

Method

Toss the shrimp, lime juice, and hot pepper sauce in a bowl and let stand for about 15 minutes.

Position the broiler rack about 8 inches from the source of heat and preheat the broiler. Heat the oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Add the onions and cook, stirring occasionally, about 5 minutes, until softened. Add the chillies and garlic and cook about 5 minutes more, until tender.

Spread in a large, ovenproof serving dish. Drain the shrimp and arrange over the onions. Season with salt and pepper. Pour in the cream and sprinkle with the Gruvere.

Broil about 5 minutes, or until the shrimp turn opaque and the cheese is golden brown. Serve immediately.

Pour in the cream sprinkle with the Gruyere.

Broil about 5 minutes, or until the shrimp turn opaque and the cheese is golden brown. Serve immediately.

Char grilled bananas with toffee sauce

Ingredients 115g/4oz unsalted butter 115g/4oz brown

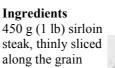


sugar 1 tsp ground cinnamon 125ml/4fl oz dark rum 150ml/¼pt double cream 8 bananas in their skins

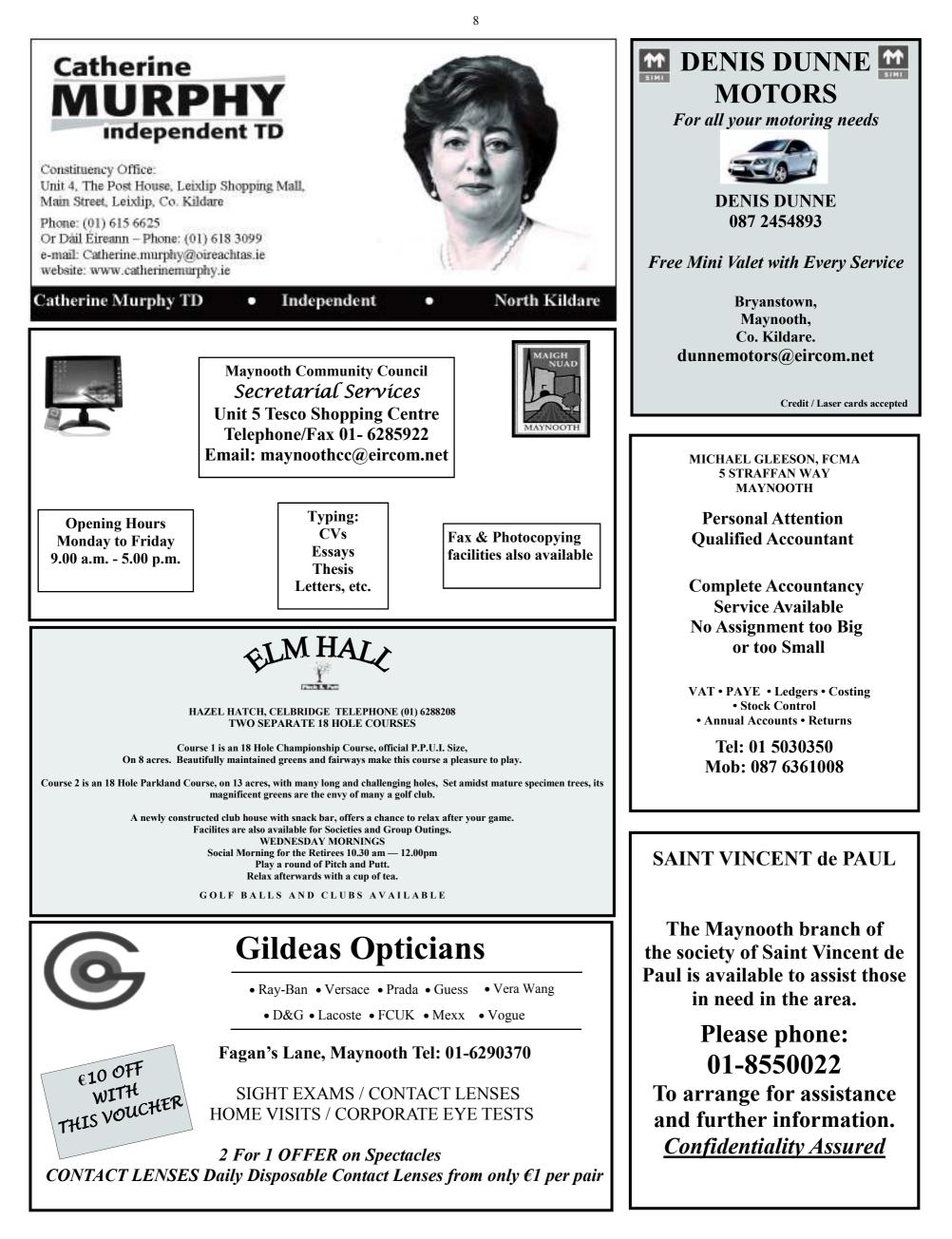
Method

Heat the butter with the sugar, cinnamon and run and simmer until the sauce begins to thicken, stirring from time to time.

Add the cream and whisk until the sauce emulsifies. Do not boil. Place the bananas, unpeeled, on the barbeque or under a hot grill and cook until the skins have blackened all over and are just beginning to split. Allow to cool slightly and let your guests peel the bananas, serve the sauce separately.







Letters To The Editor

A Chara,

I refer to the plans by the Dept of Education to build 40 new schools over the next 6 years to provide for the expanding population of young people in Ireland. In particular, I am concerned by the plans for Maynooth because of my association with education in the town over many years. I was Principal of the Maynooth Post Primary School from its foundation in 1971 to my retirement in 1997.

I can recall at the time in 1971 that all of the Teaching Orders in Ireland were invited to apply to establish and manage a second level school in Maynooth but none was interested, primarily because it was the wish of the parents that the school would be co-educational. The parents then applied to Kildare V.E.C. and it was happy to oblige. So began Maynooth Post Primary School----- so called, to avoid the negative attitude some people had at that time towards Vocational Education. Sixty first year pupils enrolled in September 1971 and now as a result of a dedicated staff and committed and loyal parents there are nearly one thousand students. Throughout these 40 years parent's preferences were clearly in support of the quality and type of education Maynooth Post-Primary was delivering to the Maynooth area.

Now it would seem applications are again to be invited from interested patrons and are to be submitted to the New Schools Establishment Group which in turn will make a report and a recommendation to the Minister of Education

However, because there is a VEC school already in Maynooth it is being said a different type of school would be more favoured, in the interest of choice. Yet it is reported in the Press according to the Minister "Parental preferences should be at the heart

of considerations about the type of school to be recognised "Irish Times June 28th. I would have thought the choice of school made by the parents was already obvious---a school which has been in Maynooth for 40 years and grown from 60 pupils in 1971 to 1000 in 2011 was ample proof of parental preference.

Apparently, there will be applications for an All-Irish School, Educate Together School and from the Loreto Order for a Catholic Co-educational Secondary School. The existing Maynooth Post Primary has an all Irish stream from first year to Leaving Cert within the school and already and has the support from the parents of the Educate Together Schools in Maynooth and Celbridge. If these two types of schools do not get the new proposed school most of their desires are satisfactorily catered for by Maynooth Post Primary. The application by the Loreto Order to establish a Catholic Secondary co-ed school would, it seems to me, to be a retrograde step if granted. This Order has no history in Maynooth, it has little or no experience managing co-ed schools and in all probability will not have the Loreto personnel to staff the school. Indeed ,one could ask where is the basic parental preference condition set down by the Minister ? Furthermore, in recent years religious run schools are either being closed down by the Order itself or are amalgamating with other schools. There are plenty examples of this throughout Ireland or even Kildare.

While everybody accepts a second school is necessary the obvious solution to me is to divide Maynooth Post Primary into two schools i.e. Maynooth Post-Primary Junior School and Maynooth Post-Primary Senior School. The first would cater for students up to and including Junior Cert while the second would cater for the Senior Cycle students.

Two schools, both operating on the same campus, sharing all of the resources and facilities and whenever necessary or required the same staff. There is no other combination of schools or Board of Management which is capable of achieving this. One only has to look at provincial Ireland where towns have a variety of schools. It is my experience, that there is little or no cooperation among these schools. Indeed, the opposite is the case. Each one is very protective of its own. The division of the existing Maynooth Post-Primary into a Junior and Senior would be economically prudent and socially desirable while at the same time there would be no diminution of the quality of education. This solution would also eliminate the real risk of a division in the community over the decision as to which school one attends, something which has been a problem in many of our towns for a long time.

While the Minister has identified "Parental preference should be at the heart of consideration about the type of school to be recognised " he has not indicated how the parents preference is to be ascertained. Is it to be by plebiscite of the people or, I wonder, will it be by important people having a quiet word in the ear of a few influential people?

Maynooth Post-Primary has an excellent record of achievement in sport and cultural activities as well as examination results. I'm sure, it is the wish of the current management to be allowed to continue to serve all our community as it has done so over the last 40 years.

Tom Ashe **Retired Principal, Maynooth Post-Primary School**

Pet Corner

A New pet passport procedure means that it's now even easier and cheaper to travel with dogs to the continent.

Until recently, travel to the European continent with dogs was difficult to the point of almost being impossible because of the strict measures that were in place to protect this country from rabies. The United Kingdom and Ireland had been kept free from rabies for many years thanks to strict border controls on the passage of animals.

Until a decade ago, dogs could only be brought into Ireland from Europe after being confined to quarantine kennels for six months. This system was effective at keeping rabies out of Ireland, but it was an expensive and socially disruptive barrier to the movement of pets to and from continental Europe.

The development of the European Union brought political pressures to change the quarantine laws. Ireland and the UK are now part of a large body of nations that aims to have as few border restrictions as possible between adjacent countries. When scientists reviewed the evidence, they realised that modern vaccine technology meant that it was possible to provide effective protection against rabies without imposing such a strict guarantine burden on pet owners.

In 2001, the Pet Passport scheme was introduced: dogs and cats could be brought in to Ireland from Europe, without quarantine, as long as they were microchipped, vaccinated against rabies, and blood tested to confirm that the vaccine had been effective. To be safe, a six-month delay was imposed between the blood test and the date of travel back to Ireland.

The system for importing dogs from continental Europe has just been reformed again: it has been made even simpler. The rabies vaccine is still necessary, but the need for the post-vaccine blood test has been removed, and there's no longer a sixmonth delay. From now on, dogs and cats just need to have a rabies vaccine and wait for a period of three weeks before travel. Thanks to European harmonisation, border crossings with pets are now easier and cheaper than ever before.

Travel considerations:

*Check whether your dog can travel with the airline and ferry company you wish to use.

If you travel by plane and will be accompanying your dog, some airlines may allow

Taking your Pets Abroad you to book your dog in as excess baggage as opposed to cargo, which usually works out cheaper. Your dog must fly in an IATA approved crate and you should check with the airline about how to measure your dog for an IATA approved crate. Airlines should provide information guides on how to do this. Most ferry companies will not allow dogs up on to the decks so your dog will need to

stay in the car throughout the duration of the crossing. Some ferry companies will allow you to check your dog throughout the crossing but you are advised to check before travel. For foot passengers, some companies do have kennels on the car decks. If you decide to take a ferry crossing, make sure your dog will be happy to sleep in the vehicle or in a kennel (whichever you choose) throughout the duration of the crossing.

·Before booking your holiday accommodation, ensure that the hotel or bed and breakfast will



accept dogs. Most places on the continent are pretty dog-friendly but, be advised you will normally be expected to pay a fee per dog.

·Consider travel insurance which covers your pet for emergency overseas veterinary and kennel costs.

While on holiday:

.Before travelling in a car, gradually accustom your dog to car travel by taking your dog on short journeys.

·Always ensure your dog has plenty of ventilation and shade in the car and that fresh drinking water is readily available.

•Train your dog not to bark or move around excessively whilst your car is in motion, as this can be very distracting to the driver.

·Check the regulations for travelling by car for the country you are visiting as some countries insist that dogs wear seat belts or be carried in a cage.

*Transport your dog safely, preferably by using a special dog guard, dog cage or canine harness. Your dog will be better protected and feel more secure if he has his own space in the car rather than being 'squashed' in with the luggage.

Make sure your dog wears an identification collar and tag with your current contact details. The phone number is optional. It is well worth adding your address while on holiday to your dog's tag even if this is done simply by means of sticky tape over the current tag.

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Date 2nd July 2011

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|------------------------|---|----------|
| 2 nd Prize | Martin Deveney | 36pts NQ |
| 3 rd Prize | Kevin Loftus | 34pts |
| 4 th Prize | Paul Farrelly | 33pts B9 |
| 5 th Prize | Eamon Murphy | 33pts B6 |
| 6 th Prize | John Carroll | 33pts |
| 7 th Prize | Mick Fahy | 32pts B9 |
| 8 th Prize | John Byrne | 32pts B6 |
| 9 th Prize | Gerry McTernan | 32pts |
| 10 th Prize | Norman Kavanagh | 31pts |
| Front 9 | Niall Farrell | 19pts |
| Back 9 | Marty Maguire | 19pts |
| Nearest the Pin | Gerry Smith, Liam Fa | arrelly |
| Longest Drive | Aaron Tobin | |
| Past Captains | Kevin Loftus | |
| 2's Club | M. Deveney, K. Loftu L. Farrelly, T. Campl | • |

Pat Connolly's Captains Prize was played at **Mount Wolseley Golf Club** on Saturday 2nd July.

This Christy O'Connor designed course is an 18 hole, par 72, beautifully maintained parkland course, with rich surrounds, mature trees, water features on 11 holes and fast putting greens. This peaceful location influenced the Wolseley family when they built the present house here almost a century and a half ago which has now become Mount Wolseley Hotel and Golf Course.

45 members and visitors played for the coveted Captains Prize in excellent weather conditions on this challenging course. The winner on the day was Brendan Leigh with 35 points, 2nd place Martin Deveney, 3rd place Kevin Loftus all other results listed above.

In his captains address Pat thanked all of the society for their support of this fantastic golf society, for the craic and friendship that it extends to all of its membership. He thanked all of the committee for their hard work in maintaining standards and membership of the society. Finally he thanked Brendan Leigh of Maynooth Windows and Conservatories for his generous sponsorship on his Captains Day.

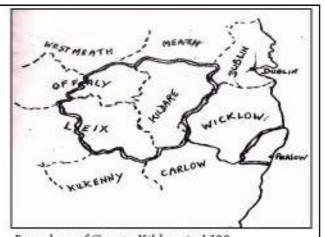
Maynooth Castle

A Focal Point of Local History

John Fitzthomas Fitzgerald was created the first earl of Kildare in 1316. By this time the county system had been introduced into Ireland. When the Normans came to England in 1066 they found there before them a system of local government based on shires or counties. The shire was sub-divided into hundreds and each hundred and each shire had its own court which met at regular intervals. At local level the king was represented by the Sheriff, or shire-reeve, an official who presided at the shire court. The Normans naturally brought this system with them to Ireland. While the original grants of land to the invaders were based on the extent of Irish tribal territories, the new shires, or counties, usually followed the lines of the new divisions that developed as the settlement proceeded. The lordship of Leinster, originally Strongbow's grant, had been sub-divided into the shires of Kildare, Carlow, Kilkenny and Wexford by the time it was divided between the Marshall heiresses in 1247. As there were five sisters and four counties the split could not be simply a county apiece, and so a fifth share was created from the lands in the modern counties of Leix and Offaly which were then part of the county of Kildare. These lands were not formed into a new county but remained part of County Kildare and were administered by the County Officials. The accompanying map shows the extent of the medieval county of Kildare. The barony of Arklow was then included in the County of Kildare because it was held by the Kildare Fitzgeralds and it was administratively more convenient to include it with their other holdings.

The first Earl did not survive long to enjoy his newly acquired dignity and was succeeded by his son Thomas in September of 1316. He died at Maynooth and was buried in the Grey Abbey at Kildare. Thomas, the second earl, became sheriff of Kildare in 1317. He married in 1312 Joan, daughter of the famous 'Red Earl' of Ulster, Richard de Burgo. Joan's sister Ellen, or Elizabeth, married King Robert Bruce of Scotland, and her sister Margaret was the wife of Thomas' cousin Maurice FitzThomas Fitzgerald, who became the first earl of Desmond in 1329. The second Earl of Kildare died at Maynooth in 1328, and he too was buried in the Grey Abbey at Kildare. Lady Joan married for the second time at Maynooth the following year and her husband, Sir John Darcy, was granted by King Edward 111, in his capacity as guardian to the heir who was a minor, the lands of Kildare, Maynooth, Crom, Adare and Estgrene during the minority of the fourth earl. The third Earl, who succeeded in 1328, had died in the following year at the age of twelve and was buried with his father. His brother Maurice then became the fourth earl. The marquis of Kildare says that he was a 'person of great piety', and a benefactor of the Priory of St. Wolstans. When he died in 1390 he was buried in Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin.

The fifth Earl, Gerald succeeded in 1390. There is a certain confusion about the succession to the earldom at this stage. The marquis of Kildare says that Gerald's son John succeeded as sixth earl at his father's death in 1410, and was succeeded in his turn by his only son Thomas as seventh earl in 1427. Professor Otway-Ruthven finds some obscurity as to the succession at this period. Elizabeth, daughter of the fourth earl, had married the fourth earl of Ormond and it seems that the Kildare lands passed to Ormond by wife's right. Thomas, the seventh earl, whom she identifies as the grand-nephew, not grandson, of the fifth earl, was recognised as earl in 1456 and later



Boundary of County Kildare in 1300 superimposed on the modern county boundaries. Double line = boundary of the medieval county of Kildare.

Dotted line = modern county boundaries Note that the barony of Arklow is part of Kildare. From a map in J. Otway-Ruthven, A History of Medieval Ireland

recovered all the Kildare inheritance. It seems then that John, the sixth earl, may not have been officially recognised as such, but the marquis of Kildare tells us that he 'strengthened and enlarged the Castles of Maynooth and Kilkea'. Maynooth by this time had been the chief seat of the earls of Kildare for more than one hundred years and was known as 'one of the largest and richest' Earl's houses in Ireland.

During the fourteenth century the Kildare FitzGeralds, with their cousins the earls of Desmond, and the Butlers, earls of Ormond, emerged as the most powerful of all the great Anglo-Irish families. By this time the Gaelic Irish were fighting back strongly against English advances and were pushing back the boundaries of English influence. At the same time the great Anglo-Irish families, including the Geraldines and particularly the Desmond branch, were becoming Gaelicised and 'more Irish than the Irish themselves'. The English kings had problems at home and ambitions on the continent that prevented them from concentrating their full force on Ireland. From 1337 to 1453 England was involved in the Hundred Years War with France, and, almost immediately after that had ended, the struggle began between the houses of York and Lancaster for the throne of England. In these circumstances the tendency was to leave the government of Ireland to one of the great Anglo-Irish lords who, because of his close relationship with the Gaelic Irish, could maintain relative peace and law and order with much less expenditure of men and money than could the English King. With the exception of the Butlers of Ormond, most of Ireland supported the Yorkists in the English struggle. When the Yorkist Edward IV came to power in 1461, he made the earl of Desmond chief governor in Ireland. Then both the Earl of Desmond and his cousin of Kildare were accused of treason by their enemies because of their relations with the Gaelic Irish. Desmond was replaced as chief governor by an Englishman, Sir John Tiptoft, and then was arrested by him and executed for treason in 1468. Kildare escaped, crossed to England and pleaded his case successfully with the King. With a rebellion in Ireland because of the treatment of Desmond, Tiptoft was recalled, and, since the Butlers were on the wrong side and the house of Desmond alienated, a long period of Kildare predominance began. The seventh earl became chief governor in 1471. His son, Gerald the eighth earl, known as Garret Mór or the Great Earl, who succeeded in 1477, is probably the best known and most colourful of all the Kildares and needs an article to himself.

The Jam For Japan - Mini Music Festival

Charity Event held in O'Neills Pub Maynooth

On Friday 15th & Saturday 16th of July, O'Neills Pub, Maynooth held one of their biggest music events ever, with all the proceeds going to Oxjam, the musical division of Oxfam.

Over the two nights there was a combination of local musical talent as well as some of Ireland's finest upcoming bands, such as Fox. E & The Good Hands, She's a Beauty and The Barley Mob playing. The opportunity for local acts to showcase their own music and play alongside bands of this caliber proved to be a great experience for everyone, especially the audience, who on both nights were overwhelmed with the standard of music provided. The event was organized by Jamie Caprani, as well as Jamie O'Neill from O'Neill's Pub. Both noted that the lack of a festival in Maynooth is absurd giving the amount of talent in the area and that there is an evident demand for live music in the area, considering both nights were full to capacity. Over the weekend a total of €1280 was raised, all of which went to the provide aid for the recent troubles in Japan. A special thanks to Adam Daly from the Barley Mob, K'n'B Music and Golden Discs Maynooth who made the event possible.

Over the past year O'Neill's has been running nights with bands of original material and intend to continue to do so. To keep up to date with Musical events that O'Neill's are running, you can follow them on facebook.



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Clear your credit card debt

One of the golden rules of financial planning is to clear your most expensive debts first, in other words your credit cards. OK, credit cards offer a convenient way to pay for goods and services but if you can't clear the balance every month, consider a low-cost loan as an alternative. Do the sums: a credit card debt (APR 15%) of \notin 2,200 over three years will cost \notin 545 in interest. A loan at 6% will cost \notin 209. A saving of \notin 336.

Cut the cost of your fuel bills

As the global demand for power threatens to outstrip supply, prices are rising. But that doesn't mean you need to be ripped off. The domestic market for fuel is a competitive one and you can change supplier with a few clicks of the mouse. Your new supplier will take care of the formalities - you just pay less every month.

Consider a pay-as-you go mobile

Ask yourself this: is your mobile phone absolutely necessary? If the answer is yes, then ask yourself whether you really need all those minutes and texts that come as part of your package. If you hand over \notin 50 a month to your mobile phone company, that's \notin 600 a year - or around \notin 1,000 of your gross salary. But you can buy a pay-as-you-go phone for as little as \notin 30 and only pay for the odd call as and when you need to.

When was the last time you went to the market?

One way to beat the supermarkets - that is, to eat healthily for less - is to use your local market stall. Lower overheads should mean lower prices.

Consider Don't buy designer labels

Celebrities are given expensive clothes to wear. You're not. At the end of the day, and let's face it you may only wear the outfit once, can you justify paying hundreds of pounds over the odds because a top designer has had his or her name sewn on the label? And can you honestly say you can tell the difference at a distance between a €600 designer bag and a €9.99 one from the market? Think about it.

Sell your clutter on eBay

Take this quick test: You're at home. Open a cupboard. Look inside. If it's full of clothes you haven't worn, or 'good ideas a the time' you haven't used, for, let's say, three years - you don't need them. So why not sell them to someone else who does? Ebay, the online auction house, has opened individual sellers to a world of buyers. And you can flog anything for the cost of a small commission. Tip: you may want to buy a few items first to build up your rating as a respectable eBayer before you start selling.

Shop around for the cheapest household insurance

Unless you drive - car insurance is mandatory - you don't need insurance. But it's strongly advisable. Can you afford to foot the bill if your house burns down? Probably not. Similarly, can you afford to pay over the odds for the same policy available elsewhere because you can't be bothered to shop around? Possibly, but it's not advisable. The internet has made finding cheaper insurance easy and you can compare hundreds of policies in minutes.

Choose cheaper breakdown insurance

The breakdown sector is dominated by big names such as the AA and RAC. But being towed home if your car breaks down is just another form of insurance like any other and there are scores of cheaper alternatives.

Are you paying too much for your life insurance?

We're living longer. As a result the cost of insuring the unthinkable is getting cheaper all the time. If you were sold a policy when you took out or mortgage you may have been under too much stress to shop around. You could be missing a trick.

Book your own 'package' holiday online

The popularity of Main Street travel agents is waning as more and more people warm to the benefits of researching and putting together their own holidays on the internet. If your holiday consists of flights, accommodation, transfers and possibly car hire, then take this test. Order a brochure from a leading holiday company and work out the price of your holiday including all the complicated supplements. Now go online and, starting with the flights, try to put the same package together.

Stop trying to keep up with the Joneses

Trying to keep up appearances is little more than a costly illness. Remember, you cannot judge someone by what they have because you don't know how they got it. Chances are they're in more debt than you are.

Pack up smoking

Never mind the health implications, the guilt and the smell. Look at all the money you will save.

Use your library

The local library is a mecca for the money saver. You'll never need to buy another cookbook, guidebook or lifestyle manual again and if you can bear to wait a few weeks in the queue for the latest blockbuster, you never need to buy books again. CDs and videos are great value too.

Buy clothes and presents in the sales

So you need a new suit and the one you like comes in at a cool \notin 300. Wait! The chances are that you can pick it up in the sale - and there's always a sale just around the corner - for \notin 150. The same applies for birthday and Christmas presents. Buy in bulk in the sales and you not only save money, but you enjoy stress-free pre-Christmases and no last-minute birthday worries.

Avoid the payment protection racket

Banks and other lenders are selling expensive insurance policies to cover loan repayments to people who don't need it. Don't be a victim of the hard-sell.

Shop online

The internet is gradually taking over. Online grocery shopping is getting better all the time and there are plenty of comparison websites to help find the best prices for bigger items. Give it a try, unless of course you like fighting your way through supermarket crowds.

Brady's Clockhouse Lounge and Bar

Supporting Maynooth Community since 1895 The pub was bought from the family of the previous owner, Phil Brady, in 2002 and has retained the name, but also continues to deliver the excellent quality of service that it has become so well known for. But Brady's also continue another quality of service to the

people and community of Maynooth in its support of local events and organisations such as Maynooth AFC and the local GAA. The friendly staff at Brady's strive to



maintain a relaxed and convivial atmosphere so that its customers can meet with friends and family for a quiet chat or can enjoy the entertainment which the live music has to offer. The opening times are from 10.30 am until close at 11.30 pm Monday to Saturday, with Sunday closing time at 11.00 pm, which is extended to a later closing time for Bank Holidays.

While Brady's is a well established and well known public house in Maynooth it also caters to the dining needs of its customers. There is a carvery on offer from 12.00 noon 6 days a week with an á la carte menu on Saturdays till 9.00 pm. Brady's are well known for their beef and chicken stir-fry's, but there is also a specials menu on offer with a different selection to choose from each day. This variety in menu options gives the customer a more enterprising and pleasant dining experience in a comfortable and relaxing atmosphere at very reasonable prices. For those wishing to enjoy a quiet drink in the sunshine or warm Maynooth evenings there are outdoor seating facilities just off the local square. Brady's also cater for party's of all ages from 21sts throughout, so if you are thinking of having a celebration or party why not call in and let the friendly staff organise and cater to your needs?

As part of the entertainment facilities on offer all major sporting events are screened for the customer to enjoy over a drink or two. But the entertainment also extends to live music which is performed in the lounge and upstairs bar. There is live traditional music on offer on Thursday nights, which is an open forum whereby anyone can join in and play along. There is also Jazz performances on Tuesday nights, which is a very enjoyable and entertaining experience in an intimate setting. The upstairs venue with its late bar caters for the more Rock music minded customers and it's here in B2 that this genre can be enjoyed on Saturday nights.

While Brady's support the local community and cater for the needs of its customers, they are also one of the larger employers in Maynooth with a staff of 22 people. So if you're looking for an enjoyable social experience in an ambient relaxed atmosphere, why not think of Brady's where the friendly and helpful staff are always willing to cater to your needs. Whether you're thinking of having a party or celebration, want to watch the big match, would like to listen to some excellent music or would like to enjoy a pleasant dining experience then call in, phone or email Brady's. For information on arranging any event or celebration or to make a booking call 01-505-4725, email bradysclockhouse@gmail.com or you can contact them on their Facebook website.

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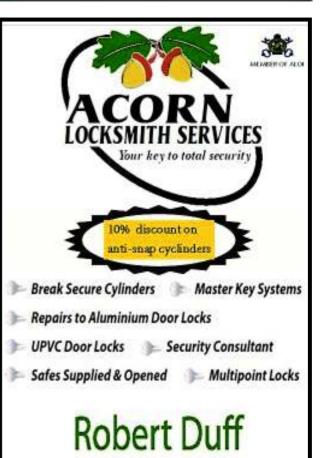
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An Nuadha Players

From the 1st to the 3rd July An Nuadha Players presented an evening of 'Ghosts and things that go bump in the night!' in the Geraldine Castle in Maynooth. The setting lent itself perfectly the theme.

Paul Mescal started the evening with a macabre piece from Flan O'Brien's 'The Brother' which told the creepy tale of a taxidermist's almost perfect murder of his employer. Using his taxidermist's skills Murphy managed to perfectly cure his victim's skin but his notion of wearing the skin to impersonate his employer had unforseen consequences. Plenty of 'oohs and aahs' accompanied this gruesome tale. Bill Elliffe then entertained the audience to a rendition of Alfred Noyse's 'The Highwayman', an old classic which brought back memories of schooldays for many. The dramatic tale of the highwayman and his lover, Bess, and her untimely death to save him from the soldiers who were out to kill him always captures the



imagination. The spectre of their ghosts meeting in the moonlight long after their deaths is as touching as it is romantic. This then brought us on to the main feature, 'The Case of the Count formerly known as Dracula' by Bruce Kane. The story centred around the hero, Justin Thyme, of the F.B.I., the Fictional Bureau of Investigation who gets called to Transylvania by Abraham Van Helsing to investigate the disappearance of the country's second biggest export – virgins! It does not take our hero long to discover the cause of the disappearance of these virgins when he meets Count Dracula, whom he describes as the 'whitest white guy' he has ever seen! Dracula seduces Thyme's girlfriend and makes her his own, sets his bevy of 'undead dames' on Thyme and besets him with bats. Thyme only has the unreliable Igora (barkeep at the local watering hole), his 'overdeveloped secretary with the underdeveloped secretarial skills' and the 'little voice in the back of his head' to help him along. However our hero does win out in the end with a little help from some unexpected quarters.

The whole performance was full of puns, silly jokes, references to songs and movies and exaggerated dramatic outbursts, all of which were skilfully and hilariously delivered by the cast. It was a great example of team work and double jobbing as actors jumped in and out of roles. The play included all sorts of quirky special effects which were provided with much hilarity by the two stagehands who were very much part of the performance – their rendition of a cock crowing, a wolf howling and the wolf then eating the cock had people rocking in their seats. Other sound effects were excellently provided by Kevin Molloy on keyboard. The reaction of the audience was enthusiastic and all agreed that it was a pleasant and uplifting way to spend a Summer's evening – we all need a little pick-me-up from time to time.

Characters :

Justin Thyme – Rian Glynn Effie/Lady Macbeth/Mandi - Katie Noone Stagehands - Edel Hutchison and Patricia O'Malley Van Helsing / Renfield - Brendan Colfer - Teresa Heeney Igora Molly - Sarah Murphy Count Dracula - Paul Mescal Vampire Molly/Randi - Naoise Glynn Little Voice/Sax solo - Emma Stack Nurse/Candi - Sinead Ennis Martha/Juliet - Ursula McGinn Sandi - Autumn Carey Sound effects - Kevin Molloy Lighting - Martin Higgins/Terry Nealon Directed by Ann Kelly





August Diary Planner

I.C.A.

There will be no meetings in August. Monthly meeting for September is 1st at 8.00 pm in the harbour. Crafts return on Monday 5th. New members welcome

Parent & Toddler Group

There will be no meetings held during the summer holidays but they will resume in September.

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Toastmasters

There will be no meetings in August.

Family Fun Day

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MAYNOOTH TABLE TENNIS BOYS TAKE THE ONLY ALL IRELAND COMMUNITY GOLD MEDALS FOR KILDARE

Four boys from Maynooth recently travelled down to Athlone to compete in the All Ireland Community Games Table Tennis Finals.

Their road began back in February when they competed against Twomilehouse to win the Kildare final. They then were up against Dublin (which was going to be their toughest opposition of the entire competition). After 6 singles, the Maynooth boys were 3-3 against the Ballyfermot boys. This meant that a deciding doubles match had to be played. You could have heard a pin drop in the hall as the boys battled it out. At last,



Community Games representative, Alex McGovern, Shane Hurley, Evin McGovern, Donie Mullally

the boys just managed to scrape a win against the Dublin lads, which then led them into the Leinster Finals.

The Leinster Finals took place in Carlow. First they had to play a semi-final against Wexford, which they won comfortably enough. They then were up against Ballyroan, Co. Laois, which was, once again, tough competition for the four Maynooth boys. However, Maynooth pulled it out of the bag and came home with gold once again for Maynooth.

On 28th May, the four boys travelled down to Athlone, at this stage representing Leinster in the All Ireland Finals. After the stiff competition of Dublin and then Laois, earlier in the competition, the boys had comfortable wins over Munster first and then Ulster, resulting in their first All Ireland Gold medals. There were smiles all round from the boys after a great five months work.

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Maynooth Tídy Towns

We are continuing our weekly clean ups on Sunday morning at 7.30am, meeting at the Garda Station, Wednesday evening meet at 7.30pm and Saturday morning @ 10.am meeting at Supervalu Car Park. We could do with more volunteers to help with this work.

The Carton Park Roundabout has been developed and planted by members of Maynooth Tidy Towns and kindly sponsored by McDonalds photographs appearing elsewhere.

A number of people have asked how Maynooth is judged in the National Tidy Towns competition so here is a quick run through of the 10 criteria and one or two comments relevant to Maynooth

OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH :

As part of or tidy towns entry we have to submit a 5 year rolling plan, detailing plans, partnerships to include businesses, schools, local organisations to raise the awareness and importance of tidy towns in the community. Also a work plan for the current year and map with projects outlined.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT:

This covers all the aspects of the state of buildings in Maynooth paintwork, signage, window displays, lighting etc.

LANDSCAPING :

This covers the impact of hanging baskets, planters, the trees along the main street and Carton Avenue the castle area and the canal.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES:

Over the past few years we planted wild flowers in a number of areas in Maynooth e.g Joan Slade river, the pound, the green etc.

LITTER CONTROL:

Litter control is a very important part of our work and also very important to encourage visitors and shoppers to our town. this is why we have stepped up our litterpicking activities this year.

WASTE MINIMISATION:

In this category we work very closely with the schools in promoting the Green Flags initiative.



Wednesday night clean up by Maynooth Tidy Towns

Also here we have the various re-cycling initiatives that we undertake and also the various programmes that our local businesses are involved in recycling and reusing.

TIDINESS :

Work on derelict sites, painting old hoardings and a very extensive weed control programme.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS:

The work of our residents associations comes to the fore here and play a very important part with floral displays and well maintained green areas and litter control.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK LANES:

This covers all aspects of road maintenance and condition including approach roads.

This year we have cleaned signs and street furniture.

GENERAL IMPRESSION:

This is where the judge looks at Maynooth, our projects, our achievements, the level of support in the community.

As you can see there is a huge amount of work for a voluntary group to undertake, all talents are needed, can you help as we all try to make Maynooth a tidy town.

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Wild flower display at Joan Slade river.



Finished flower bed at Carton Park roundabout which is sponsored by McDonalds



Sean Cushen marking out flower bed at Carton Park roundabout



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Drying flowers is a rewarding experience because it is easy to do, the flowers usually dry remarkably well, and they last for many years. Flowers can be preserved in different ways: hanging and pressing, with glycerine, or using various drying



agents such as sand, homemade mixtures, or silica gel. Hanging

Air drying or hanging is the easiest and best method for preserving flowers. As a general rule, flowers need only to have the leaves removed and to be hung upside down in a warm, dry, dark place until the moisture content is greatly reduced. An attic, closet, or pantry is often an ideal place; avoid basements, porches, or garages, where dampness may ruin specimens.

Divide the flowers into small bunches to avoid crowding or crushing. The stems of the flowers can be tied together with twine, wire, pipe cleaners, rubber bands, or anything that will hold them securely yet not break the stems. Hang the flowers from a nail driven into an attic rafter, along the wall of a closet, from coat hangers suspended from a crossbar, from a clothesline or from a self-supporting drying rack.

Air drying flowers may take from one to two weeks or more depending on the moisture content of the cut stems and relative humidity. Some flowers should be picked for air drying in the bud stage, or partially opened, as they will continue to open while drying. Others must be picked when they are fully mature.

Suggested flowers to air dry include: strawflowers, goldenrod, hydrangeas, celosia (crested and plumed types), Queen Anne's lace, statice, baby's breath, millet, globe amaranth, salvia, Xeranthemum and many of the "everlastings."

Glycerine

This chemical replaces the water in the plant material, making the preserved plant supple and long-lasting. To use this method, the plant material needs to be gathered in a fully hydrated (non-wilted) state. Use two parts of

Preserving Flowers

water to one part of glycerine, making sure the water is lukewarm for better mixing and faster absorption. Ordinary car antifreeze will work. If the autumn colours are showing, it may be too late to preserve them in glycerine.

Where leaves only are used, they should be submerged completely in the glycerine-water solution. Where leaves attached to stems are used, then only the stems are immersed into the solution. The time required for completing the preservation process varies, but expect two to perhaps three weeks before the glycerine solution reaches the leaf tips.

If the samples appear to wilt after removal from the solution, then hang them upside down so the glycerine will migrate to leaf and branch tips. For beginners who are looking for assured first-time satisfaction, Mollucella laevis (Bells-of-Ireland) easily absorbs the glycerine solution and shows a wide colour variation. Pressing

Pressing is a very easy way to preserve flowers although the relief is lost and the flowers are flat. Unglazed paper, such as newsprint or an old telephone book, is best for pressing. Spread the flowers so they do not overlap between several thicknesses of newspaper. Additional layers of paper and flowers can be built up and then covered with a board or piece of cardboard before pressing down with a heavy object. The time required for drying, depending on the flower size or tissue content, can be anywhere from two to four weeks.

The process can be speeded by placing a stack of papers and flowers over a light bulb. Storing pressed flowers is not a problem because they usually are not removed until they are used.

Flowers to press include: aster, bleeding heart, buttercup, chrysanthemum, columbine, cosmos, dahlia,



dogwood, English daisy, geranium, larkspur, lily-of-the-valley, marigold, pansy, poppy, rose, sweet pea, violet, and zinnia.

Drying Agents/Sand Drying

Sand must be very fine, clean, dry, and preferably salt free. Sifting is recommended to remove coarse grains and foreign particles. Rinsing the sand in water several times to remove any soil is also recommended. Damp sand can be dried in an oven by placing in shallow pans and baking at 250 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes. Be sure to use only flowers in their prime and process them quickly to prevent wilting. To dry with sand, place an inch or two of sand in a container; scoop away a small amount of sand to form a depression on the surface; place the flower head upright in this depression and press the sand in and around the outside of the flower to support it. Next, scoop a little sand into your hand and allow it to trickle in a fine stream around each petal. Start with the outer petals and work inward row by row, allowing the sand to build up equally on all sides of each petal so its position and shape are not altered. Flowers dried with sand are fragile so be very careful when removing them from the sand. Store in a strong carton to protect the petals from breaking.

Homemade Agents

Various mixtures can be made with ingredients found in most kitchens. For example, use equal proportions of powdered pumice and yellow corn meal or equal proportions of borax and yellow corn meal. To each quart of either of the mixtures, add 3 tablespoons of salt (non-iodized). Other grain cereals such as Wheatena or Cream of Wheat can be substituted for corn meal. These mixtures are usually heavier than sand or silica gel, but they work well. Apply the mixture like the sand as described above but in an open container placed in a warm, dry location for about two weeks.

Time is running out to sow seeds for cropping in the autumn, and some crops are ready to

harvest now. For those that stay in the ground, you need to act now to protect them from pests.

When to harvest

August is a great month for harvesting your crops

Many people wonder when vegetables are ready to harvest and in short they will tell you, usually by the leaves turning yellow and falling down.

Potatoes are ready to harvest when they have flowered. Shallots are ready now and their leaves will be yellowing and drying. If onion leaves are still green, let them grow for another couple of weeks before loosening them by lifting a little with a fork before pulling out to dry a week later. Cut off the roots and cut the leaves down to eight inches (20cm) and take off the outer dirty layers of skin before ripening in a dry airy place.

Store loosely in nets or strings or even in old stockings or tights in a cool but frost free place and they will keep until late winter. Carrots can be lifted as and when you need them but remember to keep a fleece over them to ward off the carrot fly.

Cabbage white butterfly eggs, you need to remove these!

August is a month of great plenty in the vegetable garden and you will be harvesting a great variety of vegetables that you sowed earlier. Sweet Corn is unlikely to be ready until the end of the month at the earliest so leave it alone.

Home grown peas are unforgettably tasty closely followed by French Beans and our favourite runner beans. Also the cabbage family will be coming to maturity with sweet round cabbage and cauliflower for those cleaver enough to have grown them. They are not easy!

Watch out for the eggs of cabbage white butterfly and remove them or pick off the caterpillars.

If you miss them they will turn your cabbage plants and sprouts into lace very quickly. And, keep watering during dry spells.

Vegetable Seeds to Sow in August

Lettuce

Gardening in August

Winter lettuce is ideal if you want to keep picking lettuce throughout the autumn and winter. Some varieties are very winter hardy and some require frost protection in the form of cloches in September. As lettuce is a cool weather crop, high temperatures may cause slow or no germination. Sow in the coolest part of the day and water well with cold water.

Japanese Salad Winter Onions

Japanese salad onions have spring and winter varieties. The winter varieties can stand in the soil in cold conditions and withstand frost under a cloche.

Florence Fennel

Florence fennel is a white bulbous Italian vegetable which is a dwarf version of the herb fennel. The vegetable provides an aniseed flavour in salads or can be braised or roasted.

Turnip (Main crop)

Turnips are a quick and one of the easiest vegetable to grow. They come in a variety of colours: white, purple, yellow and purple. Both turnips and their turnip tops (green leaves) can be harvested and eaten. They hold their nutrients when cooked to give you a nutritious vegetable on your dinner plate. Harvest when they are the size of a golf ball.

Baby Beetroot

This is your last chance to sow beetroots this year for a late baby crop for harvesting in autumn. These baby vegetables can be grown in patio pots or raised beds and crop in 6 - 12 weeks. Baby beetroots are usually the size of a golf ball.

Baby Carrots

If you forgot to sow carrots last month, fear not, there's still time to sow some fast cropping baby varieties so you can harvest before the winter sets in. So this is your last chance to sow some carrots this year! These can be sown in patio pots and in raised beds.



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Winner of Crossword No. 393 David Thompson, Parson's Hall, Maynooth

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Congratulations to July Winner: Sarah Thompson, Parson's Hall, Maynooth

MAYNOOTH GAA NOTES

MINOR FOOTBALL

Maynooth's minor footballers made a winning start to this year's A championship when they had six points to spare against Leixlip in the first round on Tuesday night (12 July). The Maynooth lads had their shooting boots on as they hit three goals to win by 3-10 to 1-10.

MINOR HURLING

Maynooth's minor hurlers carded an impressive victory against Killard on Tuesday night (5 July) to reach this year's minor hurling league division two final.

MHL Division 2 Semi-Final Maynooth 1-13 Killard 0-5

After a closely fought first half, Maynooth powered home in the second half, keeping their opponents scoreless as they racked up eight unanswered points to run out convincing winners. A first half goal from wing-forward Neil Delaney put them on the front foot in the opening 30 minutes but Killard kept in touch from frees to ensure there was just three points between the teams at the break. Cian Forde was on song from frees for Maynooth as he landed some impressive points from inside his own 65.

It was all Maynooth after the interval as the defence kept Killard at bay while the forwards opened up and picked off some impressive scores. Centre forward Forde continued to hit the target from placed balls while Alex Birchall, Ciaran Broderick and Philly Murphy all found the target from play - Birchall scoring from inside his own half while Broderick found the range with two impressive scores. Victory means Maynooth now progress to the league

final, where they will meet Clane, which has been scheduled for Monday, 18 July.

MAYNOOTH: Sean Bean; Adam Nevin, Adrian Dornan, Shane Nolan; Tom Oliver, Conor Nolan, Conor Coyle; Sean Higgins, Philly Murphy 0-1; Neil Delaney 1-0, Cian Forde 0-8, Alex Birchall 0-2; Lee Kearn, Hugh Faherty, Ciaran Broderick 0-2. Subs: Ronan McCann for Oliver; Ryan Clancy for Broderick; Andy McCourt for S Nolan; Alan O'Toole for Delaney; Ciaran Browne for Birchall.

HANDBALL

Congratulations to Robert Maguire who partnered Niall O'Connor (Leixlip) to an All Ireland Minor Hardball Title on Tuesday 6th July in Crinkle Co Offaly.

HURLING

It may have been tougher than the score line suggests and there were plenty of anxious moments in the opening half but Maynooth proved the better side when it mattered most to claim their first win in this year's intermediate hurling championship.

IHC ROUND 1 MAYNOOTH 0-13 NAAS 0-8

MAYNOOTH: Colin Cushen; Shane Devereux, Shane Barry, Harry Oliver; Paul Moylan, Joe Brennan, Fergal Molloy; Eanna Lohan 0-1, Fiachra Lohan 0-2; Mikey Gillick 0-1, Mark Cummins 0-6 (5fs, 1 65), Graham Kenny 0-2; Andrew Higgins, Hugh Nevin 0-1, Eoghan Sinnott. Sub: Sean Higgins for A Higgins, 58.

SENIOR FOOTBALL

A goal in either half proved decisive as Maynooth cruised their way to victory in their latest outing in the senior football league on Saturday (25 June).



SFL DIVISION 1 ROUND 10MAYNOOTH2-10RATHANGAN0-7

A lacklustre Rathangan struggled in the opening half, despite playing with the breeze, while the home side enjoyed a blistering start to the game which put them on the front foot from the get go. Maynooth almost hit in the opening minutes when Michael Fahy's shot clipped the cross bar but the Crom Abu didn't have long to wait to rattle the net. Wingforward Seamus McBride ghosted down the right hand side, slipping inside a couple of Rathangan defenders before coolly sliding the ball home past Joe Lyster. Against a strong breeze, Maynooth managed to dominate possession while their defence kept a tight rein on the Rathangan attack. It was 1-3 to no score after 20 minutes with further Maynooth points from Karl Ennis and John McAndrew and it took until the 28th minute of the opening half for the visitors to finally open their account when Brian Mullally clipped over a neat point from play.

Two more from Mullally before the break meant McBride's goal separated the sides.

With most of the hard work done in that opening 30 minutes, Maynooth started to pull away after the resumption and the result was never in doubt after lively corner-forward Michael Fahey netted a second, stunning goal midway through the second half. Again it was Mullally who opened Rathangan's account after the break but points were never going to be enough for the visiting side against the elements. Fahey and John McAndrew scored points either side of that effort and while they might have had a couple more goals their second one was good enough to keep the home support satisfied.

After first half goalscorer McBride made a promising run down the left hand side, his pass looked a little over-cooked as Michael Fahey stretched to receive it but with little room to manoeuvre and no time to think, Fahey buried an instinctive shot to the roof of the net. There was no way back for the visitors after that while Maynooth slotted over points for fun with Fahey adding another two while sub Fergal Molloy added the final score in the closing stages with a well worked point.

Only for a stunning save from the excellent Joe Lyster in the Rathangan goal, Maynooth would have added a third goal courtesy of Conor O'Brien but a nine point win was no less than they deserved, having playing the better football throughout.

Maynooth now lie fourth in the league table, level on 13 points with Sarsfields, who have two games in hand. MAYNOOTH: Paul Flood; Joe Brennan, Colin O'Neill, Dean McAvinue; Joe Gerry, Sean Kennedy, Alan McAndrew; Mickey Bennett, Andrew O'Regan; John Comerford, John McAndrew 0-3 (1f), Seamus McBride 1-0; Michael Fahey 1-4, Pierre Ennis, Karl Ennis 0-2. Subs: Niall Naughton for P Ennis, 25; Conor O'Brien for McBride, 50; Fergal Molloy 0-1 for Comerford, 55.

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Irish Rail get Go Ahead for Modified Car Park at Maynooth



An Bord Pleanala has granted permission to Irish

Rail for a new 34 space car park associated with Maynooth Railway Station. Access to the new car park will be from Straffan Road, the location is in front of the old Station Master's house on the opposite side of the canal to the existing car park. Deputy Catherine Murphy had appealed the Council's grant of permission primarily because of the additional peak time pressure that would result on the already heavily congested Straffan Road.

The original application was for 50 spaces, however, this has been modified by both the Council and Bord Pleanala, for a number of reasons including (i) the provision of adequate turning space for vehicles, (ii) to ensure freedom of access for occupants of the Station House, (iii) to allow space for planting features to assist the visual amenity of residents and those who use the station.

The issue of light overspill into the adjoining residential area of Silken Vale had been included, in the Council's decision,, following an earlier submission from Murphy.

The Board included the following new conditions on the permission:

Condition:

Prior to commencement of operation of the car-park, a management scheme shall be submitted for the written agreement of the planning authority, which shall include the following:

a) Measures to ensure no illegal parking along the access road or any other part of the site.

b) A sign at the entrance to the site, clearly visible to traffic approaching either direction on the R405, that informs traffic when the car-park is full (the technical operation of which may be determined by the developer).

A system of kerbs (or alternatively bollards) shall be put in place that will prevent the noses of cars parked in the permitted spaces from encroaching onto the two metre wide footpath.

Condition

a) The proposed timber fence along the southern side of the road shall be omitted. It may be replaced by a low wall (or high kerb) to prevent illegal parking in this landscaped area.

b) A landscaped border shall be provided on the southern and western edges of the large yellow-box turning zone in the western end of the site.c) A series of four landscape features (comprising of a semi-mature tree in a planted bed) shall be inserted into the proposed parking zone along the railway line, to be achieved by omitting parking spaces no.1, no.10, no.20 and no.30 (counting from the entrance inward).

NOTE: Irish Rail originally intended to provide 50 car parking spaces. They had assumed they did not require planning permission, claiming it was an exempted development, however, following a request from the owners of the Old Station Masters House for clarification, the Council confirmed it did in fact need planning permission.

Murphy Highlights Rural Broadband Scheme's Potential and Urges Kildare Residents Who Cannot Obtain Broadband Services to Apply

Kildare North TD Catherine Murphy is calling on those residents of Kildare who cannot obtain broadband services from internet service providers in their area to look into the Rural Broadband Scheme operated by the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources.

Murphy is highlighting the part EU-funded scheme as a means for those in the remote areas of Kildare who

"I'd urge anyone whose been told that broadband services don't extend to their area to look at the Department's website and see if this scheme may provide a solution to their problem. Broadband is such a key service nowadays that should be made available to everyone which is why this scheme is such a positive initiative."

Those wishing to avail of or learn more about the scheme should visit www.dcenr.ie and follow the links for the Rural Broadband Scheme where applications can be made online. Alternatively enquiries and applications can be made by phone on 1850 678 100 or 01 678 2020. All applications must be received by 29th July 2011.

Before applying for the RBS however the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources recommends that people first check with private internet service providers whether they can obtain broadband services through them. This can be done at www.callcost.ie. Following on from that Kildare residents can also check if they qualify for the National Broadband Scheme at www.three.ie/nbs. Only after they've exhausted these avenues should people then make applications for the RBS as the scheme has been brought in to cover those areas not already catered to by the other two options.

Streamlined System Would Improve Homes and Save Money

Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government, Phil Hogan TD has promised to consider the possibility of establishing a One Stop Shop for local authority insulation housing grants following a request by an Oireachtas Committee.

Kildare TD, Catherine Murphy is a member of this committee.

Members of the Oireachtas Committee on Environment, Transport, Culture and Local Government put the proposal to the Minister at yesterday's meeting. It was argued that such an arrangement would avoid the current situation whereby some local authority tenants cannot access insulation grants because of the duplication in Government Departments handling the grant applications.

Committee Member, Catherine Murphy TD said; "Under the current system, tenants in local authority housing and those in private accommodation access different Government Departments to obtain an insulation grant.

This means that those in social housing, even though they would be willing to make a contribution to the cost of insulation, are not eligible to apply directly for insulation grants to the Department of Communications and Energy. Instead, they often have to wait for long periods for their local authorities to carry out this work.

This means that they are effectively "locked out" of the scheme. They are willing to pay towards the cost of the insulation but are not permitted to do so. This makes no sense whatever. A one stop shop system for both home owners and tenants of social housing would streamline this. It would result in more people having access to proper insulation for their homes and would save the State money as many local authority tenants would be willing to pay a contribution to the grant. We are pleased that the Minister is open to our suggestion and has resolved to examine it. The Committee hopes it can be a conduit for ideas which will be taken on board by the relevant Ministers."

MURPHY SLAMS GOVERNMENT'S LACK OF DIRECTION ON PUBLIC SERVICE REFORM

Catherine Murphy T.D. for Kildare North has today slamed the absence of a targeted response to government and public service reforms highlighted in a response to a parliamentary question she tabled to Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Brendan Howlin. In the question, Murphy asked if the Minister would,

"carry out an assessment of the geographic imbalance in relation to the delivery of public service in which area of consistent and rapid population growth are subject to the same embargo but in which front line services are significantly below the national average" Minister Howlin responded in stating that "There are no intended geographical targets associated with the numbers reduction being sought."

The Independent Kildare T.D., in reaction to the Minister's statement, highlighted that a blanket embargo on the employment of new staff is an extremely blunt measure which doesn't take difference in population numbers or make-up into account. Furthermore she highlighted that in places like Kildare, where resource inequalities predate the introduction of the public services staffing embargo, services are being particularly hard-hit.

"Kildare has been growing rapidly for decades and, as a result, has always found itself at the bottom of the list when it comes to the funding and staffing of public services. It's extremely worrying that the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform isn't taking existing inequalities into account when he looks at making cutbacks as what we need now more than ever is a smarter approach to reform that will see improved efficiency in service provision. How do you do that if the simple demographics of your customer-base are not even being considered."

The Minister, in a separate response to another parliamentary question tabled by Deputy Murphy stated that

"The overall reform programme, including institutional reform, will of course have regard to the needs of service users and a range of other factors. The overall objective of the reform programme is to ensure that the Public Service does better for less and delivers quality services to citizens and businesses with the resources available."

In hearing this, Murphy concluded that, "This government has made all the right noises in terms of saying it wants a public service that is efficient and customer-focused but when it comes to the detail of truly looking at what's needed where there's no real change happening. It's not enough to pay lip-service to reform, we need to radically rework the way that the whole public service is organised and delivered. To do that we have to use the information available to us and that means planning reductions and increases in service levels in accordance with where population growth and reduction is taking place. A blanket reduction in services is simply counterproductive."

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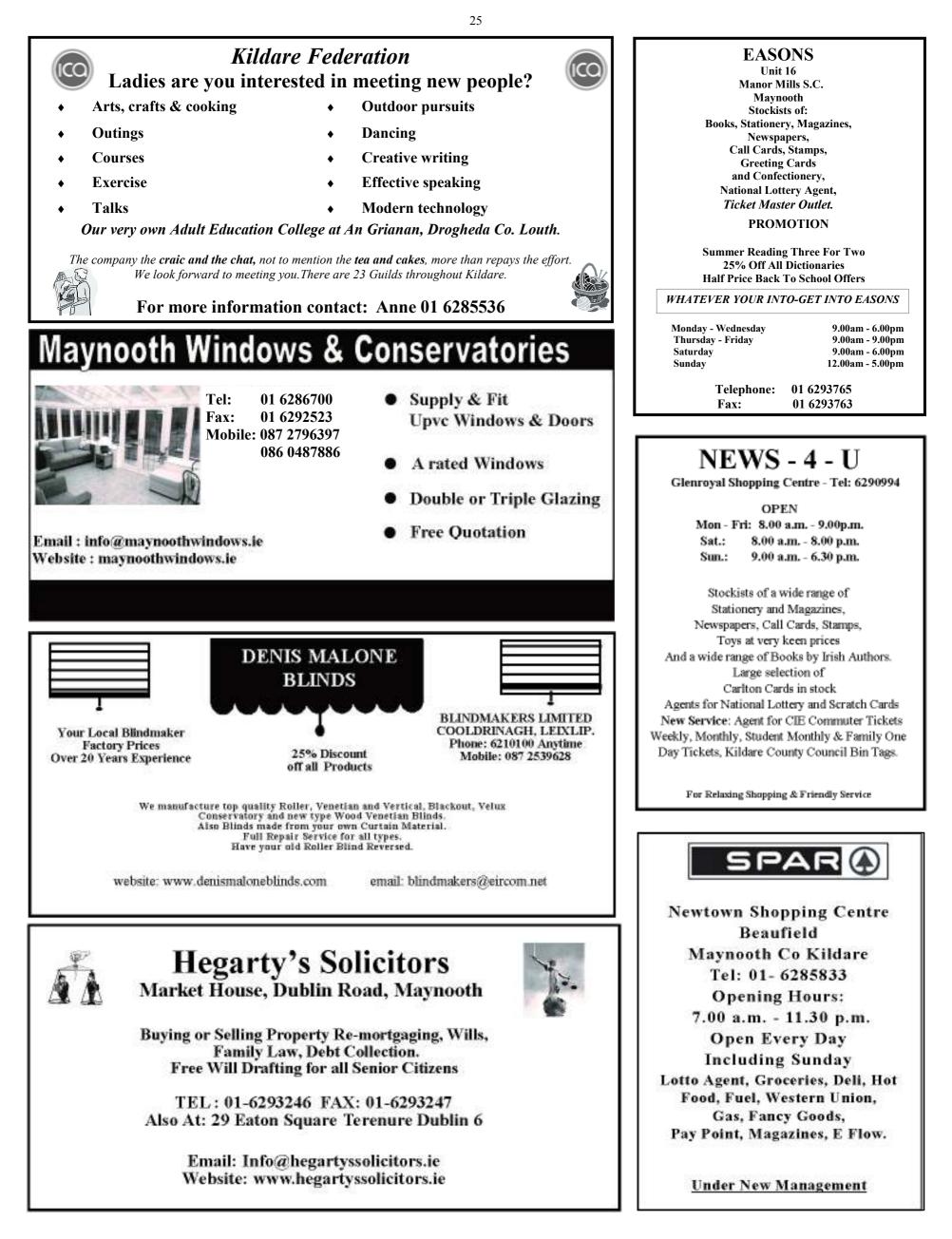
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Litter Management

Cllr McGinley got the following reply to his motion on Extension of Public Car Park, Maynooth better Litter Management in Main Street, Maynooth:

"The litter wardens will ask the takeaways and bookmakers where they are open on Sundays to clean outside properties on the day. Where premises aren't open on Sundays (such as the banks), the litter wardens when progress is made." will undertake to discuss alternative arrangements. Council bins will only be emptied by council staff, but bins provided by the owner of the premises (such as cigarette bins) will be emptied by their own staff. Environment section will discuss the wording of a letter with the litter wardens to ensure the best outcome."

Routes

Cllr. McGinley was given the Progress Report on the extensions of the 66 and 67 buses:

"The installation of two bus-friendly traffic ramps to replace the existing ramps on Moyglare Road will be completed in 2011. In addition, the signalisation of the discuss what was required. Meadowbrook Road/Straffan Road junction will also be complete this year."

they were ready to proceed with the bus extensions this year and that bus turning points were agreed and in place.

Process with Receiver in Meadowbrook estate

Cllr. McGinley was given the Progress Report on the completion of Meadowbrook housing estate:

"The Planning Department are still awaiting receipt of As Constructed Drawings and CCTV surveys of the sewage systems. It will not be possible to prepare a comprehensive final costing of all outstanding works year. The Building Control Section are available to meet with the residents if they so wish and can contact Willie Hannigan or Stephen Cunningham directly."

Cllr. McGinley has again pointed out that there is no need for a comprehensive final costing and that an estimate should be prepared by Council engineers and sent to the Receiver.

Cllr. McGinley Allocates Funding for a Footpath from Farrell Bridge to Maynooth Castle;

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

"That as part of the Maynooth Parking Bye Laws that the proposed four parking bays at Maynooth Castle (Drawing E/3277/B) be removed and that the footpath be extended from Farrell Bridge to the Castle Gates in line with the wishes of the submission from Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee in May of this year. Furthermore that the two pedestrian crossings requested by Maynooth Tidy Town Committee be also put in place. All in the interest of public safety."

John was given the following reply:

"This submission can be considered in the context of the draft Maynooth Pay Parking Bye Laws."

will allocate funding from his Discretionary Grants to enable the footpath to be constructed now.

Cllr. McGinley was given the following reply to his motion:

"This matter is ongoing and I will advise the members

John again asked that matters be speeded up.

Flooding at Maynooth Town FC and M4

Cllr. McGinley was given the following reply to his motion:

Progress on Funding for Extension to 66 and 67 Bus "As previously stated this work will not be carried out by Kildare County Council as the budget for the M4 does not allow for such drainage works."

> Cllr. McGinley again pointed out that the pipe was laid by the Council and that he is prepared to allocate funding from his Discretionary Grants. It was agreed that a Council Senior engineer would meet John on site to

Cllr. McGinley Condemns Waste of Money

John asked that Dublin Bus be contacted to ensure that Cllr. McGinley Asks for an Explanation on the National Transport Authority Decision to Spend €750,000 on Four Junctions in Leixlip. John stated that these junctions are perfectly safe at present and spending €750,000 on them when the country is in Receivership is madness.

Cllr McGinley Asks Maynooth Gardai to Prosecute Drivers Who Park on Double Yellow Lines:

Cllr McGinley got the following reply to his letter to Maynooth Gardai on the parking on double yellow lines on Pound Lane:

until this information is received. A snag list of surface "In respect of the issue at hand a number of Fixed Charge defects has already been prepared for the developer last Notices have been issued to date and we will continue to monitor and deal with the matter highlighted by you on Pound Lane.

> I am of the continued view that until Maynooth has a full time traffic warded assigned to it, similar problems will arise and may indeed exacerbate given the limited resources in this sub-district.

As you can appreciate we are bound by operational priorities and resources both within the District and Kildare Division."

It was agreed that that issue should be addressed by the County Kildare Joint Policing Committee. There is one garda for every 338 people in the State whilst in Kildare we have one garda for every 569 people.

Cllr. John McGinley can be contacted at: 6285293 or 087 9890645 E mail jmcginley@eircom.net Web: www.labour.ie/johnmcginley/

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Cllr. McGinley has advised the Area Engineer that he

Heritage Week Events at Castletown House

The following events will take place at Castletown House during Heritage Week (Saturday August 20th -Sunday August 28th). We hope you can make it to some or all of these events.

Saturday 20th - Sunday 28th (excluding Monday 22nd) NUIM/Strokestown/OPW FREE exhibition. 10am-5pm Forgotten Voices: the Great Irish Famine revealed through the Strokestown Estate Archive.

Saturday 20th - Sunday 28th (excluding Monday 22nd) Free Children's Tours at 12pm. Booking required. Tel: 01 628 8252. Please note there are no prams, food or drinks are allowed within the museum rooms of Castletown House.

Saturday 20th - Free tours of the Castletown House. Tours take approximately 45 minutes to an hour and tickets are allocated on a first come basis. Please note there is a maximum of 25 people per tour and the reception is open at 10am and tours run throughout the day with the last tour at 16.45

Sunday 21st - Castletown Country and Craft Market. East Wing 10am -5pm

Sunday 21st - Children's Workshops 11am-12pm. Suitable for children between 5 and 12 years of age. Places limited. Booking and adult supervision essential. Tel: 01 628 8252

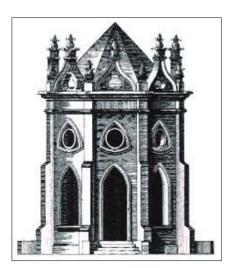
Sunday 21st - Sunday Summer Series - Dublin Concert Band. 2-4pm. Free recital in the East Wing.

Thursday 25th - Evening Tours of Castletown 5.30pm, 6.15pm and 7.15pm.

Saturday 27th - Aspects of Castletown. Free lectures from local history enthusiasts. 2-4pm. Location to be allocated.

Sunday 28th - Children's Workshops 11am-12pm. Suitable for children between 5 and 12 years of age. Places limited. Booking and adult supervision essential. Tel: 01 628 8252

Sunday 28th - Sunday Summer Series 2-4pm Frances Marshall and John Feeley. Voice and Classical Guitar - Italian arias and Celtic Songs.



MAYNOOTH GUILD ICA

New Committee for 2011/12:-

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Congratulations to members on winning "Federation-Guild-Of-The-Year" competition in June. The competition was held in Kilcock. This competition included Drama, Art, Cookery, Craft & Creative Writing. The theme was "Volunteering". Well done to all involved.

Members enjoyed a great day out at the Annual Garden Party at An Grianan on July 10th. The party coincided with the official opening of the museum by Minister for Arts & An The Gaeltacht Jimmy Deenehan. The museum is well worth a visit.

There is no guild meeting in August. All activities will resume in September.

Next meeting Sept 1st at 8 o'clock. New members always welcome.

The Canet Experience

My wife and I recently attended the signing of the twinning charter in Canet-en-Roussillon. We travelled over with Eddie Tobin, Paul Croghan, Mayor Brendan Weld and Peter Minnock. We were met at Carcassonne by our hosts and driven back to our hotel.

As can be seen in last months Maynooth Newsletter the signing went well and was a much bigger event than we expected. Maynooth will have a very hard time to match it but with the help of everyone in the town I am sure they will not be disappointed. Canet is a lovely town, very clean with nine km of beach, beautiful sand with lots of places to eat and drink. Music and dancing in a square and everyone is expected to join in the dancing.

Pictures can be seen on the Maynooth website. <u>http://www.maynoothcc.com/index.html</u>

On Monday we were out with the Mayor and Peter Minnock and went to the Randero Restaurant. We had a lovely meal and visited the stables where we had a demonstration of dressage while eating. In the evening we went to one of the camp sites and were amazed at the fantastic layout. All the people appeared to be very happy. There was a great cabaret show with good food and wine. The following morning Pascal our chauffer arrived and took us to Collioure, a beautiful town about twenty minutes from Canet. It has a lovely sandy beach with a

long pier where you could see lots of families enjoying themselves. There are plenty of water sports. There is also a beautiful church and a castle. Next day we went to Perpignan, a city also worth a day visit. It has all the top shops, a big church with some beautiful features, good cafes and parks.

The Maynooth Local History Group

Walk from St Mary's Church of Ireland to Carton Estate and Cemetery

As part of National Heritage Week, the Maynooth Local History Group has organised a walk to commence at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, August 27th at St Mary's Church of Ireland and will conclude at the Fitzgerald family cemetery in Carton.
The Group is expecting prominent members of the Fitzgerald family (formerly of Carton House and Dukes of Leinster) to attend.
Members of the History Group will give talks along the route.
a) Matt Kennedy will speak on aspects of the Maynooth Castle defensive structure.
b) Seamus Cullen will speak on Queen Victoria's

visit to Carton in the mid nineteenth century.

All are welcome to this opportunity to participate in appreciating our Maynooth Heritage

Peter Nevin Chairman July '11

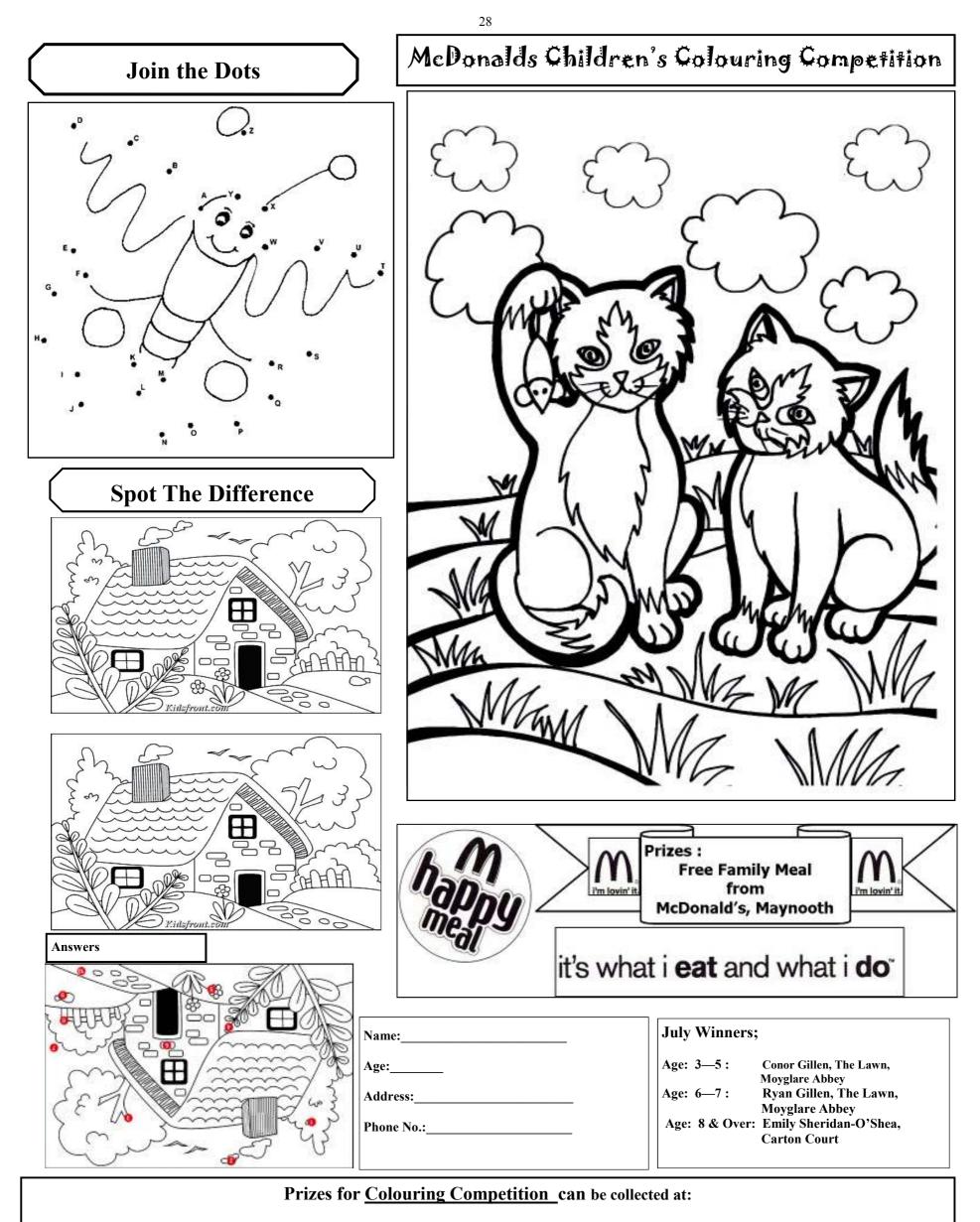
On our final day Pascal brought us to Carcassonne where we went to a fantastic castle, one of the oldest in Europe and most complete, it has a small town inside with narrow streets, lots of shops food, drink, antiques and novelties. It has many cafes and a church built at the same time as the castle which was one of the most enjoyable places we visited. Our driver then brought us to the airport where we said goodbye to Canet but look forward to returning in the future.

Tom McMullon.

Cutting from The Irish Times

Dated: 16th April 2011

Beach resort : Canet en Roussillon is less than 15 minutes by car from Perpignan, and is, during the summer months, an all-ages magnet for beach types, water sports enthusiasts and boating aficionados. The town, located scenically at the foothills of the Pyrénées, is twinned with Maynooth, Co Kildare – the official twinning ceremony linking the two towns takes place in Maynooth during the summer.



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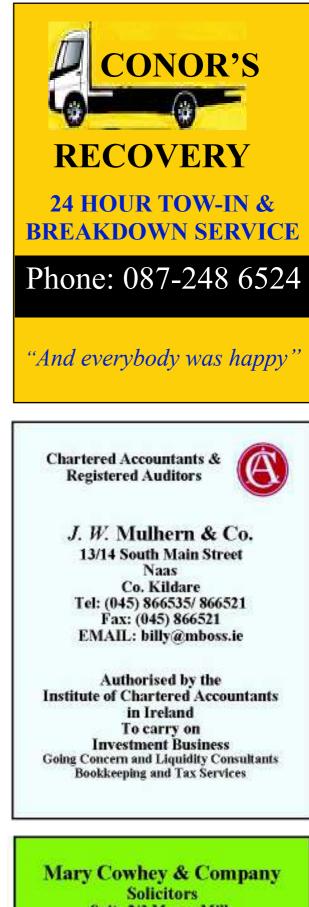
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