

Maynooth Newsletter



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Local News

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CHARTER SIGNING IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF OUR SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CANET

A packed Renehan Hall in St. Patrick's College welcomed a delegation from Canet-en-Roussillon for the formal signing of the twinning charter on Saturday October 1st last. This signing was the second of a two-part signing process to complete the twinning of Maynooth with Canet-en-Roussillon, where the first part of the signing process took place in Canet-en-Roussillon in June 2011.

The attendance included Catherine Murphy T.D., Bernard Durkan T.D., Emmet Stagg T.D. as well as Senator Sean Barrett, Local Councillors Senan Griffin, Deputy Mayor of Kildare and John McGinley. Also present were Mayor of Kildare Micheál Nolan, Kildare County Manager Michael Malone and Director of Services with responsibility for twinning Peter Minnock. Former Mayor Cllr. Brendan Weld who signed the charter in Canet-en-Roussillon last June and who has strongly supported the twinning was also present. NUI Maynooth was represented by Deputy-President Prof. Jim Walsh.

Proceeding was chaired by Eddie Tobin, Chairperson of Maynooth Community Council Twinning Sub-Committee, who welcomed everyone. Speakers included Micheál Nolan, Mayor of County Kildare, who outlined the value of a twinning agreement to a town and the value to the County. Bernard Dupont, Mayor of Canet, left aside his formal speech to "speak from his heart" of his joy that the twinning agreement was being signed. He thanked everyone involved especially his Councillor with responsible for twinning Emmanuelle Garbani de Lacvivier and said that many people in Canet were looking forward to coming to Maynooth and that a big welcome will be given to people from Maynooth when they go to Canet-en-Roussillon.

Cllr Emmanuelle Garbani de Lacvivier addressed the gathering advising that the three main pillars on which the twinning is built is Education, Sport and Culture. She said that she looked forward to working on further projects as part of the twinning agreement. Tom McMullon, Chairperson Maynooth Community Council, told the gathering that of all the projects that he had been involved in over many years on Maynooth Community Council, the twinning was special as it links us to another community. He said that this twinning is for all of the people in the town to get involved with and that Maynooth Community Council would support people who want to make connections in Canet. He thanked the twinning committee members for their efforts in ensuring that the project had been a success so far. He said that this twinning was for the future generations of Maynooth.

Colm O'Cearúil, Secretary of the Maynooth Community Council Twinning Sub-Committee, gave a short history of Maynooth/French historic connections as well as an outline of what has happened in the twinning to-date. Killian Campbell and Ursula McGinn from Maynooth Post-Primary who were part of first student exchange that took place earlier this year, lifted the crowd with their enthusiastic report on their experience and the friendships that they had formed because of the twinning. It is clear that the connections between the people of Maynooth and Canet-en-Roussillon are only beginning.

At the end of the ceremony gifts were exchanged to mark the event. Mayor Micheál Nolan and former Mayor Brendan Weld presented a specially commissioned painting of Maynooth, donated by local artist Emma Boyce, to Mayor Bernard Dupont.

Signing The Charter



Tom McMullon, Mayor Bernard Dupont, Mayor Micheál Nolan, Michael Malone, Kildare County Manager



Eddie Tobin, Stéphane Loda, Paul Croghan, Bernard Dupont, Mayor of Canet, Emmanuelle Garbani de Lacvivier, Tom McMullon, Micheál Nolan, Mayor of Kildare, Alexandra Maillochaud, Francis Clique, First Deputy Mayor of Canet, Jocelyn Hodapp, Michael Malone, Kildare County Manager, Colm O'Cearúil

Graduation Day NUI Maynooth.



Orla McCarthy (BA.History and Irish).



Alex Clarke (BA.Maths and Economics).



Esther Kerr, Alyson Kerr (BA.English and History), Patrick Kerr.



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Castle Keep Art Group Maynooth



New members welcome

The Castle Keep Art Group has resumed its "meet and paint" sessions in the Post Primary School. We meet on Wednesday nights (7.30-9pm).

If anyone is interested in joining the group please contact Susan at 6289349 evenings or email me at Durackgs@eircom.net. We gladly welcome new members. All you need is enthusiasm and interest. It doesn't matter if you are at beginner, intermediate or advanced level. We do not offer teaching but do learn from each other. It is a very informal and friendly group. Bring whatever materials you wish to work with. A number of people expressed an interest in joining after our last exhibition at Easter - please make contact if you still wish to join.

We meet from the end of Sept to April/May and our year's work is shown in an annual exhibition just after Easter in the Post Primary School. Our starting fee is €30 to cover insurance etc. There may be an extra charge near the end of the year to cover exhibition set up. We are very grateful to Kildare VEC, Mr. Johnny Nevin, Principal, Post Primary School and to our patron Mr. Thomas Ashe for their support.

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The resulting approach, now called Suzuki Method, has many different facets behind one very simple and straightforward idea. It is based on the commonplace but quite remarkable feat all our children achieve within their first few years of life: the ability to speak their mother-tongue. Suzuki's belief is that if you apply the same principles of language development to musical education you will get the same happy result.

His method is therefore based on (1) Starting a child as young as is practicable, (2) Placing great emphasis on listening to music, (3) Daily practice and repetition and, perhaps most importantly, (4) Parents and children working together, guided by a trained teacher.

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U3A MAYNOOTH NEWS

Thanks to Kildare Vocational Education Committee, U3A Maynooth has a significant space. Maynooth Community Library graciously facilitated us since 2006. Thank you to all those who gave of their skills and time. It is a very pleasant venue. We shall remember Positive Ageing Week 2011. A new premises! A letter from Queen Elizabeth's senior secretary at Buckingham Palace in reply to our letter following the Queen's visit to Ireland. U3A Maynooth were delighted to attend the Charter signing of Maynooth Town with Canet-en-Rousillon France. Carton House welcomed French and Irish guests to an Irish evening with a U3A Maynooth song, dance and drama presentation. U3A Maynooth remembers Maura Wilcox whose husband Leslie Wilcox died recently. Maura is a very hard working and much appreciated member. Mona Meagher is also in our thoughts and prayers on the death of her sister Phyllis McNamee.



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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

By the time you read this article we will have left the dreary summer behind us and perhaps can look forward to a pleasant Autumn. Our Seniors have just returned from their annual week in Kerdiffstown, which they enjoyed despite the weather.

Our next event will be our Halloween Tea-dance on Oct 16th and the Tony Smith memorial walk will also take place on that day. Our sale of Work will take place on Nov 20th in the Aula Maxima in Maynooth College and I thank Colm, John, Liam, Kevin, Ollie and all involved in this venture for all their help. Your support was never more needed as in this time of recession. Our people will try to get to every house on the run up to this date and I know you will be as generous in the future as you have been in the past. If we happen to miss you, donations can be left into my house or to any committee member. The tickets for the monster hamper will be on sale as usual at Tesco and we thank them for this facility and not forgetting Ollie Bright for all his help.

Our Christmas shopping will take place on Dec. 8th courtesy of Supervalu and our annual dinner will take place on Dec. 11th.

A very full schedule for the Autumn/Winter you will agree, so I ask you to remember these dates, in particular our fundraising events as our survival depends on them. I thank you all in anticipation.

Josephine Moore

Curves

We Want Your Bras! Help Support Action Breast Cancer With Curves Maynooth

Curves Maynooth will collect old and/or unwanted bras from both Curves members and local residents alike for the club's bra recycling bank. Curves, located in Maynooth Business Campus (off the M4 motorway), has installed a bra bank for both member and non-members to donate unwanted bras. For every each kilo of bras deposited, 1.10 Euros will be donated to Action Breast Cancer, a programme of the Irish Cancer Society.

Fundraising for breast cancer charities is something which unites the Curves community globally and the team in Curves Maynooth is delighted to be able to support Action Breast Cancer, whose goals of supporting and strengthening women match Curves' core values extremely well.

Over the past two years, Curves clubs across Ireland have fundraised in excess of €11,000 for Action Breast Cancer. Jim O'Malley, Corporate Partnerships Manager of the Irish Cancer Society said, "We are thrilled to work with Curves on their very creative Bra Recycling Campaign, and of course are so grateful for their efforts in raising such a generous amount of money."

"Action Breast Cancer is a vital programme of the Irish Cancer Society, one which requires ongoing support," O'Malley elaborated, "One in 10 women living in Ireland will develop breast cancer in their lifetime and so we need to keep promoting the breast cancer message and ultimately raising funds to enable ongoing research. Curves has certainly come up with a unique way of helping us to promote our message."

For further information on Curves, please call 01 6291000 or visit www.curves.ie.

For more information on Action Breast Cancer, call 1800 200 700 or visit www.cancer.ie.

Notes to editors:

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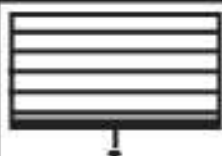
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You must be an Irish citizen to be eligible to vote in a Presidential election or a referendum.

You can check if you are listed on the Register of Electors at checktheregister.ie. You can also inspect the Register which is available in local authority offices, post offices, Garda stations and public libraries. The updated Register is published in February each year.

If your name is not on the Register of Electors you can apply to be included in a supplement to the Register. To do this you should complete form RFA2 and send it to your local authority. You can download it from checktheregister.ie. The form is also available from your local authority.

In order to be included in the supplement used at an election, your application must be received by your local authority at least 15 days before polling day. (Sundays, Public holidays and Good Friday are not counted as days for this purpose). So if you want to vote on 27 October 2011 you should make sure your local authority has received your completed form RFA2 by **Monday 10 October 2**

Question

Last May I entered into a civil partnership. We both work and pay tax as single people. How will we be taxed as civil partners?

Answer

The tax provisions that apply to married couples (in the year of marriage and in subsequent years) now apply to civil partners. The Finance (No. 3) Act 2011 made the necessary taxation changes. The changes apply for the 2011 year of assessment.

When you enter into a civil partnership, both you and your civil partner continue to be treated as single people for tax purposes in that year. However, if the tax you pay as two single people is greater than the tax that would be payable if you were taxed as civil partners, you can claim the difference. (In other words, you can claim a tax refund.) Refunds are only due from the date the civil partnership was registered and will be calculated after the following 31 December. In your case any refund due to you would be calculated after 31 December 2011.

As you entered a civil partnership in 2011, both of you will continue to be taxed as two single individuals for that tax year. In subsequent years the options that are available to married couples apply – joint assessment, separate assessment or separate treatment. You can choose which type of assessment suits you best – in general couples choose separate or joint assessment. This allows the use of extra personal tax credits or any unused part of the standard tax rate band for one partner against the income of the other partner to reduce their combined tax liability.

You and your civil partner should contact your local Revenue office to tell them the date of registration of your civil partnership, your PPS numbers and to fill in the nominated civil partner's election form (pdf). This form is available at www.revenue.ie.

You can find out more about how people in a civil partnership are taxed on the Revenue website.

Question

I work part-time and my working hours are irregular. If I do not work on a public holiday, how do I get my public holiday entitlement?

Answer

If you have worked at least 40 hours in total in the 5 weeks before the public holiday you are entitled to paid leave on the day or one of the following alternatives:

- A paid day off within a month of the public holiday
- An additional day of annual leave
- An additional day's pay
- The nearest church holiday to the public holiday as a paid day off

If you have worked for your employer at least 40 hours in the 5 weeks before the public holiday and you are due to work on a public holiday you are entitled to that day off as paid leave or one of the alternatives as listed above.

If you are not required to work on that particular day you should receive one-fifth of your weekly pay instead of the actual day's leave. Even if you are never rostered to work on a public holiday you are entitled to one-fifth of your weekly pay as compensation for the public holiday.

Under the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997 you may ask your employer, at least 21 days before a public holiday, which of the alternatives will apply to you. Your employer should respond to you at least 14 days before the public holiday. If your employer does not, you are entitled to take the actual public holiday as a paid day off.

Information about public holiday entitlements is available from the National Employment Rights Agency which operates an information helpline on Lo-call 1890 80 80 90.

Complaints in relation to holiday entitlements may be referred to a Rights Commissioner at the Labour Relations Commission, Tom Johnson House, Haddington Road, Dublin 4, Lo-call 1890 220 227, lrc.ie.

Question

I am 19. I left school this summer and I have just become eligible to apply for Jobseeker's Allowance. I am living at home with my parents – will this make any difference to how much I will get?

Answer

If you apply for Jobseeker's Allowance (JA), are aged under 25 and are living with a parent or a step-parent in the family home, your parents' income is taken into account in the means assessment. This is called benefit and privilege.

To work out how much, if any, will be deducted from your payment, add together your parents' net weekly income from all sources. (Net income is gross income less income tax, PRSI, Universal Social Charge, private health insurance contribution, superannuation and union dues.) Capital or savings that your parents have is not assessed.

You then deduct the following from your parents' net weekly income to get their assessable income:

- Any rent or mortgage repayments
- €600 for a two-parent family or €470 for a one-parent family
- €30 for each child up to 18 years of age or over 18 years and in full-time education (unless they get a social welfare payment in their own right)

Then, 34% of your parents' assessable income is assessed as benefit and privilege against your payment. This means that you must subtract this

amount from your weekly JA which, as you are aged 19, is €100 a week.

If, however, you have no means or income and your parents' assessable means are less than the personal rate of JA, you are entitled to a minimum payment of €40 a week. For example if 34% of your parents' means is €80 and the JA rate for your age is €100 you will get €40, not €20.

If you return to live with your parents after having lived independently either in Ireland or abroad for at least 3 years, benefit and privilege is assessed as €7.00 per week. If you are living with your parents and you are married, in a civil partnership, or cohabiting, you are not assessed for benefit and privilege.

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HAMILTON WALK

On Sunday 16 October 2011, the staff and students of the Department of Mathematics at NUI Maynooth and members of the general public will take to the banks of the Royal Canal to mark a famous day in the history of science and mathematics. On this day in 1843, William Rowan Hamilton, one of the world's most outstanding mathematicians ever, created the quaternions in a flash of inspiration while walking along the banks of the Royal Canal in Dublin. Anyone interested in participating in the walk is welcome to come along. The walk will be part of Maths Week Ireland 2011. The aim of Maths Week Ireland is to promote the understanding, awareness and appreciation of Maths. Check www.mathsweek.ie <<http://www.mathsweek.ie> for a schedule of events for Maths Week.

Each year the Mathematics Department at NUI Maynooth commemorates the event by retracing Hamilton's steps. The walk begins at Dunsink Observatory and heads south to meet the Royal Canal before going east along the canal to end up at Broombridge train station in Cabra, where a plaque marks the area where Hamilton scratched his formulas for the quaternions on the bridge. The walk is about three miles long and passes through some pleasant countryside.

A quaternion is a certain type of four-dimensional number and was a totally new concept in mathematics. Quaternions played an important role in some major breakthroughs in science. For example, they were fundamental in Maxwell's formulation of his theory of electromagnetic waves in 1864. This theory ultimately led to the invention of the first wireless telegraph by Marconi in 1895 and then radio, television and radar all followed. Also, vector analysis, which is indispensable in modern physics, is an offspring of quaternions. Quaternions are now also important in computer graphics, designing computer games and special effects in movies. For example, quaternions were used to create the famous character, Lara Croft, in the computer game "Tomb Raider" and also some of the special effects in the movie, "The Matrix Reloaded."

Hamilton has been called the Liberator of Algebra because his quaternions shattered the previously accepted convention that a useful algebraic number system should satisfy the rules of ordinary numbers in arithmetic. The mathematical world was shocked by his audacity in creating a system of 'numbers' that did not satisfy the usual commutative rule for multiplication (this is the rule which says that it does not matter in which order you multiply two ordinary numbers, i.e. two times three equals three times two. The quaternions do not satisfy this rule). Hamilton's quaternions opened up a whole new mathematical landscape in which mathematicians were now free to conceive new algebraic number systems that were not shackled by the rules of ordinary numbers. Thus, one can say that modern algebra was born on 16 October 1843, on the banks of the Royal Canal in Dublin.

William Rowan Hamilton (1805-1865) is Ireland's greatest mathematician. He was born in Dominick St. in Dublin and spent his youth on the banks of the River Boyne in Trim, Co. Meath. Hamilton was appointed Professor in 1827 while still an undergraduate at Trinity College, and lived at Dunsink Observatory for the rest of his life.

All are welcome to participate in the walk.

Contact Dr Fiacre Ó Cairbre in the Department of Mathematics at NUI Maynooth (Tel: 01-708 3763) to book a place on the walk.

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Never too Old to Learn

Many people in their fifties and sixties now want to learn the computer. They were not part of the computer generation but now want to catch up. They want to be able to send and receive emails, look up sites on the Internet etc. etc. There is absolutely no reason – age wise – why anybody cannot learn the computer.

Be Creative!

You can create greeting cards for example, work out your weekly budget (depressing!) write letters, create flyers etc. You can also transfer (download) photos from your digital camera to your computer, change the photos if you so wish (remove people, scenery, change the brightness/darkness etc). If you have a

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Using the Internet and having Fun

If you go on the Internet for example, you can listen to radio programmes live from all parts of the world, if you miss a programme on RTE you can listen to it later than day.

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Maynooth Castle (12) A Focal Point of Local History

Garret Mór, the Great Earl of Kildare, lived from 1456 to 1513. This was a period when the kings of England ruled Ireland, in so far as they can be said to have ruled it at all, through the agency of a great Anglo-Irish Lord acting as the deputy of a nominal lord lieutenant of royal blood. With a few interruptions Garret Mór was acting governor of Ireland from 1478 to his death in 1513. He was of Fitzgerald stock on both sides. His mother was Joan, daughter of James, the executed seventh earl of Desmond, and his father was Thomas, seventh earl of Kildare. Garret was most probably born at his father's chief castle of Maynooth, and grew up there with his two sisters and three brothers.

The Great Earl first took office as governor of Ireland during the reign of the Yorkist King Edward IV, and the Kildares, with most of the lords of Ireland, continued to support the house of York throughout its struggle with the rival house of Lancaster for the throne of England. So indispensable did his services in keeping Ireland relatively peaceful and trouble-free appear to both rival English houses, that his governorship of Ireland survived not only the downfall of the Yorkists, but even his own active involvement in an attempted coup to restore them. In 1485 the Lancastrian Henry Tudor defeated the Yorkist Richard III at the battle of Bosworth and became king as Henry VII. In 1487 a pretender, Lambert Simnel, who claimed to be a nephew of Edward IV, was crowned in Dublin as Edward VI with Kildare's support. An invasion of England to place the claimant on the throne followed, and Thomas, brother of the Great Earl, fought and died on his side at the battle of Stoke where Simnel was defeated and taken prisoner. A few years later yet another pretender claiming to be a Yorkist heir appeared at Cork. Again Kildare plotted to help make him king of England, though on this occasion he did not go to the length of

rebellion.

At this stage the Tudor King Henry VII, not surprisingly, experimented with removing Kildare from power in Ireland. In his place he sent over an Englishman, Sir Edward Poynings in 1494. Poynings held a famous parliament at Dorogheda which passed an act limiting the power of Irish parliaments. It also outlawed the war-cries of the Fitzgeralds and the Butlers, and attainted the Great Earl; that is, it passed an act declaring him a traitor. He was arrested, sent to England, and lodged in the tower of London. During his long detention in England his wife, Alison Eustace, died of grief in November 1494. From the Tower, Garret Mór was brought before the king and his Council and accused of many offences by enemies and rivals from Ireland. In an article in the Journal of the County Kildare Archaeological Society in 1896, Lord Walter Fitzgerald, using contemporary accounts, recounts what happened as follows:

"The Bishop of Meath commenced by accusing the Earl of sundry offences, and amongst others of forcing him from the sanctuary. The Earl answered that he was not sufficiently able to defend himself, as the Bishop was a learned man, and so was not he, and thus he might be able to get the better of him in an argument. Thereupon the King advised the Earl to select a counsellor, and any one he choose he would surely get. The Earl replied that he doubted he would get the good fellow he would select. 'By my troth, thou shalt,' said the King. 'Give me your hand on it' said the Earl. 'Here is my hand,' said the King, 'choose well, for thou art badly in need of a good one.' 'I will choose the best in England,' said the Earl. 'And who is that?' asked the King. 'Marry! The King himself,' replied the Earl, 'and by St. Bride I will choose none other.' At this the King laughed, and turning to the Council remarked, 'A wiser man might have chosen worse.'

"After finishing with the Bishop of Meath's complaints, the Bishop of Cashel eventually came

forward and accused the Earl of having burnt his cathedral on the Rock of Cashel, and at the same time produced numerous witnesses to prove the fact. But contrary to their expectations, the Earl not only confessed it, but added: 'By St. Bride! I never would have done it but I thought the Bishop was inside.' This being said in front of the bishop himself made the King laugh heartily, and he was so impressed with the bluntness and frankness of the Earl, that on the Bishop of Meath irritably exclaiming: 'Your Majesty must see all Ireland cannot rule this man,' the King at once replied: 'Then he shall rule all Ireland.' "And thus the Earl was restored to his honours and estates, and appointed Lord Deputy by letters patent, dated 6th August 1496."

Not only this but he returned to Ireland with a new wife, Elizabeth St. John, who was a cousin of the king. After his restoration to the post of deputy, Garret Mór ruled Ireland until his death in 1513. He could still use parliament in his own interests as long as he had Henry's approval. He held control over appointments to most of the great offices in church and state, control over the way in which revenue was spent, and command of the royal forces in Ireland, and of the royal artillery. Apart from all this he exercised great power in his own right as earl of Kildare, and this he built up by judicious alliances. His daughters married into the great Irish and Anglo-Irish families of O'Donnell, O'Carroll, MacCarthy Reagh, Butler and Burke. He was recognized as virtually the 'uncrowned king' of Ireland and historians have speculated as to his chances of success if he had launched an all-out campaign to repudiate the authority of the kings of England and set himself up as king of Ireland. This however he never attempted to do, and was satisfied to rule Ireland in the interests of his family and allies, using to the full all the resources available to him as deputy of the king, and representing his actions to the king as being in the interest and defence of royal power. In this he was so successful that Henry VII created him a knight of the Garter as a reward for his victory in the battle of Knocktoe, or Cnoc Tuagh, near Galway, in 1504, a battle which was the result of long-standing family feuds in Ireland and where, with the help of Irish and Anglo-Irish forces drawn from all over Ireland, the Great Earl defeated a strong rival in the person of his son-in-law Ulick Burke, Lord of Clanrickard.

Garret Mór died at Kildare in 1513 as the result of wounds received in a skirmish near Kilkea with a party of the O'Mores of Leix. He was buried before the high altar of St. Mary's Chapel in the choir of Christ Church. The chronicler, Richard Stanyhurst has left this description of the Great Earl. He was:

"a mightie man of stature, full of honore and courage, who had bin Lord Deputy and Lord Justice of Ireland three-and-thirtie yeares, Kildare was in government milde, to his enemies sterne, He was open and playne, hardly able to rule himself when he was moved; in anger not so sharp as short, being easily displeased and sooner appeased This olde Earle, being soone hotte, and soone cold, was of the Englishe well beloved; a good Justicier, a suppressor of the rebels, a warrioure incomparable; towards the nobles, that he fansyed not, somewhat headlong and unruly. Notwithstanding hys simplicities in peace, he was of that valoure and policie in warre, as his name bred a greater terrour to the Irish than other men's armyes."

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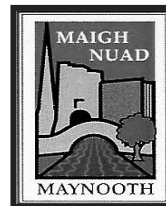
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The academic year of 2011-2012 sees the 40th Anniversary of Maynooth Post Primary School.

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The opening celebration will be held on October 7th when President of Ireland, Mary McAleese visits the school. It is a huge honour for the school to have the President of Ireland recognise our 40th Anniversary.

In November we hope to have a 40th Anniversary Ball. This will be open to staff, past pupils, parents and the wider school community. The Ball will be held on November 12th in Carton House and ticket numbers will be limited.

In December a special 1970s Day will be held by the History Department for students. They can dress up and learn about what life was like when the school began.

Later in the year we hope to have a gala musical evening. For this event we ask any past students who have gone on to perform to please let us know. We would love to have you perform at our special concert. If you or anyone you know would like to participate in this event please contact Ms Anne-Marie Lawlor or Ms Sinead O'Connell.

The day of the Maynooth Post Primary School Fun Run 2012 will see a Family Fun Day on the grounds of the school. The local community is invited to come and see what we do here in Maynooth Post Primary School. More details of this event will follow.

**More information on the year's celebrations from
Sinead O'Connell, Maynooth Post Primary School.**

Ghost Stories

Are you interested in local ghosts and supernatural phenomena, and the 'not-so-local' ones, also?

At 8 pm on Tuesday, 1st November, at the Glenroyal Hotel, the Maynooth Local History Group hosts an evening of ghost storytelling.

Come along on the night to tell your own story, or to listen to the stories and experiences of others.

'Google' this website..... "Seamus Cullen's personal website,"..... and then click onto

"The Lady in White" for a real flavour of a local ghost story.

This is a terrific website, and packed with local history studies.



Maynooth Ladies Golf Society.

Ladies Captain's Day.

The Maynooth Ladies Golf Society had their Captain's Day at Killeen Castle, Dunsany, Co. Meath on Saturday 3rd September. The 2011 Solheim Cup will be held on this course on the 26th - 28th September. We all had a very enjoyable day of golf, with the rain staying away. There were 15 golfers playing on the day. Our Lady captain Yvonne Murphy organised a great day out and some really lovely prizes. The course itself was long and very challenging but everyone played well and enjoyed it.

Well done to everyone.

Results:

1st Prize: Karen Kelly

2nd Prize: Yvonne Murphy

3rd Prize: Deirdre Glynn

Front Nine: Ursula Byrne

Back Nine: Edel Hutchinson

Nearest the pin: Roseleen McCabe

Longest Drive: Mary Buckley

If you are interested in joining our society, our annual membership fee is €30 and each outing is €40 approx. We play various golf courses around the Kildare area once a month from February to October. You can contact Louise Saults at 0868793610 after 6pm, or email louisesaults@gmail.com. New members very welcome.

The 8th Kildare Maynooth Scouts

The 8th Kildare Maynooth Scouts are having a number of fund raising events coming up, all these events are open to everybody in the community. Monies raised will go towards the building of the new Den. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Friday 21st October 2011 - Race Night in the Glenroyal Hotel, 8pm - late, no cover charge. Great prizes on the night.

Friday 4th November - Disco for 12 -15 year olds will be held in the Students Union (NUIM North Campus). The disco is fancy dress. It will be from 8 to 11 pm. The event will be suitably supervised. Admission is 10 Euro, which includes a soft drink.

Saturday 5th November - Disco for 6 - 11 year olds, in the Students Union (NUIM North Campus)

5 - 8pm, Admission 5 Euro, including a soft drink and glow stick.

This is a fancy dress disco and there will be face painting available for 1 Euro.



October Seis

*Traidisiún ceoil
ó chroí Bhaile Átha h
Á thabhairt abhaile
chun go mbeidh againn spraoi.*

The O'Neill's and Friends **October Seis** has now become an annual event which has been held in various venues in Ireland, England and New York and has entertained all who have come to share and enjoy the music and craic with all proceeds going to a worthy local cause. As the opening verse states that it's a "musical tradition from the heart of Athy, bringing it home for all to enjoy", and that's what this is; a musical tradition with its roots and foundation in Athy, Co. Kildare which has now proudly returned to the place of its birth. While there will be a variety of musical entertainments to suit all tastes the event is also being staged to raise much needed funds for the St Vincent's Hospital Athy, an establishment which has served the people of the town of Athy and the people of Kildare for many generations. The official launch of the **October Seis** was held on Friday 8th of July 2011 in the activities room of the hospital and was attended by staff and patients alike with music provided by Kevin, Maureen, Joe, Martin and Sean & Ellen O'Neill. The launch was attended and supported by Jack Wall TD, Sean O' Fearghail TD, local historian Frank Taffe and Athy Mayor Cllr. Richard Daly.

The **October Seis** events take place over the bank holiday weekend, details of which can be found on their official website october_seis@yahoo.com, and the opening venue is on Friday 28th in the Clanard Court Hotel, which will be followed on Saturday 29th in the Carlton Abbey Hotel and on Sunday 30th in the Castle Inn; all venues are situated locally in Athy and are well sign-posted. All musical tastes are catered for with a variety of genres on offer from Blues, Jazz, Ballads, Folk, Rock, Cheile, Traditional, Waltz and Old-Time performed by groups such as The Roving Crows, The Tewkesbury O'Neill's, The Tunesmiths and McDara, who will also be performing some of his own unique blend of music from the selection of his KMH series of recordings, among many other groups who will be performing over the long weekend. Music and the love of entertainment has been an integral part of the lives of the O'Neill family, which has been passed down to them by their father, the late Joe O'Neill, who instilled in them the appreciation of music as a medium to bring people together in a community spirit. While this event is being staged in Athy, all of the people of Kildare and other County's and communities are invited to share and enjoy what is bound to be a fun-filled weekend with something to offer to those of all ages and musical persuasions.

So if you're looking for an enjoyable, musical and fun-packed weekend then think of the **October Seis** on the forth-coming Bank Holiday weekend. While Saturday night is the main venue of the weekend in the Carlton Abbey Hotel with a 10 euro entry fee, there will also be the big raffle and other fundraising events for you to participate in. Whether you're a Jazz or Blues fan, a dancer who prefers to step out to a Waltz or Old-Time or you fancy a sing-a-long to some well known Folk and Ballad songs then this is the venue for you. But the further benefit to this weekend is the support you will be giving to a very deserving cause, that of the care of the elderly in our community. The support you give, they will receive with many thanks both from them and the dedicated and grateful staff at St Vincent's Hospital. When you talk to some of the patients at St Vincent's they can tell you of events that they had attended when they were younger, so now is your chance to add a memorable moment to your own list of enjoyable recollections.

Tickets for the big raffle on Saturday, which is for a hand-made rocking horse (Tickets €3.00 each) which was generously donated by the staff of Wheatfield Prison, can be purchased at the venue on the night or if you would like to enquire about other methods of purchase then please visit the official website.

For Further information on all events and weekend timetables please visit october_seis@yahoo.com

By Brian O'Neill



*John Dooley, Sean, Martin, Paul, Kevin,
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Kevin, Martin, Sean and (background) Jamie O'Neill



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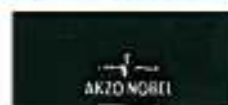
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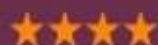
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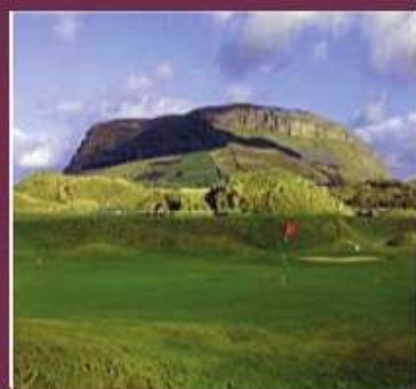
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Maynooth — Canet — Twinning

Canet delegation welcomed in Maynooth and beyond

The advance delegation from Canet-en-Roussillon arrived in Maynooth on Wednesday September 28th and as rugby fans from the Perpignan region of France they were given a major treat in NUI Maynooth where they were greeted by President Nolan and had an opportunity to be photographed with the Heineken Cup.

Most of the delegation had been to Maynooth in 2009 and remembered with amazing clarity many of the key features of the town.

Thursday was spent in Dublin that included a visit and lunch in Dail Eireann hosted by Deputy Bernard Durkan.



Eddie Tobin, Alexandra Maillochaud, Emmanuelle, Garbani de Lacvivier, Tom McMullon, at Leinster House

On Friday the delegation were welcomed to Kildare County Council offices in Naas, by Mayor Micheál Nolan together with Deputy Mayor Cllr, Senan Griffin, Cllr. Brendan Weld, as well as by Michael Malone, County Manager and Director of Services with responsibility for twinning, Peter Minnock.

Later the delegation attended a ceremony in Newbridge to mark the passing out of new members of Kildare Fire Service and then went on to visit to Newbridge Silverware



Brendan Weld, Tom McMullon, Alexandra Maillochaud, Emmanuelle Garbani de Lacvivier, Eddie Tobin, in Kildare Co. co. Chambers



Eddie Fitzgerald, NUIM Barnhall RFC, Jocelyn Hodapp, Alexandra Maillochaud, Tom McMullon, Eddie Tobin, Emmanuelle Garbani de Lacvivier, Colm O'Cearúil,



Dennis Bowes, NUIM Barnhall RFC Rugby Development Officer, with Philip Nolan, President of NUI Maynooth, and NUIM Students



Niall O'Riordan, Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Micheál Nolan, Emmanuelle Garbani de Lacvivier, Celina Barrett, Chief Fire Officer at Kildare County Council, Alexandra Maillochaud, Jocelyn Hodapp, Chanel Donnelly, Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer

Maynooth — Canet — Twinning



Mayor Bernard Dupont & Mayor Micheál Nolan holding The Twinning Charter to the audience following the signing



A section of the large attendance at Renehan Hall, St. Patrick's College



St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band



The 8th Kildare Maynooth Scouts

Maynooth Twinning Events a credit to everyone involved

The events around the formal signing of the Twinning Agreement between Maynooth and Canet-en-Roussillon on October 1st last were a great success because everyone in the town pulled together to extend a wonderful welcome to our distinguished visitors. In thanking everyone for their involvement, Paul Croghan, PRO of the Maynooth Community Council twinning sub-committee said that the organising of such an event is a difficult task and the willing support from community groups, institutions and the business sectors was greatly appreciated by the community council. The twinning ceremony was held in Renehan Hall, in St. Patrick's College on what was a very wet Saturday but the large attendance from all sectors and interests in the town meant that there was a packed hall with only standing room left well before the start of the proceedings.

No event of any significance can happen in the town without the involvement of St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band and they were on hand to bring their special support to the significance of the occasion playing both the Irish and French National Anthems as well as entertaining the audience before formal proceedings commenced. A high standard was set in Canet-en-Roussillon last June when the first official charter was signed but the presence of the band was a major boost for the ceremony in Maynooth. The Maynooth Scouts led the march with flags bearers representing France, Ireland, Catalan and Kildare.

The preparations for the twinning began almost a week earlier with Maynooth Tidy Towns putting up bunting in Main Street reflecting the French/Irish/Catalan/Kildare colours. Also Tidy Towns maintained their floral hanging baskets for the twinning as well as doing additional clean-ups for the occasion. As part of the post twinning event celebrations hosted by Carton House, music was provided by local songwriter and musician Danny McCarthy as well as local traditional music group Push For Porter. Irish dancing was provided by the Rita Doyle, School of Dancing, who is always willing to support community events. U3A was also on hand to add song and fun to the occasion. Dr. Mary Cullen gave our visitors a short history of Maynooth and in particular the many French connections in our history.

On the business side the events were supported by a number of restaurants such as Chill (in NUI, Maynooth), O'Neill's Bar, The Avenue, Brady's and Donatello's as well as The Ryeval and The Springfield House Hotel in Leixlip. St. Patrick's College provided Renehan Hall for the formal signing event. With special agreement Maynooth Castle was opened on Sunday with a tour from local historian, Matt Kennedy.

One person who merits special mention is retired NUI Maynooth French Lecturer, Dr. Michael O'Dwyer who provided us with French/English translations as needed as well as a excellent guided tour of St. Patrick's College. Special thanks to May Daly for flags and Paddy Furlong for photos. Apologies if I have missed anyone, but it was a major undertaking and well done to everyone involved.

Recipes

Rich tomato soup with pesto



Ingredients

- 1 tbsp butter or olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 5 soft sun-dried tomatoes in oil, roughly chopped
- 3 x 400g cans plum tomatoes
- 500ml turkey or vegetable stock
- 1 tsp sugar or more to taste
- 142ml soured cream
- 125g pot fresh basil pesto
- basil leaves, to serve

Method

1. Heat the butter or oil in a large pan, then add the garlic and soften for a few mins over a low heat. Add the sun-dried tomatoes, canned tomatoes, stock, sugar and seasoning, then bring to a simmer. Let the soup bubble for 10 mins until the tomatoes have broken down a little.
2. Whizz with a stick blender, adding half the pot of soured cream as you go. Taste and adjust the seasoning - add more sugar if you need to. Serve in bowls with 1 tbsp or so of the pesto swirled on top, a little more soured cream and scatter with basil leaves.

- 2 sprigs thyme
- 2 bay leaves
- 25g butter
- 250g mushrooms

Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 180c/gas 4.
2. Toss the beef in some seasoned flour.
3. Heat the oil in the dish and cook the beef in batches.
4. Heat a little more oil in the dish and add the bacon, onion and garlic. Cook for five mins until golden then add the carrots and tomato puree. Gradually add the wine and the beef stock.
5. Add the cooked beef, thyme and bay to the dish. Cover and cook in the oven for 2 hours.
6. Meanwhile melt the butter and cook the mushrooms for 5 mins. Add to the dish and return to the oven for an additional 15mins.
7. Season and serve with creamy mashed potatoes

Halloween Barnbrack



Ingredients

- 375g dried fruit
- 300ml cold tea
- 225g self-raising flour
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 teaspoon mixed spice
- 125g caster sugar
- honey or Golden Syrup (optional – for decoration)

Method

1. Soak the fruit in tea overnight, then drain. Mix together with the rest of the ingredients (apart from the honey/golden syrup) and stir in the charms. Don't over knead the dough, or your delicately re-hydrated fruit will break up. Wrap ring and any other 'charms' in greaseproof paper and stir into mixture.

2. Line the base of a 20cm round cake tin or
3. 900g loaf tin with greaseproof paper. Grease the tin and pile in the mixture.
4. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 170C for about an hour until risen and firm to the touch.
5. You can brush melted honey or golden syrup over the brack before cutting. Or glaze the brack with a syrup made from two teaspoons of sugar dissolved in three teaspoons of boiling water.

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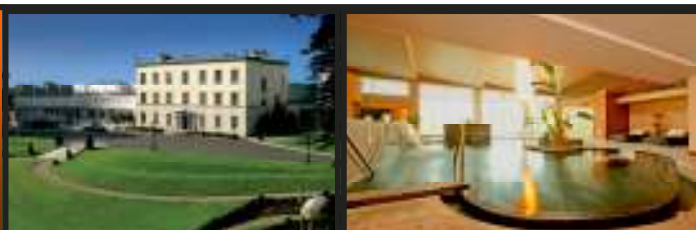
Ingredients:

- 2tbsp olive oil/ rapeseed oil
- 1.5 kg stewing beef, chopped
- 180g streaky bacon, chopped
- 1 onion, diced
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2tbsp plain flour
- salt and freshly ground pepper
- 2tbsp tomato puree
- 500mls red wine
- 300mls beef stock
- 500g carrots chopped



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ADVICE ON PET NEUTERING

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We recommend that both dogs and cats are neutered at six months of age but the operation can be performed at any time.

The neutering of a male animal is called castration and involves the removal of that animals testes. This stops the pets sexual urge and so the male dog or cat will display no interest in a potential mate which is in heat. It also has the advantage that if your pet is showing aggressive tendencies, castration can help to suppress these. Tomcats will often mark their territory by spraying urine - this can be very unpleasant in a domestic situation. Castrating the tomcat is a major help in dealing with this problem. Male dogs can develop testicular cancers, by having him castrated at an early age this danger is removed.

With bitches it is often thought by owners that you have to let them have one heat (season) or a litter of pups before they are spayed. The latest scientific evidence does not support this theory and in fact shows that neutering a bitch before her first heat drastically reduces the incidence of mammary tumours in later life and also stops her developing uterine conditions such as pyometra which is very debilitating and can be fatal if left untreated. The spayed bitch will also not suffer from phantom pregnancies which can be very distressing for the patient.

Female cats are some times overlooked but it is important to spay a cat if she is not going to be bred from. This is because of their often large litter size. Therefore the potential for a cat to have several litters of kittens during the course of a year has to be carefully considered.

There are some very common fallacies regarding neutered pets - they do not become fat and lazy if exercise is maintained and they are fed a high quality balanced diet without any additional titbits. Neither do they lose their character but they usually become more gentle which with a pet that may have been previously aggressive is an advantage. Your pet's spirit and intelligence is retained and can be best expressed in a pet which benefits from a correct diet and exercise regime.

Please contact us if you wish to enquire further on this matter at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic, Newtown Grove, Maynooth. Phone: 01-6289467 or maynoothvet@gmail.com or please visit our website

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MURPHY CAUTIOUSLY WELCOMES GOVERNMENT'S ESTABLISHMENT OF PYRITE COMMISSION AND ADVISES HOMEOWNERS EXPERIENCING PYRITE PROBLEM TO COME FORWARD

Deputy Catherine Murphy has today welcomed the government's establishment of a Pyrite Commission aimed at tackling the escalating Pyrite problem and HomeBond's withdrawal of support for those affected. Although viewing the action by government as positive, Murphy hastened to add that establishing a commission is more of a statement of intention than a resolution in its own right and that those affected must continue to act if this statement of intent is to translate into true delivery on this urgent issue.

"I'm very happy to see the government taking definitive steps to act on this problem but we're still a long way from an acceptable solution that ensures people who bought and insured their homes in good faith receive the full financial assistance necessary to carry out remedial works on their homes. Now that we're seeing some movement on the issue on the part of government, those affected by the destructive damage of Pyrite must come forward and increase the pressure on HomeBond who have so far failed to cover the financial costs involved adequately."

Murphy stated her wish to highlight among Kildare residents the advice of the government's working group and the "Pyrite Action" campaign who have both come out and said that,

"Those people who suspect or know that Pyrite was used in the construction of their homes and are seeing the adverse effects of it are advised to come forward and report it to HomeBond as soon as possible. The reason for this is the government task force can then compel HomeBond to provide them with information on the number of houses affected by the issue, which can only strengthen their ability to take action. This problem unfortunately does not go away by itself so it's vital that people do report it to HomeBond as soon as possible."

The Kildare North TD went on to state that those experiencing Pyrite problems are also advised to contact the "Pyrite Action" campaign which is "a campaign group made up of concerned homeowners across many areas whose homes are affected by pyrite". They can be contacted at:

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Finally Murphy stated that she is happy to hear from and assist any Kildare resident experiencing Pyrite problems. She can be contacted at:

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MURPHY SIGNS NORRIS NOMINATION PAPER "IN THE INTEREST OF DEMOCRACY"

Deputy Catherine Murphy, Independent TD for Kildare North has today announced that "in the interest of democracy and a varied ballot paper" she has added her name to the list of nominators requesting that Senator David Norris be allowed to appear on the ballot paper for the forthcoming Presidential Election on October 27.

"Today I signed the nomination papers for David Norris and I did so to ensure that he can be judged not by fellow politicians but by the people of Ireland. For me, the entry of Martin McGuinness into the presidential race - a man who once espoused the strategy of the armelite in one hand and the ballot box in the other - was a game changer. If the citizens of this republic are to have the opportunity to adjudicate over his suitability for the role of President they should equally have the opportunity to judge Norris at the ballot box. My signing Senator Norris' nomination paper is all about ensuring that the people get to have their say on the candidates in the field, no more and no less."

The North Kildare T.D. made no bones about the worrying nature of the revelations which spurred Norris to withdraw from the race in early August however stated that as a strong believer in open and fair democratic procedure she could not act as a barrier to a fellow Independent politician who simply wished to gain a place on the ballot paper.

"I said at the time [of Norris' withdrawal] that it was a major misjudgement on his behalf to write the letters seeking clemency for his former partner. I stand over those remarks, but having said that, I have had a lot of people contacting me since his withdrawal with arguments both for and against my signing his nomination papers. That tells me that there is a huge level of interest in having Norris as a candidate in this election. As a democrat, what else can I do but support his bid to appear on the ballot paper in order that all those people have the opportunity to express their opinions through the democratic process. Like it or loath it, democracy is about presenting a choice to the people and accepting their decision, I feel it's my duty to facilitate that choice here."

Murphy however went on to highlight her distinct dissatisfaction at the current means of candidate selection,

"I am deeply unhappy with the process which is predominantly controlled by the political parties. I have myself suggested that obtaining the signatures of 10,000 electors as nominators would be a strong means of ensuring the people have a say on the make-up of the ballot paper. Within the past week that number of signatures were collected and handed to David Norris, so I cannot argue for such a provision to be added to the nomination process and then not sign

his nomination paper. Unfortunately it's too late to change the law for this election but I think it's clear that the current system just doesn't match the will of the people anymore and must be altered."

The Independent TD concluded in highlighting her satisfaction at approach taken by presidential hopeful Sean Gallagher to the nomination process, "...I was also impressed by Sean Gallagher's decision to only seek the backing of four Local Authorities in order that other potential candidates could be presented to the electorate. I think in doing so that he demonstrated a generosity to other potential candidates as to seek additional councils would have been about seeking an endorsement as opposed to gaining a place on the ballot."



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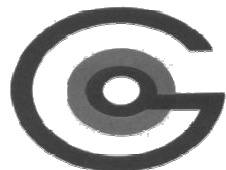
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Progress on Funding for Extension to Bus Routes 66 and 67

Cllr. McGinley was given the following highly disappointing update on the extensions of the 66 and 67 bus routes in Maynooth at the Area Meeting on 16 September:

"There has been no confirmation from Dublin Bus that it will extend the bus routes once the works have been completed. It would appear that Dublin Bus funding has been reduced and that the extensions are, therefore, unlikely. However, if the works are completed then there should be no obstacle from a roads perspective to any future extension of these routes."

Cllr. McGinley stated that it is extremely disappointing that a semi-state body like Dublin Bus fails to communicate to the Council. He asked that they be contacted again and advised that if they don't confirm that they are going ahead with the bus extensions that the Council will be unable to draw down the €200,000 already approved by the National Transport Authority.

Extension of Public Car Park in Maynooth:

Cllr. McGinley was given the following update at the September Area Meeting on his motion concerning the extension of the Public Car Park at Doctors lane:

"The Roads Department will be meeting with the landowner in September. It is hoped that an agreement can be reached at this meeting."

Update on Process with Receiver in Meadowbrook Estate.

Cllr. McGinley was given the following update at the September Area Meeting:

"Report: That an estimate of works be prepared by the planning department and that a member of staff from the building control section attend the September meeting to discuss this matter further

It is estimated that a preliminary costing of €75,394 would be required to complete remedial works in Meadowbrook estate. However, as stated in March this year, until we have a chance to review as constructed drawings and CCTV surveys of the sewage systems, we will not know the full extent of remedial works required.

Underground defects cannot be estimated in the absence of this documentation and the cost of these specific remedial works (if any) are not incorporated in the calculations for the figure quoted above. A comprehensive final costing of all outstanding works cannot be completed without as constructed drawings and CCTV surveys of the sewage systems.

Building control wrote to the receiver in May this year and offered to meet the receiver to discuss this case. Unfortunately we have still had no response. As stated previously, building control staff can meet with representatives of the residents association to outline the implications of proceeding with the taking in charge of Meadowbrook at this stage. Please contact Willie Hannigan or Stephen Cunningham to make any necessary arrangements."

Cllr. McGinley asked that the Receiver be given a breakdown of the costs to complete the estate as per Planning Permission.

Update on Flooding at Maynooth Town FC and M4

The Senior Engineer has met Councillor McGinley on site and has undertaken to carry out further investigative works with the intention of addressing the drainage problem at this location.

Relocation of bus stops at NUI Maynooth, Kilcock Road

Cllr. McGinley and other Councillors highlighted the problem with having the two bus stops opposite each other on the Kilcock Road. As a result all traffic has to stop.

Cllr. McGinley was given the following update at the September Area Meeting:

"The Council is currently engaging with the applicant's agents with regard to the measures arising from a Road Safety Audit. When this process is complete details of the outcome can be circulated to the Area Committee."

Cllr. McGinley Asks for public Lights at the Square to be Repaired;

Cllr. McGinley was given the following update on his motion:

That the top covers on the triple public light at The Square, Maynooth, be replaced before irreparable damage is caused to the unit.

"Report: Currently the Council is operating a call-on/call-off maintenance contract pending the appointment of a contractor based on a new public lighting contract. The Public Lighting Section is not in a position to repair all public lighting faults at present. A review of the Council's public lighting spend is under way and only faults that are considered to contribute to a traffic hazard are being repaired. The fault identified will be investigated and the section will report back to the Committee if a repair is possible."

When Cllr. McGinley pointed out that it is the covers that were stolen and that it is not a fault as such the Director of Services undertook to have the matter seen to.

Cllr. McGinley Submits Further Motion on the "High Road" at Old Greenfield, Maynooth

John got the following reply at the September Area Meeting to his motion:

"That a report be given to the area committee on the progress made with the developer, High Degree, on getting safe entrances to the houses off the "High Road" at Old Greenfield, Maynooth. (See An Bord Pleanála Conditions for 06/424)."

The Director of Services undertook to take this serious matter up directly with the Developer.

Cllr McGinley Submitted a Motion to Get Developer to Re-instate Road at Dunboyne Road, Maynooth;

"That the developers of Castlepark, Maynooth, be asked to properly re-instate the road from Carton Square to their new development beyond Lyreen Park and that they also be asked to repair the cable to public lighting pole number 11 (opposite the entrance to Pebble Hill) which they damaged during their road openings."

As residents will know the developer has now carried out the work.

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8. Shook from fear or cold (8)
 9. Share or allotment, of food say (6)
 10. Cloth, material (6)
 11. Most irate (8)
 12. Room below ground (6)
 13. Changeless and unceasing (8)
 15. One unit (4)
 17. Leaves for smoking (7)
 19. Hurts (7)
 22. Place, location (4)
 24. Having the greatest weight (8)
 27. Moves upwards (6)
 29. Constant and true (8)
 30. Directed one's gaze (6)
 31. Less rich (6)
 32. Large oval nuts with fibrous husks (8)

DOWN

1. Make (6)
 2. Lure lamb under it out of the rain (8)
 3. Relating to a form of energy (8)
 4. Forward movement, a change for the better (7)
 5. Mythological creature is no grad (6)
 6. Exacting, rigid (6)
 7. Foolish or meaningless words (8)
 14. Leave out (4)
 16. Throw lightly and casually (4)
 18. Agent who runs a machine (8)
 20. Ornamental chain (8)
 21. Mythical horned creature (8)
 23. Letters slanting to the right (7)
 25. Electors (6)
 26. Endeavour, exertion (6)
 28. Inhaled and exhaled air (6)

Answers to No. 395



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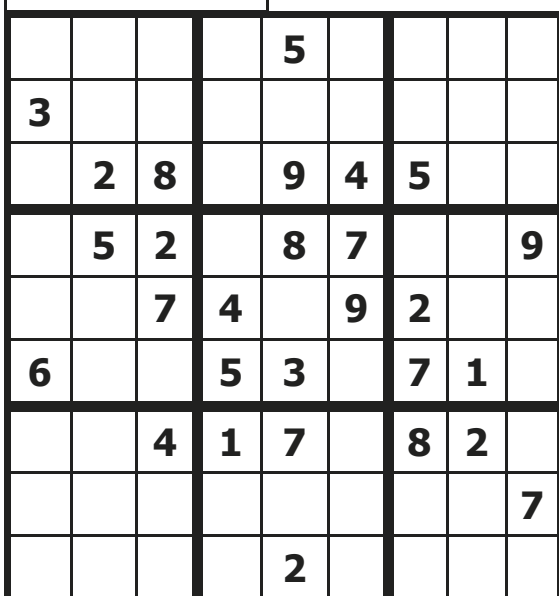
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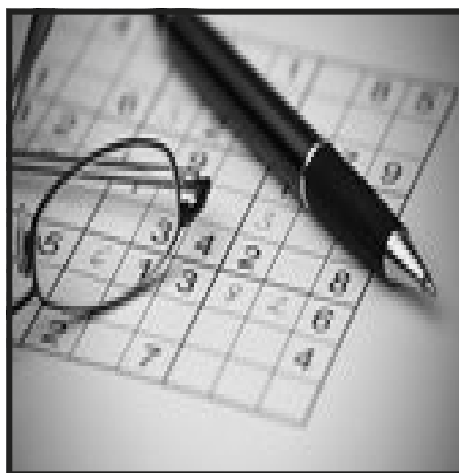
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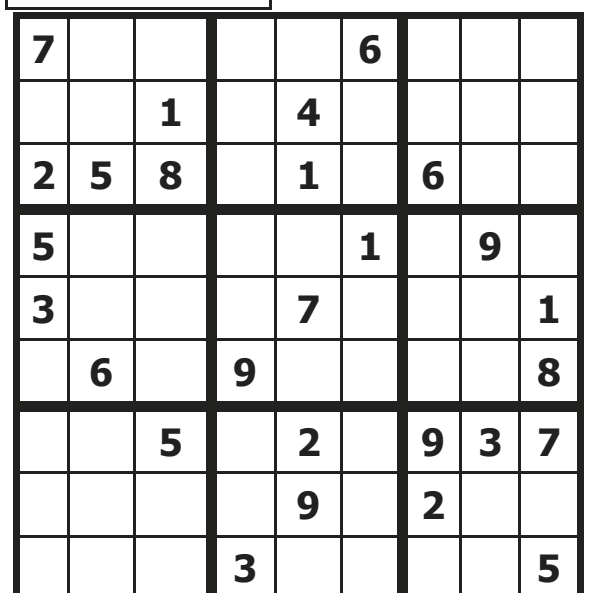


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Gardening in October

The Flower Garden

One of the first things gardeners have to do in October is to harden their hearts and turf out the summer bedding, which may still be looking wonderful, and planting in its place the bedding which is going to supply the colour during the winter, and perhaps more importantly, the spring ahead. Wallflowers, polyanthus and primroses will do better in the spring if they can get their roots down reasonably early in the autumn, while there is still some warmth in the ground. The same goes for pansies, which are more likely to flower through the winter if they are established before the cold weather comes to slow them down. Two old fashioned spring bedding plants which sometimes get overlooked but are always rewarding are Bellis, those delightful pink and white double pompom daisies, and forget-me-nots, which are a more intense blue than the ones which seed around in your garden naturally. All spring bedding plants combine wonderfully with tulips and daffodils, so don't forget to plant some bulbs at the same time. (Set your bedding plants out first, then the bulbs-otherwise, confusion results!) Narcissi, alliums and crocus are the ones to get on with as soon as you can; tulips can wait happily till next month, though it's advisable to buy the ones you want in case they sell out.

Plant container grown hardy cyclamen in pockets of humus-rich soil, in the shade of deciduous shrubs and trees.

The miniature flowers carry on for ages and even when they are over, the beautiful foliage will be there right through the winter until the early summer.

You need to lift any tuberous begonias (the ones with the enormous flowers, which have done so well this summer) before they are hit by frost. Lift them carefully and put them in pots or trays of moist compost and keep them in a greenhouse, light shed or on a cool bedroom windowsill. Keep them watered until the leaves begin to go yellow. Dry them off by gradually withdrawing watering. Cover with a shallow layer of peat and store somewhere frost-free. Moisten the peat occasionally over winter to prevent the tubers from shrivelling.

Geraniums too will need lifting soon, as well as tender Fuchias and any standard Fuchias, before there are any proper frosts; -there is no need to panic-a touch of ground frost will do them no harm. Lift them carefully, trim them back to tidy them up, pot them into multi-purpose potting compost, keep them barely moist over winter, in your cool, frost-free place, which is gradually getting fuller. Plants already in containers should be moved in too, again just keeping them barely moist. These will be potted on or repotted in March.

Gladioli which have been planted deeply in well-drained soil are pretty safe to leave



in the ground over winter these days; but if you don't want to risk it or if your soil is heavy, lift the corms carefully with a fork, around the middle of the month, cut the stem down to 1/2 an inch above the corm, dry them off in an airy place, and when they are completely dry, store them in trays in a cool, frost-proof place.

Dahlias rarely need lifting (if at all) until November or even December, after they have been well blackened by a couple of good frosts; so carry on dead-heading and enjoying those gorgeous flowers.

October is the perfect month in which to split hardy perennials like daylilies. Peonies can be done too this month, though the earlier the better-get them done before the cold weather. Leave grasses and the less hardy perennials, such as kniphofias, till the spring.

It is also an excellent **time to plant new perennials**, as well as container-grown shrubs and trees. Their roots continue to grow even after their leaves are off, and they get off to a much better, more stress-free start in the spring. The month is starting off rather on the dry side this year, so you need to water things in well.

Lightly trim over lavender hedges and individual plants.

Lawns

Apply an autumn weed and moss killer this month. The idea is not to get your grass growing but to give it the vigour and resilience to get through the winter.

October is a good month in which to lay turf. Make sure you get your turf from a reputable supplier-if possible, see it before you buy it. Prepare a weed-free tilth on which to lay your turf and give it time to settle. Start laying in a corner, bonding the turves in the same way as bricks; butt them together as tightly as you can, filling any gaps or depressions with sieved soil.

Free Second Level Maths Support at NUI Maynooth.

The Mathematics Support Centre (MSC) in the National University of Ireland, Maynooth (NUIM) recommences its provision of free drop-in maths support for local secondary schools on the 3rd of October 2011. This service is supported by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, and the Admissions and Access Offices in NUIM.

It is available to students, from first year to Leaving Certificate regardless of level. These sessions will run on Monday evenings from 6-8pm in Rye Hall, North Campus of NUIM. A location map, a full list of the schools currently involved, the dates that the service is available and additional free online resources can be viewed at the website <http://supportcentre.maths.nuim.ie/secondlevel>.

This support is not a replacement for the classroom; rather it complements the

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If you require any additional information, you can contact the Manager of the MSC: Dr. Ciarán Mac an Bhaird at ciaran.macanbhaird@nuim.ie

Letter to the Editor

Maynooth Library

It is deeply disappointing to discover the opening hours at Maynooth Library have been reduced since 26th September.

No survey was done asking the community what they wanted in relation to opening hours.

It would appear cash strapped KCC are not closing the doors to the public for economic reasons as the staff are still working inside. This facility is badly needed in this University town especially in this time of economic turmoil.

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All Welcome!

Bernie Kane,
Community Champion



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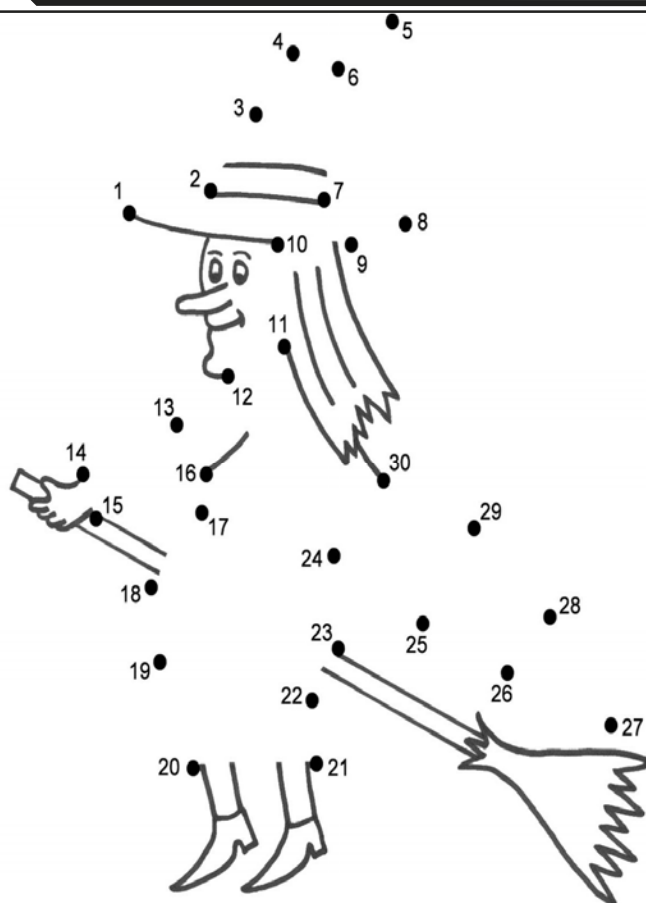
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