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Local News

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Maynooth Post Primary 10k Challenge A Great Success



(Female Winner) Karen O'Hanlon



(Male Winner) Jason Miley

A spokes person for the organizing committee Maynooth Post Primary PTA told the Maynooth Newsletter that the event was a great success, attracting five hundred participants and raising twenty thousand euro's for the development of our playing fields and running track. He said the day would not have been possible without the support of our seventy sponsors from the Maynooth business community, our one hundred volunteers from the Parent Teacher Association's, Maynooth GAA, individual members of the public, who all gave their time so willingly, the advice and assistance of An Garda Siochana and the cooperation of the people of Maynooth. Many thanks also to Brenden Weld, the Mayor of Kildare for awarding the prizes. He also expressed the committees thanks to St. Patrick's College and Carton House Hotel and Leisure Centre for the use of their grounds, the route which commenced in St. Patrick's College and passed through Carton House Estate and finished in Carton Avenue proved very popular with the participants.



New Student Canteen in NUIM suitably called The Phoenix
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Maynooth formally twins with Canet-en-Roussillon on June 18th

The culmination of over two years work to establish a formal twinning between our two towns will be completed this month. Following formal recognition of the proposal, Mayor Brendan Weld and a delegation from Kildare County Council and Maynooth Community Council will travel to France to sign the first part of the Charter between our two towns. More information will be available in the July Newsletter.



Maynooth Tidy Towns seeks your support for 2011 competition

Judging for the National Tidy Towns competition can take place at anytime between June 1st and August 31st next. Maynooth has entered the competition again this year and the marks achieved are a reflection of the judge's opinion on the entire town on the day that we are assessed. Maynooth Tidy Towns urges us all to be conscious of litter in particular during these three months and help to ensure that we will all be proud of the result that the town gets in the 2011 competition.

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Maynooth Community Council and some of our sub-committees have been regularly supported in their endeavours by INTEL volunteers who live in our community and get involved in our work. In addition the INTEL Corporation also provides US\$10 for every hour volunteered so we get a "double whammy" which is very welcome. The grants for 2010 were presented on May 18th last at a ceremony at the INTEL plant where Minister for the Environment and Community, Deputy Phil Hogan T.D. was presenting the hands. On the day a total of US\$ 438,000 was distributed to sporting, community and voluntary groups throughout the country where INTEL employees had volunteered. Many of the groups were from County Kildare and as well as the Community Council funding also went to Maynooth Soccer Club from the town. Maynooth Community Council was represented by Paul Croghan and Brian Curtis and we received US\$2,200. On behalf of Maynooth a big thank you to the INTEL volunteers and a special mention for one INTEL staff member, Patrick Ennis from Celbridge for his voluntary work in our office.



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Editorial

Nach iontach an mhí a bhí againn! An bhanríon Eilís a dó agus uachtarán na Stáit Aontaithe ag teacht ar chúairt ag an oileáinín seo. Beidh daoine ag breathnú siar ar seo ar feadh tamall fada le teacht – má bhíonn.

What a historic month this has been and is there anything in June that can compete? Well, the footbridge will come down on the Kilcock Road shortly, the huge roundabout in the centre of the road will be fully active and the new traffic lights will be added to the myriad of lights that exist in the town already. The full effect of these changes to the traffic flow in the town will not be felt until the autumn when all the schools meet the returning growing student population. The narrowing of the road and the intrusive bus stops will only add to the impending chaos.

Bridges are not just physical buildings; they are regarded as liminal places, symbols - between areas like bogs, mountains or rivers. When the footbridge, the link between the North and South Campus, will be severed and the fragile connection will disappear despite the impressive plans for the new Library and the roundabout are.

Returning to the historic month and the distinguished visitors that raised many questions. Before the arrival of the queen, there was a great deal of scepticism and cynicism. The threat from terrorism increased and a bomb was found on a bus in our own town, every manhole on the route were welded shut, the streets were cleared of people and hardly anyone in Dublin was allowed anywhere near her. But as soon as she set foot in the Garden of Remembrance and bowed her head, the country became royalist over night. The famous “herd” instinct took over and when she spoke her “cúpla focal” that was it – we were loyalists. The President spoke more than the few words and his “Is féidir linn” went down really well with the crowd in College Green. In contrast, the Taoiseach hardly spoke a word of the first official during the week of the visits. Mind you, did the crowd in College Green even understand Obama’s words? This is the same Taoiseach who wanted to abolish compulsory Irish during the election campaign although he speaks the language with a lovely fluency. It is this herd instinct that got us into the economic trouble of the past number of years, no one can disagree, those who try to stand out are ridiculed or, at its worst, bullied into silence and submission. Protesters and dissenters are not welcome in Ireland. It was the herd collusion that allowed the abuse of certain sections of society in the past; it is the herd’s turning a blind eye that allows the widespread and increasing bullying at every level in Irish society. The whistle blower is not welcome and is guaranteed to be silenced.

The two visits do raise the question that has been of concern since the collapse of the Celtic Tiger. What makes us Irish? What made us Irish in the past and what does the madness of the Celtic Tiger say about us. It is not possible to answer these questions until the sea of history widens between the events and the historian but it is still worth trying to put the visits in context. Apart from the herding instinct what did the visit tell us? Look at the sites of the queen’s visit for example and the concert arranged for her. Couple this with the “There’s no one as Irish as Barak O’Bama” visit to Moneygall and the warm up for the speech in College Green. Can we really come up with no better an Irish song than “Danny Boy”? Twice? The Book of Kells, Jedward, Riverdance, the Rock of Cashel ... the subject for another day. Mind you, Tara didn’t feature on the itinerary, Tara and the M3 have fallen out of the lexicon completely. The crushing and wasteful symbol of the worst manic phase of the Celtic Tiger years. It needs to be hidden away along with those who objected to the road.

But looking forward to next month again – we have our own Geraldine Festival of culture to look forward to and brochures will be arriving in each and every house.

Let us remind you again as well that we welcome letters to the editor if you feel strongly about any topic.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Meeting 9 May 2011

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

Geraldine Festival

Andrew McMullon (Treasurer and Festival Sub-committee) said that progress was being made with the Festival programme. Gabriel Martin (Leinster Park Residents Association) confirmed that Nuada Players would perform at the Castle. Hilda Dunne (History Group) said that her group would also organise cultural events for the Castle. Peter Garrad (Scouts) said that the Scouts would not be organising a family day this year.

Tidy Towns Committee steps up activities

Mattie Callaghan (Tidy Towns Committee) said that the committee had stepped up its activities in advance of the judging for the Tidy Town Competition, which takes place during the summer. He said that the group would be tackling graffiti in the town over the next few weeks. They would also be lifting and redoing the hanging baskets. Volunteers from the Teen Space group would finish off the remaining work on the Carton Avenue clean-up. Paul Croghan (PDO and Tidy Towns Committee) said that other groups volunteering to help would be very welcome. He said that if residents associations are undertaking any Tidy Towns projects over the next few weeks they should contact him through the Community Council office, as this work would gain extra marks in the competition for Maynooth, if it was noted by the judges. The annual Tidy Towns fund-raising collection would take place shortly.

Senior Citizens participate in Bealtaine Festival

Josie Moore (Senior Citizens Committee) said that the Bealtaine Festival, celebrating creativity in older age, was coming up, and that the Senior Citizens group would be participating in art in all its forms, including painting, needlework, and dancing. Now that the weather was better, their club had returned to the ICA Hall and would continue there up to the end of July. In August there would be an annual holiday for senior citizens from Maynooth to Kerdiffstown House.

Scouts camp in Dublin Mountains

P. Garrad reported that the Maynooth Scouts had a successful Group Camp over the May bank-holiday weekend, camping at Larch Hill in the Dublin Mountains. Groups from age eight upwards participated, with the senior group making their own shelters, camping out overnight, and walking from Enniskerry to Larch Hill. He said that the Scouts would compete this month for the County Shield, which they won last year. There would also be a walk in aid of Crumlin Hospital, with a former scout leader from Maynooth walking from Ballinasloe to Maynooth. He hoped that the community would generously support this fundraiser. The Scouts would be helping the Senior Citizens Committee in Kerdiffstown again this year.

Local History group events

H. Dunne said that the group had recently hosted a talk by Declan O’Connor on the visit of Elizabeth, Empress of Austria, to Maynooth College in the late nineteenth century. She said that on one occasion the Empress, nicknamed ‘Sisi’, had caused quite a stir among the 300 seminarians when the stag she had been hunting with the Ward Union Hunt broke into the College grounds. The next history event would be a talk by Seamus Cullen on President Nixon’s visit to Timahoe.

Community Centre lease to be signed soon

P. Croghan (Community Centre Sub-committee) said that the lease for the interim community space at Manor Mills would be signed shortly, and that the facility would then become available. Maynooth Community Council would

assist in the administration of the space, as this was a requirement of Kildare County Council, but he did not expect any additional costs to be involved. There would be another meeting with the County Council soon. He said that the Manor Mills space was in a good central location, and that keys would be made available to community groups in Maynooth, including the Youth Café Committee. Councillor John McGinley (Labour) said that this was the first time this kind of facility was being made available by Kildare County Council, and that a requirement was that the space would be multi-use, and used during the daytime as well as in the evening. It was important to make good use of the space, as how it was used now would impact on the provision of the proposed community facility at the Tesco site.

Proposal for new school site causes concerns

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin (Secretary) told the meeting that the Community Council executive had met with parents representatives from Maynooth Boys National School and Maynooth Educate Together School to discuss the proposed new multi-function school campus at Moyglare Hall, where the VEC has acquired a 40-acre site. It is understood that the VEC plans to build a 1,500-pupil school building at this location, into which an enlarged Maynooth Post Primary School would move, and apparently the Boys National School might also move to this site. She said that the parents representatives had expressed concern at the location of the proposed school site, well outside the town, and at the number of pupils proposed for the post primary school.

M. Ní Bhrolcháin said that a letter had been received from Maynooth Post Primary School Parent Teacher Association asking for community support for the project so that it could go ahead without delay. A letter had also been received from Mr. Johnny Nevin, Principal of MPPS, advising that the Community Council should contact Mr. Sean Ashe, CEO of Kildare VEC, to obtain further information about the proposal. She said that prior to their contact with the Community Council, the parents of pupils at the Boys National School had not known about the suggestion that their school might move to the proposed new campus. She said that it was important that the Community Council highlight the issue in the *Maynooth Newsletter*.

Deirdre Cullen (PRO and Planning and Development Sub-committee) said that there seemed to be confusion and a lack of information about the proposal and its scope. She suggested that the Community Council should invite Mr. Ashe to make a presentation, if possible at the next Community Council meeting, outlining the proposal and the thinking behind it. Colm Ó Cearúil (Deputy PDO) said he supported this suggestion.

J. McGinley said that Maynooth Community Council was doing the right thing in letting the community know about the proposal. The four primary school parent teacher associations in the town should meet to discuss the plan and make their concerns known. He said it was a 3.5km walk from his part of the town to the site at Moyglare Hall. He also said that it was difficult to change things when they got to the planning stage and that it was important for the community to have an input early on in the process.

P. Croghan asked if lands around Carton Avenue could have been used instead. J. McGinley said that these lands had been earmarked for playing fields, but that lands were available near the Educate Together School, and also at Rathcoffey Road.

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6th Prize	Brendan Bean	58pts
7th Prize	Mark Kehoe	57pts B18
First 18	John Carroll (Gowran)	38pts
Second 18	Joey O'Riordan (Waterford)	31pts
Visitors	Cha Farrelly	
Nearest the Pin	Declan Byrne (Gowran) Barry Farrell (Waterford)	
2's Club	Barry Farrell	

The Weekend away to Gowran Park and Waterford Castle on 20th /21st May were the venues for the Christy Kenny Memorial Cup, the Maynooth Golf Society annual trophy to commemorate one of the societies great past members. 24 members and visitors played these 2 challenging and different courses on Friday 20th & Saturday 21st May. Gowran Park, uniquely set in and around the horse racing course in Kilkenny, weather conditions were windy and sunny for day 1. Waterford Castle, uniquely set on an island in Waterford harbour only accessible by car ferry, weather conditions were windy and very wet for day 2. The winner over the 2 days golf was Gerry McTernan with a score of 65 points, followed by Liam Farrelly in second place with a score of 62 points. Mick Fahey and Pat Connolly were 3rd & 4th both with a score of 61 points. John Carroll won day 1 at Gowran Park, Declan Byrne had Nearest the Pin. Joey O'Riordan won day 2 at Waterford Castle, Barry Farrell had Nearest the Pin. The visitor's prize over the 2 outings was won by Cha Farrelly. We would like to thank our sponsors for this outing The Kenny Family-Tess, Janette and Sandra for their generous sponsorship of the Christy Kenny Cup.

**Our next outing is to Rathcore Golf Club on
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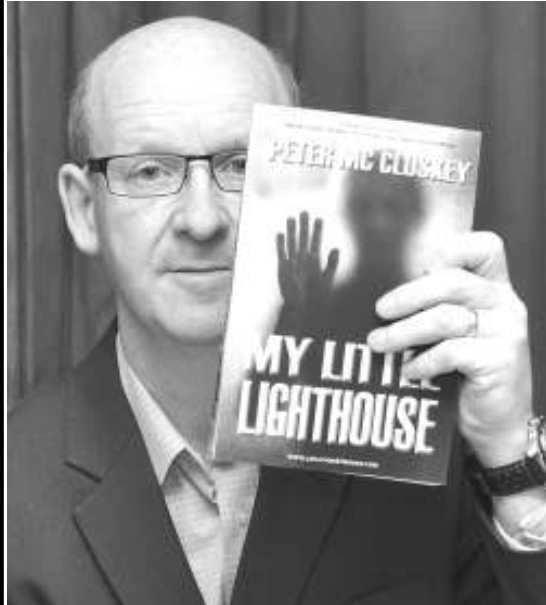
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Peter McCluskey has produced his third novel in as many years and it looks set to be his biggest success to date.

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Peter was once again spurred on to completing the novel by the solid fan base of readers who have travelled with him through his previous two books.

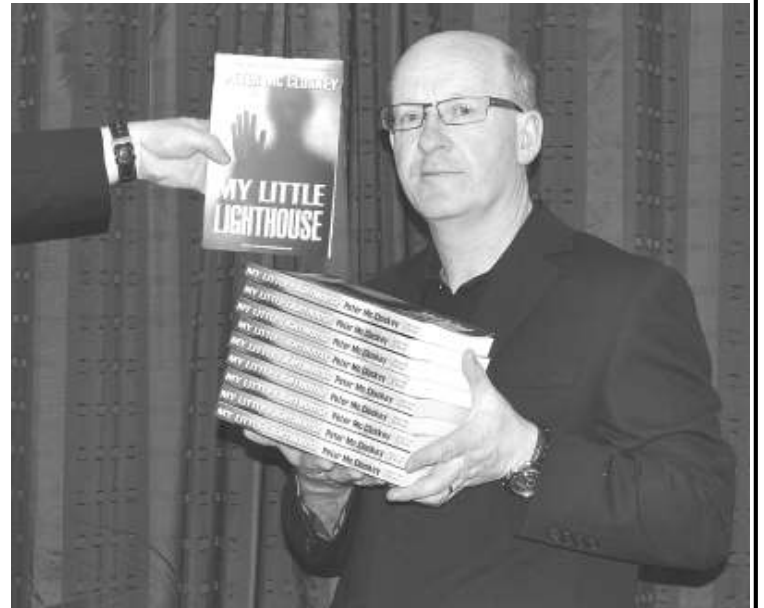
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The book has already garnered good reviews before the official launch with Eamonn Carr from The Herald quoting that "McCluskey is adept at creating engaging mosaics" while Hotpress supremo, Jackie Hayden, has said that the book "superbly captures the quirks, contradictions and uncertainties of the world we live in."

Peter is delighted with the comments. "I've worked hard to produce a book that I hope people will enjoy reading. I know musicians talk about their difficult second album. Well, I think this is my difficult third

book. It certainly was a more strenuous process this time around but I'm more than pleased with the result."

Peter, as is now the usual case, has signed advance copies of the book for sale at €10 each with all proceeds going to Crumlin Children's Hospital. If anyone would like to buy a copy they can do so online at www.petermccluskey.com



Maynooth Community Council Notescontd

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Many of the community councillors were of the view that the number of pupils proposed at the new location was a serious concern. M. Ní Bhrolcháin said that 1,500 was the size of the University when she first came to Maynooth, and that this was too large a number of pupils, making it difficult to maintain the ethos of a school. She also said that daily contact with the town community was very important and positive for the school's pupils, and that the presence of the pupils in the town at lunchtime and after school was very important for the commercial life of the town.

Many community councillors expressed concern about the location of the proposed site. It was noted that it was not within walking distance of most parts of the town. In the absence of locally-based public transport, pupils would have to be driven to school by their parents, which would add greatly to traffic congestion in the town. The location was felt to be contrary to principles of sustainability, which would entail that most pupils could walk to school.

A number of community councillors felt that the issue of choice was also very important. There had been an expectation – and it had been Department of Education policy – that when Maynooth Post Primary School became too large, a new post primary school would be developed on the other side of the town. C. Ó Cearúil said that in his view this should be an Irish language school, and that this was now feasible because the number of Gaelscoileanna in the Lucan area, close to Coláiste Cois Life, had increased. He said that community councillors had a national responsibility to question the wisdom of a new policy for schools with large numbers of pupils, before a precedent was set.

The meeting decided to invite Mr. Ashe, and representatives of all the local schools, to the June

meeting of Maynooth Community Council. D. Cullen said members of Maynooth Post Primary School PTA seemed to be in favour of the plan and that it was important that they were invited to the meeting so that all views on the proposal were represented.

Local Matters

M. Callaghan said that light-reflective strips were needed on the bollards located at corners on Main Street, to prevent accidents where people tripped over or walked or cycled into them at night.

J. Moore said that a traffic island had been damaged on Straffan Road and was dangerous. She had witnessed a near accident there recently, and the island needed to be repaired.

P. Croghan said that the Intel annual grants ceremony would take place during May, and that Intel generously made a donation to match each hour volunteered to the community by Intel workers.

Hugh Gallagher (Youth Café Committee) said that traffic was constantly driving the wrong way on the back lanes in Maynooth and was ignoring the no-entry signs. This was very dangerous. People were also parking illegally in 'disabled parking' spaces around the town. J. Moore agreed, and noted that cars going the wrong way in the lanes speeded in order to get out of the lanes quickly. D Cullen said that the lanes had become extremely dangerous for school children going to and from school, and that the regulations were not being enforced. She suggested that if the Gardai issued traffic fines on the lanes once or twice a year it would be enough to deter most drivers, and would greatly improve the situation.

Deirdre Cullen P.R.O.

Maynooth Alumni Reunion Ball -

June 11th 2011

Maynooth Alumni Reunion Ball - June 11th 2011 - is fast approaching!

The Maynooth Alumni Association is looking to get in contact with past students. During the year we will host a number of events to keep connected with our alumni. The highlight of this years Alumni event calendar, the Alumni Reunion Ball, will be held in the university on June 11th.

We're trying to make contact with as many graduates of NUI Maynooth and Saint Patrick's College Maynooth to let them know about the Ball and invite them to come along. So if any of your readers are graduates of Maynooth, we'd love to hear from them. They can contact the Alumni Office at 01-7086492 or by email alumni@nuim.ie.

Further information on the Ball can be found at <http://alumni.nuim.ie/>.

Karen Kelly — Alumni Officer

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Our next meeting will be on Friday 24th June at 11.00 am. Upstairs in the library. The book to be discusses is *House Rules* by Jodi Picoult.

TeenSpace Maynooth

TeenSpace, a welcoming environment of fun, games and food for teenagers, has had three events over the course of the last month. The first of these took place on Saturday, April 16th from 3-6pm in Donadea Forest in Kildare. With approximately 11 eager teens, 4 enthusiastic leaders, and a few Committee members helping with the various elements of this event, it was a good time had by all. The games began with a treasure hunt, where various riddles scrawled onto coffee-stained paper, which each group of teens had to solve, were hidden in bottles around the lake. The teens scampered up and down over the path, leaving no leaf unturned in their search. Sometimes receiving subtle hints from the leaders, the teens were able to uncover all bottles within an hour. A delicious barbeque of sausages and hamburgers was appreciated by the dedicated treasure hunters, followed by an appropriately festive Easter Egg hunt. The various searches the teens were sent on throughout the afternoon were all connected by the question, "How is life like a treasure hunt?"



The next event hosted by TeenSpace turned out approximately 15 teenagers and 5 leaders, and took place on Friday, April 29th from 7:30-9:30pm. It was an entertaining night of Karaoke, held at the local Coffee Mill in Maynooth. Though some were hesitant at first to showcase their talent, one-by-one each group of teenagers proved their ability to challenge any candidate on "The X-Factor." The leaders served as a panel of judges, and by the end of the night there were 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners who were all awarded prizes according to their place. It was a night of musical talent and laughter, with everyone joining in to do the Macarena and sing, "I'm a Barbie Girl."

On May 14th from 10am-12:30pm, TeenSpace participated in a rubbish clean-up on Carton Avenue in Maynooth, working alongside Tidy Towns and members of Maynooth Community Church youth club. Everyone worked hard, wearing work gloves and carrying large plastic bags, for two hours. Friendly conversation was enjoyed amid collecting cans, plastic bottles and all sorts of literature from the green. The rubbish was finally sorted into recycling and non-recycling, leaving all glad for a break that included juice and snacks. The teens were able to play one game before it began to pour torrential rain. Luckily for all those present, the rains had held off during the rubbish-collecting.

If you are interested in coming along to our TeenSpace events or would like more information on our youth group, please contact us on our mobile 086 1009484 or Facebook page: Teenspace Maynooth.

TeenSpace is supported by 4 Christian churches in Maynooth: St Mary's Catholic Church, The Redeemed Christian Church of God, {Life Sanctuary, Maynooth}, Maynooth Community Church and St Mary's Church of Ireland.

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Maynooth Community Library

Children's Book Club

The next meeting of the Children's Book Club is on Wed 1st June 2011 @ 3.30.

The book to be discussed is "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott.

This will be the last book club meeting before the summer holidays.

Parent and Toddler Group

A parent and toddler group meets every Wednesday morning in the library for storytelling.

Polish Storytelling.

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

Children's Chess Club.

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

U3A (University of the Third Age) .

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

Book Club for Adults

Meets once per month in Maynooth Community Library.

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

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Tuesday 9.30am - 1.00pm/2.00pm - 5.00 pm
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Fixmypc.ie is the computer repair shop owned and managed by Rohab Brar and Parveen Kumar and is situated on the left hand side of the main street in Maynooth between Centra and O’Neill’s. The people of Maynooth may remember this business at its former location down the Mall on the other side of the street before it moved to its present position in 2010. They have a free collection and delivery service which has expanded to an affiliate nationwide programme to collect, service and deliver to a variety of businesses across the country and there is also a local call-out service to homes and businesses. The affiliate programme is designed to repair computers which other shops won’t accept and the nationwide collection and delivery service is an added bonus for the customers comfort. All you have to do is call the staff at Fixmypc.ie and they will collect your computer from your home or business, repair it and deliver back to you. Rohab and Parveen employ a team of three trained and qualified technicians who service and maintain a wide variety of computer systems and consoles which extends to PS3 reballing or repair, which is the only service of this kind in Ireland. They have very modern equipped repair labs and all repairs are guaranteed for 3 months. Along with fixing PS3’s, they also repair XBOX’s, PSP’s, Nintendo and many other consoles as well as providing a repair service for Laptops, PC’s, MAC and other computer systems along with mobiles, iPhones and iPods and added to this there is a phone unlocking service plus an LCD screen replacement service for all makes of Laptops, Mac, Iphones and Ipad’s. You can buy computer parts and accessories and also access the Internet Café, but further to this there is a data recovery service for those who have had a mishap which resulted in lost files, information or photos from their laptop, USB and SD card.

The success of such service provisions has seen the business expand and Rohab and Parveen now own and manage two similar shops in Trim and Edenderry. These services are provided at quite reasonable and competitive rates and the management have a bargain price offer to the people of Maynooth of a laptop charger for 45 euro, reduced from 60, for anyone who goes in and mentions this article. This is a very community spirited business and has endeavoured to support local activities and

events such as the sponsorship of Maynooth Town F.C. It is such social awareness by

the staff and management which helps them to provide a continually adapting service to the needs and requirement of the people and town of Maynooth and the surrounding areas. Another facility which is available at Fixmypc.ie for the modest rate of 95 euro is the network setup option, whereby a member of staff will call to your home or business to help you setup your new computer, which includes first time start up configuration, configuration of any new security software; hook up your existing components i.e. printer, webcam, speakers and a variety of other requirements such as connection to the Internet and setup of an email address. Also available for the reasonable price of 99 euro is the support in connecting to a wireless or wired setup, whereby they configure a router to enable you to share files, print documents or listen to music from anywhere around your home without the need of wires. This package also includes a network setup of any two PC’s, laptops and a printer wirelessly. The new service of the Business Starter-Pack is designed to support and advise anyone starting a new business in the areas of:

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For further information phone (01) 503-44441 or visit www.fixmypc.ie.

Brian O’Neill

Maynooth Tidy Towns

WeeIreland collection of electrical goods and batteries was held in Tesco Car park on 16th April. 18 Tonnes were collected on the day.

Glass and cans collected since last year to date is 19 tonnes of cans and 572 tonnes of glass

All of this information has been put in our Tidy Towns National Application form , which was due in on 20th May. Thanks to Paul, Eddie, Mary, Mattie and Richard,who compiled a 30 page report on Maynooth.

Thanks to all who helped with our Tidy Towns collection and many thanks to you who contributed to same.

Finally, just to advise that our Sunday morning clean ups have commenced. We also do clean ups on Wednesday nights @ 19.30pm meeting at Supervalu Car park, or ring our mobile number 087 3153189 for more details.

Thanks to Meadowbrook and Beaufield residents who did a clean up on their estate.

Its the year of the VOLUNTEER, give us your time and lets all make a difference in Maynooth.

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Maynooth Educate Together National School

We have been very busy over the last few months. We really needed a library for our school and had no funds available - so we got organised! We asked for donations of books from parents, teachers and from Celbridge and Maynooth libraries – we were overwhelmed at the response. We received second hand shelving from educate together in Castleknock, we received rugs, floor cushions and more shelves from keen parents. We now have over 400 books and each child has a ‘library time’ to come from class and choose a book. It is run by volunteers and they have set up a manual lending system. We have a large range of subject covering everything from Horrid Henry to Flower pressing. We have National Geographic periodicals, picture books, dual language books and encyclopaedias. The room is bright colourful and airy. It has a reading corner which is a popular chill out zone! We are extremely proud of what our school and the local community have achieved by working together. In these recessionary times it proves what can be achieved. In the words of Barack Obama “Yes we can!”.

FUN DAY SUNDAY 19th JUNE 2011 2-5pm FREE-ENTRY

An exciting Fun day is planned for our school on Sunday 19th June. We are having our first ever FUN DAY! It is open to everyone in the community and we would love you to come and have some fun with us.

- Face painting
- BBQ
- Old Fashioned ‘Stocks’ to ‘sponge’ parents
- Nail Bar (by qualified beautician)
- Stalls – cake stall, second hand stall, recycling workshop,
- Traditional games (wheelbarrow race, egg and spoon
- Busking – free for any enthusiastic singer
- Penalty shoot-out

We would love you to come along with your family!

Maynooth Castle (9)
A Focal Point of Local History

While the Fitzgeralds were establishing themselves in Maynooth and their other new possessions and bringing in settlers from England and Wales, they were also busy on a number of other fronts.

The ruling elements of the O’Byrnes or Uí Fáeláin were pushed out of their old territories. Some of them moved into county Carlow, where, ironically, they allied with their former rivals the MacMurroughs, but the leading O’Byrne line turned up in the early fourteenth century in the barony of Wicklow. From here they spread north to establish their new territory stretching from Delgany in the north to Shillelagh in the south. Here they remained as a constant irritant to the Dublin government.

Meanwhile the Fitzgeralds were busy adding to their possessions. From the document quoted in Article 7, dating from between 1185 and 1189, in which John, son of the King of England and Lord of Ireland, confirmed Gerald FitzMaurice son of the first Maurice, in the lands of Maynooth and others, it appears that Gerald was granted these territories as a gift or grant from his brother William, lord of Naas. The document goes on to confirm Gerald also in lands in Munster which he acquired as the heir of another brother Alexander who had been granted them by his uncle Robert Fitzstephen. Nearer home Gerald was expanding to the east into the territories of the O’Connors or Uí Failge. The modern county Offaly takes its name from the Uí Failge but the areas are not identical as can be seen from the map accompanying Article 8. This explains the presence of the baronies of east and west Offaly in modern county Kildare, and it was into these baronies that Fitzgerald moved, pushing out the O’Connors of Offaly. And from these new acquisitions he acquired the title of baron of Offaly, under which title he sat in parliament in 1205. The O’Connors remained in control of the rest of Uí Failge until the plantations of Laois and Offaly during the reign of Mary Tudor in the sixteenth century.

The Fitzgeralds also naturally became involved in ecclesiastical developments in the Maynooth area. They

arrived in Ireland at a time of rapid and far-reaching change in the Irish Church. As mentioned in an earlier article, the Church in Ireland had developed an organisation that was very different to that in the rest of western Christendom. First, there was no network of defined territorial dioceses, each ruled by a bishop and sub-divided into defined parishes. Instead the Irish organisation was based on the monastic paruchia, the scattered groups of small monasteries all descended from, and dependent on, a single mother foundation. Secondly, the Irish system of hereditary succession had been adopted into the ecclesiastical system, so that the monasteries had become virtually the possessions of particular clans. Thirdly, most aspects of the lives of Irish lay people proceeded as they had before the coming of Patrick and with little reference to Christian teaching. For example, and an example that was constantly bewailed by reformers, marriage for the Irish remained a secular affair; men and women could and did divorce each other on various grounds, and could and did freely remarry. Not surprisingly, in view of this last, a large proportion of marriages took place within the forbidden degrees of relationship.

All these anomalies were the source of considerable scandal to would-be reformers, both Irish and European, and the twelfth century saw a major movement to bring the Irish Church into line with Western Christendom. The reforms were carried out through a series of great synods. Three of these had been held before the Normans arrived in Ireland and a good deal of the work had already been carried out by then. Their arrival did not interrupt the reform movement. Indeed one of the ostensible reasons for Henry II’s interest in Ireland was zeal for religious reform, and it seems certain that the expectation that he would further the movement made him welcome in many quarters.

The reformers' efforts were successful in some of the major areas of attack and unsuccessful in others. A church government of bishops ruling territorially defined dioceses was established in stages. The synod of Rathbreasail in 1111 created two provinces of the Irish Church to correspond with the ancient division into Leath Mogha and Leath Chuinn. Munster and Leinster comprised the province of Cashel and Ulster

and Connacht the province of Armagh. Maynooth was included in the area of the new diocese of Glendaloch set up by the synod. At this stage Dublin posed a problem for the reformers as seventy years since it had established itself as a diocese subordinate to Canterbury. As the Irish reformers did not mean to make the reorganised Irish Church in any way dependent on the English Church, this probably explains why no diocese of Dublin was mentioned by this synod. The problem seems to have been solved by 1152 when the Synod of Kells further divided the Irish Church into four archdioceses, Armagh, Cashel, Dublin and Tuam. At this stage Glendaloch was one of five suffragan sees of the archdiocese of Dublin.

All this was on the credit side for the reformers and was accompanied by the coming in to Ireland of new religious orders from the continent, e.g. the Cistercians who were established at Mellifont in 1142. But on the other hand, little impact was made on Irish-style marriage and the old system of hereditary succession to ecclesiastical office soon crept back. However, once the new dioceses were established, the way was open to a parish organisation in place of the older Irish system whereby pastoral care was provided by a monastic community whose area of responsibility was not clearly defined, and whose first commitment in any case was to the monastic calling. Because the Normans arrived in Ireland while the parish system was beginning to get off the ground, they naturally had a considerable influence on its development in the areas they controlled. In the Gaelic areas where Norman influence was slight or non-existent, parishes tended to be co-terminous with the lands of old groupings. In the Norman-dominated areas the boundaries of the parishes were often determined by the parcelling out of lands to feudal tenants.

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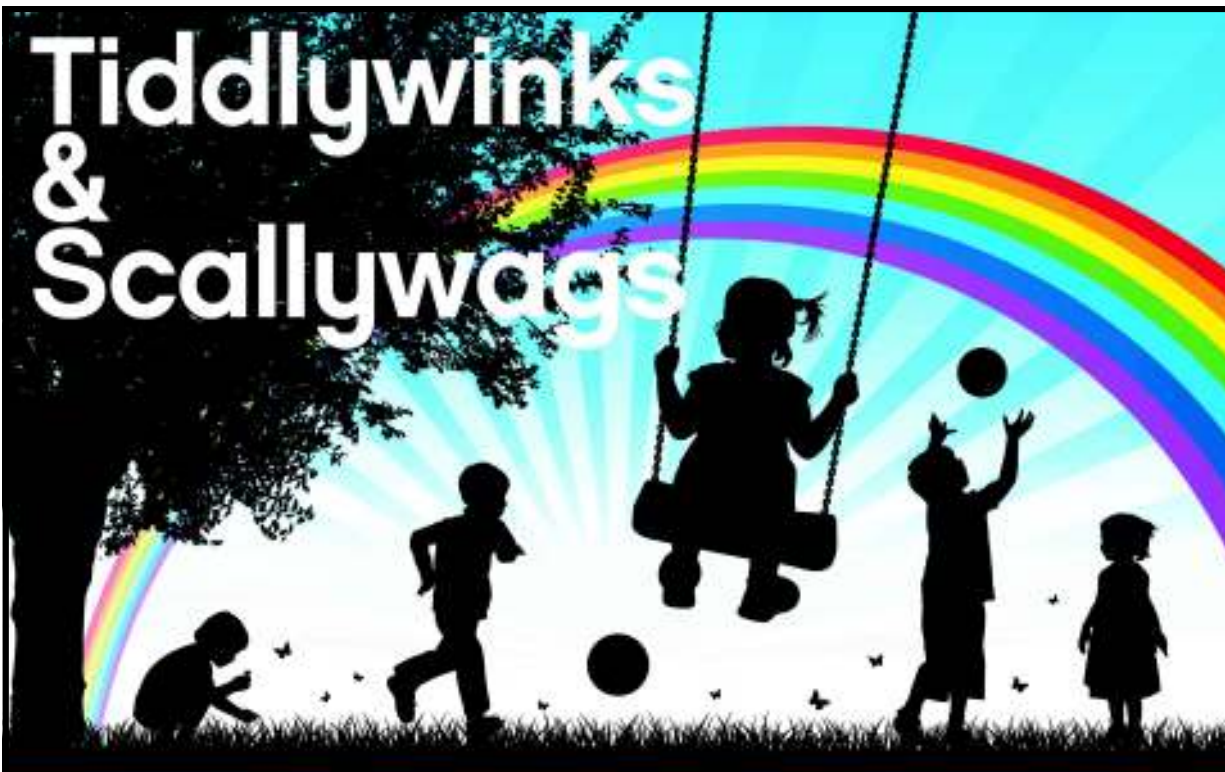
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CLOSING DATE FOR ART COMPETITION 23rd JUNE

Wednesday 29th June
Children's Table Quiz
St. Mary's BNS 3.30 pm



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ongoing

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Brass & Reed Band



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Gardening in June

Protect lilies

Lily beetles are easy to spot. Prevent an attack by using biological controls and regularly removing pests by hand. Watch out for the larvae under leaves.



Keep greenhouses well-ventilated

On hot summer days, humidity in the greenhouse rises and this can promote the spread of disease. Open window vents to prevent this.

Pinch out side shoots of chillies and peppers

Get your chillies and peppers to concentrate on fruiting by pinching out side shoots.

Pinch out fuchsia tips

Pinch out growing tips to encourage bushier growth and more blooms. Begin feeding plants when the flower buds first appear.

Plant out tender bedding

After hardening off, tender bedding plants can now be planted outside.

Watch out for pests

Slugs and snails feed on a range of plants and can cause severe damage. Avoid an infestation by using crushed egg shells or other barriers around vulnerable plants.

Plant beans

There's still time to sow beans. Plant them in moist, fertile soil in a sunny spot and support with canes as they start to grow.

Sow biennials

Sow biennials such as sweet williams and wallflowers now so they will flower next summer.

Mow your lawn regularly

Little and often is the recipe for success with cutting your lawn. After mowing, keep the edges tidy using long-handled edging shears or a rotary trimmer.

Harvest early potatoes

Earlies can be lifted and eaten as soon as they are in flower. Leave second and maincrop varieties in the ground until they are ready for harvest later in the summer.

Propagate herbs

Take cuttings of your favourite herbs. Plants will root easily within eight weeks and will then be ready for planting out.

Plant out tomatoes

If you haven't planted out tomatoes yet, get them in the ground now. Water plants daily and feed with a tomato fertiliser when they begin to flower.

Take cuttings

If you have a favourite shrub, it's easy to make more plants by taking cuttings. From late June to early August, many plants produce fresh, firm shoots that can be removed from the plant with a pair of secateurs and will readily root when put into damp compost.

Aftercare

- ◆ Keep cuttings damp and grow on until they have rooted.
- ◆ Check by looking for roots growing through the holes at the base of the pot, or by gently tugging at the plants after three weeks. If there's resistance, they may have rooted.
- ◆ Pot each rooted cutting individually and plant out when they have filled their new pot with roots.
- ◆ When plants are about 15cm (6in) tall pinch out the tips to encourage new branches to grow.



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18-26 June 2011

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS for COUNTY KILDARE	
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Sun 19 th June	FAMILY CYCLE (15 km) with Naas Cycle Group Moat Theatre 10:30am for 11.00am departure Contact cyclenaas@hotmail.com .
CELBRIDGE / MAYNOOTH 13 th - 17 th June	
Sun 19 th June	FREE BIKE CHECKS BikeworX (Celbridge) / BiketraX (Maynooth).
Sun 19 th June	HERITAGE CYCLE with Maynooth Cycling Campaign Tour of Leixlip Hydro Electric Power Station Depart 2:00pm Maynooth - from Courthouse Square Celbridge from Car Park adj Scoil Mochua, Aghards.
MAYNOOTH Wed 22 nd June	
Sun 26 th June	TALK on 'Nova Scotia - Touring by Bicycle' by Brad Zarikoff of Maynooth Cycling Campaign 8:00pm Glenroyal Hotel.
Sun 26 th June	FAMILY CYCLE (20 km) - Maynooth to Kilcock With Maynooth Cycling Campaign Depart 2:30pm Car Park opp RC Church.
CELBRIDGE Sun 25 th June	
NEWBRIDGE 7 th - 25 th June	
Ongoing	FAMILY CYCLE (10 km) - Castletown & Kilmacredock Depart 11:00am Castletown Gates.
PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION - Bicycle Culture 2.0 Newbridge Library (Tues-Sat Library Opening Hours).	
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JUNE RECIPES

Shrimp and Tomato Summer Salad

Ingredients

2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper
1/2 cup fresh parsley leaves, chopped
1/4 cup fresh mint leaves, thinly sliced
1 pound (large) cooked shrimp, shelled and deveined
4 ripe tomatoes, cut into 1-inch chunks
1 cucumber, cut into 1-inch chunks
1 small red onion, diced
1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese



Method

- ◆ In serving bowl, whisk together oil, vinegar, salt, and pepper; stir in parsley and mint.
- ◆ Add shrimp, tomatoes, cucumber, and onion to dressing in bowl; stir to combine. Sprinkle salad with feta to serve. Serve at room temperature or cover and refrigerate to serve later.

Pork Medallions with Balsamic-Honey Glaze

Ingredients

For the balsamic-honey glaze:
4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary, plus rosemary branches for garnish
1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
3 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
For the pork:
1 3/4 to 2 pounds pork tenderloin
oil, for searing



Method

- ◆ Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
- ◆ Make the glaze: Put garlic and rosemary in a small bowl. Add the vinegar, honey, olive oil, mustard, and salt and pepper, to taste, and stir to combine.
- ◆ For the pork: Slice the tenderloin into 1-inch thick medallions (rounds). Cover the bottom of a medium skillet with a light film of oil and heat over medium-high heat until hot. Add the pork slices in 1 layer, season with salt and pepper, and sear each side for 1 minute, until lightly browned. Transfer the slices in 1 layer to a shallow baking dish.

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- ◆ Pour the glaze over the slices and turn them to coat.
- ◆ Roast for 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and keep warm, loosely covered until ready to serve.
- ◆ To serve place pork medallions on a platter and spoon the balsamic-honey glaze over them. Garnish the platter with the rosemary sprigs.

Gooseberry Cobbler

Ingredients

750g gooseberries, washed, topped and tailed
100g caster sugar
1 tsp grated root ginger
3 tbsp elderflower cordial



For Topping

140g plain flour
2 tsp baking powder
25g butter
25g caster sugar
150ml buttermilk
1 tbsp demerara sugar

Method

- ◆ Heat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5. Place the gooseberries, caster sugar, ginger and elderflower in a saucepan with 4 tbsp water and cook, covered, for 5 mins until the berries begin to pop. Tip into a baking dish.
- ◆ Make the topping. Sift the flour, baking powder and a pinch of salt into a mixing bowl. Rub in the butter until the mixture looks like breadcrumbs, then stir in the caster sugar.
- ◆ Mix in the buttermilk to give a soft, sticky dough. Spread spoonfuls on top of the gooseberries, then sprinkle with the demerara. Bake for 25 mins or until golden brown and crusty. Stand for 5 mins, then serve with some low-fat ice cream, fromage fraise or custard.



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Security Tips for the Home from Acorn Locksmiths

Home security is normally something we all think about and yet few of us take any action on. There are simple things we can all do to increase the security around and in our homes with out having to spend very much money. Having been a locksmith for over 30 years, I see all the simple things that people forget to do when leaving their homes or locking up at night.

Start around the outside of the home .Have you locked your garden shed or garage. Tools from same can be used to pry open a window or door .A simple padlock and pad bolt can be used to secure this .If you have a side gate, put a lock on it as it will stop people from wondering around the back of your house.

Security lights that come on when someone breaks a beam can also be useful. Back and front wooden doors can be fitted with a deadlock .Munster joinery front doors can be fitted with a special night latch to lock the door each time you close it .Patio doors are targeted by criminals .There are several ways to strengthen them. Change the cylinder barrel to a break secure cylinder .Fit internal patio door locks. PVC doors can be fitted with break secure cylinders. When leaving your house make sure that you do not leave valuables like laptops or cameras in view. Lock multi point doors with your key, not just closing them after you.

If you have a large amount of valuables, consider fitting a good quality Safe .Quality Safes are priced from €150 upwards. All safes have to be bolted down preferably to a concrete floor or wall.

Theft - the facts!

Did you know?

- Over half of all crimes reported are thefts!
- One in seven reported thefts are from vehicles!
- Thieves have a ready market for mobile phones, laptops, GPS Sat Navs and MP3 players!
- The only thing standing between a thief and property visible in a parked car is window glass!
- Thieves look out for people who are careless with their property in public places!

What can you do?

- Never leave personal documents or valuable items visible in your car.
- Always park in a well-lit and supervised area.
- Don't leave your handbag, wallet or coat to one side in a public place e.g. a shopping trolley or a seat in a pub.
- Be aware of your surroundings particularly at ATMs and in queues.

Burglary - the facts!

Did you know?

- 60% of burglaries take place between the hours of 8am to 8pm!
- Thieves will make use of implements found outside your home or in unlocked garden sheds!
- The average burglar can break into your home in less than 3 minutes!
- Many burglaries occur when persons leave their home for a short period of time!

What can you do?

- Fit quality security locks to all doors and windows and use them.
- Install a certified intruder alarm and use it.
- Invest in a securely fitted safe for your valuables.
- Store and lock any external household items properly.
- Be a good neighbour - report suspicious behaviour.

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U3A MAYNOOTH NEWS

Our Annual General Meeting on Friday 6 May brought our fifth year to a close.

What is U3A? The first U3A started in France forty years ago.

Ireland has about twelve U3A groups; there are some in Northern Ireland. U3A groups are available on the internet.

On Friday 28th April 2006, at an open meeting in Maynooth Community Library, the Development Officer, Age Action Ireland and the representative of Kildare Sports Partnership encouraged prospective members to establish Maynooth U3A.

What do we do? We learn from each another by sharing cultural, educational, and leisure activities. Members decide and organise events. We elect an annual chairperson, secretary, treasurer, public relations officer, representative to Maynooth Community Council, with other members filling roles as needed. In the past year, groups of members shared arts and crafts, computer classes, choir, day trips, Irish dancing, drama, flower arranging, holidays in Ireland and overseas, lectures, memoir writing, poetry reading, theatre outings and many lunches.

On 1 October 2010 our drama group was invited to the stage for an international conference New Voices in Development - Older people in the global agenda: Poor can't pay – Act now on 2015.

We helped on Daffodil Day. A local charity benefitted from our Christmas carol singing at Manor Mills.

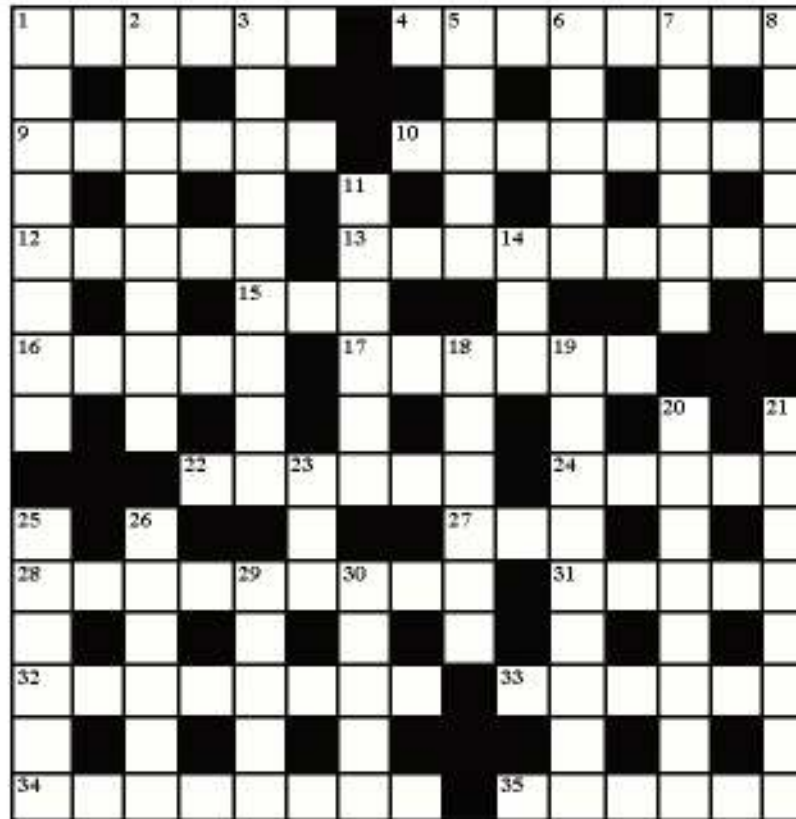
We knitted 'hats' for Age Action fund raising.

In June we participate in Maynooth Festival Week.

June 2011 Crossword —No: 392

ACROSS

1. Specialised piece of equipment or tool (6)
4. Raised flooring or stage (8)
9. Not faint or feeble (6)
10. Holiday (8)
12. "I will... and go now (Yeats) (5)
13. Be present at (9)
15. Uncooked (3)
16. It's as strong as its weakest link (5)
17. Untie a relative (6)
22. Counsel (6)
24. Hasten (5)
27. Soluble substance for staining (3)
28. Capacity to become something (9)
31. Relative magnitudes of two quantities (5)
32. Soaks, douses (8)
33. Gluey, adhesive (6)
34. Daisies (8)
35. Fully developed animals (6)



DOWN

1. The space between two places (8)
2. Perpendicular (8)
3. Feeling or showing worry or solicitude (9)
5. Lowest or smallest (5)
6. Coach, develop (5)
7. Where something begins (6)
8. Social unit living together (6)
11. The 50th US state (6)
14. Take food (3)
18. Annoy, tantalise (6)
19. Received from an ancestor (9)
20. Urgent or carping (8)
21. Interchangeable words (8)
23. Animal doctor (3)
25. Prised out the 8-legged creature (6)
26. Mental or emotional strain (6)
29. More pleasant (5)
30. Part of the small intestine (5)

Answers to No. 391

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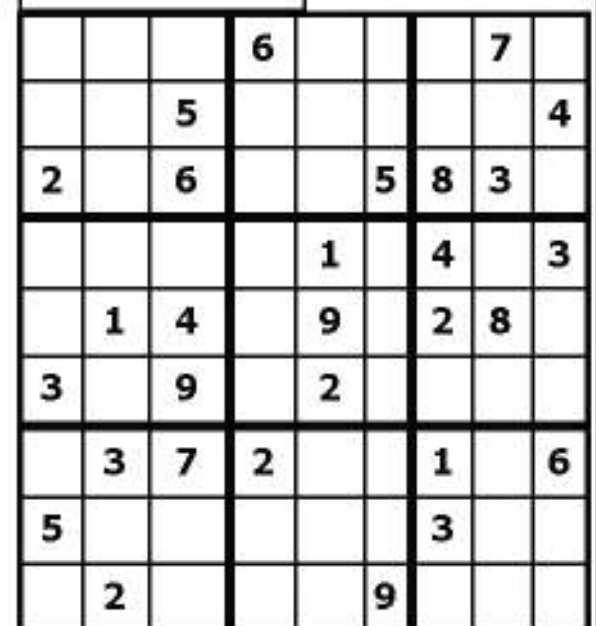
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Question

I'm 18 and hope to go to college in the autumn. What do I do about a grant as my parents are both unemployed and can't afford to help me financially?

Answer

The Department of Education and Skills provides financial assistance for people on low incomes to access further and higher education. You may apply for a means-tested maintenance grant if you are planning to take an approved full-time third level course or a Post Leaving Certificate or a course leading to a Higher Certificate or Ordinary Bachelor degree in an Institute of Technology. Previously, there were 4 different schemes but the Department plans to run a single unified scheme of maintenance grants in 2011. The maintenance grant is paid in instalments throughout the academic year. If you have qualified for a maintenance grant, you will not have to pay tuition fees or the student contribution. Depending on your family's income, you may qualify for a full grant or a partial grant. There are two different grant rates – adjacent and non-adjacent. You must live 45 km or more away from college to qualify for the non-adjacent rate. There is also a special extra grant for disadvantaged students which tops up the ordinary grant. You should apply for a maintenance grant as soon as the application process is open. Do not wait until you get an offer of a place or enrol in college. Grants are currently administered by Vocational Educational Committees (VECs) and local authorities. Guidance notes published with the application form will give details of where and how you should apply. You can read more about maintenance grants by visiting studentfinance.ie. This site will also give you information on other

forms of student support such as scholarships.

Your parents can continue to get an increase for a qualified child with their social welfare claim and this will last until you are 22 if you stay in full-time education and your parents remain on long-term payment.

You can get the Citizens Information Board's booklet Information for school leavers and further information from your local Citizens Information Centre.

Question

I recently lost my job and have spare time available so am thinking of volunteering. Will my Jobseeker's Benefit payment be affected? How could I find something to do that matches my skills?

Answer

Voluntary work is a good way to keep active, learn new skills and get involved in your local community. You may do some unpaid work as a volunteer and keep your social welfare payment. However, you must continue to meet all the conditions attached to your payment (which include the requirement that you are available and looking for work). The Deciding Officer at your Social Welfare Local Office or the section paying your social welfare payment will usually decide whether you can keep your social welfare payment and work as a volunteer. A number of factors are taken into account by a Deciding Officer in determining whether the work is voluntary. These include:

- The aims and standing of the voluntary organisation (they can be national or local voluntary groups)
- The type of work involved
- The weekly number of hours worked

Examples of unpaid voluntary work you

could do includes assisting youth clubs, care groups, sports groups, church groups and local residents' associations.

If you want to do voluntary work and still continue to get Jobseeker's Allowance or Jobseeker's Benefit, you must apply under the voluntary work option before you start any voluntary work. To apply, fill in application form (VW1), which is available from your Social Welfare Local Office. 2011 is the European Year of Volunteering and there will be many events around the country to celebrate and promote volunteering. Visit the website at eyv2011.ie to find out more about the year. You can also contact Volunteering Ireland (volunteeringireland.ie) and Volunteer Centres Ireland (volunteer.ie) to find out about volunteering opportunities or look at the Activelink website (activelink.ie). Further information is available from your local Citizens Information Centre.

Question

I want to visit my son in Australia this summer and have just realised my passport is out of date. How do I get it renewed and is it free as I am over 65?

Answer

Since 11 April 2011, passports are no longer free to those aged 65 and over. You will have to pay a fee of €80 for a standard 10-year, 32-page passport using Passport Express (as well as an additional charge of €8.50 which includes postage to/from the Passport Office). If you go direct to the Passport Office or use ordinary or registered post the fee is €95. Passport Express is a service run by An Post which aims to deliver passports within 10 working days but it is advisable to apply well in advance of your planned departure. If you live in Northern Ireland you can use the Passport Express service through certain post office branches there.

If you are an Irish citizen living in the State, you should fill out form APS 1. Use this form if applying for a new, renewal or replacement passport. You will find these forms at every Garda Station and at any Post Office that displays the "Service Plus" logo. You must return the application form with the fee as well as 4 approved-size passport photographs (2 of which must be signed by a witness), proof of your Irish citizenship (where required) and your most recent Irish passport (if you have one).

It is not possible to apply for an Irish passport online. It is also not currently possible to download the application forms.

If you require a passport urgently, you should contact the Passport Service. Applications in Ireland with proof of travel (e.g. airline tickets) are guaranteed to be processed within 3 working days. There is an extra charge for the urgent service - €55 for an adult and €30 for a child.

You can track the progress of your passport application through the Passport Tracking Service. This service allows you to check the status of your application online. In order to do this, you must have the application number from your form (available in the top left-hand corner of the form).

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Party Political-Labour News

Cllr. McGinley Demands that the Smart Telecom phone boxes on Main Street, Maynooth be Cleaned or Removed:

There is one double and four single Smart Telecom phone boxes on Main Street and they are an eyesore. Cllr. McGinley has asked the Council to take steps to have these ugly derelict phone boxes either cleaned up or removed?

Flooding at Rathcoffey Roads Football Pitches:

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

"That the KCC drainage pipe from Maynooth Town FC pitches at the Rathcoffey Road to the M4 be lowered and increased in size in order to stop flooding of the pitches and the M4."

Litter Bin Required at the Entrance to Silken Vale Housing Estate:

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

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

Capping on the Walls at the Bridge at Mill Street Need Repairs

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

" That the capping on the walls at the bridge at Mill Street, Maynooth, be repaired."

(At the Manor Mills side the capping is loose. On the other side the capping has come off two pillars. The stone is still on site and it would be very important to put all the capping back in place. These walls are of significant heritage value and must also be maintained in any future development in Mill Street. Meanwhile there are health & safety risks.)

Thankfully the Council started carrying out the repairs on 10 May.

Litter Management Pilot Scheme in Maynooth

In May of last year the Council agreed to Cllr. McGinley's proposal and adopted a "Litter Management Pilot Scheme in Maynooth" Cllr. McGinley has now submitted the following

motion for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

In relation to the Litter Management Pilot Scheme for Maynooth:

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

Cllr. McGinley Provides Funding for Two Public Lights at Carton Court

Following representations from residents Cllr. McGinley provided €3,200 from his Discretionary Grants for two badly needed public lights in Carton Court housing estate.

Cllr. McGinley Provides Funding for Decorative Bollards at the Bottom of Old Greenfield

Now that the bollards are not being removed at the bottom of Old Greenfield, Maynooth, Cllr. McGinley has asked that some of his Discretionary Grants be used to make the area look more aesthetically pleasing.

Five of the bollards are steel girders and look awful and John has asked that they be replaced with bollards similar to the other black metal ones that are there at present.

GOVERNMENT JOBS INITIATIVE - A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the initiatives announced in the Dail by the Minister for Finance, Michael Noonan T.D. as a step in the right direction about helping people back into employment.

The aim of the Jobs Initiative is to both create jobs and to try and instill confidence in the Local Economy. If we are to get out of the mess created by FF we must have a confident Local Economy stated Deputy Stagg. These are the first steps of the new Government on the road to improving our International Competitiveness and the promotion of Job Creation.

The Minister stated Deputy Stagg gave a further clear and concise commitment that our Corporation Tax Rate would remain at 12.5%, whilst introducing a reduction in the Vat Rate on Tourism related services to 9%, the abolition of the Air Travel Tax and the halving of the Employers PRSI rate for new employees earning up to €356 per week until the end of 2013. An additional 20,900 places will be made available for training, education and upskilling of unemployed workers.

In relation to Capital projects, a further €30 Million is being made available for the Summer Works Scheme in 2011. This will benefit roof repairs at the following National Schools in Kildare North - Primrose Hill N.S., Celbridge, Scoil Na Mainistreach, Celbridge, Scoil Tir Mochain, Donadea, San Carlo Junior N.S. , Confey. Funding is also being provided for Toilet Repairs at the North Kildare Educate Together National School in Celbridge and for access works at Scoil Dara Secondary School in Kilcock. A further €60 Million is being made available for Regional and Local Roads Improvement Works. This means that Kildare Co. Councils allocation will increase from €4,324,540 to €6,036,140 (An increase of €1.7 Million). Finally a further €30 Million is being provided nationally for Home Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Programmes.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that the initiative must be seen as a first step in rebuilding confidence amongst householders and employers and amongst potential investors from abroad.

STAGG WELCOMES APPROVAL OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR CASTLEWARDEN/BALLYGORAN WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the approval by the Minister for Environment of the Contract Documents for the Castlewarden/Ballygoran Water Supply Scheme.

The estimated cost of the Scheme stated Deputy Stagg is €18.7 Million and the work involves the construction of distribution watermain and a new reservoir at Ballygoran. The scheme will provide a good quality secure water supply for consumers in Maynooth, Celbridge, Leixlip and Straffan. The new scheme will also lessen our dependence on Fingal County Councils Water Treatment Plant at Leixlip and it will also cure the problem of low water pressure in parts of Celbridge which are experienced in the summer months.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that Kildare Co. Council should now proceed to invite tenders for the work with a view to getting the scheme to construction at the earliest possible date.

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The Conception of Cú Chulainn

**A Translation of early Irish Text
By Dr. Muireann Ní Bhrolchain
(NUIM Roinn na Sean-Ghaeilge)**

The king of Ulster, Conchobar, and his nobles were at Emain Macha when they noticed a flock of birds approaching the green in front of them. The birds were grazing and they did not leave roots, plants or grasses in the ground. The Ulstermen were furious to see the land being destroyed and one day they gathered up 9 chariots to hunt them. They were well used to hunting birds. The king Conchobar got into a chariot with his sister Deichtine who was of marriageable age. She was her brother's charioteer. There were other famous Ulster warriors with them in their chariots; Conall Cernach, Laegaire Buadach as well as the satirist Bricriu of the Poison Tongue.

The birds flew before them over Sliab Fuait, across Edmonn and Brega. There were no earthen walls or fences of stone walls in Ireland at the time, there were only wide open spaces until the reign of Aed Sláine. The flight of the birds and their bird song was beautiful and fair. There were 9 score of them and a silver chain linked every 2 birds. A score flew its own flight and there were 9 flights in total. The 2 leading birds of each flight had a yoke of silver between them. Towards nightfall three birds separated from the others. They went towards the Brú.

Then night fell, the Ulstermen travelled and it began to snow heavily on them. Conchobar told his people to unyoke the chariots and to look for a house for them. Both Conall Cernach and Bricriu searched the area and finally they found a new house. They went inside and found a young couple who welcomed them.

Bricriu and Conall returned to the others and said that it was useless for them to return to the house without cloaks and without food. The house was narrow and small but they visited it all the same and brought their chariots with them. They did not bring much into the house; suddenly they noticed the door to the store-room. By the time of their usual mealtime, the Ulstermen were merrily drunk and in very good humour.

Some time later, the man told the warriors that his wife was in labour in the store-room. Deichtine went to her and helped her to deliver a son. Outside, at the same time, a mare at the door of the house gave birth to 2 foals. The Ulstermen took care of the baby boy and they gave him the foals as a present. Deichtine looked after the baby.

But when morning arrived there was nothing to be seen eastward of the Brú. There was no house, no birds; all that was left were their own horses, the baby and the 2 foals. They all returned to Emain Macha and Deichtine reared the baby until he was a young boy. However, an illness overcame the child and he died. They lamented for him and Deichtine was very sorrowful at the death of her foster-son.

When she turned away from her grief, she was thirsty and asked for a drink in a copper vessel. The liquid was brought to her, but every time she lifted it to her lips to drink a little creature jumped from the drink to her mouth. When she took the drink from her lips, there was nothing left and it jumped away with her breath.

Deichtine went to sleep that night and she saw something: a man came to her and spoke to her. He said that she would have a child by him and that it was he who brought her to the Brú. The boy she had reared was his son and that he was placing a seed in her womb and that she was to call the child Sétanta. He said that he was Lug, son of Eithne and that the 2 foals were to be reared for the boy.

The girl was pregnant and the people of Ulster were mystified as they knew that she did not have a spouse. They wondered if it was Conchobar, who may have been with her when he was drunk, as the girl used to sleep with him.

Conchobar engaged his sister in marriage to Sualdam son of Roach. But Deichtine was ashamed to go pregnant

to her husband in bed and when she reached the bedpost she was sick and then she was whole and healthy again. Then she went to her husband. She was pregnant again shortly afterwards and she had a son.

When the child was born, the Ulstermen were gathered together at Emain Macha. They were arguing about which of them should rear the child and they went to Conchobar for a judgment.

‘You should have the boy,’ Conchobar said to his sister Finnchaem.

Finnchaem looked at the baby boy.

‘My heart is as full of love for him already as if he were my own son, Conall Cernach,’ said Finnchaem.

‘There is very little difference to you between your own son and your sister's son,’ replied Conchobar.

‘You will have the boy,’ Conchobar said to his sister.

‘She should not rear the boy,’ said Sencha. ‘But I should rear him because I am strong and intelligent, I am noble and nimble, an ollam* and a wise man. I am not forgetful. I address anyone before the king, I prepare his speeches, I judge kings in battle before battle-victorious Conchobar. I settle the judgments of the people of Ulster and I do not upset them. No one surpasses me as a foster-father but Conchobar himself.’

‘I am the one who should rear him,’ said Blái Briugu.

‘He will not suffer neglect with me. My messengers bring reports to Conchobar. I call the men of Ireland. I can feed them for a week or for 10 days. I support their boldness and their anger. I help them when they are being insulted and in their honour-contests.’

‘That is shameless!’ said Fergus. ‘I have chosen a strong man for him. I should rear him. I am strong and intelligent, I am a messenger and no one despises my rank or my wealth. I am strong in bravery and arms. I am a champion against contempt. I am worthy of my pupils.’

‘Listen to me and do not turn away from me,’ said Amairgen. ‘I am worthy of fostering a king. I am praised for every excellence, for my courage, my wisdom, my fortune, my people, my eloquence, for the nobility and the courage of my family. If I were not a nobleman, I would be a poet and worthy of the grace of a king. I can kill charioteers. I do not earn thanks from anyone except Conchobar. I do not join any gathering except that of the king.’

‘There will be nothing to gain from this,’ said Conchobar. ‘Let Finnchaem take the boy until we reach Emain and Morann makes a judgment.’

They leave for Emain and Finnchaem takes the boy.

After they reach Emain, Morann gave the judgment.

‘Let him be given to Conchobar and he is related to Finnchaem,’ said Morann. ‘Sencha can teach him fluency and eloquence. Blái Briugu shall feed him. He will be brought to the knee of Fergus. Amairgen shall be his foster-father. Conall Cernach shall be his foster-brother. The two breasts of Finnchaem shall be his mother's breasts. He shall be instructed by all in this way, by a charioteer and a king and an ollam. This boy will be loved by everyone. It is in the same way, this boy will avenge all your contests for honour; he will fight at your fords and your battles.’

This is what was done then: Amairgen and Finnchaem took him and they reared him at Dún Imrith in Mag Muirtheimne.

Notes

* Ollam was the title of the highest level of poet in early Irish society.

I have changed some minor details in the story. In this story Cú Chulainn is called his original name, Sétanta or in Modern Irish Sédanda. His name is changed when he is older as a result of killing the hound of Cualu and he is called the hound of Cualu, Cú Chulainn.

The original Old Irish title is Coimpert Con Culainn (The conception of Cú Chulainn). The text itself is found in a number of different manuscripts and old editions. There is a second version of his conception with a completely different plot and title: Feis Tige Becfholtach (The feast of the house of Becfholtach).

Sunday Summer Series - Free Music Recitals within the environs of Castletown House

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**“TWO SPEED EUROPE IN THE MAKING”
CATHERINE MURPHY, TD SLAMS ECB FOR
ABANDONMENT OF THE IRISH TAX PAYER
AND WARNS THAT NARROW NATIONAL
INTERESTS OF SOME EUROPEAN NATIONS
THREATEN THE INTEGRITY OF THE EU.**

In her contribution to the Dáil debate on the EU/IMF Programme that took place on 4th and 5th of May Deputy Catherine Murphy demanded to know how the Irish economy stands any chance of recovery when the country is bound to such an unrealistic and punitive programme.

“How can a country with almost 500,000 people unemployed and 1,000 of the brightest and best leaving every week pay a debt of the magnitude of the debt we face? How can we do this when our so-called friends and partners impose an interest rate of 6% at the same time as they insist we take billions out of our economy, which means there is no prospect of reinflating the same economy? The answer is that this cannot be done. Does anyone believe it can be done? I wonder whether the Government even believes it can be done?”

The Kildare North TD stated that burden sharing must come about before 2013 as at that point the Irish Exchequer will have already paid back German, French and British bondholders and will have no way back. She also heavily criticised the ECB for their hand in creating a situation whereby Irish banks went from a AAA rating to being propped up exclusively by the Irish Taxpayer.

“The ECB is the foremost authority on, and has ultimate responsibility for, the euro zone. We are members of the euro zone. It was not screaming from the rooftops about our AAA-rated banks before the collapse... Indeed, many of the ECB papers produced prior to 2008 used international rating agencies such as Standard & Poor’s and Moody’s...which attached the AAA rating to the Irish banks. This includes Anglo Irish Bank before the collapse. The ECB were experts then and they are the experts now. They told our then Minister for Finance not to allow Anglo Irish Bank or other Irish banks to fail. Did the Minister know that saving the bank would be the exclusive responsibility of the Irish taxpayers? If one is told that the banks cannot be allowed to fail and that they are not sovereign entities, the instruction brings with it an

obligation to have some burden sharing at the very least.”

Murphy went on to highlight the worrying recent trend of European nations “retrenching back to narrow national interests”. She urged

“we must recognise that Europe, not just Ireland, is at a crossroads... the countries on the periphery of Europe are in serious trouble... and ask what would happen if one or more of those countries fail.”

The effective abandonment of Ireland along with countries such as Portugal, Greece and Spain, according to Murphy, shows a worrying emergence of a two speed Europe that would change the very nature of the European Union. She warned we must never forget that the EU (or then EEC) was created to achieve social and political stability through economic interdependence between members as a result of the horrors of World Wars 1 & 2.

“The basis of the European Union grew out of those conflicts... we must recognise that Europe, not just Ireland, is at a crossroads. It is in our interests and in the interests of Europe to look at the big picture and find political solutions”

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

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

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

Murphy further added during the debate on this matter

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

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

“It appears to me that the refusal rate is quite high. Having heard anecdotal evidence and giving discussed this with some of my Independent colleagues, it seems that there is a high level of success on appeal. Has the Minister examined that in her Department? Can she ascertain whether there is a variation between the approach to carer’s allowance and the approach to other kinds of allowances provided by the Department?”

Murphy would like to see the Department re-examine how they process Social Welfare applications in the first instance so that those in urgent need of state assistance don’t have to wait months to be granted what they are entitled to.

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

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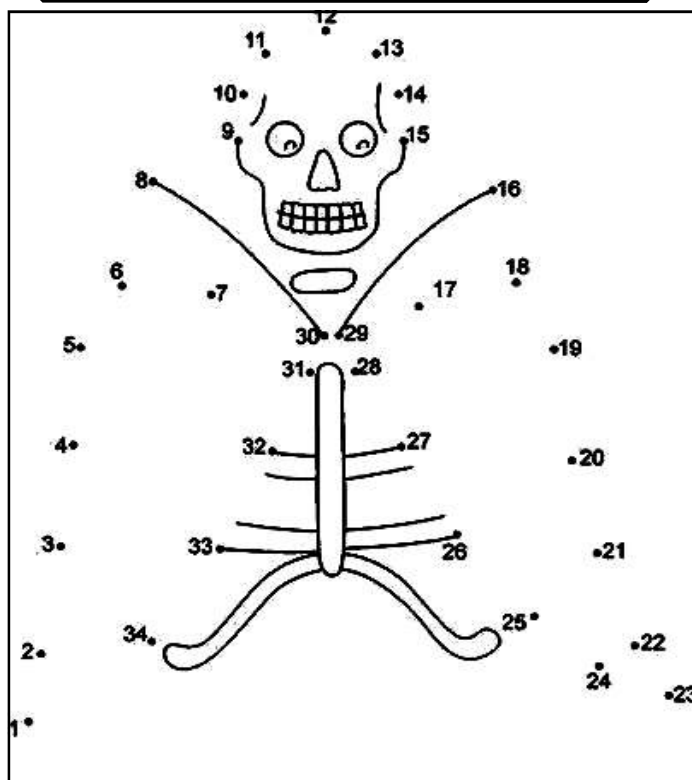
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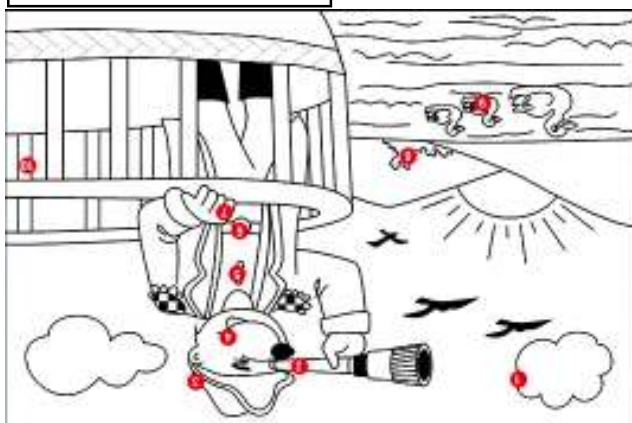
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