



# Maynooth Newsletter

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**July 2011 Issue**

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## Huge opportunities created by Maynooth Twinning with Canet -en-Roussillon

Plans are being made to welcome Mayor Bernard DuPont and a delegation from Canet-en-Roussillon to Maynooth. Representatives from Maynooth have already travelled to Canet-en-Roussillon in the Catalan area of France for the signing of the first part of the twinning charter between our towns and the agreement becomes officially effective when the document is signed in Maynooth. According to Paul Croghan, Vice-Chairperson, Maynooth Community Council, Twinning Sub-Committee the visit is expected to take place in mid-September. We have a lot of work to do to organise a suitable event that will mark this very significant agreement for the people of the town. Eddie Tobin Chairperson Twinning Committee expressed his gratitude to Cllr. Brendan Weld, Mayor of County Kildare who led the delegation to France for his strong support in ensuring that we proceeded to this stage of the plan. Also to Mr. Peter Minnock, Director of Services with Kildare County Council for breaking his annual leave to make himself available to travel with us to France.

According to Paul Croghan, the agreement has already been of benefit to our post-primary students as well as to the swimming team in NUI, Maynooth and it is expected that opportunities will be created for as many people as possible to travel to Canet-en-Roussillon in the coming months and years to link with people there with similar interests. Therefore, we are encouraging everybody to grab hold of the opportunity that has been created. Our immediate priority will be to give a very big welcome to our guests in September and then following the official signing put together a three year plan to link the people in both areas. We welcome ideas from anybody who wants to get involved. We hope that in September that the people of the town will come out to meet our guests and give them plenty of ideas for twinning exchanges so that they can involve more people in Canet-en-Roussillon also.

For anybody planning to check out Canet -en-Roussillon this year, it is easily accessible being effectively served by four airports, Perpignan (the nearest less than 10km) and Carcassonne (in France) and Girona and Barcelona in Spain (all within 1.5 hrs drive and served by trains)

(More photos on page 31)



(R to L) Paul Croghan, Peter Minnock, Francis Clique, Brendan Weld, Bernard DuPont, Tom McMullon and Eddie Tobin



<http://uk.ot-canet.fr/>



Brendan Weld (Mayor of Kildare) signs the Charter, Overlooked by (left) Francis Clique (1st Deputy Mayor) & (right) Bernard DuPont (Mayor of Canet)



Eddie Tobin & Paul Croghan With the signed Charter



Catalan Flag



## Country Market in Maynooth Square



Many Maynooth people will have seen the market in the square on Saturday mornings but what everyone may not realise is that the market has been in operation for five years having been based at the canal harbour previously. The market moved to the square in January of this year. The market boasts fresh organic fruit and vegetables, baked goods, dried goods, breads, aloe vera products and plants. The market is there every Saturday from 10am to 2pm in all weathers.



Rose began selling fresh and seasonal fruit & vegetables in Maynooth in 2006 and has an organic farm outside Kinnegad. Some Maynooth residents may remember her organic box scheme which she operated in the late 1990s.

Adrienne sells quite a large and quite diverse range including a wide variety of organic dried goods ranging from pasta and rice to dried fruits and soya products whilst also stocking toiletries, environmentally friendly detergents and other products. Customers can also bulk order their favourite organic products.

Gill produces a range of cakes and bakes including tea brack, banana bread, lemon drizzle cake alongside cupcakes, scones, brown bread, brownies, whoopie pies, custard tarts etc. From time to time she also has some gluten free options.

Marie sells a range of aloe vera products from Forever Living who are dedicated to seeking out nature's best sources for health and beauty.

David produces a range of bread and scones which are wheat free, yeast free, sugar free and dairy free and suitable for coeliacs

Carmel also produces a range of breads & cakes and who can forget the beautifully iced communion cakes she had during May.

Joe and Brigid from Heather View are the newest recruits to the market selling a wide variety of plants. Every Saturday there is a fabulous array of colourful hanging baskets and window boxes alongside assorted shrubs, trees and bedding plants.



The market makes a welcome addition to the town square at the weekends and hopes to be able to operate for the foreseeable future. The market would welcome some more local producers and craftspeople to the market so call down on Saturday morning if you have any suggestions.



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## Editorial

One of the iconic markers of the Kilcock Road disappeared forever during the last month. The footbridge that linked the National University of Ireland campus with St Patricks was demolished on 28th May. There were dozens of people taking photographs of each other and of the views from the bridge. This was not the only change in the College however, the acting president was given a surprise gift at an event on 22nd June and the president elect, Professor Nolan, was also present at the presentation of a racing bicycle to Professor Tom Collins. The new president will take up office on the 15th August.

The entire country is trying to recover after the heady days of the so-called Celtic Tiger and the three disastrous years that have followed. Young people are leaving in their droves as they did in the 80s. But there is little or no evidence that any lessons have been learned. One of the major concerns for the Community Council for the past few months has been the possible relocation of Maynooth Post-Primary School. So much concern was expressed by people on various sides of the argument that it has taken up more time at meetings than any topic for a long time. On the right is a copy of the letter received from the CEO of Kildare VEC, Seán Ashe, that should at least answer some of the questions that people had about the issue. There are concerns about the standard of planning that places a school so far outside the town centre.

The same concern with bad planning arises with An Bord Pleanála giving planning permission for the casino at Two-Mile-Borris in Co Tipperary – against the advice of their own planners. ABP, like many other quangos, is made up of unelected and generally unaccountable people and they cannot be challenged on their decision. A decision can also be made by a small number of the Bord members.

At the same time the National Museum is putting on display the most unusual and miraculous artefact to ever come out of a bog – the 9th century Faddenmore manuscript that survived 1200 years in a bog, a copy of the psalms in Latin. The cover of the manuscript also contained a piece of papyrus – the first ever found in Europe. B’fhiú díbh cúairt a thabhairt ar an Museum le seo a fheicéail. If the likes of deputy Luke Flanagan has his way, there will be no raised bogs left in the country, but that’s a topic for another day.

One must remember Brian Lenihan whose family were once connected with Maynooth before the constituency boundaries changed. Fear é Brian a throid i gcoinne a ghalar mar a dhéanfadh laoch san am atá thart. Ba mhór a sheasamh i measc an phobail agus ba léir sin ón ómós a tugadh dó ar na meáin uile agus na daoine a d’fhreastal ar an sochraid. Ar dheis Dé go raigh a anam.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

## Letter from Sean Ashe (CEA) County Kildare Vocational Education Committee

Ms. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin,  
Secretary,  
Maynooth Community Council,  
Maynooth  
Co. Kildare

13<sup>th</sup> June, 2011

Dear Secretary,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 concerning educational matters in Maynooth in general and in particular matters germane to my Committees remit.

Please be advised as follows:

Co. Kildare VEC, following consultation and advice from the technical personnel in the Department of Education and Skills, Building Unit, and Kildare County Council was advised by the Department of Education and Skills that:

- (a) Maynooth Post Primary School required additional accommodation. Current build 830 – current enrolment 1015=2010-2011. Expected enrolment 2011-2012=1050.
- (b) That the existing site was incapable for the delivery of same.
- (c) The existing site does not meet the requirements for 1000 + school.

Accordingly, the Department of Education and Skills authorised Co. Kildare VEC to acquire lands to develop an Educational Campus which I am pleased to advise Kildare VEC has acquired.

It should be noted that it is my Committees view that the 2<sup>nd</sup> level educational needs of Maynooth can be met by the provision of circa 1000 pupil plus school, to meet main stream provision through the medium of English. This school would maintain the ethos of our existing 2<sup>nd</sup> level school.

In addition, it was my Committees considered opinion that a 2<sup>nd</sup> school of circa 450-500 pupils should be built to meet the needs of students attending gaelscoileanna i.e. that a gaelcholaiste would also be built in Maynooth. This is in keeping with the wishes of the parents and of local primary school providers who offer education through the medium of Irish.

Given the strategic position of the site we acquired and the associated amenity lands, the capacity is there to enhance provision not just for our students but also for the community of Maynooth. By this I mean with some joined up thinking between a number of key partners in the area, including Maynooth Community Council the following facilities could be provided:

- (a) a swimming pool
- (b) an athletic track
- (c) a crèche
- (d) Other Community Facilities

I would welcome views and observations on these proposals.

I have extended an invitation to the Board of Management and Staff of the local primary schools to visit our campus at Piper’s Hill, Naas to enable them to see at 1<sup>st</sup> hand what we are delivering and propose to deliver in this setting.

I would now like to extend a similar invitation to Maynooth Community Council to Visit the Piper’s Hill Campus and if a suitable date and time can be arranged, I will make the appropriate transport arrangements to bring your members to the Campus.

Unfortunately, due to a bereavement, I am unable to attend your meeting tonight. My apologies for the short notice.

Thank you for your invitation and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sean Ashe  
Chief Executive Officer.

(See Community Council Report page 11)





## July Diary Planner

### Toastmasters

There will be no meetings in July or August.

### Bridge Club

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

### Taekwon-Do

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

### I.C.A.

There will be no meetings in July & August.

Monthly meeting for September is 1st at 8.00 pm in the harbour. Crafts return on Monday 5th. New members welcome

### Irish Girl Guides

Meetings Tuesday evening in Maynooth. For further information contact Jackie on 085 1413787 or visit I.G.G. website [www.irishgirlguides.ie](http://www.irishgirlguides.ie)

### Community Library

#### Opening Times

Mondays & Thursdays 1pm to 8pm  
Tuesdays,  
Wednesdays & Fridays 9.30am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm.

### Parent & Toddler Group

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

### U. 3. A.

July meetings Friday 1st, 15th & 29th at 11.00 a.m. in the Community Library. New Members Welcome Enquiries : Bernadette Phone: 6289131

If you would like your event for August put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter

## MAYNOOTH CASTLE NOTICE

*Maynooth Castle is open for the 2011 season running from*

*May 26th to September 28th*

*daily from 10am to 5:45pm with the last tour leaving at 5pm.*

*The site will be free of charge and visitors are welcome to come have a look around.*

*Heritage week is being organised, and the events will be announced once confirmed.*



### Parents raise €4000 for Defibrillator Fund



(left to right): Antoinette Hattington (PTA), Paul Lynam (Bike Trax), Dylan Judge, Peter Coakley (Principal)

The PTA of Maynooth Boys' NS recently organised a sponsored walk to raise funds to purchase a defibrillator and to fund training in its use. The walk took place in the grounds of St. Patrick's College and was well supported by the pupils and their families. In total almost €4000 was raised by the PTA. The priority purchase is a defibrillator, which will be the second one for the school. Now groups leaving the school, particularly for games and matches, will have a defibrillator available to them.

All the participants cards were entered into a raffle for a BMX Bicycle. The lucky winner was Dylan Judge who received his GT Slammer from the sponsor, Mr. Paul Lynam of BIKE Trax, Maynooth.

## Mary Cullen among Honorary Doctorates Conferred by NUI Maynooth

**Mary Cullen historian, women's rights advocate, former NUI lecturer, local resident and contributor to the Maynooth Newsletter was among those who received an honorary Doctorate from Prof. Tom Collins, President NUI Maynooth.**

Mary, who was conferred with an Honorary Doctorate of Literature is one of the pioneers of women's history in Ireland, a strong advocate of women's rights and one of the first generation of Irish feminists. Mary joined the Department of History in Maynooth in 1967 and played a key role in developing the Department into a world-class History Department. Her areas of expertise include social and economic aspects of women's history in the 19th and 20th centuries and the history of Irish feminism and she has published several books on the topics.

NUI Maynooth also conferred an Honorary Doctorate of Engineering on Eddie O'Connor, one of Ireland's most successful entrepreneurs. Dr O'Connor received his Honorary Doctorate from Professor Tom Collins, President, NUI Maynooth, who described him as *“a visionary who has made a major contribution to the renewable energy sector globally and has never been afraid to speak up for what he believes in and expose what he believes to be ineffective and wrong”*.

Also honoured at the conferral ceremony were legal affairs expert Joe Brosnan, graduate from NUI Maynooth as well as leading linguistics academic and researcher Professor David Little.

Eddie O'Connor is founder and Chief Executive of Mainstream Renewable Power, a global leader in wind and solar power energy which has grown to become Europe's leading offshore wind developer after just three years in business. Eddie has been at the forefront of Irish business for more than a quarter of a century and he was central to the deregulation of the energy market and State sector businesses in Ireland. He served in a number of management positions in the ESB and as Chief Executive of Bord Na Móna. Having departed from Bord Na Móna in 1996, Eddie established Airtricity, Ireland's first wind farm development company, which he subsequently sold for nearly €2 billion. Eddie is recognised as the driving force behind the European Offshore Supergrid project, which aims to connect all countries and facilitate 50% of Europe's electricity coming from wind power by 2050. Mainstream Renewable Power has forged strong ties with NUI Maynooth, particularly through its growing involvement in the Innovation Value Institute (IVI), having adopted the IVI systems to its IT strategy.

Conferred with an Honorary Doctorate of Laws, Joe Brosnan is known as one of Ireland's top civil servants and public affairs experts, having operated at the highest levels of public service in Ireland and Europe. He is a graduate of NUI Maynooth and was called to the Irish Bar in 1978. He served in the Department of Local Government and is a former Secretary General of the Department of Justice. He also served on the Law Reform Commission and as a Chef de Cabinet at the European Commission. Joe retired from the civil service in 1999 and served as Director General of the Institute of European Affairs and acted as a consultant to the Law Society of Ireland. From 2004 to 2011 he was the Irish Government's nominee on the Independent Monitoring Commission.

Professor David Little was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Education for his outstanding contribution to the field of second language education both in Ireland and abroad. David was founding director of the Centre for Language and Communication Studies,



*Joseph Brosnan, Eddie O'Connor, Prof. Tom Collins, (President NUI Maynooth) Mary Cullen & Prof. David Little.*

Head of the School of Linguistic, Speech and Communication Sciences and Associate Professor of Applied Linguistics at Trinity College Dublin until his retirement in 2008. David has conducted research on the theory and practice of learner autonomy and the use of new technologies in language learning and he played a pivotal role in several landmark language initiatives. He has acted as academic consultant to the Department of Education and Skills and the Council of Europe.

Speaking at the conferral, Professor Tom Collins, President, NUI Maynooth said “NUI Maynooth is delighted to honour Eddie O'Connor, Mary Cullen, Joe Brosnan and David Little.

Eddie O'Connor is an example of how entrepreneurial spirit, foresight and hard work can lead to great success globally. Instead of sitting back after the sale of Airtricity, Eddie forged on to set up a new venture, which has rapidly developed into a highly successful global company. An outspoken advocate of renewable energy, Eddie has made a significant impact on the sector globally. NUI Maynooth is proud to have close links with Eddie and Mainstream Renewable Power through the Innovation Value Institute, and our organisations have worked closely together sharing a common passion for sustainability”.

“Mary Cullen has played an active role in asserting women's rights in Ireland, especially in the area of education. Joe Brosnan dedicated most of his working life to public service and through his expertise he has contributed greatly in Ireland, Northern Ireland and Europe. David Little has conducted groundbreaking research in the area of linguistics and has enjoyed an outstanding academic career”, said Professor Collins.

NUI Maynooth has been Ireland's fastest growing University in recent years, doubling in size to over 8,000 students since 2004. Postgraduate student numbers have increased by more than 50% to 1,800 and average entrance points have risen from 397 to 425.

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## Maynooth Community Library

### Parent and Toddler Group

And

### Polish Storytelling.

will NOT meet during July and August but will recommence in September.

### Drumming Workshop.

A Drumming Workshop will take place in Maynooth Community Library on Monday 25th July @ 11.30am. The workshop will last for 1 hour and it is a family event. Under 7's must be accompanied by an adult and they will have to participate.

### Children's Chess Club.

The Children's Chess Club takes place every Thursday evening in Maynooth Community Library @ 6.30pm.

### U3A (University of the Third Age) .

The U3A Book Club meets once per month in Maynooth Community Library.

### Book Club for Adults

Meets once per month in Maynooth Community Library.

**For more information on any of the above events please contact the library @ 01-6285530 or ask at library desk for details.**

#### Opening Times

Monday 1.00pm - 8.00pm  
Tuesday 9.30am - 1.00pm/2.00pm - 5.00 pm  
Wednesday 9.30am - 1.00pm/2.00pm - 5.00pm

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## *Teresa Deevy Papers donated to NUI Maynooth*

**The Library of NUI Maynooth has received an important donation of papers by the Irish dramatist, Teresa Deevy (1894 – 1963). Born in Waterford and hearing-impaired from the age of 20 by Ménière's disease, Teresa Deevy was described as “the most important dramatist writing for the Irish theatre” by her fellow playwright and Director of the Abbey Theatre, Lennox Robins.**

The collection includes a number of playscripts, some of which have never been published. With plays like */The King of Spain's Daughter/* and */Katie Roche/* all produced within a few years in the mid-1930s, Deevy seemed to be the successor to Sean O'Casey and the Irish playwrights of a preceding generation. Then, in the early 1940s, she fell out of favour with the Abbey, and her star began to be eclipsed.

Recently, however, Teresa Deevy's work has received fresh recognition. In the summer of 2010, New York's Mint Theatre had an unexpected hit with a Deevy play, */Wife to James Whelan/*, winning glowing reviews in the */New York Times/*. The play, unproduced since 1956, was so successful that its original run was extended. Other theatres began to take notice, and the play had its first London run earlier this year. Meanwhile, the Mint Theatre is set to produce her break-through play, */Temporal Powers/*, in August, 2011.

In planning these productions, the Director of the Mint Theatre, Jonathan Bank, met with Jacqui Deevy, Teresa Deevy's niece (Teresa Deevy herself died in 1963), and became aware of the papers. Recognising the need to preserve them, Jacqui Deevy chose to donate them to NUI Maynooth.

Collecting papers on behalf of NUI Maynooth, Prof. Chris Morash of the English Department paid tribute to Jacqui Deevy's decision to keep the papers in Ireland. “These documents extend our understanding of Irish theatre,” he said “they allow us to begin to see with fresh eyes a writer who had long been unjustly neglected. It is reassuring to know that they will be preserved for future generations of theatre scholars.”

The Librarian of NUI Maynooth, Cathal McCauley, also welcomed the collection. “The donation of this important collection to the Library enhances our growing collection of primary source material which is of enormous interest to researchers locally, nationally and internationally”.

**Further information**  
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## *Pet Corner*

### **Dog Grooming**

Dog grooming is one of your dog's basic needs and an important part of dog ownership. Just like people, dogs need physical maintenance to look and feel their best. Fortunately, dogs do not need to bathe as often as people, but you do need to learn how much grooming your dog actually needs and keep it on a schedule. Generally, a dog's grooming needs depend on the breed and hair type. If your dog has a skin, ear or nail condition, follow your veterinarian's instructions regarding grooming your dog. It is also important to use the appropriate grooming tools. Here are some dog grooming basics to remember.

#### **Hair Brushing**

Most dogs enjoy being brushed, and sessions will strengthen the bond with your dog while maintaining a healthy coat. A dog's minimum brushing needs depend on hair type. Choose the right tools and follow these guidelines:

- Long-haired dogs usually require daily brushing to prevent matting and tangling of hair.
- Medium-haired dogs may be prone to matting and tangles and should be brushed at least weekly.
- Short-haired dogs can typically go up to a month in-between brushing.
- Regardless of hair type, you can brush your dog daily - especially if he enjoys it. More frequent brushing during shedding season can help prevent hair build-up and excess shedding

#### **Nail Trimming**

Nail trims are often detested by dogs and owners alike. Most dogs dislike even having their paws handled and know how much it hurts when nails are cut too short. Dog owners are often uncomfortable with the process for fear of hurting their dogs.

Dogs will develop an aversion to nail trimming once they experience pain from it. The best way to avoid this is to learn how to trim nails correctly and exercise caution. Ideally, a veterinary technician, vet, or groomer should teach you how to trim your dog's nails. Most dogs need monthly nail trims, but your dog may need more or less depending on the rate of growth.



#### **Bathing**

Bath time does not mean fun to most dogs and owners. It may bring forth an image of a wet dog running from the tub, dripping all over the house. Bathing does not have to be this way if your dog can get used to it. He may not like the bath, but he'll be easier to manage.

Most dogs should be bathed monthly, but bathing as often as once a week is not considered harmful. Always use a soap-free shampoo that is intended for dogs. Depending on the condition of your dog's skin

and coat, your veterinarian may recommend a specific shampoo. In this case, be sure to follow your veterinarian's instructions about bathing.

#### **Ear Care**

Your dog's ears can be a haven for bacteria and yeast if not kept clean. Some dogs can go their whole lives without ear problems, and the only routine ear cleaning needed is during the monthly bath. Other dogs have chronic ear disease and require multiple cleanings a day.

Ear problems can often be traced back to genetics. Dogs with floppy ears or long hair tend to be predisposed to ear problems because the ear canal simply does not have as much air exposure. Many ear problems are a sign of allergies. If your dog has excess debris or foul odour in his ears, your veterinarian will likely prescribe special ear cleaners and medications. If your dog's ears are relatively healthy, you can help keep them that way with proper ear care.

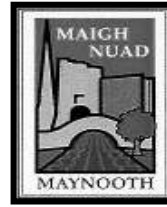
#### **Haircuts**

Dogs with continuously growing hair, such as the Poodle or Shih Tzu, typically need their hair cut every 2-4 weeks depending on the breed of the dog and the style of the cut. This task is often best left to professional groomers, though many dog owners are able to learn some basic maintenance haircuts.





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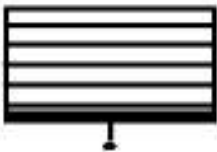
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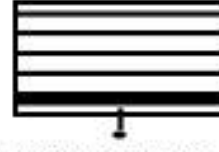
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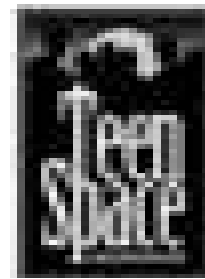


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## **What's happening at TeenSpace Maynooth?**

On Friday May 13, with lights dimmed, tables and chairs clustered together and snacks on the tables, the Coffee Mill in Maynooth was transformed into a makeshift concert hall. TeenSpace

hosted another thrilling event for the youth of the community. The night's main event was a concert featuring Shane Power of Waterford who sang and played electric guitar.

The night was a success, as evidence by the teens and leaders singing along to the popular tunes that Shane played. And after finishing his last song, the microphone was open for any impromptu talent from the crowd. Several of the teens volunteered to offer their musical gifts to a very encouraging audience of peers. By the end of the evening, the teens were chatting and laughing together having enjoyed the event.

The next event was held on the beautifully sunny Friday evening, June 3. The theme was art and community. For the first half of the evening, the majority of teens sat outside where art supplies were provided for them to create "shout-out" thank you cards to people who have blessed them. During this time, the teens also had the opportunity to paint a tree on a canvas. Every teen painted a tree to signify that they were all unique yet a part of the same community. It was explained that trees flourish when they are planted near others, to help support against the elements. After this, the teens were split into three groups and used their creative abilities to dress up a leader as a superhero with a unique name and super powers. The teens were completely enthused and laughed a lot that night.

We hope you will join us in the coming school year for more such events. TeenSpace is led by a dynamic group of leaders from the various churches in Maynooth. If you are a young adult, university student or genuinely fun person who wants to positively influence teens in the community and have a growing faith in Christ, please contact Mieke Sanders at 086 1009484 for more information on getting involved.

Sara Lee

## **U3A Maynooth JUNE NEWS**

U3A Maynooth is allied to Age Action Ireland. Members attended its AGM at Croke Park conference centre. We are well informed following reports from our representatives to Kildare Voluntary Forum, attendance at the Older and Bolder conference in Dublin and the Say No to Ageism seminar in Bedford hall in Dublin Castle.

June was our Month of Castles - Donegal, Dublin and Maynooth. Members visited three castles. At the end of the month choir members sang at Maynooth Festival Evening in Maynooth Castle. Sensitive restoration at Maynooth Castle could use Donegal Castle, located in Donegal Town, as the template for further work. One floor is furnished in copies of sixteenth century furniture. Members travelled by train to Sligo and on to our hotel in Donegal by Bus Eireann. A very efficient local bus owner brought us to Killybegs carpet factory, Glencolmcille village, waterfall and cliffs. Many of the places mentioned in news bulletins from Derry were visited.

Thanks to the vibrant committee who have negotiated and prepared space at Manor Mills. Maynooth was one of the few towns without a community meeting room.

Our thoughts and prayers are with U3A Lucan members on the death of their founder Mrs Tess Lavan Kane. Tess was inspirational. Our sympathy is with her family.



## Community Council Report

D. Cullen PRO

Maynooth Community Council Meeting 13 June 2011  
Proposal for new school campus at Moyglare Hall  
A number of parents from Scoil Uí Fhiach and the Educate Together School attended the meeting. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin (Secretary) reported that Sean Ashe, Kildare VEC CEO, had written with further information about the proposed multi-school campus at Moyglare Hall. He said that the expected enrolment for Maynooth Post Primary School next year was 1050. The current building and site did not meet the requirements for a school of this size, and Kildare VEC had been authorised to acquire a new site. The VEC believed that the second level educational needs of Maynooth could be met by a new school accommodating 'circa 1000 plus' pupils, and that a 450-500 pupil gaelcholaiste should also be built in Maynooth. The new site could also permit provision of community facilities such as a swimming pool, athletic track, and crèche. He invited Maynooth Community Council to visit the VEC campus at Piper's Hill, Naas to see such a campus in action. (See letter page 5)

M. Ní Bhrolcháin said that the Maynooth Community Council itself did not have a definitive view on the new school proposal, but wished to have clarity on it and to facilitate community input and discussion. A parent from Scoil Uí Fhiach, who welcomed the prospect of a new gaelcholaiste, observed that Maynooth town centre was not as far from Moyglare Hall as Piper's Hill was from Naas. But he felt that Moyglare Road would have to be improved, and would not like his children to have to walk on it as it was. He also suggested that planning permission for the school campus might be subject to the provision of a by-pass road to deal with school-related traffic in the town centre. Another parent pointed out that in wintertime the road would be very dark, wet and cold at the time students attending extra-curricular activities in the school would be going home and that, due to the distance involved, parents would have to collect their children by car from the new campus.

Paul Croghan (PDO), said that he had grave concerns about the location of the site purchased because he felt that the school should be central to the activity of the town. Deirdre Cullen (PRO) said that it was very positive to have the school students walking through the town, to and from school. It contributed to the social and economic life of the town centre. Catherine Mulready (U3A) said that it was very important that the community was involved in the decision making.

Tom McMullon (Chairperson) said that the impression had always been given that there would be a school on the other side of the town, and that he was wary of lists of aspirations. Josie Moore (Senior Citizens Committee) said that the town was a bottleneck and that it would make sense to have schools on both the north and south sides. The presence of the school students was positive and there was a danger of the centre becoming a ghost town if they were moved out.

A parent from the Educate Together School pointed out that location was not the only issue relating to the proposed campus. In his view the issue of people having a choice of school was very important. D. Cullen said that it could also be said that having one school, or one school campus, where all the young people of the town attended and got to know each other, was a very good thing.

Colm Ó Cearúil (Deputy PDO) welcomed Mr. Ashe's letter. He said that Maynooth Post Primary was a first class school and that Maynooth Community Council was very supportive of it. There had been concerns about the prospect of a 'super school' but the proposal to have a gaelcholaiste on the new campus eased those concerns. He said that there were now enough feeder schools in Lucan for Coláiste Cois Life, so that a Maynooth gaelcholaiste was viable, with pupils coming from Maynooth, Kilcock and Dunboyne. He noted that it was Department of Education policy that there be joint campuses with shared facilities.

Councillor John McGinley (Labour) said that it was not clear from Mr. Ashe's letter that there would be a gael-

cholaiste, or that, if there was one, it would be on the proposed campus. It was his understanding that there would be a 1,500 pupil post-primary school on the proposed campus and that there was no chance of a second gaelcholaiste in the area. He said there would not be a swimming pool on the campus as funds had not yet even been allocated for the Leixlip pool – no funds were available at this time. He said that Mr. Ashe should come and talk to the Community Council about the proposal.

M. Ní Bhrolcháin said that good planning was essential and that if we got things wrong we would be living with the consequences for a long time to come. It was impossible to drive through the town at present, even without the extra traffic that would be generated by the proposed school campus. Brendan Ashe (NUIM) said that Maynooth Community Council should take up Mr. Ashe's invitation and go to see the Piper's Hill campus. Cynthia Gallagher (Scouts) pointed out that there would be no pupils at school at this time of the year so that it wouldn't be possible to get the full picture.

Councillor Senan Griffin (Fine Gael) said that the present school was constructed in 1970, was of its time, and needed to be changed. It had already been extended six times and there was no capacity for further expansion on the present site. The VEC was competent to look at available sites and pick the best one. Some teachers at the school had been annoyed and hurt at comments about the proposal reported in the local papers. T. McMullon said that everyone in Maynooth Community Council thought very highly of the school. D. Cullen said that coverage in one local paper had been sensational in its reportage of the previous Community Council meeting, and that the front-

page heading had given a wrong impression of the discussion at the meeting. A parent who had been at that meeting confirmed that nothing 'derogatory' had been said about the school.

Other location-related issues were also raised. It was pointed out that families with two parents at work would not be in a position to drive their children to and from the new campus. There was some discussion of the precise distance of the proposed site from the existing school, and it was suggested that this was 1 km. Another parent said that children aged thirteen would not be able to walk from her own area to the proposed school site. It would take an hour for her son to walk to school, with a heavy school bag on his back.

A parent from Scoil Uí Fhiach said that having had the experience of a school based in pre-fabs, he was enthusiastic about the prospect of a new facility. He worried that if the public and the community sat on the fence about the project for too long the plan might not go ahead. Another parent said that he valued facilities over location and would manage to get his own children to the new school, despite the fact that he lived on the other side of town.

T. McMullon said that it was important for the people of Maynooth to see the plans and that the VEC should publish them so that the community could have an input. Peter Garrad (Scouts) proposed that the Community Council visit the Piper Hill site, and invite Mr. Ashe to come to a forthcoming meeting with concrete plans. The Community Council agreed to arrange the visit and to issue another invitation to Mr. Ashe.

### Special Needs Parents Association at the Flora Women's Mini-Marathon

Catherine was pleased to make it around the course in under two hours, especially since it was the first proper walk she'd been on since the election!



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## Maynooth Youth Café

### Maynooth Youth Café Committee



In our town of Maynooth it may come as a surprise for you to hear that we have no facility, such as a hall, in which the youth of the town can meet socially to enjoy each others company or be used to hold an event such as a disco etc.

Look at any village in the country, at a minimum, they have a hall in which they can run events to help our youth enjoy being young in a safe and supervised environment. In Maynooth there is a generation of teenagers who need a space of their own right now and that are where we come in.

As reported in May's Issue of the Maynooth Newsletter, a licence has been agreed between Kildare County Council and the owner of the former bookie shop in Manor Mills Shopping Centre. This is a unit which will be available to any recognised group in the town through Maynooth Community Council.

Our aim is to provide a safe, secure, fully supervised recreational space for our young people to socialise, develop their lives and personalities and access services when required. We want to give our young people a voice in decision-making which affect their lives through actively participating in planned workshops, forums etc.

We want to provide a drop-in facility for young people, where they can meet their friends and generally 'chill out' and provide such activities as: one-to-one support; after school groups; education support; youth music groups; focus groups for targeted young people; summer programmes; annual youth events.

We want to enable young people to involve themselves in their own development, including taking positive steps to overcome problems they may have.

#### Where to next

We want the youth in the town to let us know what they want in a youth café and what they believe would be a good name for it.

To that end, we are asking the youth to fill in the questionnaire provided with this piece and return it to the community offices by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of July – we hope to have the results printed in the September issue of the newsletter. A copy of the questionnaire is also available online from [www.maynoothcc.com](http://www.maynoothcc.com)

It is very important for the success of this venture that the youth decide how it is run and organised, through the help of parents and the committee.

It doesn't end there; the committee and the café need volunteers. We need the youth to get involved in the formation of a youth committee to help with the running of the café and of course to ensure that the youth have an input into what they want in the café. We need adults, to get involved with the committee, and after training and Garda vetting, be present when the café is open.

You can contact the committee through the community council offices or by emailing

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Conor O'Dwyer  
PRO Maynooth Youth Café Committee

Maynooth Youth Café Committee is a sub-committee of Maynooth Community Council. The goal of Maynooth Youth Café Committee is to enhance our town's youth by the provision of a youth café in the town and to encourage their participation in its development for the young people of Maynooth.

**Chair: Hugh Gallagher**  
**Secretary: Jackie McGloughlin**  
**PRO: Conor O'Dwyer**

### Please fill in Questionnaire below

#### 1) Are you?

Male ☐ Female ☐

#### 2) What age are you?

12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐

17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐

#### 3) Do you think there is a need for a Youth Café in the Maynooth area?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Why?

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#### 4) Do you think young people should be involved in the running of the Youth Café?

Yes ☐ No ☐

#### 5) What times and days would you like a Youth Café in the town to be open?

Weekdays ☐ Weekends ☐

After School ☐ Evenings ☐

Suggest time slots: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 6) What type of information/ programmes would you like to be available in a Youth Café?

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#### 7) What would be the best way to advertise Youth Café?

Website ☐ Text messages ☐  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

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#### 8) Do you see any problems with having a Youth Café in the town?

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#### 9) What type of activities would you like to be available in a Youth Café?

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#### 10) Where would be the best location for a Youth Café?

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#### 11) What would be a good name for a Youth Café in the town?

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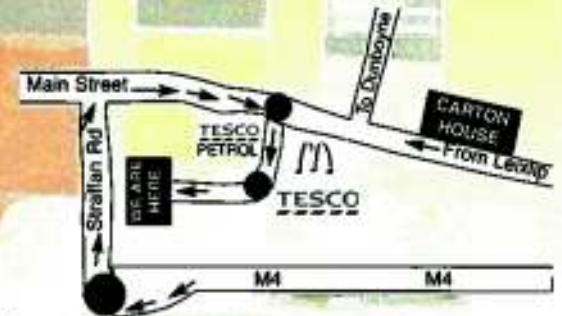
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## July RECIPES

### Sliced Tuna Steak Salad with Cherry Tomatoes, Lemon & Garlic



#### Ingredients

- ◆ 2 tbsp flat-leaf parsley
- ◆ 1 garlic clove
- ◆ lemon
- ◆ 2 tuna steaks, about 150g each and about 0.5cm thick
- ◆ 3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- ◆ Salt and black pepper
- ◆ 80g rocket leaves
- ◆ 5 cherry tomatoes, halved
- ◆ 1 tbsp good-quality balsamic vinegar

#### Method

1. Preheat a griddle pan until very hot.
2. Rub the tuna steaks with 2tbsp of the oil. Cook on the griddle pan for 1 minute on each side. Then season with salt and pepper and place on a chopping board to rest for 1 minute.
3. To prepare the gremolata, place the parsley and the garlic on a chopping board and finely chop with a sharp knife. Place in a bowl and grate over the zest of ½ the lemon. Mix and set aside.
4. Cut the tomatoes in half and cook, on the cut-side, in a frying pan. For 30 second to make them soft. Add balsamic vinegar.
5. Place the rocket on a serving plate and lay the tuna steaks on top. Add the tomatoes and drizzle over the gremolata and serve.

### Pork steaks with honey and mustard sauce



#### Ingredients

- ◆ 4 lean pork steaks, trimmed of fat
- ◆ 1 tbsp runny honey
- ◆ 2 tbsp soy sauce
- ◆ 3 tbsp lemon juice
- ◆ 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
- ◆ pinch of ground nutmeg
- ◆ 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- ◆ 1 tbsp grainy mustard
- ◆ salt and freshly ground black pepper
- ◆ Pork steaks with honey and mustard sauce

#### Method

1. Make regular nicks around the trimmed fat edge of the steaks using a sharp knife. This will ensure they stay flat while cooking.
2. Blend together the honey, soy sauce, lemon juice, cinnamon and nutmeg in a shallow dish. Lay the pork steaks in this mixture, turning them and basting well with a spoon. Cover with cling film and leave to marinate in the fridge for 2 hours.
3. Heat the oil in a large heavy-based frying pan. Drain the pork steaks, reserving the marinade, and fry over a gentle heat, for 6–7 minutes on each side, depending on their thickness.
4. Remove the meat from the pan and place on a warmed plate. Pour off the excess fat from the pan. Pour the reserved marinade into the pan, reduce it slightly over a high heat, then stir in the mustard and blend well. Season to taste, then pour over the pork and serve immediately, with spinach.

### Barbecued Chicken with Fresh Mango Salsa



#### Ingredients

- ◆ 4 (100g) skinless, boneless chicken breast fillets
- ◆ salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- ◆ 1 tablespoon olive oil
- ◆ 2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
- ◆ 1 (2cm) piece fresh ginger root, minced
- ◆ 2 mangos - peeled, stone removed and diced
- ◆ 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- ◆ 1 teaspoon white wine
- ◆ 4 tablespoons chopped fresh coriander

#### Method

1. Preheat barbecue for high heat, and lightly oil cooking grate.
2. Rub chicken breast fillets with salt and pepper. Cook on hot barbecue for 10 to 15 minutes on each side, until no longer pink and juices run clear. Remove from heat, set aside, and keep warm.
3. Heat oil in a medium frying pan over medium heat, and sauté garlic for about 1 minute. Mix in ginger and mangos, and cook 3 to 4 minutes, until mangos are tender. Pour in the cider vinegar and white wine. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in coriander, and remove from heat. Spoon over the barbecued chicken to serve.

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His father and his uncle, Gerald and Thomas FitzMaurice, had been granted the manors of Croom and Shanid respectively in County Limerick. At Croom Maurice built a castle, and from its name came the famous war-cry and motto of the Kildare Geraldines, "Crom Abú", while from the castle of Shanid came the war-cry of their cousins the Desmond Geraldines, "Shanid Abú". The castles were about sixteen miles apart and on the borders of a O'Brien territory, so that the rival cries of the FitzGerald on the one hand and the "Lámhláidir Abú" of the O'Briens on the other constantly rang out as the castles were attacked and the defenders fought back. Later on the Butlers became the chief rivals of the FitzGerald and in 1495 an act of the Irish parliament was passed stating that: "for as much as there hath been great variance, malices, debates, and comparisons between diverse lords and gentlemen of this land", it was no longer lawful for anyone to get involved, 'as in using these words Cromabu and Butlerabu, or other words like, contrary to the king's laws, his crown, and dignity, and peace, but to call only on St. George or the name of his sovereign Lord the king of England...'

Maurice Fitzgerald also brought the new mendicant religious orders, the Franciscans and Dominicans, to Ireland. For the Franciscans he founded an abbey in Youghal where many members of the Desmond branch of the family were later buried. In 1235 he was granted the manor of Sligo where he founded a priory and built a castle for himself to serve as a base for his planned invasion of Tír Chonaill. Of the castle no trace remains, but the beautiful ruins of Sligo Abbey remain as one of the show-places of the town today.

It may have been the second Maurice Fitzgerald who built the castle at Maynooth, the great keep with its surrounding curtain wall with towers at the corners and the fine entrance gate. It was built so well that most of the work still stands while later additions have long since vanished. The accompanying plan shows the extent and layout of the castle in the seventeenth century by which time very extensive additions had been made. Note that the seventeenth-century maker of the plan described the keep as the 'Old Castle'

Maurice also built the adjoining chapel, which, greatly altered over the centuries, is the nucleus of the present Church of Ireland parish church. It is very interesting to find the new chapel or church at Maynooth incorporated, together with the older churches we have already met and which date back before Norman times, in the newly developing parish system. As noted in the last article, Irish parish organisation was

only beginning when the Normans arrived. The diocesan structure had been completed, and this was of course essential before territorially defined parishes could emerge. The ground work for these had also been laid by the synod of Cashel in 1171-2 when it had been decreed that every man should pay tithe for the support of his parish church. The paying of tithe, the tenth part of the produce of land or stock, was the basis of the defined parish throughout Europe, and it had developed in England during the tenth century. With the paying of tithe, the word 'parish' became applied to a geographical area rather than to the people comprising it. The Normans who came to Ireland were already familiar with the idea of a parish supported by tithe and ready to introduce it into their new holdings.

The Lord of the Manor was usually anxious to have his lands recognised as an independent parish, and this accounts for the relatively small size of parishes in Norman populated areas. The Lord enforced the payment of tithe and often kept the advowson, or right of presentation to a church benefice, himself or he might hand over the whole benefice to some religious house. The benefice was the ecclesiastical post or office to which property or revenue was attached, and the holder of the benefice was the incumbent. The incumbent of a parish was responsible for the provision of the essential services, such as the saying of Mass at stipulated times. The incumbent, who might be a religious house or an individual, very often did not provide these services in person but paid a vicar to do so, and this system became so wide-spread throughout Christendom that canon law developed to regulate the division of the revenue of a parish as between the rector, who had the right to the tithes and any other income, and the vicar who was paid a stipend or salary to carry out the parish work.

This pattern we can see operating in the Maynooth area. Fr. MacSweeney finds the priory of St. Catherine of Leixlip, and the churches of Leixlip, Confey, Taghadoo, Laraghbryan, Maynooth and Donaghmore all included in the thirteenth century in the rural deanery of Leixlip. A rural deanery was a sub-division of a diocese, presided over by its dean, whose main function was to act as a channel of communication between bishop and clergy. With the exception of St. Catherine's, which was founded in 1218 for the canons of St Victor by Warisius Petche, Lord of Lucan, the other churches within the deanery had, according to Fr. MacSweeney, parochial status. It also fits the pattern when we find Maurice Fitzgerald in 1248 requesting Archbishop Luke of Dublin to erect the chapel of Maynooth into a prebend of the Cathedral of St. Patrick's and retaining in his own hands and those of his successors the nomination to the prebend. This meant that some member of the Cathedral chapter became entitled to a stipend coming from the revenue of the church of Maynooth in return for officiating there at stipulated times. The name of the first Prebendary of Maynooth, installed on 12th October 1248, was Richard de Carren.

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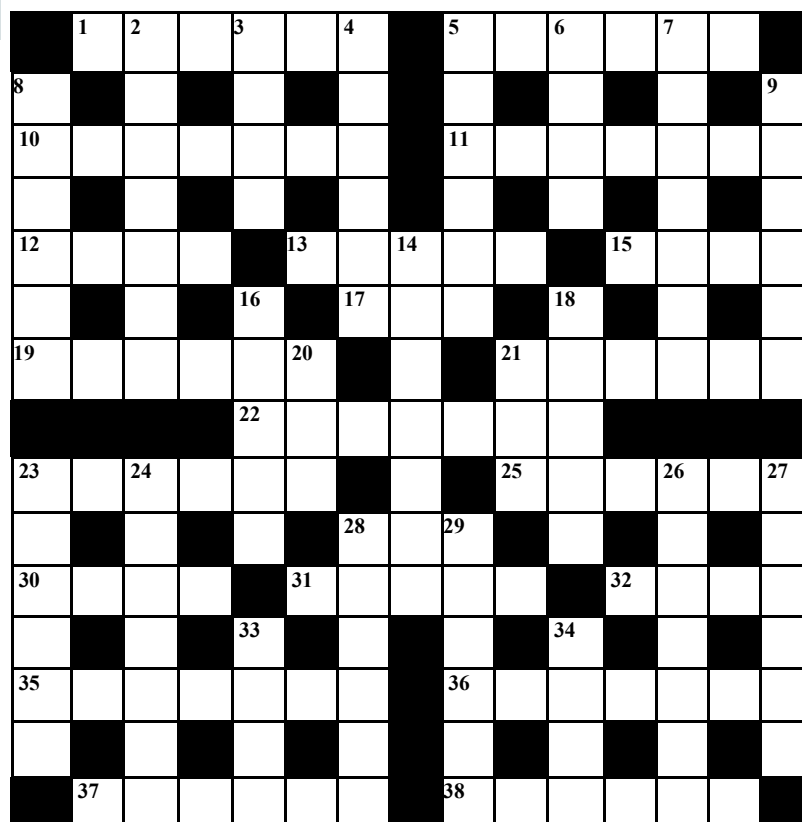
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## July 2011 Crossword —No: 393

### ACROSS

1. Abrasion or mischievous escapade (6)
5. Five speech sounds (6)
10. Series of lessons (7)
11. Keep an eye on (7)
12. One twelfth of a foot (4)
13. Assert as a right (5)
15. Payment by a tenant (4)
17. The source of light and heat (3)
19. Fast gait of a horse (6)
21. Soft and mild (6)
22. Motor (7)
23. Distributed over (6)
25. Fresh, new (6)
28. Raw mineral (3)
30. Expose to danger (4)
31. Analyse to find the properties (5)
32. Snug weapons? (4)
35. To what place (7)
36. Whole number (7)
37. In any event (6)
38. Medicine or therapy (6)



### DOWN

2. Body of lawmakers (7)
3. Besides, moreover (4)
4. Artists' stands (6)
5. Fiddle (6)
6. Occident (4)
7. Greatest in size (7)
8. Performing, behaving (6)
9. Bring to an end, come to terms (6)
14. Writers originators (7)
16. Of the Italian city (5)
18. Between 12 and 20 (5)
20. Sheets of paper fastened together along one edge (3)
21. Large African antelope (3)
23. Fasteners with threaded shanks (6)
24. Native of Moscow, say (7)
26. Soiled or blurred through rubbing (7)
27. Arid region (6)
28. Large hawk that feed on fish (6)
29. Less difficult (6)
33. Melt in heat (4)
34. Stalk, shank (4)

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### July 2011



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4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Terry Moore	34pts B9
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Tim Mullane	34pts
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Sean Farrelly	32pts B9
7 <sup>th</sup> Prize	John Carroll	32pts
Front 9	Niall Byrne	17pts
Back 9	Mick Flynn Jnr.	19pts
Nearest the Pin	Aaron Tobin	
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# Catherine MURPHY

## independent TD

### MURPHY SLAMS SOCIAL WELFARE APPEALS SYSTEM FOR PUTTING PEOPLE “THROUGH THE WRINGER” AS APPEALS RISE BY 75% BETWEEN 2009 AND 2010

Social Welfare Appeals last year rose by 75% from 10,027 in 2009 to 17,499 in 2010 across a spectrum of 32 categories of benefit type; 29% of which saw the original decision being overturned either fully or partially.

Kildare North TD, Catherine Murphy has questioned Social Protection Minister, Joan Burton TD in the Dáil regarding her concern that social welfare application refusal rates appear to be increasing and are putting additional strain on the already overstretched Social Welfare Appeals Office. Murphy’s ultimate worry however is for example that as - according to the Minister - applications for Carers Allowance now take a staggering 12 weeks to process (up from 8 weeks in 2009); and given that 38% of all social welfare applications made in 2010 were refused; and given that 29% of those decisions appealed were overturned, a very large number of people in desperate need of state assistance are being “put through the wringer” to obtain supports that they are fully entitled to.

Murphy further added during the debate on this matter in the Dáil on 10th May 2011 that in the event of an appeal being upheld by the Social Welfare Appeals Office “the relevant payment will be backdated to the date on which the application was submitted ... (even) the Exchequer will not make any savings.”. And, while broadly welcoming of the Minister’s revelation that since taking up her new Ministry she has “signed in nine additional appeals officers” to address ever increasing processing times for social welfare appeals being dealt with by her Department, Murphy is concerned that more effort needs to be made to address why so many social welfare applicants are forced to appeal decisions.

The Kildare TD’s questions were asked specifically with regard to the very high level of refusal, appeal and ultimate granting of appeal she has seen in recent months among residents of Kildare who are seeking carer’s allowance.

“It appears to me that the refusal rate is quite high. Having heard anecdotal evidence and discussed this with some of my Independent colleagues, it seems that there is a high level of success on appeal. Has the Minister examined that in her Department? Can she ascertain whether there is a variation between the approach to carer’s allowance and the approach to other kinds of allowances provided by the Department?” Murphy would like to see the Department re-examine how they process Social Welfare applications in the first instance so that those in urgent need of state assistance don’t have to wait months to be granted what they are entitled to.

“We need a far more efficient system than what we have at present, because all I can see in the current system is waste: if applications aren’t being dealt with to the satisfaction of this number of applicants in the first instance we have a serious problem and that’s impacting both on applicants and the resources of the Department of Social Protection which is required to deal with a huge volumes of applications not once, but twice.”

### MURPHY FOLLOWS SENIOR GARDA MEETING BY DEMANDING URGENT ACTION ON PALTRY KILDARE GARDA ALLOCATION

Kildare North TD, Catherine Murphy today met with the Senior Gardaí responsible for allocating garda resources to Kildare to stress the urgency of Kildare's need for additional Garda resources.

Murphy specifically highlighted to Gardaí that should they redistribute only 109 Gardaí from Dublin to Kildare the difference in service would equate to a 33% increase in Kildare's Garda resources but only a 3% reduction in that of Dublin.

“I think it's vitally important to stress just how disadvantaged Kildare has become in terms of Garda resources if we're going to see any change. The simple fact that moving 109 gardaí from Dublin to Kildare represents such a minor loss for the former and such a large gain for the latter illustrates why senior Gardaí need to urgently reassess how they allocate resources.”

Upon her re-election to the Dáil, Murphy contacted Garda Commissioner Martin Callinan to request a meeting on Kildare's unreasonably low allocation of Garda resources and today's meeting was the fruition of that request. Murphy invited all four of the North Kildare TDs to attend the meeting and was joined by Deputy Emmet Stagg and a representative of Deputy Anthony Lawlor, with Deputy Bernard Durkan unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

“Overall I felt it was a very positive meeting where there was a good open dialogue between us and the Garda Officials who took the time to meet with us. It just remains to be seen what come of it” stated Murphy.

Murphy has reaffirmed her commitment to putting continued pressure on the Garda Commissioner until Kildare is allocated it's fair share of resources.

“This isn't about anything other than fairness and equality. The simple fact is that according all of the statistics Kildare ranks lowest amongst all other counties when you compare the number of gardaí per capita of population. This is just wrong: wrong for the people living and working in Kildare and wrong for the Gardaí who are expected to do their jobs without adequate resources to support them.”

### MURPHY TO OPEN NEW CONSTITUENCY OFFICE IN LEIXLIP

Recently re-elected TD for Kildare North has opened a new Constituency Office. The office, which is based in Leixlip Shopping Mall on Leixlip Main Street, will serve as a constituency base where Catherine can meet members of the public and provide information and assistance to those in need of it.

“It’s a great feeling to once again be able to open an office where people can drop by to discuss issues that are of importance to them or simply seek out information. This is an invaluable resource for me as a TD as it gives me a base from which to operate when I’m not in the Dáil but more importantly to the people of Kildare North that I was elected to serve”.

Murphy expressed her huge gratitude to the “extremely dedicated” team of campaign workers who helped her to mount her recent general election campaign.

“The campaign team I had during the recent general election was truly extraordinary and I want to extend my gratitude to them for making all of this possible.

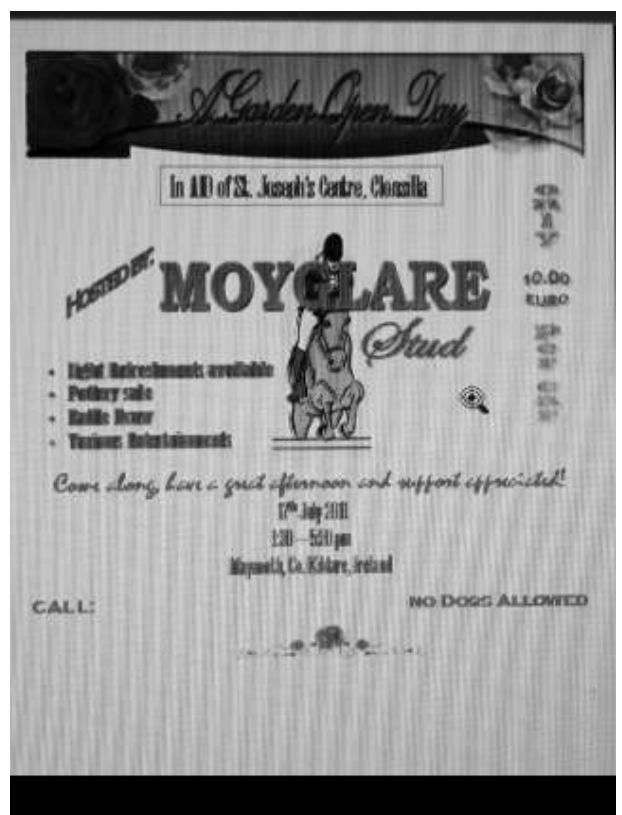
This office will allow me to continue working with those people, and of course anyone who has an interested in joining, in working on behalf of Kildare.”

The Kildare North TD drew particular attention to a key member of her campaign team who will now head up the running of the new Leixlip Constituency Office.

“I have to particularly thank Sheila Clifford who will not only be running the office but who has also been of enormous help in the set-up of it. Sheila is an extremely capable and trustworthy person who I feel truly lucky to have as part of my team.”

**The public hours of the office are 10am to 1pm Monday to Friday.**

Due to commitments in the Dáil Catherine will not be in the office at all times and so if anyone would like to meet specifically with her she is more than happy to make an appointment through telephone, email or a drop-in request. Equally, although the ideal is to meet people in the office Deputy Murphy is fully aware that travelling to Leixlip may not always be possible for some people so she is more than happy to make appointments for alternate locations if that’s the case.



### St. Josephs, Garden Open Day

Moyglare Stud in Maynooth, Co Kildare have kindly agreed to allow the Parents and Friends of St Josephs to host a Garden Open Day to raise funds for St Josephs Centre in Clonsilla, on the 17th July 2011 from 1.30pm to 5.30pm. This is the first time in six years that the gardens have being open to the public and they are so beautiful, there is even an orchid house.

There is a charge of €10 per car and Blanchardstown Brass Band will play on the front lawn. There will be face painting and balloons for the children and plenty of refreshments. Also, we will have handmade pottery, made by our service users here in St Josephs, for sale.

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## Gardening in July

Summer is here and it's a great time to add a water feature to your landscape. Craft stores, local nurseries, pound items and inexpensive small water pumps and filters will help you as you design and build a creative water feature that will allow you to enjoy the soothing sights and sounds of water. Creative pools, fountains and waterfalls are on display at many garden centre locations. Stop by and speak with our water garden experts and pick up informational literature about proper pond care. The library is full of books on design and construction.

### Plants and trees that provide colour in the month of July include :

Spireas, Hydrangeas, Summersweet, Hypericum, Butterfly Bush, and Golden Rain Tree. Visit the nursery and see these beautiful plants in bloom.

### Perennials that provide interest in the month of July include :

Daylilies, Phlox, Veronica, Ligularia, Larkspur, Tickseed and much more.

### General Care for Plants & Trees

- Check all plants, especially newly planted ones, for water on a regular basis. Water deeply and thoroughly as needed.
- Gator bags provide a great way to keep trees watered during hot and dry months. These bags, which can hold up to 20 gallons of water, are secured to the trunk of the tree, where they release the water slowly

to the root ball over the course of 15-20 hours.

- Spruce up your summer landscape with beautiful colour in containers and hanging baskets. Be sure to use potting mix when planting and a water-grabbing polymer such as Soil Moist to reduce the frequency of watering.
- Stop pinching Chrysanthemums by July 16th.
- Do not prune Azaleas and Rhododendrons after the second week of July for they soon will begin setting their buds for next year's blooms.

### Crape Myrtles



### Things to do in the vegetable garden this month.

- Encourage runner beans to climb up their supports. They twist the other way from most other beans, climbing clockwise when viewed from above.
- Hoe regularly to keep weeds under control. Keep the blade sharp and hoe when seedlings are small and in dry weather for best effect.

- Brassica crops such as cabbages, sprouts, calabrese etc are favourites with many pests, from aphids and whitefly to pigeons and rabbits. Check your plants and take appropriate measures if necessary.
- Tomato side shoots can easily be rooted to make more plants. Cut them off when 10cm long, put into a pot of moist, well drained multipurpose compost. Leave in a cool, shady place for 10-14 days and they should have rooted.
- Harvest the first beetroot, spring onions, radishes and salad leaves. Don't forget to sow some more for a later crop.
- Traditionally early potatoes are said to be ready to harvest when the plants are in flower – but not all varieties produce flowers! Dig up a trial plant 10 weeks or more after planting to see how they are doing. Then dig them fresh, as you want to eat them. There's nothing better.



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# Party Political - Maynooth Labour News

## Maynooth Labour News

### New Lights at Farrell Bridge

Cllr. McGinley is very pleased that his request for replacement public lights at Farrell Bridge has now been addressed. The new lights look very nice.

Decorative Stones "Taken" from Bond Bridge Walls.

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

"What steps have been taken to recover the 100 or so decorative stones that were "removed" from the walls at Bond Bridge and when will they be replaced?"

### Regulated Parking in Maynooth

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

1. "What progress has been made on extending the public car park in Maynooth to enable Pay Parking to be introduced?"
2. "That Fagans Lane be pedestrianised as part of the Pay Parking Scheme for Maynooth in the interests of pedestrian safety and proper traffic control."
3. "That as part of the Maynooth Parking By Laws that the proposed four parking bays at Maynooth Castle ( Drawing E/3277/B) be removed and that the footpath be extended from Farrell Bridge to the Castle Gates in line with the wishes of the submission from Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee (MTTC) in May of this year. Furthermore that the two pedestrian crossings requested by MTTC be also put in place. All in the interest of public safety."

### Cllr. McGinley Gets Smart Telephone Boxes Removed:

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his Motion

"Can the council take steps to have the ugly derelict Smart Telecom phone boxes in Maynooth either cleaned up or removed?"

Report: As the phone boxes do not belong to Kildare County Council the Transportation Department will make arrangements to contact the phone box providers on behalf of the Committee.

As residents will know all of the phone boxes have now been removed apart from the double unit at The Roost and Cllr. McGinley has asked that it also be removed.

### Litter Bin Required at Silken Vale Entrance:

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his Motion

"That a litter bin be installed at the entrance to Silken Vale estate on the Straffan Road, Maynooth, in order to capture some of the enormous amount of litter dumped in the vicinity."

Report: The difficulty in installing additional bins is that the Maynooth Area have very limited resources and they are currently at capacity in relation to emptying litter bins. However, the Area Engineer has undertaken to look at this particular location and will report to the Committee at a later date.

## Litter Management Scheme Pilot Scheme

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his Motion

"In relation to the Litter Management Pilot Scheme for Maynooth:

- How successful was the scheme?
- What feedback did the Council get from the businesses as a result of the letter that was issued to them in May 2010?
- How can Maynooth Tidy Towns help to develop the initiative in conjunction with the Maynooth Area Office?"

### Report: Background

Following requests from elected representatives, the environment section developed a pilot scheme in Maynooth to work proactively with businesses to prevent, reduce and remove litter from the town. A letter was hand delivered by the litter warden to approximately 90% of the businesses in the town. The letter was posted to the remaining businesses as they were either not active or operated outside normal business hours. The litter warden would then discuss the practical and legal issues with the businesses. Special emphasis was placed on cigarette waste as well as the regular emptying of all bins provided outside each premises. The litter warden then undertook follow-up visits as required.

#### Outcome

According to the litter warden, the scheme is successful. The objective was to inform business owners of their obligation to keep the area directly outside their premises free from litter. In particular, business owners were asked, on days when there was no council street sweeping in progress to clean outside their own premises on that day.

The town appears to be visibly cleaner, due to the ongoing efforts of the street sweeping personnel and the litter warden working to reduce litter. The scheme has aroused interest from the business owners on this matter.

As evidence of the success of the pilot scheme, the number of litter fines issued to businesses has reduced.

#### Feedback

The response from business owners was very positive. All businesses contacted agreed to look after their own area. They thought that the scheme was much needed in the town and agreed to participate. All those contacted saw merit in the scheme and were pleased to be able to participate. Many offered the opinion that it would encourage trade in the town.

### Cooperation between Maynooth Tidy Towns and the Maynooth Area Office

Vigilance is a key aspect to developing a tidy town ethos. While Maynooth Tidy Towns continue to work very effectively in removing litter and undertaking other improvements, it is important that any items/ locations that require council attention be reported by them immediately to the area office. Many cleanups have been organised by Tidy Towns in other locations around the town. It is important to note that the council have facilitated these by removing the materials gathered.

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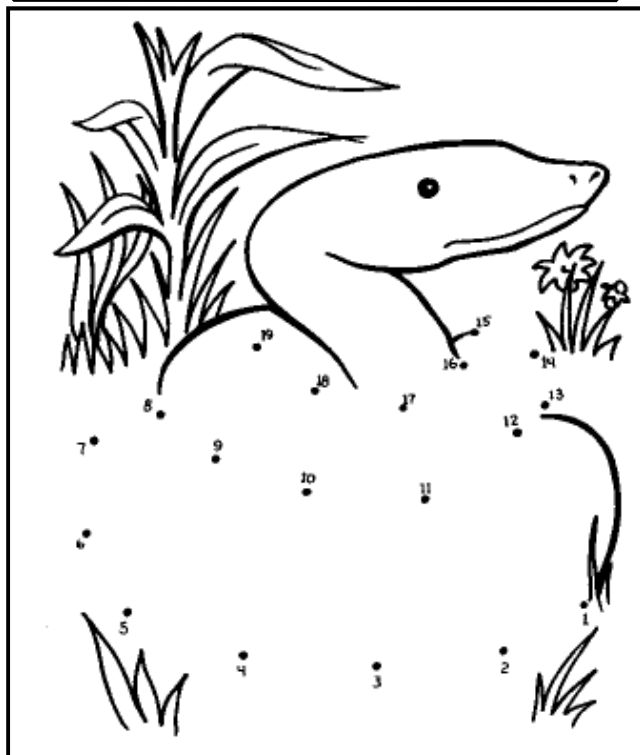
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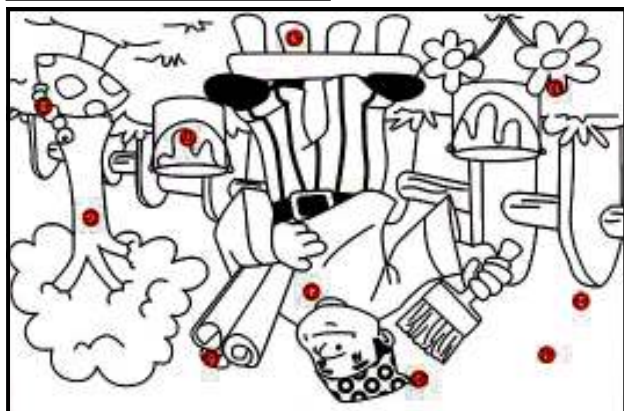
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Maynooth floral display team



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Floral display on lamppost in Main Street



Entrance to Maynooth floral display

We have started our Sunday morning Clean ups, collecting 6 or 7 bags each Sunday, 7.30am outside the Garda Station.

Also we are continuing with our Wednesday evening clean up @ 7.30pm meeting at Supervalu car park.

Saturday clean ups commence at 10am in Supervalu car park.

We are very pleased that following a long campaign the new lights have been installed on the bridge near the Castle.

The Plaque was erected in the Pound with thanks to Kildare County Council and also our thanks to the Maynooth Historical Committee for their input into the wording on the plaque.

Our thanks to those who commented on the beautiful floral baskets on the Main street, in the Square and around the Church area.

We are lucky in Maynooth to be able to purchase all our floral requirements from The Larine Garden Centre, who also help assemble and erect the floral baskets . Our thanks to Paul, Tina and colleagues from The Larine Garden Centre.

Also our thanks to members of Maynooth Tidy Towns committee and friends of the committee who give of their time so willingly.

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(L to R) Peter Minnock, Director of Services KCC  
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