

# Maynooth Newsletter



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**November 2011 Issue**

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## Community Space open to new groups

The new Community Space opened in September and while it was a scaled opening as some works needed to be completed there is now very significant use of this new facility.

“Maynooth Community Council has invested significant funding to convert the premises for use as a multi-purpose space and even still there are more things that we will need to do,” confirmed Paul Croghan, Chairperson of the Community Space sub-committee.

That been said we already have a demand for the premises five mornings a week and on a number of evenings. We are excited with the range of activities that are taking place there already but we welcome new groups particularly new ones being set up. Paul Croghan takes the view that the lack of reasonable facilities has been a barrier to community activity in Maynooth. This has now been solved and Maynooth Community Council will assist people to develop new community activities. An example of this is the lack of men’s groups in Maynooth that exist in other towns of our size.

The centre already caters for a broad range of groups from Parents and Toddlers, Youth Groups and for the mature adults. For youth: “Teen Space”, and “Maynooth Youth Café” use the premises. U3A, University of the Third Age are there two mornings a week and An Nuadha Players are there one night a week. The centre is also being used by Co. Kildare VEC on three mornings a week to provide classes for young people. Paul Croghan confirms that there are still opportunities for other groups that have a need for the premises to be included subject of course to the terms of use that applies in a multi-purpose, multi-user centre.



## Maynooth acknowledges value of volunteers



**Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee honoured at Repak Awards by WEEE Ireland**

Like many communities everywhere Maynooth has always benefitted from a small but very active community volunteering sector. In this the “European Year of Volunteering” we asked one volunteer about the reasons why he has been a volunteer in Maynooth for the past twenty one years.

Paul Croghan is Maynooth Community Council Vice –Chairperson but he is involved with a number of sub-committees and affiliated organisations of the community council and represents North Kildare on a number of important county-wide bodies. So why does he volunteer?

Being perfectly honest when I originally became involved it was just in my local residents association. However, since joining Maynooth Community Council back in 1992, I could see the value that organisations such as Maynooth Community Council give to Maynooth. Events such as St. Patrick’s Day parade do not happen without a committee behind it. Tidy Towns is an industry in public relations, financial management as well as the more obvious things such as litter control needs a committee where the members have a broad range of interests. More recent projects such as twinning with Canet-en-Roussillon and the opening of the community space require project management skills as well as diplomacy. All these activities require people with different skills. Being very active in your community is also a very social thing and you meet people from all walks of life on an equal footing.

In more recent economic times we have more people who unfortunately find themselves without work or indeed have retired early. I would encourage them to become involved in the voluntary sector as an outlet for their skills and time. I have been involved in over twenty different projects of the years and have a great sense of achievement when I look back on my involvement. Here’s to the next idea.



European Year of Volunteering 2011





## Gardening in November

This isn't the time of year when you feel inspired to get out into the garden, yet it's one of the better times to get some work done, especially planting of trees and shrubs and, most of all, roses, as this is the time of year when the best selection is available. It's also the time of year when some plants actually come into their own, producing berries which fatten up our birds for the winter. Planting now means that trees and shrubs have a full six months or so where they don't need watering, and it gives roots time to develop.



*Wicklow Hedgerow*

**Deciduous and evergreen trees:** finding the right balance. These days are special. The last of the autumn leaves are still hanging on, but will fall soon. It will be another six months or so before we see leaves again, and the world is a very different place without them. Different species lose their leaves at different times, withdrawing their hard-earned chlorophyll back into the plant to give us 'autumn colour'. Over the winter the evergreen trees come in to their own: glossy Holly and Yew, tough Scots' pine and compact Juniper. Evergreen plants have the advantage of year-round foliage, but usually lack the spectacular highs and lows of deciduous plants. That's why it's worth always having a healthy balance of them in your garden. Deciduous plants can provide the flowers and fancy leaf colours, whilst evergreen plants can provide shelter and greenery over the winter. During the windy months of winter deciduous trees slow down the wind, something which is considered more effective in terms of a windbreak than creating a solid 'wall' of evergreen plants.

### Bare Roots Plants

In these leaner times, everyone wants good value. Traditionally, November heralds the start of the planting season for trees and shrubs. Planting bare root is cheaper, easier and faster than plants which are in containers. Planting bare root generates less waste (there are no pots to get rid of), the plants are easier to transport and they establish very quickly. Most commercial forests are planted with bare root plants, known in the trade as 'whips'. The fastest way to plant a bare root tree or shrub is to cut a T-shaped incision in the ground and slot the plant in, firming it in carefully and checking that the roots start to flare out exactly at soil level.

### Pruning

As trees lose their leaves you are better able to see their shape or form. It therefore makes sense to prune them now. Many plants in Ireland are routinely savaged by inexpert 'gardeners', quite often irreparably destroying the plant. Unless a plant is deliberately a piece of topiary, such as a box ball or a clipped bay cone, plants should be allowed to have a natural shape. Branches should never be

foreshortened. If a branch is too long, or taking too much light, or in the way, it should be removed in its entirety at the joint from where it grows. The cut should be made with a secateurs, loppers or pruning saw. In the vast majority of cases, chainsaws and hedge trimmers have no place

whatsoever in pruning, and a good pruning saw is adequate for all but the largest plants.

### Harvest Brassicas

Harvest winter brassicas such as kale and Brussels sprouts as soon as they're large enough as they do not keep well in the ground.

### Make Leaf Mould

Use fallen leaves to make your own garden leaf mould. It's easy to do and your plants will love you for it.

### Saving leaves in bags

- Take a black bin liner and punch a few holes in the side and bottom.
- Rake up leaves weekly and stash in the bag.
- When almost full, sprinkle with water, shake and tie.
- Store in a shady spot and the following autumn the leaves will have rotted down into a rich, crumbly mixture that can be used as a mulch around the base of plants.
- Let the leaves rot down for another year if you want to use as soil conditioner.

### Colour in the house

#### Hyacinths

The blooms of this plant are guaranteed to fill your house with their strong floral perfume and gorgeous colour. Place a bowl of these bulbs in a cool but bright spot and they'll easily scent an entire room. Plant the bulbs in the garden after flowering and you can continue to enjoy their display year after year.



#### Cyclamen

This delicate plant is perfect for any cool windowsill. As it grows from a corm, it's best to place the plant on a saucer and water from underneath rather than directly onto the plant. This avoids rotting the corm. Remove any spent blooms and it will continue to flower through the winter. The blooms of this plant are guaranteed to fill your house with their strong perfume.



## Junior Infants 2011



*Presentation Convent ( Teacher Bernadette Smyth)*



*Presentation Convent ( Teacher Miss McNamera )*



*Presentation Convent ( Teachers Denise Farnan, & Marta Norris )*



## Maynooth Youth Café

**Maynooth Youth Café will officially open on Thursday 10th November (8-10pm) and continue opening every Thursday thereafter. The Café is located in the "Maynooth Community Space" at the entrance to the Mill Shopping Centre.**

We sent a questionnaire to the boys and girls in Maynooth Post-Primary on 2 occasions to get a full understanding of what they wanted as a Youth Café. The feedback was excellent and showed us that the youth of Maynooth, not only wanted a Café, but they also wanted to be part of the running of same. We, as a Committee, always said that the Café must comprise the thoughts and aspirations of the boys and girls that will be attending it. As a Committee we want the Café to be run by the senior (TY, 5th & 6th Class) boys and girls, under the supervision of Parents and Volunteers in the long term.

Since our last newsletter all Committee members, have applied for Garda Vetting which is necessary for any adult involved in the Café over the age of 18. The Café is situated in the "Maynooth Community Space" at the entrance to the Mill Shopping Centre. We have acquired tables and seating, pool and air hockey tables and a table tennis table. The space also has excellent catering facilities. We are also working on acquiring computers. We would welcome any offers of equipment or finance to make this Café the best in the land. If you wish to contact us you may do so by phoning our Chairman Hugh Gallagher at 085-1397318 or email at h20gallagher@gmail.com or through the Community Council Offices.

The Committee has been preparing for this opening with a meeting every month over the past 14 months and we now have a Committee of 14 people. All members of the Committee have had 2 days certified training in the running of a youth café and the necessary training needed when working with young boys and girls. This was given by Deirdre Gleeson of Kildare Youth Services on 8th & 9th of Oct at the community space in "The Mill". We all found this very informative, enjoyable and we used the opportunity to air our views and work together as a team. A major part of the training involved dealing with the possible problems we may encounter when dealing with youth and services available to assist young people.

We will be having an opening evening on Thursday 10th November from 8-10pm with an open invite to all youth in the town currently in the transition to leaving age group. We intend to open every Thursday thereafter with the option of a second evening should numbers demand. You do not need to be in school in the town- just in the age range. We will have a Facebook site open in advance of the official opening to promote the event among the young people from Maynooth. Also we are putting up posters in all shops, school and public areas. We hope to add a separate night for the younger boys and girls (1st, 2nd & 3rd year age group) once we are up and running. This will be done sooner rather than later.

We as a Community need to get behind this project to make it a success. I am appealing especially to the parents of boys and girls of this age group to make contact with us by contacting Hugh or by coming along on the opening night and making you known to a member of the Committee. You are most welcome to volunteer in the Youth Café once you have applied for Garda Vetting through our secretary Jackie McGloughlin.

Maynooth Youth Café will provide a "Safe" place for the youth of Maynooth to chill out and find support for any worries or concerns they may have, giving them an environment to communicate and make new friends for life.

**Thanking You,  
Conor O'Dwyer PRO**

## An Nuadha Players

### SINBAD COMES TO MAYNOOTH

**9th, 10th, and 11th December 2011**

**C**ast your mind back when the word Nama was gibberish and the Troika was a Childs bike. A house was built for life and you wore your best clothes on Sunday. When it was a pleasure to board an airplane and not a cattle truck. When you met your "mot" at the pillar and all the family went to see Maureen Potter at the Gaiety Panto.

**Happy Days.**



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## Editorial

It has been a momentous month both here at home in Maynooth, in Ireland and at a world level. The death of Gaddafi and the events in Libya elicited different reactions from different people. The development of the modern and social media now gives the world access to the most ghastly scenes of the capture and killing of human beings. One wonders if the access to violent games and films are making all of us less sensitive to the dreadful real violence that appears in all our media now every day. It seems unreal to watch the capture and death of such figures as Osama Bin Laden, Saddam Hussein and Colonel Gaddafi over and over again; it reminds us of the past horrors of the French revolution and the knitting women at the guillotine. A scene that was apparently repulsive but perhaps not. Have humans learned no morality at all?

The same question arises as the Troika pats us happily on our ex-colonial head and gives us a really encouraging report card for our good behaviour in doing what we are told. We lose our young people again, the poor get poorer again and the elite abandon their country. I'm finding it difficult to run with the phrases 'great little country', or how we will get back to where we were and how wonderful we are. Are we?

With the news of pyrite in housing estates all over the country, the incredible bad standards of recently build habitations and the lack of any regulation at all, one must begin to wonder about the morals of Irish people at many different levels. Pyrite in houses is bad enough; where else does it lurk? Less than thirty years ago, most Irish people would probably have believed that we were far superior in all sorts of morality than our nearest 'pagan' neighbour. We were a good, Christian and Catholic country, unlike them. Then we learned of the neglect and abuse of children by our clergy and the collusion of so many people at the highest and lowest levels of Irish society, as well as the women and others who were hidden away in laundries and mental asylums. Then we thought we had it made – out of the blue came the unexpected financial success of the 'Celtic tiger' years but we couldn't really handle that either. The government in power lost all control, sat back, partied, did not bother regulating anything. Afterwards, we discover that there seems to be no standards or morality at most levels of Irish life – corruption is endemic. Strangely, it is still the local relationships that still work. This is one of the few beacons of this new, strange and unfamiliar Ireland. We will have to re-invent ourselves. Or perhaps not, we will have to re-evaluate what we had, who we were and how much of this we can use to become good and unique in the future. Nowhere can this be better seen than in our own lovely town over the past while, particularly in the extraordinarily successful twinning ceremony linking Maynooth with Canet in France. The Community Council worked very hard on the twinning and we would like to congratulate all those involved in this venture. It has been covered extensively by the Newsletter already.

Another notable event was the recent visit of President Mary McAleese to the Post-Primary School to mark its 40th anniversary. The school is part of the heart of a community in any town or village but the growing population means that the educational future of the town must be examined and planned. Any decisions made now will impact on the future of the town.

As we go to press, the new president has been elected with over a million votes. What an extraordinary mandate and such a turnabout that occurred in the last week of the campaign. There seems to be a general agreement that Michael D. Higgins will perform the duties of office in an extraordinary way. The country is broken and he will at least give voice to a new vision – not that expressed by the Celtic Tiger as he has already indicated. He is known in all five continents, he is an educationalist as President McAleese was before him; he is a poet and a man of ideology and identifiable ideals. Beidh Uachtarán feiliúnach ag an tír nuair atáimid ag smaoineamh ar an 100 bliain a d'imigh thart; nuair a bheidh cuimhneacháin tábhachtacha a dhéanamh againn ar an gCogadh Mór agus ar Éirí Amach na Cásca and na blianta a tháinig ina dhiaidh. Guímid beannachtaí ar a shaothar, ar féin, ar Sabina agus ar a chlann agus go n-éirí an t-ádh leis. Ba mhór an pléisiúr éisteacht leis an Taoiseach, an Tánaiste agus leis an Uachtarán tofa ag labhairt i nGaeilge líofa.

**Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin**

## Maynooth Community Council Meeting 10th October 2011

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

### 1. Proposal for new school campus at Moyglare Hall

The future development of second level education in Maynooth, and the proposals regarding a new campus at Moyglare Hall were discussed. Representatives of parents from Maynooth Educate Together School and Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich attended the meeting. Tom McMullon (Chairperson) said Maynooth Community Council was not taking a stance on the proposals. It was up to the people of Maynooth, and especially the parents, to say where the school should be located, and what kind of school it should be. Maynooth Community Council's role was to provide a forum. He said that the VEC is a great organisation and that no one was trying to put it down. Cynthia Gallagher (Scouts) told the meeting that parents of Maynooth Post Primary School pupils had been invited to a PTA meeting at which Mr. Sean Ashe would outline the VEC proposals for the school, and that she believed an invitation had also been issued to parents of future pupils.

Gaelscoil parents indicated their support for the idea of a Gaelcholaiste in Maynooth, and said that research had to be done to see if there were enough potential students at the feeder schools. They said that they had visited the VEC's Piper's Hill campus at Naas, and that facilities there were very good. Moyglare Hall was closer to Maynooth town centre than Piper's Hill to Naas and we might need to put up with distance to get facilities.

Adrienne Flynn (Educate Together) asked if it was certain that two schools would be located on the Moyglare site, as she had thought there were ten acres available for a school on the other side of town. Councillor John McGinley (Labour) said he didn't think that there would now be a school at the other side of town. He understood from a recent meeting that there would be a replacement building for Maynooth Post Primary at the new Moyglare site, and an additional new school building. The VEC would not necessarily run the additional school. They were proposing the idea of having Maynooth Post Primary junior and senior schools on the new site, and MPPS Board of Management was in support of this idea. The Loreto Order are still looking to run the new school, and the deadline was 13th January 2012. He said that the Department of Education has ruled out a Gaelcholaiste for Maynooth in the short to medium term. The timescale proposed was 2014 for the new school and 2016 for the replacement school.

Councillor Senan Griffin (Fine Gael) said the Moyglare site had been purchased by the Department of Education. He favoured the proposal that there would be a full Aonad for the Irish language stream, as had been put forward by retired MPPS principal Tom Ashe. He would also favour the junior and senior schools idea. He thought that a separate second school would be divisive, whereas the VEC plan would serve the unity of the community. He didn't think that the Girls National School would move to the new site.

Colm Ó Cearúil (Deputy PDO) was against the proposal. He didn't think a second school would be divisive and said most towns had two schools. Maura Wilcox (U3A) said her home town, Tuam, had three or four schools, and that there was good, positive competition between them, in things like debating and sports.

Peter Garrad (Scouts) said that MPPS had served Maynooth very well and had recently celebrated its 40th anniversary. The present building has served its purpose. There would be benefits to a new campus: it would have all services on site, and playing fields. He said there would be negative and positive aspects to the VEC plan.

Cynthia Gallagher asked if there would be school buses for the new campus - it would be a very long walk and parents wouldn't want to drive and get stuck in traffic. Senan Griffin said there was a shuttle bus in Naas. One of the Gaelscoil parents who had visited Piper's Hill said the terminus of the Sallins to Naas bus was in the campus, and that the school had its own bus. Parents have to pay for this. Aongus Ó Maoláin (NUIM) said NUIM were implementing their own bus service from Maynooth to Lucan and Celbridge and that it should be possible for MPPS to do something similar at the new campus.

Mieke Sanders (Teen Space) asked if the junior and senior schools would have different Boards of Management. Senan Griffin said they would have the same Board of Management but different principals.

Colm Ó Cearúil said that the location of the campus looked like a done deal - the issue was what kind of school the second one would be. He didn't see merit in idea of junior and senior schools. There had been a long-standing application for a Gaelcholaiste for Maynooth. He said that MPPS had an Irish Sruth, but that was different to an Aonad which had its own ethos. He believed multilingualism provided a very good education and that the new school should be a Gaelcholaiste.

### 2. Community Space

Maura Wilcox (U3A) said her group had been using the new community space and appreciated it. Mieke Sanders said the space was a brilliant location for the Friday Teen Space session. Colm Ó Cearúil said great thanks was due to Paul Croghan and Eddie Tobin for their work in getting the space off the ground. Helene Kirkpatrick said the Youth Cafe group had started training their volunteers and would have an open evening in the space for teenagers from Transition Year age up. Tom McMullon said there was still space available for other groups from the town.

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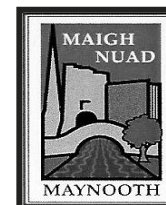
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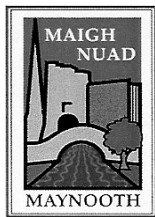
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## Maynooth Community Council About Us

Maynooth Community Council was established in 1984 by Democratic Elections, (non political, non denominational), as a voluntary body to represent the local community and to respond to issues and the needs of the town. Over the past years we have been strong and forceful in issues affecting the area.

The Community Council, promote through common effort, the wellbeing of the inhabitants of the Maynooth area, without distinction of age, sex, race, colour, religion, or political party.

To try through all options to secure whatever facilities or amenities it considers desirable, and help provide employment to the Maynooth area.

We also assist where possible the local authority in the exercise of its office where it concerns the local area.

Our aim is to be vigilant and vocal where planning applications are submitted, to conserve the heritage of our town and to keep our green areas secure for the people and future generations.

- **Gain Town Council status for Maynooth**
- **Development of the Harbour Field**
- **To include Arts / Theatre / Community Centre**
- **Running Track / Skate Board Park**
- **Twinning with Canet France**

We have an office at Tesco Shopping Centre where our purpose is to supply a monthly Newsletter for the local community, which is delivered to all local Homes and shops. Our Newsletter consists of local and community news, and all political news relating to the area. We also post photographs of local events and a children's page with colouring competition and puzzles sponsored by McDonalds.

The Newsletter accepts advertisements both mono and colour for all types of businesses. We can even design and layout your advertisements, no matter how big or small, area is not a problem. We keep the prices low in these hard times and get a very good feed back.

Our office is open to provide a service to the public including photo copying, typing of CVs and any other typing they might need at very reasonable prices. We can send emails and faxes and are involved in the running of the Patrick's Day Parade, and the Geraldine Summer Festival. This takes the form of posters and brochures, badges, flyers and letters to various businesses for support and donations. We sort out the time table for both events and supply all typing for the Tidy Towns and local Councillors.

Maynooth just signed a twinning charter with Canet-En-Roussillon in the south of France, and as our office is involved in all correspondents and communications it adds an exciting aspect to our future. Canet is a University town much the same as Maynooth which is on the coast (9Km of beach) with beautiful scenery and activities, swimming, boating, hill-walking, bird-watching, markets and an aquarium. This will open up lots of opportunities for travel and student exchange between both communities. Take time to check out their web-site at <http://uk.ot-canet.fr/>

Maynooth Community Council have just opened a Community Space at Manor Mills Shopping Centre for the use of all groups who are interested in a place they can use for meetings and leisure activities. To date the space is booked for the Youth Café, Teen Space, U3A, Musical Tots, Parents & Toddlers and the An Nuadha Players. We welcome any new groups interested in using the space in the future.

The Community Council hope to have a full Community centre open some time in the future that would provide a much bigger space for all, in the mean time we hope our space in Manor Mills will provide for most of our groups with what they need and that they will enjoy the time they have there.

## DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY NUI MAYNOOTH

SEMINAR SERIES 2011 - 2012, 1st SEMESTER  
Thursdays - 12.00 noon - 1.00p.m. Theatre 2, Arts Building

**10th November, 2011** Dr. Amos Edelheit, Department of Philosophy, NUIM  
"Antonius and other Florentines on 'conscience' and related terms"

Respondent: Dr. Michael Dunne  
Chair: Dr. Cyril McDonnell

**17th November, 2011** Dr. Jim O'Shea, Department of Philosophy, UCD  
"The reliable observation of imperceptible entities"

Respondent: Dr. Mette Lebech  
Chair: Dr. Haydn Gurmin

**24th November, 2011** Dr. Haydn Gurmin, DCU  
and Department of Philosophy, NUIM  
"The development and significance of the idea of the 'Image of God'  
from historical, scientific and philosophical perspectives"

Respondent: Dr. (des) Susan Gottlöber  
Chair: Dr. Denise Ryan

**1st December, 2011** Professor David Luscombe, University of Sheffield  
"Ethics in Abelard"

Chair: Dr. Michael Dunne

**8th December, 2011** Dr. Yinya Liu, Department of Philosophy, NUIM.  
"Re-thinking Responsibility: Western and Chinese Perspectives"

Respondent: Michael Regan  
Chair: Dr. (des) Susan Gottlöber

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# Maynooth Castle (13)

## A Focal Point of Local History

Gerald, ninth earl of Kildare, Garret Óg to the Irish as his father had been Garret Mór, was born in 1487. He died in the Tower of London in December 1534. While his death has been attributed to grief on hearing the news that his son, Silken Thomas, had come in open rebellion against the king of England, Henry V111, this rising is likely to have been the usual Fitzgerald strategy of demonstrating that the rulers of England could not control Ireland without Fitzgerald support. This time the rebellion proved to be the occasion of the final fall from power of the house of Kildare. It is both sad and ironic that it is for the life-time of the ninth earl that we have the most abundant evidence for the life-style of the Fitzgeralds at Maynooth Castle, just before it was swept away and destroyed forever. The surviving evidence suggests that the life-style was one of power, elegance and culture, and very much in line with the development of European renaissance culture of the period.

When Maynooth Castle was captured by the king’s forces a few months after the death of the ninth earl, Sir William Skeffington reported to Henry V111 on the strength of its fortifications. In a letter dated 26th March 1535, he wrote that it was “so strongly fortified both with men and ordenaunce, as the like hath not been seen in Irlande, synes anny your moosst nobell progenitors had furst dominion in the lande”. But it was also richly and beautifully furnished. The chronicler Stanyhurst described it at the same time; “Great and rich was the spoile; such store of beds, so many goodly hangings, so rich a wardrobe, suche brave furniture, as truly it was accompted, for householde stuffe and utensils, one of the richest earle his houses under the crowne of Englande”.

Still more striking is the evidence of the inventories, compiled during the rule of the ninth earl, of the books and plate belonging to the Fitzgeralds. Two lists of the books in his library are extant, the earlier not dated and the later dated 1525-6. The earlier list must relate for the main part to books already in the library of the eighth earl, with perhaps some additions in the time of his son.

The Great Earl’s biographer, Donough Byrne, describes the earlier list as follows: “In his library, where Latin books predominated, Gaelic manuscripts came next in number. There were more French books than English. The French books were chiefly romances. The English were similarly romances and histories. Among the Latin were works of Virgil, Juvenal and Terence. Some of the Latin and most of the Gaelic volumes were devoted to religion. There was a gilt copy of the Psalter in Latin on parchment. In Gaelic there were the lives of various saints, but there were also 'Coucullyn’s Actes' and a 'boke wherein is the begynning of the Cronicles of Irland’’. Some of the additions by the date of the later list of 1525-1526 are particularly interesting and show that whoever was responsible for their presence was aware of and interested in contemporary European developments in renaissance scholarship and religious controversy. Among the Latin works are Sir Thomas More's Utopia which was first published in 1517 and Laurencius Valla, presumably either a book about the famous humanist scholar who contributed so much to the critical approach to documentary evidence, or some of his works.

Among the later additions in English are another work by Thomas More, this time in defence of traditional religious practices which were coming under heavy attack by reformers, Sir Thomas Moore his books Agayns the new opinions that hold agayns pilgrimags, and a book by no less a person than the king of England, Henry V111 himself. This was Henry’s venture into religious controversy in answer to Martin Luther’s attack on the seven sacraments. Henry’s reply was first published in 1521 in Latin, Assertio Septem Sacramentorum, and was soon translated into both German and English. The pope, Leo X, was extremely pleased with the book and conferred on its author the title “Fidei Defensor”, defender of the faith. Although the royal author’s subsequent career caused Pope Paul III to deprive him of the title, the English monarchs retained it and it continued to appear in abbreviated form on British coins as FID. DEF or simply F.D.

The inventory of the plate belonging to the earl of Kildare was drawn up in 1518 and so again much of this must have been in the possession of the Great Earl. The list is long and much of this elaborate plate must have come from the continent. A few samples give the flavour of the collection:-

A salt, with a lady holden it, xxii unces at iiis and vid the unce, sterlying.  
A standyn coupe with gilt whit roseis about fote and cover, weing xxvi unces.  
Ad gylte salte, with dragons hedds in the cover, weing xviii unces.  
An ewer, of an ostrycheis egg, garnyshed with silver, and gylt, and stonys, weing xxv unces, quarter.  
A stone cowppe of Turkey making, garnesid with silver with a covver, and a marmasett in the topp of hit.  
An adder his tonge garnseid.  
An Almayne pott, parcel gylt, with a man on the handell, weing iiis score vi unces.  
Another Almayne pott of the same sorte parcel gylte, with a marmaid on the handell.

Finally, a note from the chronicler Richard Stanyhurst about the ninth earl and his second wife, Lady Elizabeth Grey, rounds out the picture: “This noble man was so well affected to his wife, the Ladie Gray, as he woulde not, at any time, buy a sute of

apparell for himselfe, but hee would sute her with the same stuffe. Whiche gentleness she recompenced with equal kindnesse”. The furnishings, the books, the plate, and the insight into personal relationships, together suggest that renaissance culture had made more impact on Ireland than is sometimes imagined. But the ninth earl’s life-time, which saw these developments at Maynooth Castle, also saw the beginning of their end. The English monarchs were growing more powerful and were less and less willing to tolerate what was, from their point of view, the unacceptable power of their over-mighty subjects in Ireland, the Earls of Kildare.

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Mary Cullen

## BAND BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER

St. Mary’s Band once again showed the importance of the Band to the town of Maynooth when they played an important role in the twinning ceremony between the town and Canet-en-Roussillon in St. Patrick’s College on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October last. The Band provided the musical entertainment before proceedings began and played both the French and Irish National Anthems on the arrival of the French delegation to the ceremony. It gave us great pleasure knowing that our rendition of the French Anthem, by his own admission, brought tears to the eyes of the French Mayor Bernard Dupont. We were also heartened by the Community Council’s comments that the presence of the band was a major boost for the ceremony in Maynooth.

The event brought back happy memories of an occasion many years ago when the Band played the Spanish Anthem for the King and Queen of Spain during their visit to St. Patrick’s College. Again the playing of the French Anthem reminded us of when we played the American National Anthem before the start of the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Kansas City in 1998 which most certainly brought out the goose bumps on many of our own members’ skins. These are some of the reasons why we feel the necessity to understand the importance of the Band to the town and the people of Maynooth and we would ask that you please support the Band wherever and whenever you are asked as it is becoming more and more costly to keep the Band going in the current economic climate.

## MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS

In a change to previous years the Annual Mass for Deceased Members this year is taking place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. With just one mass taking place on that day it will allow the band more time to honour all the past deceased loyal members who helped maintain the band over the past 80 years since it was reformed and those also involved since it’s founding in 1795. Our Musical Director Aine Daly has chosen some extremely beautiful and appropriate music for this occasion and all family and friends of deceased members, as well as friends of the Band are invited to join with us on this very special day.

## Christmas Concert

The Band will be returning to St. Mary’s Catholic Church on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm for our Annual Christmas Concert and once again you are all invited to this event which will have a varied programme of popular numbers and of course all of the well known Christmas favourites. As in previous years admission to the Concert is totally free of charge.







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### **Maynooth may get a Loreto Secondary School Views of parents will influence the decision**

Loreto Education Trust has applied to the Minister for Education and Skills to run the proposed new Maynooth school as a Loreto Secondary school. The school will be co-educational and free, providing parents in Maynooth and surrounding areas with a choice of secondary school for their sons and daughters.

"If parents want us, we would love to open a new Loreto co-educational secondary school in Maynooth", says Sr Rionach Donlon, Chair, Loreto Education Trust. The level of support of parents for a Loreto Secondary school will be taken into consideration when the Minister makes the decision about who will run the new school to be established in Maynooth.. Loreto has distributed information and a form for parents to fill out, through local Primary schools recently. Forms are also available at the Maynooth Community Library. Expressions of interest and support can also be registered on-line before November 30 at [www.loretoeducationcentre.ie](http://www.loretoeducationcentre.ie) (Home page: Maynooth new school)

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### Maynoothvets.com discuss Pet Emergencies

In Maynooth Veterinary Clinic we have found that veterinary emergency medicine has become very topical in recent years, this is largely due to the popularity of certain TV programmes. Although these programmes usually present very dramatic cases there are times when owners are uncertain whether their pet does require emergency treatment. The aim of this months article is to assist pet owners in deciding if their pet needs emergency care.



Some situations require immediate emergency treatment e.g. a dog hit by a car. Other cases may not be so obvious e.g. a large deep chested breed of dog such as a Great Dane, which has been vigorously exercised, has a meal and then starts vomiting. Here gastric dilation is likely and this is a true emergency.

#### Some common emergencies are :

- Bites and fight wounds - these are especially serious if there is a lot of bleeding, if the chest or abdomen have been penetrated or if the eyes, ears, nose or head are involved.
- Haemorrhage - if the blood loss is so rapid that it is forming a pool on the ground or soaking through dressings within a few minutes, then ring the vet.
- Injuries - these are very variable and can be difficult for the pet owner to assess. They can present as anything from moderate lameness, burns, lacerations to severe traumatic injuries. If in doubt contact your vet.
- Continuous vomiting and /or diarrhoea - these can be caused by certain poisons and also by acute infections e.g. Parvo virus in unvaccinated dogs. If your dog has started to pass bloody sloppy stools we should be contacted.
- Prolapse of the eyeball - this is common in certain breeds such as the Shitzu or Cavalier King Charles. Sometimes a sneeze is enough to cause it. Fighting can also

cause it, in any breed, this condition requires immediate attention.

#### Avoidable Emergencies:

There are several conditions which if not recognised in time can insidiously progress into being emergencies. One of the most common of these is a heart attack. In older dogs congestive heart failure is quite common. The symptoms can include: coughing, especially after rising, breathing difficulties and with or without a swollen abdomen. If these symptoms go unrecognised and the affected dog is excited or moderately exercised then he may suffer a "heart attack" and collapse. Similarly with seizures or convulsions - these are often initially noticed as being very intermittent and of little consequence. However they often become much more frequent and can result in collapse.

As can be seen from the above two examples, with early intervention some emergencies can be easily avoided.



#### Things to do in the event of an emergency:

1. Don't panic, stay calm - phone the vet and explain clearly what has happened to your pet.
2. Always ensure that you fully understand any instructions that you are given. Ask for them to be clarified if you are unsure of what you have been told to.
3. Carry out any first aid procedures as advised
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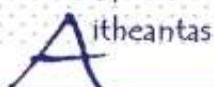
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## Winter Recipes

### Beef & Vegetable Casserole

#### Ingredients

- olive oil
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 carrot, diced
- 1 leek, diced
- 2 celery sticks, diced
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 75g mushrooms, sliced
- 500g braising steak, cubed
- 2 tbsp plain flour
- 3 sprigs of thyme
- beef stock, fresh, cube or concentrate made up to 750ml
- 2 tbsp tomato purée
- a dash of Worcestershire sauce



#### Method

1. Heat 1 tbsp olive oil in a large pan then add the onion, carrot, leek, celery and garlic, and cook gently for 5 minutes, do not brown. Add the mushrooms and cook everything for a further 5 minutes then remove from the pan. Heat a little more olive oil in the pan, add the beef (in batches if necessary) and brown all over then stir the flour in well.

2. Return the vegetables to the pan and add the thyme, stock, purée and Worcestershire sauce. Season and mix well. Bring to a gentle simmer and cook covered for 1 1/2 hours until tender, stirring occasionally. Serve with jacket potatoes, rice, pasta or mash.

- 150g mushrooms, sliced
- 225 ml double cream
- 1 heaped tbsp Dijon mustard
- 4 tbsp finely chopped mixed herbs
- 1 kg mashed potatoes

#### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/Gas 4.
2. Place the onion in the bottom of a large saucepan and lay the fish on top in an even layer. Pour in the wine, add the lemon juice, scatter with 100g of the butter and season with salt and pepper. Cover with a lid and simmer on a low heat for 15–20 minutes or until the fish is cooked.
3. In the meantime, melt the remaining butter in a small frying pan and sauté the mushrooms on a gentle heat for 5–6 minutes or until softened. Season well with salt and pepper.
4. Once cooked and using a slotted spoon, carefully transfer the fish from the saucepan (leaving the onions and cooking liquid in the pan) to a 22cm square ovenproof dish.
5. Add the cream to the onions and cooking liquid in the pan and continue to simmer, with the lid off, for 10–15 minutes or until the sauce is reduced and thick enough to coat the back of a spoon. Stir in the mustard, herbs and sautéed mushrooms and check the seasoning.
6. Pour the sauce over the fish in the dish and spoon over the mashed potato, spreading with the back of a spoon or fork. Alternatively, pipe the mash over the fish with a piping bag and nozzle for a more professional-looking finish. The fish pie can be prepared to this stage, left to cool and then placed in the fridge overnight until ready to bake.
7. Bake in the oven for about 30 minutes or until bubbling and golden on top. If cooking from chilled then bake for about 40 minutes instead. Serve immediately.

### Fish Pie

#### Ingredients

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 800g skinless fillets of fish such as salmon, cod, whiting, hake or haddock
- 150 ml white wine
- 1 lemon, juice only
- 125g butter, diced
- salt and freshly ground black pepper



## President Mary McAleese Visits Maynooth Post Primary School.



President Mary McAleese visited Maynooth Post Primary School on Friday October 7th. The very special visit was in recognition of the schools 40th Anniversary.

She arrived at midday and was greeted by a delegation representing the school community. She was invited to mingle with some students and view their work. She was then welcomed into the school SportsHall where the students of the school awaited.

This is a great honour for Maynooth Post Primary School. It marks the start of a year of celebrations which will include a Ball, a Family Fun Day and a Gala Concert.

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# Maynooth Tidy Towns



(L-R) Suzanne Cunningham (WEEE Ireland), Leo Donovan (WEEE Ireland), Mattie Callaghan (Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee) and Richard Farrell (Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee).

## Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee were honoured at the recent Repak Awards during National Recycling Week. WEEE Ireland.

The Irish compliance scheme for electrical and battery recycling, selected Maynooth as a recipient of their Special Merit Award and as a finalist in the *WEEE Ireland Best WEEE & Battery Recycling Event* Category for their hard work during the year and participation in the WEEE Ireland Collection Programme.

Maynooth Tidy Towns have been holding and promoting collection days in Maynooth for the past 5 years. Maynooth Tidy towns have a waste minimisation project and by participating in the WEEE Ireland collection day this allows them to meet their targets, an event that is always well received by the residents of Maynooth. One WEEE & Waste Battery collection event was held this year and 18.490 tonnes was collected on the day, a massive achievement.

An additional service was opened to the locals and surrounding areas for the elderly and those who had no transport facilities to the event. Members of the Tidy Towns assisted individuals in transporting their WEEE and Waste batteries to the collection day event, which really allowed all members of the community to take part. There was a strong Maynooth Tidy Towns presence throughout the day of the event assisting all members of the public and displaying the community spirit involved in the event.

WEEE Ireland would like to thank all of those involved in the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee for their dedication and commitment to keeping Maynooth clean and free from electrical and battery waste.

For further information on all future recycling events in Maynooth and in Kildare, or to find your nearest civic amenity site, please log on to WEEE Ireland's website [www.recyclefree.ie](http://www.recyclefree.ie) <<http://www.recyclefree.ie>> or like our page on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/WEEEIreland> <<http://www.facebook.com/WEEEIreland>> for all updates on collection days.

## Maynooth Local History Group

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## November Diary Planner

### I.C.A.

Meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm. in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour. Crafts Every Monday Night at 8.00pm.  
New members welcome

### Community Library

**Opening Times**  
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2pm to 5pm  
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1pm to 8pm  
Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm  
& 2pm to 5pm  
Saturday 9.30am to 1pm

### 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

### Senior Citizens Club

Club meets every Tuesday & Thursday morning in the I.C.A. Hall.  
Sale of Work takes place on 20th November in the Aula Maxima in Maynooth College.  
Christmas Shopping courtesy of Supervalu takes place 8th December.  
Annual Dinner Dance takes place on 11th December

### 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)

### Flower & Garden Club

Christmas Gala  
Glenroyal Hotel  
Tuesday 16th November at 8.00 p.m.  
Demonstrator: Una Flemming  
Lovely night of Flowers for Christmas, all raffled for our charities  
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Tickets €20 from any committee member or at door on night  
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PRO Lila Flynn 086 8740232

### University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Tuesday & Friday in Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills.  
New Members Welcome  
Enquiries : Bernadette  
Phone: 6289131

### 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

### Parent & Toddler Group

Every Tuesday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. in the Community Space, Manor Mills Shopping Centre.

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*Teacher Ciara McNickle with Junior Infants pupils  
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*Teacher Margaret Simms with Junior Infants pupils  
of St. Marys Boys National School*



*Gealscoil Uí Fhiaich  
Junior Infants class with their teacher  
Miss Tracey Kirran*



*Gealscoil Uí Fhiaich  
Junior infants with their teacher miss Lára Ní Duibh*



## Twinning Ceremony in Renehan Hall



*Deputy Catherine Murphy &  
Deputy Bernard Durkan*



*Senator Sean Barrett & Deputy Emmet Stagg*



*Aine Doyle directing St. Mary's Band Maynooth*

## Celebrations after Twinning at Carton House October 2011



*Presentation of a Kildare Flag by Kildare Mayor  
Micheál Nolan to Mayor of Canet Bernard Dupont*



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## Maynooth Labour News

### The good news is that Kildare County Council has taken my Objection on board and Refused Planning Permission for the proposed new Chinese Food takeaway on Main Street.

The Council gave the following reason for the Refusal:

"It is the policy of the Planning Authority under Section 19.10.6 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2011-2017 to prevent the excessive concentration of take aways and to assess the cumulative impact of such uses. In addition, Section 4.3.4 of the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 states that there is an "adequate supply of hot food take-aways. No further permissions will be granted for such developments." Having considered the proposed development in the context of the above, and having regard to the number of existing take-away units in proximity to the current site, to permit the proposed development would seriously injure the amenities and depreciate the value of property in the vicinity by reason of the noise, litter and disturbance created would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan 2011-2017 and the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 and would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area."

**Cllr. John McGinley**

### TONY SMITH MEMORIAL WALK 2011 TO RAISE IN EXCESS OF €8,000

The Tony Smith Memorial Walk 2011 was held on Sunday 16th October last and will raise in excess of €8,000 for Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee and will hopefully pass out last years figure of €8,323. At the time of writing the sum raised to date is €8,184 but this figure will rise over the coming weeks.

The Annual Walk is organised by Maynooth Labour Branch and all funds raised go directly to the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee who use it in their various supports for senior citizens in the area.

The Walk was led off from Maynooth G.A.A. grounds at 3 pm on Sunday 16th by Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley and then proceeded down to the

Main Street, up Carton Avenue and into Carton Estate. We would like to thank Carton Estate for their continued support for our Annual Walk.

The Sponsored Walk was first held in 1979 and was the idea of the then Treasurer of Maynooth Labour Branch, Tony Smith, who wanted to assist the senior citizens of the Town. Tony died tragically at the age of 33 in 1982 and the Walk was then renamed in his honour.

The proceeds of the Walk will be handed over to the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee at their Annual Christmas Party in December.

Finally we would like to thank the Participants and all those who sponsored us for this worthy cause.

(Photo page 16)

Dave Moynan - Treasurer Maynooth Labour Branch  
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### Dublin Bus Not Extending the 66 and 67 Bus Routes in Maynooth

Kildare County Council has advised Cllr. John McGinley that Dublin Bus is not progressing with the extensions of the 66 and 67 routes in Maynooth. Cllr. McGinley stated that this was very bad news for the residents of Rathcoffey Road and Moyglare Road as they were led to believe by Dublin Bus that they would be getting the bus service this year. It also means that funding for the much needed traffic signals at the Meadowbrook Link Road/Straffan Road junction will not be forthcoming.

At the Celbridge Area Committee meeting on 21 October Cllr. McGinley asked the Council Officials to use their imagination to secure the funding from the NTA for this very dangerous junction. Cllr. McGinley has also asked his colleague Deputy Emmet Stagg to put as much pressure as possible on Dublin Bus to get the route extensions in Maynooth.

### Farrell Bridge Wall to be Repaired

The Council has agreed to repair Farrell Bridge wall as a result of representations from Cllr. McGinley.

### Planning Permission Granted for Car Park at Leinster Street

The Council has granted Planning Permission for a new car park at Leinster Street. It will cater for 100 cars and the permission lasts for 4 years.

Draft Local Area Plan for Maynooth to go on Public Display in January

The Council has advised Cllr. John McGinley that the Draft Local area Plan 2012-2018 for Maynooth will go on public display in January. The public will have 6 weeks to make submissions on this very important document.

**Cllr. John McGinley can be contacted at:**  
**6285293 or 087 9890645**  
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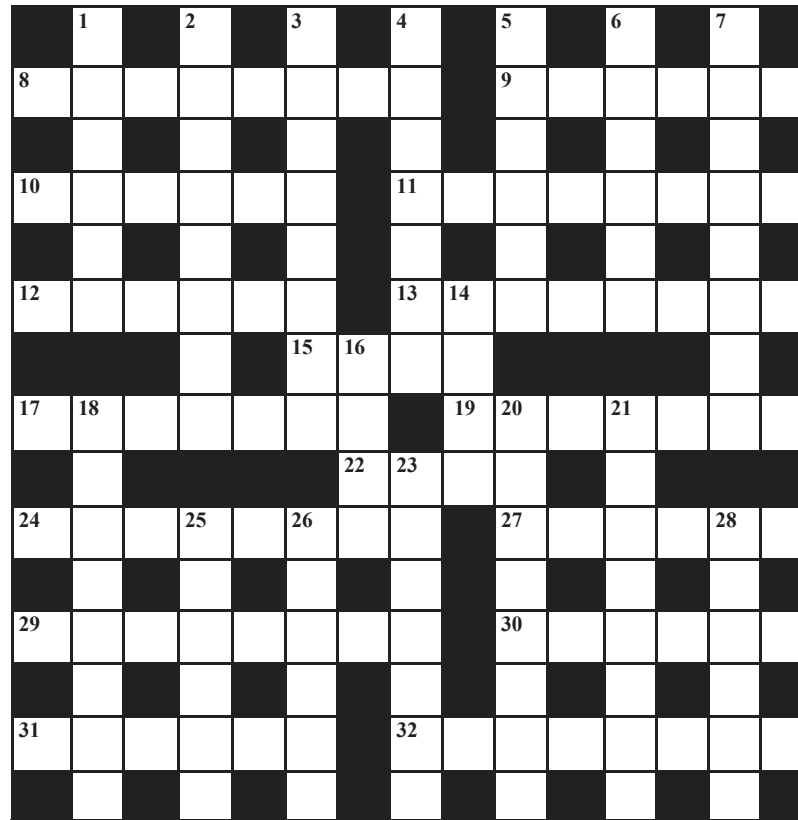
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# November 2011 Crossword —No: 397

## ACROSS

8. Eject or evict (5,3)
9. Mildly diverted or entertained (6)
10. Writer of opinions on plays, concerts etc (6)
11. Polite toilet in a public building—relax in it (4,4)
12. Turkey's capital (6)
13. V-shaped stripes denoting army rank (8)
15. Over-riding negative vote (4)
17. Became gradually narrower as candle may (7)
19. Person who tells fortunes from studying hands (7)
22. A narrow valley (4)
24. Ornamental lacework in gold or other metal (8)
27. Flowers associated with Amsterdam (6)
29. Of water, slightly salty (8)
30. Great art gallery in Paris (6)
31. Moralising address from pulpit (6)
32. Predatory greed and extortion (8)



## DOWN

1. Boatman across the river Styx (6)
2. Programs that drive computer, not hard (8)
3. An assembly of Catholic cardinals (8)
4. Draw toward as magnet does metal (7)
5. An informal quarrel or upset (6)
6. Hitler's title (6)
7. So herein find brave women (8)
14. It goes with faith and charity (4)
16. Cutting side as of knife, or margin (4)
18. Places where bees are kept (8)
20. A graceful gazelle from Africa (8)
21. Cull moss to find snails, mussels, oysters etc. (8)
23. Unrestrained sexual desire (7)
25. Money received as wages or interest (6)
26. Rules as monarch (6)
28. Bandit of the ocean, buccaneer (6)

## Answers to No. 396



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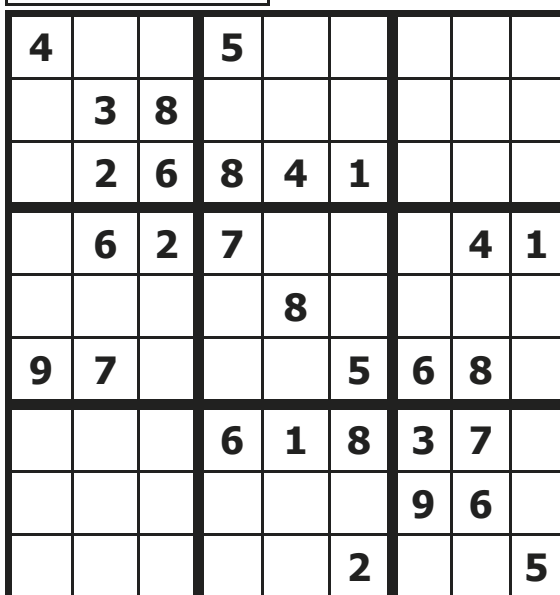
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**Winner of Crossword No. 396**  
**David Wraith,**  
**The Arches**

## Difficult

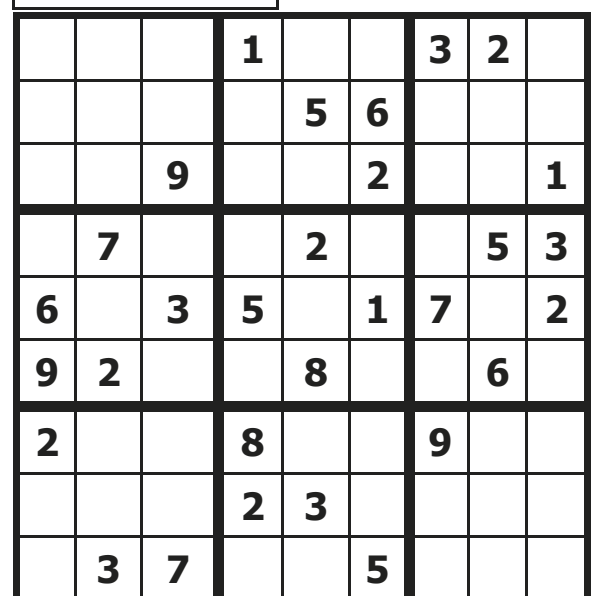


# Sudoku Challenge

## November 2011



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### MURPHY SLAMS MINISTER FOR LEGAL AID WAIT TIME INEQUITIES WAITING LIST FOR SERVICES IS 11 MONTHS IN TALLAGHT AND 0 MONTHS IN DUNDALK

Catherine Murphy T.D. for Kildare North has today strongly criticised the way in which Legal Aid is made available having discovered that applicants encounter no waiting time if they live in Dundalk but 11 months of waiting if they live in Tallaght.

"This is just another example of the huge flaws in the way we organise and distribute public services in Ireland. The fact that access to Legal Aid depends more on where you live than on the level of need for assistance is extremely worrying and must be addressed."

Murphy's comments came in response to a newly released FLAC report on access to Legal Aid which she has strongly welcomed.

"I find FLAC's approach to the whole issue of legal aid to be very user-oriented and practical and so I am of course very welcoming of this report. It's vital however that this document doesn't just sit gathering dust on the shelf of a Government Minister's office but rather that it is responded to in a decisive and proactive fashion in the interest of an overhauled system of service distribution."

The Independent TD has a strong record of raising matters of this type and her knowledge on the waiting times for services derives directly from a response to a parliamentary question she tabled on the first day of the Dáil's Autumn session on 14th September 2011. In this response, Murphy learned that waiting times for the provision of legal aid vary wildly throughout the country with, for example people based in Dublin's Blanchardstown waiting 4 months for services while their neighbours on the South side of the city in Tallaght must wait 11 months.

"This is just pure madness, I'm calling on Minister Shatter to adjust the system in order that a more equalised level of services is received by people all over the country as soon as possible. I'm hugely concerned that with such disparity in access to justice the constitutional provision that "All citizens shall, as human persons, be held equal before the law" is not being upheld. This must change now."

647. Deputy Catherine Murphy asked the Minister for Justice and Equality the waiting times for free legal aid by FLAC by location; the number of clients that are on the waiting list; the arrangement that are put in place in the case of court dates being reached in advance of the certificate; his plans to augment this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. [23248/11] Minister for Justice and Equality (Deputy Alan Shatter): "I wish to inform the Deputy that under the Civil Legal Act 1995, as passed by the Oireachtas, the Legal Aid Board is independent in the operation of its functions. However, as a courtesy to the Deputy I have

obtained the information sought and am providing it to the Deputy.

At the outset, I wish to clarify for the Deputy that the Legal Aid Board provides 'legal aid' and not 'free legal aid'. The vast majority of persons receiving services from the Board pay a small financial contribution. I also wish to clarify that the Board provides services through, inter alia, law centres. However, FLAC (Free Legal Advice Centres) is a non-governmental organisation and is not connected to the Board in any way.

I am advised by the Board that the waiting time by reference to each law centre as of 31 August 2011 is set out below. As of 1 September 2011 there were 4,482 persons waiting for a first appointment with a solicitor. The Board prioritises matters that it considers require an immediate service. The sort of matters prioritised include cases involving domestic violence, the risk of children going into care, child abduction, and critical dates being close to expiry. Some other cases that are heard in the District Court are also given earlier appointments. The Board does not generally prioritise matters simply because there is a court date. It considers that this is unfair and inequitable to other applicants, many of whom may be seeking to get to court. Persons who have a court date and are not given an appointment prior to the court date are given a letter detailing their application which they may produce to the court."

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(source: <http://debates.oireachtas.ie/dail/2011/09/14/00475.asp>)

Law Centre

Maximum current  
waiting time — 31/08/11  
(months)

Dundalk	0
Ennis	2
Letterkenny	2
Limerick	2
Galway	3
Tralee	3
Blanchardstown, Dublin	4
Popes Quay, Cork	4
Monaghan	4
Navan	4
Tullamore	4
Waterford	4
Brunswick Street, Dublin	5
Finglas, Dublin	5
Athlone	5
Castlebar	5
Kilkenny	5
Longford	5
Sligo	5
Wexford	5
Wicklow	5
Gardiner Street, Dublin	6
South Mall, Cork	6
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Portlaoise	7
Cavan	8
Nenagh	9
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We wish Kevin every success in his future professional career.



## Maynooth Citizens Information Centre - Know Your Rights

### Question

**I have been renting my home from the local authority for 12 years. I understand there is a new incentive for me to become a ‘tenant purchaser. What are the details?**

### Answer

There is a new Fixed Term Tenant Purchase Scheme which will remain open until the end of 2011. If you have been a local authority tenant for over 10 years you can buy your home at a discount from current market prices. The maximum discount available is 45% on the market price of your home. (This discount is based on a 3% discount for each year of tenancy up to a maximum of 15 years.) You must also pay stamp duty on the purchase. This is fixed at €100 for all sales under the Scheme.

You can finance the purchase price in the following ways:

- From your own resources
- With a mortgage loan from a financial institution or city/ county council (terms and conditions apply)
- With a combination of a lump sum deposit and a mortgage loan

If you wish to apply for a mortgage loan to your local authority you will have to show (with documentary evidence) that you have been refused a loan by two financial institutions and your income must be below a certain amount. You must also state the amount of the loan refused. If you wish to sell your house within 20 years of purchase you must get the consent of your local authority.

The new Fixed Term Tenant Purchase Scheme does not replace the existing Tenant Purchase Scheme which remains in place until June 2012.

The Fixed Term Tenant Purchase Scheme is open for applications only until the end of December 2011.

For further details you should contact the Housing Section of your local authority (city or county council).

### Question

**My neighbour is planning to build a large extension to his house and has put up a planning notice on his gate. I am really worried that the extension will block light from my kitchen and garden but I don't have any details about what exactly is planned. What can I do about this?**

### Answer

You could speak to your neighbour and ask them about what they are proposing. You also have the right to see all the documents submitted with a planning application, which will be kept at the offices of your local authority. Most local authorities also make the documents available online.

You can also make a written submission or observation on the application. There is a fee for this (currently €20). You must make your submission or observation within 5 weeks of the date of receipt of the planning application (by the local authority). Planning authorities cannot rule on an application until 5 weeks have elapsed to allow them to take all submissions and observations into account.

Your comments must be in writing to your local authority. If possible, you should quote the planning application's reference number. You must quote your

name and address and postal address (if different). You should outline how you think the proposed development will affect you – including blocking light from your property, reducing the amenity value of your garden and allowing overlooking of your garden. Your comments must be based on planning considerations, not on personal likes, dislikes or grievances.

Your submission/observation must be acknowledged by the local authority and you must be notified of the planning decision within 3 days.

If you made a submission/observation that has been acknowledged by the local authority, you have the right to appeal its planning decision to An Bord Pleanála. You also have the right to be informed of any other appeals that have been lodged to An Bord Pleanála and to receive a copy of the appeal.

### Question

**I turn 65 next year and will qualify for a State Pension (Transition). However I see that the conditions include a stipulation that you cannot be in insurable employment. I will be retired from work but I get a small income from rent from an investment property I own and I pay Class S PRSI contributions on this income. Does this mean that I won't qualify for the Transition Pension?**

### Answer

It is possible to qualify for a State Pension (Transition) even if you are paying self-employed PRSI. The State Pension (Transition) lasts for one year and to qualify you must:

- Have reached your 65th birthday and be under 66
- Be retired from work
- Have enough social insurance contributions.

Being retired means that you must not be in insurable employment or self-employment. If you have earnings, they must be less than €38 a week from employment or €5,000 a year from self-employment. If you have an income from savings or investments, you could be liable for self-employed PRSI but you can still get a State Pension (Transition) if you are not actually engaged in self-employment.

So in your case since you are not actually engaged in self-employment you should qualify for the pension. The ‘being retired’ condition ends when you reach 66 and transfer to the State Pension (Contributory) and you can then work without any effect on your pension.

### Question

**I recently had a walk-in bath fitted in my home to accommodate my elderly father who has limited mobility. I paid VAT on the appliance itself and on the cost of having it fitted. Can I claim this VAT back?**

### Answer

Yes, you can claim the VAT back.

People with a disability can get a refund of VAT on certain special aids and appliances they need. In some cases people who pay for aids and appliances that are for the exclusive use of a person with a disability can also claim the VAT refund. The aid or appliance must be owned by and for the exclusive use of the person with the disability. You can also claim VAT back on the cost of having the appliance fitted (provided the fitting is carried out by a VAT-registered contractor and is claimed for with the claim for the appliance).

Since the VAT refund is being sought by a person other than the user of the aid or appliance, the Revenue Commissioners may ask you for evidence that the bath

is solely owned by and is for the sole use of your father. Revenue may also ask you for medical evidence of your father's disability.

To apply for a VAT refund on aids and appliances, you must fill in claim form VAT 61A which is available on the Revenue Commissioner's website, revenue.ie. You must make the claim for a refund within four years of the purchase.

You must attach supporting documentation with your claim. For example, original invoices for all the goods in the claim. Invoices should show the supplier's name and the amount of VAT paid.

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## Tom Ashe Education Bursary

At the official reception for First Year students into Maynooth Post-Primary School for 2011 Tom and Stasia Ashe inaugurated the “Tom Ashe Education Bursary” in order to mark the 40 year celebrations of the foundation of the school in 1971.

The purpose of this Bursary is to assist students of Maynooth Post-Primary School who qualify and are accepted for a Third Level course of their choice. Tom and Stasia have contributed €10,000 initially and in order to ensure the continuity of the fund they will also contribute a further €4,000 annually for as long as Tom lives. The student selected will receive €4,000 one-off payment to help defray the costs of Third Level education. A committee of the Principal, two Deputy Principals, Career Counsellor, Year Head and one representative nominated by the sponsors will select the student deemed most worthy every year.

The recipient of the inaugural award was Megan Marshall and she has been accepted for a degree course in Radio Therapy in Trinity College.

He also invited all past pupils and past parents who feel the school may have made a significant contribution to their education and/or career to make a contribution to this fund in order that in future years the fund may grow so that instead of one award there may be two, three or even more whatever the fund permits, the possibilities are limitless. If just 100 past-students or parents from all our students over the past 40 years made an annual contribution of €100 it would amount to €10,000 ! If anybody wishes to make a contribution the following are the Bank details.

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Tidy Towns Competition 2011  
Adjudication Report

Centre: <b>Maynooth</b>	Ref: <b>377</b>		
County: <b>Kildare</b>	Mark: <b>297</b>		
Category: <b>F</b>	Date(s): <b>09/06/2011</b>		
	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2010	Mark Awarded 2011
Overall Development Approach	50	44	43
The Build Environment	50	36	37
Landscaping	50	42	43
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	29	29
Litter Control	50	30	29
Waste Minimisation	20	11	12
Tidiness	30	17	18
Residential Areas	40	26	27
Roads, Streets and back Areas	50	32	33
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>279</b>

Overall Development Approach:

Your adjudicator would like to welcome Maynooth to the 2011 TidyTowns Competition and your participation is important to the competition. Your entry documentation was comprehensive and most helpful on adjudication day. The route suggested for your adjudicator was useful and formed the basis of the adjudication, but other parts of the town were also included. Your committee of eighteen is very large by national standards and illustrated very strong support for Tidy Towns in Maynooth. Your meetings structure is well thought out and your relationship with the various agencies and organisations appears to be very strong.

Your media approach is comprehensive. The Maynooth web portal sounds a great project and it is great that your Committee is an important part of this initiative. Your Schools liaison continues and this is most important for the future of Tidy Towns in Maynooth. Your adjudicator notes that a Tidy Towns Plan for Maynooth was not included though you appear to have one that covers the period 2010-2015. The appendices back-up documentation was helpful on adjudication day and many thanks for that. The many photographs included with your entry were most helpful.

The Built Environment:

The fine wide pavements in the town centre help to reduce the visual impact of some of the less successful retail frontages. Some poor graphics were noted where there were issues of font, scale, style and colour. The central square area is well presented and is an oasis of relative calm in a busy town. Your work on the 19th century schoolhouse has been noted and hopefully this has improved security and related issues. It is great to see that the old Parish Hall has been removed and hopefully it will be replaced by an architectural statement that will sit well in the Maynooth environment. Your project to encourage small businesses into side lane areas is significant and helps to develop further the core area of the town. The timber facade area of the new café area is successful and the Pound area was greatly enjoyed. The improvements to the Glenroyal area were examined and certainly improve this area. The Tesco Extra area has been greatly improved and the landscaping here gives some character to this large retail area. The Railway Station was visited and the modern core area in glass was much admired. A rough grass area however by the parking sign on the entrance ramp needs to be tidied up. You are to be commended on The Best Shop front Competition and this is a great way of encouraging year on year presentational improvements. Derelict sites are a difficult issue to tackle and your progress in this regard has been noted. Is there any possibility of the house opposite the Castle being redeveloped? The Castle was visited and enjoyed and the presentation of this area is excellent. The use of the Irish language on signage is required under present legislation and this should be encouraged where appropriate. On signage the Irish language must have the primary role. The Mantra property in fine cut stone caught the eye and various other properties in the core area stand out for all the good reasons.

Landscaping:

The new planters were examined and these do make a visual difference. You have improved the area by the Boys Primary School which was visited and this is indeed a busy area when the School closes for the day. The maintenance of the many landscaped areas on approach roads has continued to a high standard and the work at Carton Avenue and Carton House is appreciated. Work on the old Straffan road has enhanced the amenity value of this area. Along the Main Street the fine trees here helps to link the town core area to the surrounding countryside. Your adjudicator told all Tidy Towns Committees that the cutting of roadside banks and ditches in the period 1st March to 30th August is not permitted under Section 40 of the Wildlife Act 1976, incorporating section 46 of the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000. New planters at Manor Mills were noted. Across from the Castle the fine well mown grass area running down to the small stream is most impressive.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your adjudicator did not find evidence of a formal Wildlife Trail and this is a project that might be considered for the future given the extensive well maintained green areas in the Maynooth area. The Joan Slade Rivers wildlife area was visited and it was noted that this project was completed in May of 2010. A lot of litter was seen in the grass area here and in the stream. The new planting here was admired. This seems to defeat the whole purpose of an area dedicated to the needs of nature. The Harbour area was visited and greatly enjoyed but no wildlife interpretation was seen. Why is the large car park here closed?

Litter Control:

Your annual litter control plan was read with interest and a structured approach is always recommended. However litter was evident at various locations in and around Maynooth. Much litter was seen along Parson Street and on the Ballygoran Road where cut grass on verges had not been removed. The relationship with the Litter Warden seems to be excellent and his / her role is crucial. The new Recycling Centre at the Tesco Carton Park car park was well presented. The Bring Centre near SuperValu is poorly located and the official signage was missing. A lot of litter was evident in Greenfield and at the back areas of Carton Court where bad kerb weed was also present. Along by the road edge / road kerbing on Main Street large quantities of cigarette butts were noted and this creates a poor impression. Some litter was noted outside the Castle and on Mill Street near the Main Street junction.

Waste Minimisation:

The University is making major efforts in respect of waste minimisation and they are warmly commended for this approach. The emphasis on cycling and walking that they have adopted is admired. Likewise the Wee collection seems to have been highly successful and should be repeated annually. Do note that this category is about waste reduction in Maynooth and recycling plays a much lower role. Have you considered a Waste Audit of businesses in Maynooth?

Tidiness:

Your positive action in respect of illegal signage is commended and I presume that you have checked out any legal issues that might be involved. Your work on graffiti has also been noted and appears to be successful, the Sub-Committee idea seems to work well. The weed spraying programme may solve some problems but in environmental terms it may not always be beneficial. The short road leading down to the back of the Railway Station was poorly presented with much weed growth. On the Moyglare road the timber fencing across the road from the University Village Apartments needs to be repaired and treated. Well done on the removal of ugly plastic cable ties. Your attention to derelict sites is commended and this is always a difficult area to handle. At the Beaufield Road / Newtown Road junction the fence here should be painted black to match the other section of the same fencing. The Kilcock road area was most untidy but the road works were still in progress. This situation has not adversely influenced your marks. Gable advertising was noted on the Three Pin Electrical premises and this is out of place in an attractive town like Maynooth. Opposite the Afro Caribbean Food Store the black and white timber screening needs to be treated.

Residential Areas:

The Best Estates Competition is welcomed and appears to have influenced the presentation of many of the estates visited in Maynooth. Rockfield is just one of many superb estates visited and the large grass area here is magnificent while kerb weed at Greenfield needs attention. Carton Court is another estate where the standard of grass areas is extremely high and this experience was repeated in many other estates. The new bins for Moyglare Village have been noted. Meadowbrook and Beaufield estates were visited and your recent work here was examined. The work along the stream has been most successful but the painting of the railings by the bridge over the stream might be considered. The use of weedkiller was noted in some estates along by kerbing. This is not a really environmentally friendly approach and the cutting of kerb grass areas by hand is preferable.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Along Leinster Street the new wooden bollards were admired as was the Leixlip Road pathway. You have done much work on roadside verges and you have many of them – well done. The Kilcock Road will be greatly improved when the present works are completed and hopefully appropriate landscaping will be included. The fine Limestone walls along Parson Street are a very strong visual feature so well maintained. On Straffan Road the fine walls along here also caught the eye. The extensive cycle ways were noted on many roads and seemed to be well used. On the Moyglare and Ballygoran roads cut grass had not been removed.

General Impression:

Your adjudication enjoyed the visit to Maynooth and appreciates the very large area that you have to cover. Well done on your new projects for this year and your adjudication wishes you every possible success in the years ahead.

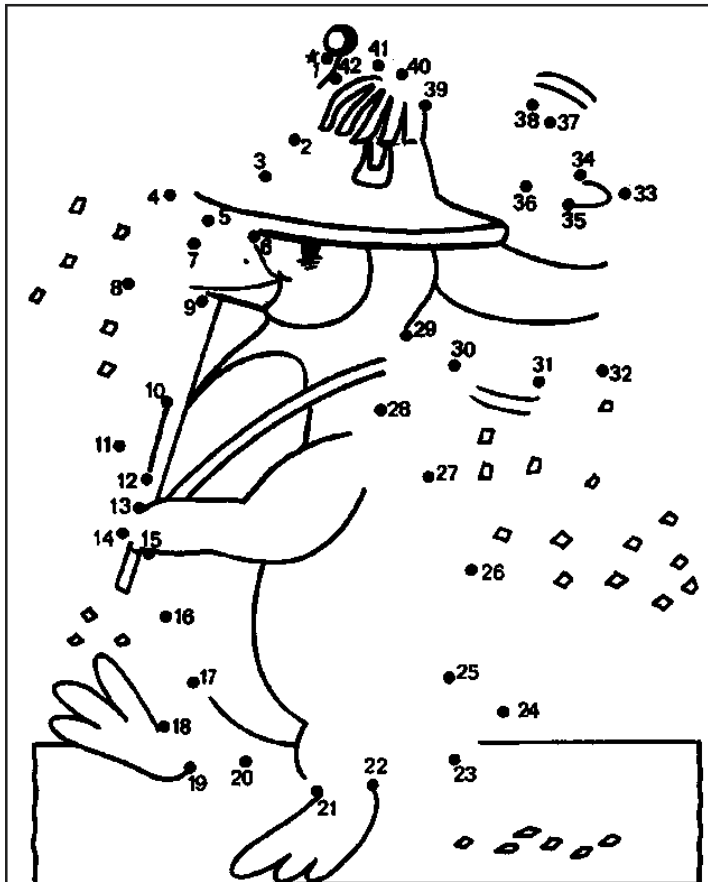
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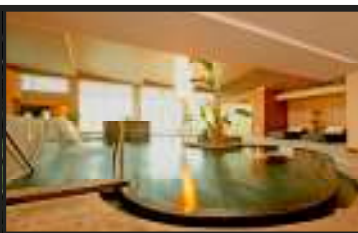
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