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Local News

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Hundreds of screaming and excited fans welcomed X-Factor boy band One Direction to Tesco Extra Maynooth on Saturday 19th

November last. Dedicated fans queued as early as 5.00 pm on Thursday 17th November to purchase the band's new album. Over 600 wristbands were given out on a first come first serve basis. A great atmosphere was created by fans singing songs and generally just having a good time while waiting to see their heroes. As One **Direction** took to their seats, they waved and posed for pictures with VIP guests, competition winners and staff. Nothing was too much for the boys on the day. They signed CDs, kissed the girls, had photos taken which I know was very much appreciated, as I myself was given dozens of letters, gifts and well wishes from their adoring fans. I know from speaking to my colleagues, it was an enjoyable day for them

and customers alike. As one mother said "what a lovely bunch of lads", as she accompanied her two daughters to see the group. Even though time was very tight, they were very focused and made a lot of effort with their fans. I think it's good to have events such as this in store as it generates a very positive atmosphere in the area. I can honestly say that One Direction had a good time in Tesco Maynooth as we sent them off out to Clare Hall with sandwiches and pizza prepared by the lovely ladies from our café. Well done to fans, staff and One Direction for a wonderful day and one that will not be forgotten for a long time.

Bernie Kane **Community Champion** Tesco Extra Maynooth



Dedicated Fans who camped out for 24 hours

MAYNOOTH YOUTH CAFÉ OPENED AT MANOR MILLS SHOPPING CENTRE

Since my last note we have opened "Maynooth Youth Café" on Thursday 10th November (8-10pm). We had 15 boys and girls attend the opening. We had planned having a band playing on the opening night, but given the space available we decided that rather than having the band on the night we would have them in a bigger space at a future date, possibly in Manor Mill S.C itself, with the permission of Dunnes Stores, where we could accommodate larger numbers in a safer environment. The opening night was a fantastic success with the boys and girls playing Snooker, Pool, Table Tennis, and Cards and enjoying Hot Cocoa, Coffee, soft drinks and snacks on the night.

We have had the same numbers every Thursday night since and the young people attending are very encouraged by every body's effort to provide a safe environment in which they can meet, chill out, talk among themselves, listen to their music and play each other in the games provided.

We as a Committee are also very encouraged by the level of enthusiasm shown by the boys and girls attending who are asking to be represented on the Committee and play a meaningful role in the overall running of the Café. After all the Café belongs to the Youth of Maynooth under the supervision of the Committee.

We need more young boys and girls, to support and grow the Café, to make it a venue they can be proud of and organise events internally and other activities that they can participate in within the Community at large.

We would encourage parents of the TY to Leaving Cert age group to make contact with us through Maynooth Community Council Office email..

maynoothcc@eircom.net .We can organise Garda vetting which is essential for any adult to be part of Maynooth Youth Café.

The Maynooth Youth Café will be open every Thursday night from 8-10pm going forward and all are welcome to attend in the TY to Leaving Cert age group.

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



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Christmas Eve: Saturday 24th: 9.00 p.m. **Christmas Day:**

Sunday 25th: 10.00 a.m.



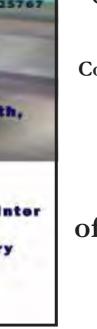
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Christmas Day Christmas Breakfast: 9.30a.m. Christmas Service: 10:30a.m.

New Year's Day Jan 1st Communion Service at 10.30am



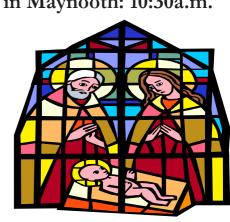
St. Marys Church of Ireland, Maynooth

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Ecumenical Carol Service Sunday 18th: 8:00pm

Christmas Eve Service in Dunboyne:11:30a.m.

Christmas Day Service in Maynooth: 10:30a.m.







Maynooth Senior Citizens

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee.

We are coming to the close of another successful year despite the economic situation. While it was necessary to curtail some of our expenditure, the important work remained on target. This, of course, is down to two factors, our financial management and a generous community. Many thanks to all who supported our sale of Work in Nov. As I write this article donations are still coming in, so we are heading for €10.000. This is a wonderful result and it speaks volumes about the people we have in our community. I also wish to thank our regular sponsors, Barton Transport, Thornton's Recycling, Super Valu, Sean Donovan, Maynooth College, Frank Walsh, William Kiernan, Age Action Ireland and Department of Social and Family Affairs.

Our next event will be our Christmas shopping night on Wed. Dec. 7th, courtesy of Super Valu and our Annual Dinner will take place on Sun. Dec. 11th at 4pm in the Glenroyal Hotel. Our morning club will close on Thurs. Dec.8th and will reopen on Tues. Jan. 3rd. 2012. Our Mass bus will continue throughout this time and our Senior Citizens will be informed of any Christmas Mass time changes. Our A.G.M will take place on Tues Feb. 7th 2012 at 8pm in the Health Centre. This is an open meeting to which all are welcome.

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Josephine Moore.

Chairperson.

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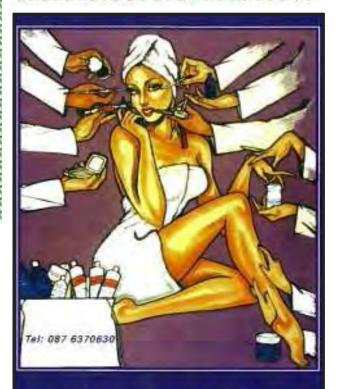
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Editorial

Firstly, the Newsletter would like to wish all our readers, supporters and the advertisers a Happy Christmas and New Year. We would also like to encourage people to support our local businesses who advertise with us and to keep jobs locally as well.

As the winter solstice and the shortest, darkest day approaches, the future for Europe and for the euro currency is still uncertain. The frightening prospect of economic contagion is now a reality and the death of the euro and the European project seems imminent. The Irish economy is said to be improving but, increasingly, for ordinary people the future is also doubtful. Retailers depend on the Christmas spending spree but there is little evidence of this as people wait for the axe of the budget to fall. The 'bail-out' is now a year old and the Fianna Fáil/ Green coalition paid the ultimate price for losing the country's economic sovereignty. The clouds of contagion and the problems encountered by Greece, Portugal and Italy make Ireland look quite healthy. Should we cut our losses now? Leave the euro, join sterling and the Commonwealth?

But is there any difference between the old and the new Government? Increasingly, the tactics of the new coalition in taxes, finance and economics seems to be very similar. The large salaries, the huge pensions remain in place. The story of the Cardiff nomination and the intervention of Eoin O'Shea have shown the Irish in a very bad light with other European countries. They cannot quite understand what is going on and that this is the Irish way, it is certainly not the European way and they made that quite clear. The behaviour of some politicians in trying to shut down comments by MEPs was equally unpleasant. The whole scenario made Ireland look like a typical banana republic losing 3.6bn down the back of the sofa.

It is equally unsettling to watch the RTÉ debacle and how

many people were involved in allowing the programme to air without the proper care being taken. The national broadcaster has taken a huge hit in this case. It was a brave decision to take on such a large organisation but it has proved successful.

On a lighter note, the election of Michael D. Higgins as president and his inauguration ceremony brightened the public mood. The tone of his speech as well as the organisation of the day itself, particularly the haunting singing of the Galway choir Cois Cladaigh (beside the Claddagh), was proof of what is best in Ireland. Ba aire iontach é Michael D. nuair a bhí Páirtí an Lucht Oibre sa chomhrialtas sna 90aidí. B'eisean a bhí i gceannas ar cultúr agus oidhreacht, thosaigh sé TG4 a chuir borradh faoi teanga do ghlúnta óga agus a thug cláracha cosúil leis an sobaldráma Ros na Rún ar an scáileán. Some days after his inauguration, the possible end of the Heritage Council was mentioned as part of the cull of the quangos. The irony was not lost on some and the catastrophe was averted. Hopefully, he will bring his vision (aislin as he said himself) to bear on his presidency, his ideology and he is a man of both ideas and ideology and makes no apology for this - unlike other politicians who believed that ideology was a dirty word.

There is no evidence locally of much economic activity either but there are bright stars on the Maynooth horizon, the scouts have been granted planning permission for the Geraldine Hall and they are looking for as much help as possible from the people of the town. The Festival Committee is also looking for local help and perhaps, in these straightened times; there might be more time to volunteer.

On another local note, the Gardaí have asked that we highlight the growing incidents of crime in the area but particularly to be careful about the possibilities of theft in car parks and at supermarkets. This applies chiefly to woman who may be distracted when putting the groceries into the car and may not notice a thief approaching taking a handbag.

In these dark times, the future of education is even more important and one of the few ways out of this present dire situation for our young people. Although it is depressing to see nurses, teachers and doctors being educated here and then heading immediately for the emigration plane. Maynooth is a unique educational hub with three different levels and two universities in the town. The importance of the school and its location has been highlighted in this publication on a number of occasions and this arises again in this issue with the number of letters that we have received from the public, the advertisements placed by organisations and a wonderful speech given by a transition year student in the Post-Primary School recently. This speech is printed elsewhere in this publication but it is a credit to the school in two ways; firstly the ability of a 15 year old to give such a speech but also that this student was so fulsome in praise of the school.

To finish with the words of our new President, in his second language, fluently spoken as he emphasises the importance of hope, heritage and culture. He also mentions the creativity, imagination and humanity of Ireland

'Ní díonas ach dóchas a bheidh ag teastáil uainn ins na blianta dúshlánacha atá amach romhainn. Dóchas as ár noighreacht shaibhir, as ár ndúchas iolrach; dóchas as ár nacmhainn samhlaíochta agus cruthaíochta; as an daonnacht choiteann a fáisceadh as stair chasta ár muintire i ngach cúinne d'Éirinn.'

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

Community Council Notes

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

1. Community Space up and running

Paul Croghan (Vice-chairperson, PDO) updated the meeting on the new Community Space at Manor Mills. He reported that many local groups were now using the space, including Teen Space, U3A and Nuada Players. The VEC was also using it for a course for early school leavers. There were still some time-slots available, and new local groups about to set up were particularly welcome. Manor Mills had been extremely helpful with setting up the space. Helena Kirkpatrick (U3A, Youth Café) said that the Youth Café would be having an open evening for parents and senior-cycle students shortly. Councillor John McGinley (Labour) said this was the first community space to be funded by Kildare County Council. The permanent community space at the Tesco site would be very large - 4,500 square feet - and it was important to show that this would be fully utilised when it is provided in a number of years time. Paul Croghan added that Maynooth Community Council had spent quite a lot of money on the present space in order to provide adequate sanitation, comply with fire regulations, and so on. However he was hopeful that it would be possible to provide it to local groups at 'as close as possible to free.' It was important that those using the space cleaned up after meetings as other groups would be using it after them.

2. Fear that Senior Citizens' services might suffer cutbacks

Tom McMullon (Chairperson) congratulated Josie Moore (Senior Citizens Committee), who was recently honoured at the Person of the Year event in recognition of her years of dedicated service to the senior citizens of Maynooth. Josie Moore thanked all those who had helped the Senior Citizens Committee over the years. She said that the annual sale of work would take place shortly at the Aula

Maxima in St. Patrick's College. There was some discussion about the likelihood that facilities currently available to senior citizens in Maynooth might be affected by Government cutbacks. Maura Wilcox (U3A) expressed her fear that services at the Day Care Centre and the Community Care Unit would be cut and that standards of care would slip. Josie Moore said she had written to the H.S.E. and had received a response which said that 40 beds were now open 'in line with workers available.' It was agreed that this was not very reassuring.

3. Scouts appeal for support

Peter Garrad (Scouts) told the meeting that the Scouts had received planning permission for their redevelopment of the Geraldine Hall at the Harbour as a scout facility. They were looking forward to bringing this fantastic building back to life, but it would take some time to raise the necessary funds. One of the conditions of their planning permission was that they would develop and make good the old building first. The new facility would not be just for scouts - it would also be available for other community activities. The Scouts would be using the hall five nights a week and at weekends, but it would be available to the rest of the community at other times. Peter Garrad said that the Scouts would be running events each month to raise funds for the project, and he asked for assistance from anyone in the community who could help with fund raising. Josie Moore said that the Senior Citizens Committee would like to use the new facility because the committee had started out in the Geraldine Hall in the 1960s. It was pointed out that public lighting outside the hall is poor, and Brendan Ashe (NUIM) said that students were recommended not to use the area at night for security reasons. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin (Secretary) suggested that the hall would be a good candidate for flood lighting. The Scouts can be contacted at maynoothscouts@gmail.com.

4. Suggested dates for the Festival

Tom McMullon (Chairperson) said that planning for next year's Maynooth festival needed to get going, more people were required on the organising committee, and it was important to liaise with Canet en Roussillon in good time so that they could participate. Naoise Ó Cearúil (NUIM Students' Union) said that the students' union would like to get involved with the Community Council and the festival, and would present more ideas at a later stage. There was a discussion about dates for the festival. Peter Garrad suggested that running it mid-summer was wrong as it missed out on student and school involvement. Aongus Ó Maoláin (NUIM) suggested mid-October as a good time because new students were being introduced to the town and at the beginning of term students in general would have time to participate. Deirdre Cullen said this date would also suit second level students as it didn't clash with exams. Paul Croghan warned against the festival becoming Rag Week by the back door, and said the idea of a Harvest Festival had sometimes been suggested. Tom McMullon said Maynooth's festival was called the 'Geraldine Festival' and the history theme should be remembered. Naoise Ó Cearúil suggested that children's activities could be held during the day and other activities at night. Hilda Dunne (History Group) pointed out that the Castle was an important venue for festival events and is closed in October. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin thought it might be possible to arrange to have it opened for the occasion. It was agreed to take up names of volunteers to join the committee, and to seek further festival support and help in the town.

5. Garda Advice

The Garda representative at the meeting warned that handbags were being snatched at car parks in Maynooth at present, especially where there were no security cameras. People were leaving their handbags in their cars while they put their trolleys back, and their handbags were being stolen while they were away from the car.

D. Cullen PRO

Letters To The Editor

A chara.

The Department of Education is currently deliberating the issue of patronage for two new post-primary schools slated to begin construction in Maynooth, County Kildare in 2012. In this university town, over the past forty years, the VEC-led Maynooth Post-Primary has assembled a very impressive track record, producing leaving cert results almost a third better than the national average and consistently ranking amongst the top schools in the country in terms of proportion of students going on to higher education. Based on this success, the VEC has proposed a unified patronage structure for both these schools. They have also made a very strong case for a single patron system, based on spatial logistics and human resource cost-efficiencies. In other words, the VEC proposal addresses many diverse social requirements at a time of straitened national finances and an increasing focus on a highly educated workforce required by the socalled knowledge economy.

As a blow-in, albeit one of nearly two decades residence, and a proud father of two children likely to attend postprimary school in Maynooth, I am persuaded by the VEC's case. As a social scientist (an anthropologist) with, what one might call, a professional interest in communities, I am very concerned about a competing proposal arguing for Catholic religious patronage for one of the schools on this site. First, in a national system positively saturated with Catholic patronage of schools at all levels, serving a population of increasing ethnic and confessional diversity, another religious patronage of this sort seems at best unnecessary and at worst genuinely counter-productive. More importantly, it is all but inevitable that a two-school solution will amplify various stratifications within a community that has managed, in the time that I have been here at least, to maintain a high degree of unity and sense of inclusion. Class, ethnic, town-gown, amongst other divisions in this area would find ready-made institutional expressions in a two-school set up, complete with uniforms, geographies, potentially confessional spaces, and, I fear, post-secondary school life-trajectories. As an anthropologist, the two-school setup strikes me as an interesting (if wholly unnecessary and somewhat unethical) social experiment, which, as a resident and a parent, I would very much prefer to avoid.

The Maynooth Post-Primary School, under VEC patronage, based on an inclusive ethos and a dedication to serving the entire community, has for decades been a unifying factor in the experience of coming of age in Maynooth. It has maintained this commitment while emerging as one of the best schools in the country. The VEC proposal for the new schools best serves the whole community of Maynooth. It deserves the full support of the Department of Education.

Yours etc., A. Jamie Saris, PhD

Dear Editor,

On behalf of Maynooth Post Primary PTA I would like to sincerely thank members of the public for their warm reception and positive response to our campaign supporting Kildare VEC's application for patronage of the second new school. The parents and staff of Maynooth Post Primary School have been out and about on the streets and in our shopping centres explaining and discussing the patronage question while asking for support for Kildare VEC's application to be patron of the new second level school in our town. The support of our six Councillors from the Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge Area Committee, John Mc Ginley, Senan Griffin, Colm Purcell, Anthony Larkin, Kevin Byrne and Frank O' Rourke is greatly appreciated. I also wish to publicly acknowledge our four public representatives Deputies Emmet Stagg, Bernard Durkan, Catherine Murphy and Tony Lawlor for attending our meetings, for their advice and for their wholehearted support of the VEC patronage. Yours Sincerely

Teresa Murray

Chairperson Maynooth Post Primary Parent Teacher Association

Parents and Friends of Maynooth Post Primary School and Kildare VEC

A new lobby group who's aim is to promote the patronage by Kildare VEC of second level education in Maynooth, held its inaugural meeting on Thursday 24th November. In a statement announcing its formation their spokesperson explained that the group was formed in response to concerns about the implications of divided patronage at second level education in Maynooth.

The founding group includes retired Maynooth Post Primary principals Tom Ashe (honorary president), Senan Griffin and Willie Coughlan (joint treasurers), as well as parents and former pupils. They intend to publish and distribute information about the benefits of Kildare VEC patronage. Any person who wishes to join this group are invited to do so by email at newschoolpatronage@gmail.com or to make a donation; please send cheques payable to 'Parents and Friends of Maynooth Post Primary school, Moyglare rd, Maynooth

Please support the choice of Parents for a Gaelcholáiste as the Second Secondary School for Maynooth.

Muintir Mhaigh Nuad, a chairde,

Education has always been highly valued in Ireland. It is the key which enables the development of intellectual, social, cultural and spiritual potential. It plays an important part in shaping people's lives, their economic opportunities, their participation in society and their view of themselves. For society, education is a means of shaping the future and equipping the next generation to face the challenges that emerge.

As Parents we wish to give our children the best educational opportunity that is possible. Since 1995 a substantial number of Maynooth Parents believe that this opportunity is best served through Irish medium education. Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich has grown from humble beginnings to a successful 16 class school. The majority of Parents are not themselves fluent in Irish but realise the benefits for their children. Irish medium education provides students with fluency in both Irish and English. Cognitive skills are increased as the student communicates through both languages. This process allows for the easy assimilation of a third or fourth language leading to multilingual skills. This diversity of language leads to a greater respect for the culture which is behind each language. As the Irish language belongs to all of us it is an inclusive element of modern Irish society. The Parents being aware that these educational benefits carry through to second level sought the provision of an Irish medium secondary school or Gaelcholáiste. They have pursued this objective diligently since 1997 on behalf of their children. Our local representatives have impressed upon Ministers for Education the need for the Maynooth Gaelcholáiste through Dáil questions. The reply down through the years from the office of each Minister was that if Maynooth Parents wished to have their children educated at second level through the medium of Irish, such a facility existed in Lucan, Co

The Department of Education & Skills have now announced that a new second secondary school will open in Maynooth in 2014.

We ask you to support the long running campaign to establish Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad. We ask this in the interests of students who have received their education through the medium of Irish in Maynooth and who wish to continue to do so in their home town. We ask your support in the interests of Educational and Parental choice. We ask your support in the interests of the democratic rights of the Maynooth Community.

Is sinne anois ar thairscint an dhorais Gaelcholáiste a bhunadh anseo ar an mbaile. Tá gach éinne ar an eolas faoi an feachtas tríd na blianta ar a shon. Anois tá sé in am ghníomhú chun an fís sin a fíorú. Táimid fíor bhuíoch don Foras Patrúnachta as ucht an Gaelcholáiste a thógaint faoin a chúraim. Tá moladh tuilte ag an Coiste Bhunaithe, táid dianbháilte, eagraithe agus díograiseach. Is orainn atá an dualgas anois an scéal a chur I láthair ár dTeachtaí Dála, is í a scaipeadh i measc an phobal.

We are on the threshold of securing the Gaelcholáiste for our town. Everybody is aware of the campaign down through the years on its behalf. Now is the time to ensure that this long held aspiration is realised for the benefit of our children's future. We are most grateful to an Foras Patrúnachta for accepting Patronage of the school. The work of the Coiste Bhunaithe in promoting the establishment of the Gaelcholáiste has been well organised and diligently persued.

The following is a brief history and raison d'étre for the Gaelcholáiste as outlined by Máirín Ní Chéileachair, Príomhoide, Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich, at a public meeting on the 23rd. Nov., attended by parents of all four Gaelscoileanna.

Irish Medium Education in North Kildare/Meath

- Scoil Uí Dhálaigh, Léim an Bhradáin, 1979
- Scoil Uí Riada, Cill Choca, 1986
- Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich, Maigh Nuad, 1996
- Scoil Tullach na nÓg, Dún Boinne, 1998
- 1,600 páiste (measta) attending Irish Medium Primary Schools in the area

Post Primary Provision

- Maynooth Post Primary, "Sruth", 1st year-Junior Cert, 1 class per year, approx 90 pupils.
- Coláiste Cois Life, Lucan, capacity approx 600 pupils, sporadic enrolment from North Kildare, under pressure from growing schools in Lucan.
- Gaelcholáiste Chill Dara, Naas, distance is an issue.

Proposed provision

• The transfer of the existing "sruth" within the exisiting MPPS, to the Gaelcholáiste.

Coiste Bunaithe

- Established in 2006
- Met with MPPS
- Met with Kildare VEC
- Met with An Foras Patrúnachta
- \bullet $\,$ $\,$ Coiste representative of Local Schools and MPPS and VEC $\,$
- Initial Survey November 2006, 80% first preferences for Gaelcholáiste located locally
- Application denied Feb 2007
- Appeal denied May 2007, on the grounds of proximity to Coláiste Cois Life and space there
- Coiste advised to wait until Coláiste Cois Life nearer capacity
- Survey 2010, 88% first preferences for local Gaelcholáiste
- Application 2010 denied on the grounds that North Kildare not designated area for Gaelcholáiste

Where to from here?

- Application for Gaelcholásite has been for one of the two schools sanctioned for Maynooth. The other school being MPPS replacement school.
- Latest application under VEC patronage refused. The second patronage cannot be awarded to a body with an existing school already in the town.
- An Foras Patrúnachta will apply for patronage of "new" Maynooth second secondary for Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad.
- We need public support for this application.

What can you do?

Fill in an expression of interest form or register interest online at www.foras.ie

Canvas to your friends and neighbours to do the same, even those with younger children who are considering Irish-Medium Education (IME)

Lobby local politicians and public representative to question the Department of Education and Skills as to why North Kildare has not been sanctioned a Gaelcholáiste in spite of obvious demand from parents over many years for a Gaelcholáiste

Mar focal scoir, iarrimid do thacaíocht ar son an teanga is an chultúr Ghaelach.

Guímís Nollaig faoi sheán is faoi mhaise daoibh!

Colm Ó Cearúil, ar son an Coiste Bhunaithe.

Letters To The Editor Cont.

Dear Editor,

A situation has been foisted upon our community that has unsettled and confused our town unnecessarily. The Minister for Education and Skills has sanctioned a second post primary School. This proposed school will sit side by side, on the same site, with the new school building for the existing post-primary. The patronage for this new school has yet to be determined and the DES has requested applications from all interested parties. The turmoil in our community stems from this dilemma. A number of patrons have come into play, all vying for the patronage of this new school.

Picture this scenario, three short years from now. Two schools, with two separate patrons, adjacent to each other, sharing one site and one entrance. Two separate schools with two sets of expensively equipped specialist rooms, with two sports halls, two administrative centres etc. Two disparate groups of students, walking to school along the same road, wearing two different uniforms. Two separate groups of students pitted against each other on the sports field or in the debating forum. Who can tell us that this will not cause division in our town?

Try telling any individual who has grown up in a community with two schools that both schools are regarded equally. Invariably one school becomes the "good" school and the other the less attractive option. What happens when "your child" is the one who fails to

gain access to the "good" school?

Presently, in Maynooth, we have a strong, vibrant school with an excellent reputation academically and in all other aspects. The proof of this is that nearly all students from our primary schools choose MPPS for secondary education. This, despite the fact that within a five mile radius there is ample and diverse choice available.

At the moment, our school building is unable to accommodate the growing numbers of students attending – such is its popularity. So, what we need, from our DES, is a larger building to accommodate our present and future needs and to facilitate the continuation of an ethos that produces a cohesive school community of happy, well educated, tolerant and well rounded individuals. Instead, what we are being offered is two schools, one of which will be bursting at the seams, the other housing a mere handful of students at the start.

At a time when the Minister is cutting funds to all schools and increasing pupil-teacher ratio etc it seems ironic that he should see fit to sanction two schools in a town where one would suffice. What a waste of tax payers' money!

Our plea would be that Kildare V.E.C. retains patronage of second level education in Maynooth. If it ain't broke – don't fix it!!

Yours.

Nuala Forde & Mary Walsh

A Dáil Question

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for the new post primary school in Maynooth, County Kildare; if there are to be two separate schools covering the junior and senior cycle or one building; the stage of planning for the school; if it would be more cost beneficial to build the schools on same campus:

Ruairi Quinn (Minister, Department of Education and Skills; Dublin South East, Labour)

A replacement school building for the existing VEC postprimary school in Maynooth has been approved. Earlier this year I also published details of new procedures and criteria for the establishment of new second level schools and of the process for determining the patronage of such new schools. I also announced details of 20 new second level schools that would need to be established between 2012 and 2017 to meet our increasing demographics. As the Deputy will be aware, Maynooth is one of the areas where a new 1,000 pupil second level school is to be established. Applications for patronage of any of the new second level schools, including the new school in Maynooth, would need to relate to the provision of a full curriculum through from first year to sixth year. This is one of the key requirements of the process. In the case of the Maynooth school the main medium of instruction will be English. The closing date for receipt of applications for patronage of the new second level schools is Friday, 13th January 2012.

Both new school buildings will be located on one campus and responsibility for the delivery of the buildings has been devolved to County Kildare Vocational Education Committee. I understand the VEC is in the process of appointing a Design

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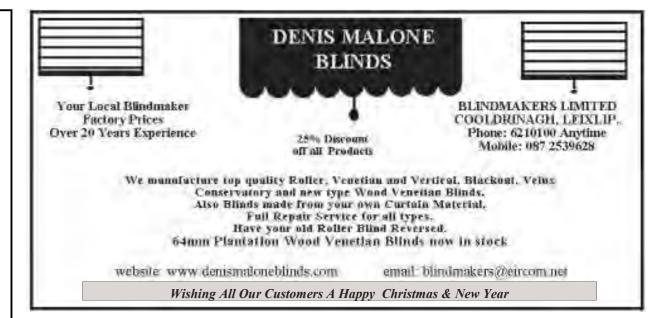
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A Focal Point of Local History

To the evidence for the cultural activity at Maynooth in the heyday of the Kildare FitzGeralds we can add the foundation of a college which, had the times been more favourable, might have developed into Ireland's first university.

This was the brain child of the Great Earl who decided to follow the example of his cousins of Desmond who had founded a college at Youghal. Rev. M.T. MacSweeney, writing in the Irish Ecclesiastical Record in 1940, quotes from an article by Rev. John Healy in the same periodical in 1880, which tells the story of the foundation as follows:

"No person who enters the gates of the College can fail to observe . . . on his left, just within the walls, a square ivy-covered tower of much more ancient aspect than the Protestant Church of Maynooth, of which it now forms a part. The old tower is all that remains of the ancient College of St. Mary of Maynooth, which was founded and endowed by . . . Gerald, Earl of Kildare, and dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary . . . This Gerald (The 8th Earl), by his will assigned the Manor of Rathbeggan and the lands of Kiltele and Carbrestown, in Meath . . . to the intent that the feofees should grant the Manor and lands aforesaid to the Master of the College ... Rathbeggan, between Dunboyne and Dunshaughlin, contained 271 acres, Kiltele, three miles west of Dunshoughlin, contained 140, and Carbrestown 80 acres . . . In 1518 Gerald, the ninth Earl presented a petition to William Rokeby, Archbishop of Dublin (1511-1521), for licence to found and endow a College at Maynooth which was granted. . . . The Earl then built the College in a most beautiful form adjoining the Castle of Maynooth, and dedicated it to the Blessed Virgin. He appointed a Master, five Fellows (priests), two clerks and two boys . . . By the Constitution of the College, the nomination of the Master and the Sub-Master was vested in the Earl and his successors; they were, however, to obtain induction from the Archbishop. The five Fellows were to be chosen by the majority, the vote of the Master to be reckoned as two. The boys were to be nominated by the Earl, to whom was reserved the donation of the temporalities. The investiture of the spiritualities was to rest with the

Archbishop, who granted to the clergy the privilege of having a common seal and of suing and being sued as a corporate body, without infringement, however, of the rights of the Prebendary of Maynooth, the Vicar of Laraghbryan, or the Dean and Chapter of St. Patrick's Cathedral. These ordinances, made on the 6th of October 1518, were confirmed by royal letters patent of Henry VIII on the 12th of the same month. So early as 1248, with the consent of the Baron of Offaly, the Church of Larah Bryan was made a prebend of St. Patrick's Cathedral by Luke, Archbishop of Dublin . . . Shortly after [1518] the Earl endowed Maynooth even more amply . . . [he] also rebuilt the church, which had originally been attached to the Castle, and caused it to be made a prebendal Church, instead of Larah Bryan. The perpetual right of presentation, however, even to the College Church, was still reserved to him and his successors down to the disestablishment of the Irish Church. In 1521 this prebend being vacant, it was at the Earl's request, annexed to the Mastership of the College . . . the Vicar of Larah Bryan should be Sub-Master of the College in which he was also to reside, while retaining the cure of souls in the Parish of Larah Bryan. The profits of the vicarage were to be added to the funds of the College, with exception of £6. 13s 4d per annum, to be paid to the vicar . . . Five marks were to be deducted from the profits of the vicarage for his support in the refectory. 'A good and learned curate' was to be provided at the expense of the College, to celebrate the divine service in the 'Cathedral' of Larah Bryan. The members of the College were generally prohibited from going to market to buy corn, on any occasion however urgent, even for feasts of Charity."

The College founded with so much enthusiasm and generosity was given very little time to develop and prove itself. The political scene in Ireland was changing. The Tudor monarchs of England presided over a policy of drawing control into the hands of central government, and the days when a mighty lord could rule Ireland almost independently were coming to an end. The usual Fitzgerald strategy of demonstrating that the kings of England could not control Ireland without their support no longer worked. The ninth earl found himself more and more often in trouble with Henry VIII. He was summoned to London and died there in September 1534 as his eldest son, Silken Thomas, came out in open rebellion against the king. Maynooth Castle was stormed and taken by the

King's forces in 1535. The power of the house of Kildare came to an end, and in 1538 the College was suppressed together with many other religious institutions.

Gerald the ninth earl of Kildare was called Garret Óg, or Garret MacAlison, after his mother, Alison Eustace, by the Irish annalists. As a boy he spent some years at the court of Henry VII as a hostage for his father's loyalty. These however must have been pleasant years. There are records of the King ordering for his use such items as black velvet and tawny satin doublets, crimson and tawny hose, and velvet gowns trimmed with white lambs fur, not to mention boots, spurs, shoes and slippers. Also, before he returned to Ireland he had married his first wife, Elizabeth Zouche, who was a cousin of the King himself. Back in Ireland, he was appointed Lord Deputy soon after the death of his father in 1513. His career followed the pattern of that of his father in many respects. He lived and acted in Ireland as an Irish chief, furthering the interests of his family, while at the same time trying to keep the king satisfied that he was acting only in the defence and best interests of the English crown. Unfortunately in his lifetime the time arrived when the kings of England felt strong enough to refuse to tolerate this situation any

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Mary Cullen







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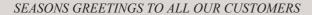
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Calamari Fritto

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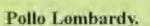
Main Course

Linguini con Cozze

Linguini pasta & fresh clams cooked in a white wine, lemon, gartic & freshly chopped tomato sauce

Gnocchi alla Sorrentina

Petite potato pillows cooked in a rich vine tomato & lightly spiced traditional Italian sauce.



Succedent chicken filled with Gorgonzola sauce & cooked in a white wine reduction.

Saltimbocca Alla Romana

Thin slices of ports and parma ham dusted in flour and pan seared in white wine 5

This dish served with a Side Order vegetables.

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Christmas Recipes

Smoked Salmon Rolls

Ingredients

1 Packet Brown Bread

250g/8oz Shelled Prawns (cooked and cold)

3 tablespoons

Mayonnaise

3 tablespoons Greek

Style Yogurt

2 tablespoons Lemon Juice

1 tablespoon chopped Dill

Freshly Ground Pepper

325g/12oz Smoked Salmon (sliced)

Thin Sprigs of Spring Onion or chives to "tie"

Lemon slices and sprigs of Fresh Dill to garnish.

Method

- 1. Make the Brown Bread Mix as per pack instructions. Allow to cool.
- 2. Mix together the prawns, mayonnaise, yogurt, lemon juice, dill and pepper.
- 3. Separate the slices of smoked salmon. Take 2 thin slices and form into a roll. Put some prawn filling into each roll and tie with a tin strip of the spring onion or chive.
- 4.Cut the bread into slices; place a slice of bread on a serving plate, spread with a thin layer of butter or mayonnaise. Sit a smoked salmon roll on each slice and garnish with lemon slices and sprig of dill or as preferred.

Light Christmas Cake

Ingredients:

- 275g/10oz Cream Plain
- 225g/8oz Caster Sugar
- 225g/8oz Margarine
- 4 Eggs (beaten)
- 100g packet Ground Almonds
- Juice and Rind of 1 Orange
- 100g tub Mixed Peel
- 100g tub Cherries (halved)
- 1 x 375g packet Sultanas

- 1. Preheat oven to 150°C/300°F/ Gas 2. Line a 20cms/8" deep round cake tin with baking
- Put sugar and margarine into a large mixing bowl and cream together. Gradually add the eggs, beating well after each addition.
- 3. Stir in the ground almonds, orange rind and juice. Add the flour and gently stir until well mixed through.
- 4. Finally add the fruit mixed peel, cherries and sultanas. Mix thoroughly.
- Transfer to prepared tin. Bake for about 2 1/2 hours or until nicely browned and a clean knife inserted into centre comes out clean. After an hour cover top of tin with a sheet of brown paper!
- 6. Cool in tin. When cold wrap in greaseproof paper and store in a cool dry place.

Mince Pies

Ingredients:

- 350g/12oz Plain Flour
- 225g/8oz Butter (at room temperature)
- 125g/4oz Golden Caster Sugar
- 1 jar Mincemeat
- 1 small Egg (beaten) optional for brushing
- Icing Sugar for dusting

- 1. Preheat oven to 200°C/400°C/Gas 6. Lightly grease two bun trays.
- Place flour into a large mixing bowl. Rub in the butter, then mix in the sugar. Bring the mixture together to form a ball! Do not add any liquid, keep bringing the dough together and it will form a ball.
- Press small walnut sized pieces of pastry into each section of two patty tins. Put a teaspoon of the mincemeat into the centre.
- Take slightly smaller pieces of pastry than before and pat them out between your hands to make round lids, big enough to cover the pies. Top pies with the lids, pressing the edges together to seal - you do not need to seal them with milk, egg or water as they will stick on their own! If liked they may be brushed with the beaten
- Bake for about 20 minutes until golden. Leave to cool in tin for 5 minutes, then remove to a wire tray.
- To serve, dust with icing sugar.

Mulled Wine

Ingredients

- 1 Bottle Red Wine
- 600ml/1pt.Orange Juice
- 75g/3oz Caster Sugar
- 1 Orange (stuck with Cloves)
- 1 Orange (cut into slices)
- 1 Lemon (cut into slices)
- 5cms/2" pieces of Cinnamon Stick
- 2 Tablespoons Brandy (optional)

- 1. Put all the ingredients into a large saucepan and heat to simmering, stirring occasionally until all the sugar is dissolved.
- Keep it barely simmering for about 20 minutes, so the flavours can combine!
- 3. Do not boil or the alcohol will evaporate!
- 4. Ladle into heatproof glasses to serve





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Avenue Café, in Maynooth, has become one of most popular restaurants in Kildare. When it opened in 2007 owners Robert and Bronagh Kennedy were intent on providing consistently good food and service to customers.

Their passion for excellent service began in 2003 after they opened the clubhouse in Carton House. It was after building up a strong reputation there that the Kennedy's considered moving into their own premises in Maynooth village as they felt the town was lacking when it came to good casual dining restaurants.

"It was because of a huge level of commitment and dedication from our staff that we were able to open and run our restaurant" says Robert. "By maintaining this dedication, we have been lucky to welcome so many people into our restaurant, building a very loyal customer base".

Bronagh, who trained with Darina Allen in Ballymaloe in Cork, introduced her knowledge of Irish cooking into their kitchen and it has been translated into head Chef John Cole's dishes as he has consistently provided modern Irish food of excellent standard and taste. The menu is imaginative and boasts a wide range of good quality, flavoursome food.

"Food traceability is very important to us here and the origin of all of our produce and suppliers". Avenue steaks and burgers are 100% Irish Hereford beef and the restaurant has a keen emphasis on local produce and ingredients such as Jane Russell sausages.

The food caters for many tastes with dishes such as burgers, salads, excellent fish dishes, steaks and a great choice of desserts and although the menu displays a strong sense of inventiveness, it still maintains the

modesty and simplicity that a casual dining menu promises.

With Great Lunch offers from €10, Avenue also provides an early bird menu which runs throughout the day till 6.45pm. The menu offers two courses for 18 euro and three for just 23 which means customers can enjoy an inexpensive and delicious meal.

The restaurant also hosts Ladies night on Tuesday evenings which begins at 6.45. This menu provides two courses for 21 euro, three courses for 26 euro and there is a complementary glass of wine with the meal.

Downstairs or upstairs is ideally suited to cater for larger groups. Avenue has been a popular choice for Christmas parties. Large or small, birthdays, christenings and even the odd wedding!

This year The Irish Restaurant Awards chose Avenue as their winner for 'Best Customer Service' in Kildare. This award has provided the restaurant with the recognition it deserves after four years of consistently excellent service.

The restaurant service hours are from 12pm-9.45pm Monday-Saturday and 1pm-7.45pm on Sundays with the Early Bird menu running all day.

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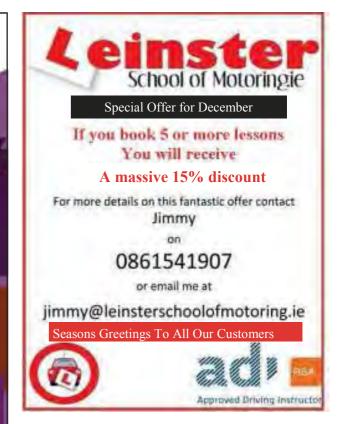
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THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS



Christmas is the one holiday celebrated by most cultures around the world, though much of its popularity is due to the commercial promotion of it. In many Protestant Churches through the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, Christmas was noted but not really celebrated. It was observed in some church liturgies but there was little in the way of gift giving and celebration, in fact until recently, in the last part of the nineteenth century, it was a regular working day. In many areas of the world today it remains an insignificant Holiday even among Christians.

The story of Christmas still captures the heart in a way that transcends all the commercial hype. There is something in human nature that would rather focus on the birth of a baby, especially children, whom the story of Christmas with all the images of angels, a young mother, the shepherds and the three Kings in a stable make the season captivating.

Contrary to advertising campaigns the season starts on Christmas eve and lasts till the 5th of January, as this is twelve days it became the twelve days of Christmas. That's why some cultures celebrate on the 6th of January.

Through the years the holiday has been adapted to local customs, culture, and history with a variety of Christmas traditions around the world. Some, such as the giving of gifts, the use of a star came indirectly from nativity stories, others like the legend of St Nicholas who has origins in church history, a fact that became legendary. The Yule log and evergreens have pagan origins but were adopted by Christians,

carolling were local traditions that spread and others such as reindeer, elves, and the North Pole are loosely associated with the holiday through popular imagination and marketing techniques.

Though Christmas is now an important celebration on modern culture, historians agree that it did not begin till the fourth century. The most common conclusion is that Christmas originated in Roman culture to

celebrate the winter solstice on December 25th and was a pagan celebration of the birth of the sun as it once again began its journey north.

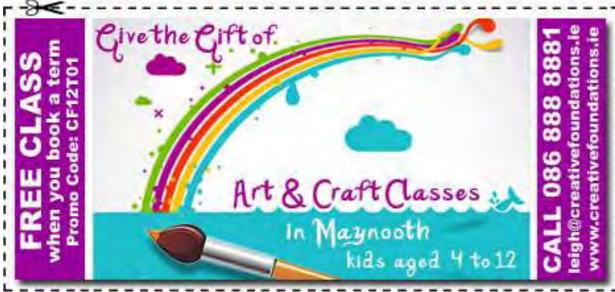
The abbreviation of Xmas for Christmas, though hated by some cultures is not as bad as it seems, the Greek

language used X as "chi" and in the Roman alphabet the first letter of Christ is X. When writing in old manuscripts, or printing, to save ink they used X as a type of shorthand.

Christmas is something most of us don't really understand though most of us celebrate it in some way. It give us a happy feeling to give and to watch the faces of children even if their not our own. Whatever the real meaning is, no matter what religion you are, the best reason to celebrate is to bring us all together, family, friends, relations and even those we don't have much in common with.

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New School Patronage

The Department of Education and Skills has requested school patrons (management organizations) to declare their intentions on patronage of new schools by the 13th January 2012

Kildare VEC intends to apply for patronage of the new post primary school to be built for the Maynooth area

To gauge parental support for the application, parents and guardians are asked to register their support by the 16th December 2011

WHY SHOULD PARENTS AND GUARDIANS REGISTER THEIR SUPPORT FOR KILDARE VEC PATRONAGE?

KILDARE VEC IS WILLING TO SHARE SCHOOL BUILDINGS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS. FOR EXAMPLE, MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

KILDARE VEC IS WILLING TO ESTABLISH AN AONAD TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR EDUCATION THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF IRISH IN THE MAYNOOTH AREA

KILDARE VEC PATRONAGE HAS A PROVEN TRACK RECORD AT MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOW CAN PARENTS AND GUARDIANS REGISTER THEIR SUPPORT FOR KILDARE VEC PATRONAGE?

RETURN A COMPLETED KILDARE VEC EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM TO MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL, OR ON LINE AT <u>WWW.KILDAREVEC.IE/NEWMAYNOOTHSCHOOLOR WWW.KILDAREVEC.IE</u>

WHO IS ELIGABLE TO REGISTER THEIR SUPPORT?

THE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF NEW BORN TO TEN YEAR OLD CHILDREN(0yrs -10yrs), WHO WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO START POST PRIMARY SCHOOL IN AUG/SEPT 2014 ie CHILDREN IN 4TH CLASS AND YOUNGER.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Above are some of the reasons to support Kildare VEC patronage. In particular WILLINGNESS to share the new school buildings is of crucial importance to our children. At the moment there are 1,056 students attending Maynooth Post Primary in a building designed for 800. This number is expected to rise to 1,400 over the next few years. One patron managing both schools and willing to share classrooms etc is the only way to meet the immediate demand for school places and provide the broad subject choice available at Maynooth Post Primary School to all the students of the Maynooth area. Yours sincerely,

TERESA MURRAY, Chairperson Maynooth Post Primary School PTA

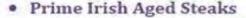


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MAYNOOTH LABOUR NEWS

Cllr. McGinley Seeks Safety Improvements for Parson Street:

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

"That the following safety improvements be carried out at Parson Street, Maynooth:

That the road be resurfaced
That the footpath at the residential side be reconstructed

That the double yellow lines on the college side be repainted"

John was given the following response at the Area Meeting on 18 November:

"This section of road is in the Road Works Programme for 2012. Unfortunately there is no funding for the footpath and also the levels of the doorways are too low for the construction of a path here. The double yellow lines will be restored after the road is resurfaced."

Draft Maynooth Pay Parking Scheme to go on Public Display

The Celbridge Area Committee has agreed that the Draft Maynooth Pay Parking Scheme could now go on display as agreement has been reached on extending the public car park at Doctors lane.

Cllr. McGinley Seeks Safety Improvements for Celbridge Road/Laurence Avenue Junction:

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

"That a footpath be constructed from the Celbridge Road to Laurence Avenue at the junction in order to make in safer for the school children attending the Gael Scoil."

John was given the following response at the Area Meeting on 18 November:

"There is no source of funding for this work in 2011 budgets. At present, the Traffic Management Section staff are concentrating on completing schemes which have funding allocations confirmed.

However, the proposal can be evaluated in December to determine if the council is satisfied to include it on the list of potential schemes seeking NTA funding in 2012. It should be noted that it is expected that the NTA allocation available to Kildare County Council in 2012 will be noticeably less than in 2011.

Cllr. McGinley pointed out that this is a very serious safety issue and that he will allocate funding from his Discretionary Grants next year so that the small amount of footpath necessary can be put in place.

Cllr McGinley Continues to Seek Traffic Signalsat the Straffan Road/Meadowbrook Road Junction:

Cllr. McGinley raised this issue again at the Area Committee Meeting on n18 November.

The Senior Executive Engineer from the Traffic Management Section of the Council stated that the NTA has asked the council to make a case for funding for improved safety on the Straffan Road and Moyglare Road and he is hopeful that this will include lights at the Meadowbrook Road junction.

The lights are the only solution to prevent cars doing U Turns at Carton Court.

Cars Speeding on Rail Park Road, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley has again asked the Council to write to the Gardai asking them to enforce the 60km/h speed limit on this narrow road.

VEC Youth Grants Awarded

Cllr McGinley is a member of the VEC Youth Sub-Committee and at their meeting on 21 November they agreed to award Grants to the following Maynooth Youth Clubs:

€1,000 to 8th Kildare (Maynooth) Scouts €300 to Maynooth Brownies €300 to Maynooth Girl Guides €1,000 to North Kildare Maths Problem Club €1,750 to St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band €800 to Teen Space Maynooth

STAGG WELCOMES APPROVAL OF €29.7 MILLION TENDER FOR EXPANSION OF LEIXLIP WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement today by the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government, that he has approved the

necessary funding to enable Fingal Co. Council to accept a tender for a major expansion of the Leixlip Water Treatment Plant.

Depuy Stagg stated that the €29.7 Million contract will see production rise from 148 to 215 million litres per day and will help to ensure that there is sufficient capacity to deal with demand from population growth and future economic development in North East Kildare, Fingal and the north side of Dublin City. The work is expected to take 2 years to complete.

Taken in conjunction with the Castlewarden/
Ballygoran Water Supply Scheme which is expected to
commence next year at a cost of €18.7 Million, these
schemes will greatly assist in ensuring security of
supply for North East Kildare and should ensure that
we do not have water supply shortages which have
been experienced both at Winter and Summer times in
the North East of the County in recent years. The
Castlewarden/Ballygoran Water Supply Scheme will
see an additional supply taken from Castlewarden
which will be piped to Leixlip via a new storage
reservoir at Ballygoran in Maynooth.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that both the schemes now approved will enhance the delivery of Water to residents and businesses in North East Kildare

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

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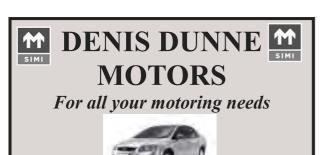
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There will also be a household advice leaflet available on the website and the leaflet will be distributed through the Council's offices and libraries.

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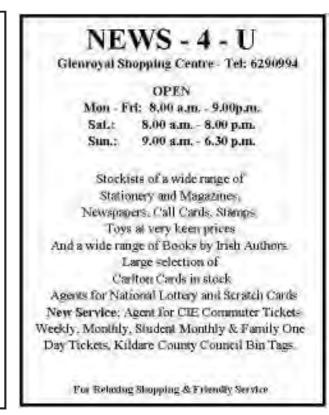
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Abandonment of current plans to construct the Dart Interconnector shows "same old lack of vision" which has "crippled our development"; says Catherine Murphy TD

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind – Kildare North) has criticised the Government's decision in the review of infrastructure and capital investment to defer, into the very long term, any commitment to build the Dart Interconnector.

"This particular project was recently described as "the game changer" by a senior Irish Rail Official. Given that this project alone has the potential to treble rail capacity in the greater Dublin area to 100 million passengers annually, by networking all the suburban lines, it would have economic, transportation and environmental benefits to the surrounding counties of Meath, Kildare and Wicklow.

"While the economic climate might indeed be tough, the argument for proceeding with vital transport infrastructure projects is a strong one. While labour costs are lower, and skilled construction workers are desperate for employment, we must seize this opportunity to both stimulate the economy and finally upgrade our shockingly badly resourced public transport system.

"The lack of an adequate high capacity public transport option in the Greater Dublin area adds to congestion, adds to insurance costs and detracts from the efficiency of the region. The greater Dublin Area, in which one in every three of the Irish population resides, will be the driver of our recovery – therefore we must make every effort to ensure we fulfil the potential of the region".

"We measure the public benefit of projects like the Dart Interconnector in the hundreds of years; sadly the Government remains focused almost blindingly on the short term and will not take the braver decision to back this project. This is especially disconcerting given the support which would be available to us from the European Investment Bank to shoulder some of the costs.

"In the last capital review, spending on public transport was planned to be almost as much as the projected spend on roads. This review skews that ratio drastically; so that roads will now take twice the exchequer spend as public transport. The Government has clearly learned nothing from the mistakes of the past.

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Achieving citizen focused public services must be at the heart of reform – Deputy Catherine Murphy

Achieving citizen focused quality public services, at an affordable cost, must be the primary objective of public service reform according to Deputy Catherine Murphy.

The Deputy has today published a report entitled "Public Service Reform: Rebalancing & Renewal" which aims to highlight the flaws of the current system of public service resource distribution and offer a simple message for reform.

At the core of the document is the fact that current resource allocation relies more on historic trends of demand than on projections of future need based on current growth trends. While short, "Public Service Reform: Rebalancing & Renewal" is intended to highlight the fundamental and systemic changes needed to usher in a more forward-looking, efficient and citizen focused public service in order that Ireland can truly use this time of economic downturn to eliminate dated, ineffective and wasteful practices which lie at the core of the problems we currently face.

"There is a major opportunity to radically reform our public services, values such as placing the citizen at the centre, must be at the heart of the process, otherwise all that will occur are crude financial cuts and a major opportunity will be lost".

Deputy Murphy will present a copy of "Public Service Reform: Rebalancing & Renewal" to Minister for Public Expenditure & Reform, Brendan Howlin TD on the floor of the Dáil this afternoon during question time.

Murphy expresses dismay at racist remarks of Councillor Darren Scully

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind – Kildare North) today condemned as 'outrageous' and 'totally unacceptable' remarks made by Councillor Darren Scully to the effect that he intended not to deal with any black or African constituents. She described as 'unfathomable' the reasons why Councillor Scully felt the need to make such a statement.

"While listening to Kildare FM this morning I could scarcely believe what I was hearing. It's right and proper that Councillor Scully step down as Mayor of Naas immediately and I welcome his decision to do so – however it's essential that if he remains as a public representative he must undertake to represent all of the people, without qualification or prejudice.

"Ireland has so far managed to largely avoid the extremely destructive social and racial conflict that has sometimes been seen in some of our European neighbours, yet discrimination and prejudice are unfortunately a feature of the lives of many people from different ethnic backgrounds who have made their homes here. We rely on our elected representatives to take the lead in challenging potential racial discord, not encouraging it so patently.

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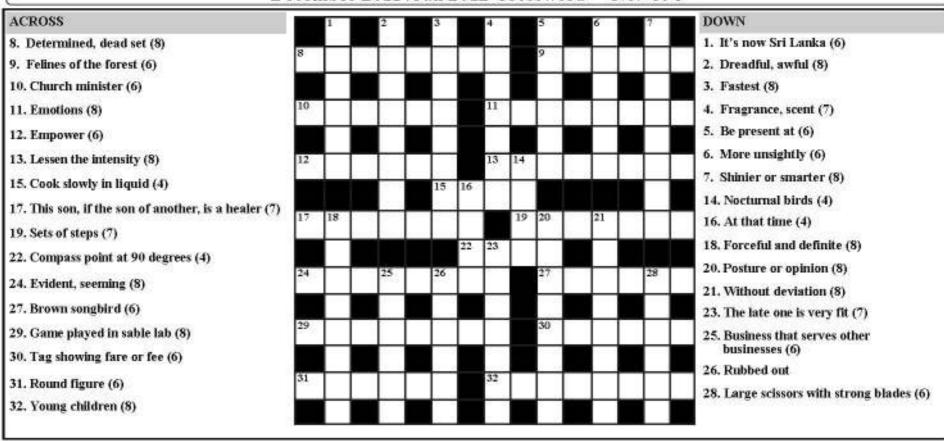
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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre — Know Your Rights

Ouestion

I work a 5-day week, Monday to Friday. What days off will I get at Christmas?

Answer

Christmas Day (25 December), St Stephen's Day (26 December) and New Year's Day (1 January) are public holidays every year.

In 2011 Christmas Day falls on a Sunday and St Stephen's Day falls on a Monday. New Year's Day 2012 falls on a Sunday.

There is no specific rule about what happens when a public holiday falls on a weekend. You are not automatically entitled to take the next working day off work. You are entitled to the normal alternative arrangements for public holidays. These are:

- •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.

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. In practice, most employers will give employees Tuesday 27 December and Monday 2 January off in lieu of Christmas Day and New Year's Day – but it is important to remember that this is not an automatic entitlement.

The National Employment Rights Authority (NERA) has published information about the Christmas public holidays on www.employmentrights.ie.

You can make complaints about public holidays to a Rights Commissioner at the Labour Relations Commission, Tom Johnson House, Haddington Road, Beggar's Bush, Dublin 4, Tel: (01) 613 6700, Lo-call 1890 220 227.

Question

We are not happy with the service that our frail and elderly parents are getting from a number of health and social care professionals. Where and how can we complain?

Answer

You should be able to find the right place to give your feedback on a recently launched website called healthcomplaints.ie. This website has been developed by a group of public and voluntary organisations, including the Citizens Information Board.

Healthcomplaints.ie provides information on how to make a complaint about a healthcare service or a social care service in Ireland. It is aimed at people who use health and social care services, as well as their families, care-givers and advocates.

As well as explaining the options for making a complaint about many specific services, the site also includes sample complaint letters, case studies and guides on how to complain, along with checklists to help ensure that you give all the relevant information.

You can download a booklet, a leaflet and a poster from the site, explaining what it does and how to use it.

Ouestion

I was told to apply for Supplementary Welfare Allowance (SWA) while I wait for a decision on Jobseeker's Allowance. What is SWA and where do I apply?

Answer

The Supplementary Welfare Allowance (SWA) Scheme provides a basic weekly allowance for people with little or no income. Its main purpose is to guarantee a basic minimum income and provide immediate help for people waiting for decisions on other State payments.

The Scheme also includes:

- •Rent Supplement;
- •Mortgage Interest Supplement;
- •Single payments for urgent or exceptional needs;
- •Payments in emergency situations, such as flooding. The Health Service Executive (HSE) used to administer the SWA Scheme through its network of Community Welfare Officers (CWOs). All CWOs have recently transferred to the Department of Social Protection and are now known as Department of Social Protection representatives administering Supplementary Welfare Allowance.

These officials are still based in health centres, so you will visit your local health centre to apply for a Supplementary Welfare Allowance payment. The Department's representative will have to assess your income – this may involve a home visit. They will actively refer you to other State agencies and/or voluntary organisations, if relevant. For example, they may refer you to the Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS).

Before applying for SWA you must have applied for any other benefit or allowance that you may be entitled to. SWA is a means-tested payment. You must also meet the habitual residence condition.

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You will not normally qualify for any payment under the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme if you are in full-time education or full-time work – that is, working for more than 30 hours per week.

Ouestion

I have ordered some Christmas presents from UK and Belgian websites. Can I return them if I'm not happy when they arrive?

Answer

Online purchases within the EU are covered by the European Directive on Distance Selling. Under this Directive you are entitled to a cooling-off period of 7 days. During the cooling-off period, you can cancel distance contracts without giving a reason and without incurring charges or penalties, other than possible charges incurred in returning the goods.

You must send the goods back within this 7-day period. It is not enough to say that you will return them.

The 7-day period begins on the day that you receive the product, not the day that you make the purchase.

Upon cancellation, the distance seller is obliged to repay you within 30 days. Once the contract is cancelled, any credit agreements entered into at the time of the contract will be cancelled as well.

Your supplier should have provided you with written confirmation of the contract, including information on aftersales and guarantees, how to cancel the contract and a postal address for complaints. Where a supplier doesn't provide this written confirmation, the cooling-off period can be extended to 3 months from the date you receive the goods.

Cancellation may not be accepted, however, in certain cases, as follows:

- •The goods cannot be returned because they were made specially for you
- •The goods are audio or video recordings (like CDs/DVDs) or computer software whose seals have been broken by you
- •The goods are newspapers or magazines
- •The price of the goods or services is dependent upon financial market fluctuations that are beyond the supplier's control
- •The provision of services has already begun with your agreement

The European Consumer Centre handles queries on purchases within the EU.

Information is also available online at citizensinformation ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, Lo-call 0761 07 4000.

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PATRONAGE DEBATE

An address given by a transition student at the information meeting about Kildare VEC Patronage held on 17th November in Maynooth Post Primary School

y name is Mary-Kate Quane, and I am a Transition Year student in the school that former President Mary McAleese referred to as 'the best school in Ireland', Maynooth Post Primary. With so much talk about the plans for the new school, with budgets and designs I think it is important to also talk about the community of the school, which is why I would like to share with you my experience of Maynooth Post Primary from a student's perspective.

Before I started first year in this school, to say I was 'nervous' would be a major understatement. Like most adolescents at that age, butterflies constantly inhabited my stomach for weeks before entering into the 'unknown'. Truthfully, I didn't know what to expect, I just hoped that the first year horror stories I had heard from other schools, would not be the case in this school. Despite all my little queries and worries, I was not too anxious about making the life-changing transition from primary to secondary school, because I knew that all my friends were going to be right with me, as they too experienced the same transition to Maynooth Post Primary.

The first thing I noticed about the school, after calming down from the initial shock of the size of the place, was how well the students from all different years mixed,

despite the overwhelmingly large numbers at the time. There was a constantly positive, and relaxed atmosphere about the place, free from any tension or unease. Nothing about the students mixing ever seemed forced, it was always by choice. However, I never really appreciated this bond until later during my first year. Not only were the tragic, unforeseen events that took place dealt with consolingly, compassionately and sensitively by all staff members, but by the entire student body, in particular, the year above us. That year all pulled together and decided "We have to look after the first years" - and that they did. I will never forget the warmth and support that was thrust upon us. Not only did this support last until the final bell rang signalling the end of the school day, no, that support was brought into our personal lives creating friendships that I believe will last a lifetime. All of the time and energy that year put into us, and not once did they expect a thank you. Having talked about this truly incredible reaction to friends of mine from other schools around the country,

I know for a fact that, that experience was unique to Maynooth Post Primary.

I think each person here tonight is aware of the academic excellence this school is renowned for. An attribute that I believe is as a result of the lack of pressure put on students to perform 'the best' rather than to the best of their ability. I believe that subconsciously knowing this, the students of our school strive to reach their potential leading to these excellent results. Maynooth Post Primary encourages competition academically, in our many sports teams and in extra-curricular activities such as debating. However, something Maynooth Post Primary does not encourage is rivalry. It is difficult enough being a

teenager these days with peer pressure and social cliques, that this school knows competition socially or emotionally will only increase pressure or strain on teenagers. That is why the student body of Maynooth Post Primary never feels it's about 'me' against 'them', because it is always about 'us'. I know of schools where it is not 'socially accepted' to have friends in different years, but in Maynooth Post Primary that idea seems absolutely ridiculous, as that is just not how us students choose to function.

From my years in Maynooth Post Primary, I have learned a lot, socialized a lot and managed to fit study in as well, but really it was all the opportunities I was offered, experience I gained and people I worked with that not only made me the person I am today, but the person I hope to become. Maynooth Post Primary truly is something to be proud of, and somewhere, I know will continue to grow and improve, despite what it is faced with. I have no doubt that all the atmosphere and ethos of the school, and the student body will remain the same no matter how many people are in the school - the more the merrier!

Looking back on the last 3 years, I know that had I not attended Maynooth Post Primary, I would not be the person I am, and I would be severely missing out. With that in mind I look forward to the next three years in Maynooth Post Primary.

Thank you.



==PRESS RELEASE - FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2011==

Maynooth Students' Union Occupies TD's Office

Maynooth Students' Union (MSU) has occupied the office of Kildare North TD Anthony Lawlor, Naas.

The occupation follows a long national campaign involving every Students' Union in the country to get the Labour Party and Fine Gael to honour their pre-election pledges to students.

Maynooth Students' Union President Rob Munnelly said:

Last year, the maintenance grant was cut by as much as 60% for the students who need it most. For families that don't get the grant, fees per student went up by a third, and now they look set to go up again.

If you think these fees and these cuts didn't hurt students then ask yourselves why this Students' Union had to introduce food vouchers this year. It's a disgrace. And we simply can't let it get worse next year.

The failure of both parties to publicly stand over their pre-election promises to students, parents and families is simply unacceptable given the unprecedented level of access that the parties had to information on the public finances prior to the election.

But this is not just a student issue - it's a family and a national recovery issue. We've tried everything. We have repeatedly called on this Government to keep to their promise and they have refused every single time.

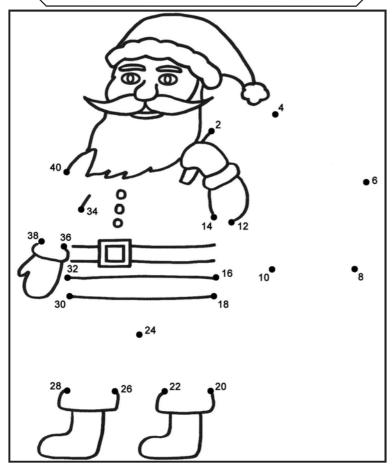
We contacted every single Government TD in the country and not one would stand by their pre-election promise - not another rise in college fees, no more cuts to the grant. We met personally with almost every single Government TD in the country. We've sent tens upon tens of thousands of letters. We've made tens of thousands of phone calls and sent almost one hundred thousand tweets. We took out full page ads in major newspapers with a list of every Government TD that lied for votes - Deputy Lawlor is on that list.

Twenty thousand students from all over the country - from Mayo, from Cork, even from Belfast - travelled to Dublin two weeks ago for a day of peaceful protest that said to this Government, "If you raise fees or cut the grant you are not just keeping me out of college, you are keeping my friend, my brother and my sister out of college."

When they ignored that, Students' Unions all over the country protested for hours outside their local TDs offices - we were here just a week ago. They're just not listening. It's come to this. The height and depth of last year's fees and cuts made it impossible for too many of our members to stay in college this year.

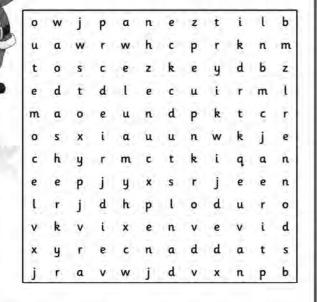
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Maynooth Post Primary School Parent Teacher Association 10k challenge to be held on Sunday the 20th May 2012 at 10am.



L-R Johnny Nevin (Principal Maynooth Post Primary School) Mary Molly (Member of the organizing committee) Teresa Murray (Chairperson Parent Teacher Association)

The PTA are hoping to build on last years successful 10 k which attracted nearly 500 runners, joggers and walkers and raised over €20,000.

Speaking to The Maynooth News Letter, "Mr Gerry Quinn spokesperson for Maynooth Post Primary PTA paid tribute to the 100+ volunteers, An Garda Siochana, the business community and the people of Maynooth for their whole hearted support for last year's event."

Application forms for this year's 10k are available from the school reception, in the Maynooth Newsletter, or online at www.runireland.com. A press conference will be held in February by the organising committee to announce more details.

The funds raised will go to the development of the school's multi-purpose playing pitches, a walking/running track, and changing rooms, at Mariaville, Moyglare road, Maynooth.

(See Page 9 for entry form)



Would you like to take part in this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade. (application form on page 23)



Maynooth Tidy Towns

Table Quiz will take place in Bradys Clock House on Friday 30th March from 8.30pm €10 per person tables of Four.

Maynooth "Clean to European norms" but result impacted by litter levels on Main street and approach roads

The Irish Business against Litter league for 2011 shows that Maynooth has improved in terms of litter coming in 27th out of 53 towns surveyed. Judging takes place at ten locations in each town and the sites are graded and with six sites being graded A the town returns to the top standard "clean to European Norms" Speaking about the 2011 result Dr Tom Cavanagh, Chairman, of IBAL said "Our environment continues to get cleaner despite a tightening of the public purse at local authority level; this indicates that the fight against litter is not about money. It's equally about a spirit of local pride and volunteerism among the local community, and we're seeing a resurgence of this in the current climate."

38 of the 53 towns and cities surveyed were deemed Clean to European Norms, a similar number to last year. When IBAL commenced the league 10 years ago only 2 towns were Clean to European Norms and 1 in 3 were litter black spots. Commenting on the result, Paul Croghan from Maynooth Tidy Towns acknowledged that the assessment of litter is independently judged by An Taisce and that the Maynooth report identifies Main Street and the approach roads as the areas that had they been cleaner, Maynooth would have been higher up in the league table for 2011.

Maynooth: 27th out of 53 towns / cities surveyed. Litter Classification – Clean to European Norms

Very satisfactory result. Hopefully the improvement will be continued in 2012. Maynooth has scored well with over half of the sites surveyed getting the top litter grade. The remainder were just moderately littered and three of these were approach roads. The only other moderately littered site was the Main Street. Tesco Car Park, Maynooth College West Campus and Public Park were particularly good sites - clear of litter and well maintained. If the approach roads were clean Maynooth would have been much further up – it would help the sense of community in a recently enlarged

Main Street: Grade B. The overall presentation of this street was good with wide paving, trees, bins, signage and shop / pub fronts in good order. However, there was some litter dispersed among the leaves, all of it food related.

Tesco Car Park: Grade A. This was an excellent site. Not only was it clear of litter but the overall impression was very fresh and clean – top marks throughout.

Maynooth Railway Station: Grade A. The train station at Maynooth was clear of litter and well maintained. There was a cordoned off area which thankfully didn't impact in any negative way on the litter situation.

Maynooth College, West Campus: Grade A. This is a particularly well maintained campus – grass / paving / low trees / signage etc. were all in very good order and there was an absence of litter throughout. Clearly it is a very well respected environment.

Kilcock Approach Road: Grade A. A very positive first impression of Maynooth is created along this road. The wide grassy area was in good condition and road surface / signage / markings were in good order.

Clane Approach Road: Grade B. This was a littered site, not just food related litter but also some alcohol cans. One area where litter was noted was at a bus shelter, right beside a blue litter bin.

Dunboyne Approach Road: Grade B. The loose scatterings of food related litter along this route took away from an otherwise well presented road.

Dublin / Leixlip Approach Road: Grade B. There was a definite litter presence along this road – all manner of food related litter. This is a pity as it could easily be a top ranking site with a little extra effort.

St. Mary's Primary School: Grade A. The grounds / playing fields of the school were

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NUI Maynooth students cycle for Down Syndrome Ireland Annual Galway Cycle has raised €725,000 for charities over 24 years



Comic PJ Gallagher pictured with Oliver Collins at the launch of the 25th annual fundraising Galway Cycle in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland. The event is organised by current and past students of NUI Maynooth and will take place next March.

Big-hearted comic PJ Gallagher joined Prof Philip Nolan, President of NUI Maynooth and students of the University in launching their 25th annual Galway Cycle in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland. Thousands of students, former and current, have been cycling the 400km round trip from NUI Maynooth to and from Galway on the last weekend of March every year since 1987. In that time they've raised €725,000 for a variety of charities. There's even one cyclist who's done all 24, Armagh-man Martin Rocks.

It's expected that more than 150 cyclists will line up early on Friday, March 23 next to make the trip to Galway in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland. And the madcap comic has given a hostage to fortune with a promise that if, his schedule allows, he'll join the cyclists on their return leg.

As well as celebrating the 25th anniversary, Galway Cycle 2012 will be a little bit special with the news that newly appointed president of NUI Maynooth, Philip Nolan, is planning to complete the cycle himself. "We heard that the new man was a keen cyclist," Galway Cycle chief Donnacha Gayer explained, "so we just had to ask him! As it turned out, we were pushing an open door. "We've introduced thousands of people to the wonderful

world of cycling, with all the benefits that brings, and with the 25th anniversary approaching, we're delighted to get his very real endorsement."

More used to two-wheeled vehicles with a motor attached, PJ said he was delighted to support the students in their quest to raise vitally needed funds for Down Syndrome Ireland's national Early Development Programme. The programme targets the critical two to five age range. A positive intervention at this stage in a child's life can be the key difference between their ability to reach their full potential or not – from the fostering of early communications skills to the development of social, emotional and motor skills. Money generated by the Galway Cycle will help Down Syndrome Ireland purchase equipment for up to 25 local parent and child groups, training sessions for parents, professionals and volunteers, a national helpline and a central resource of library materials and equipment.

"We are delighted to have been selected by the Galway Cycle as their chosen charity, particularly on this the 25th anniversary of the event," Pat Clarke, Chief Executive of Down Syndrome Ireland noted. "These are difficult economic times for every family, particularly those who have a child with a disability. With ever more cuts in services, our 3,000 members are increasingly reliant on Down Syndrome Ireland to give them the vital services and supports they may not be receiving. "On their behalf, I'd like to thank the organisers of this event and the enthusiastic and generous volunteers who will be taking part in March".

"As ever, we rely on the support of the public in helping us raise funds, whether it be directly through donations or indirectly through giving us food and water," Donnacha Gayer said. "Anyone who thinks they can help us in any little way should go to www.galwaycycle.ie."

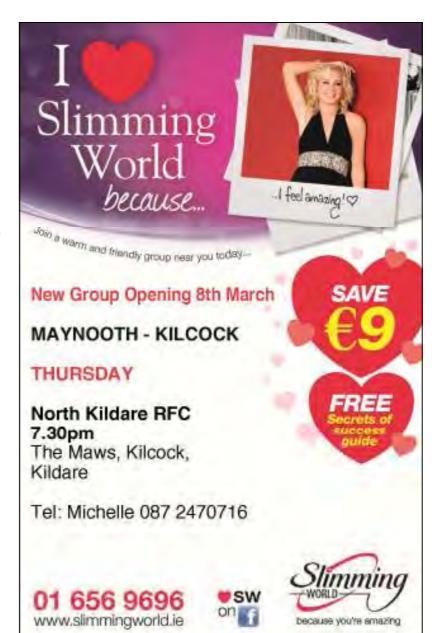
About Down Syndrome Ireland

Celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2011, Down Syndrome Ireland is an organisation of people with Down syndrome and their parents and guardians. It has over 3000 member families with 25 branches nationwide, and is 95% funded by voluntary contributions and events organised by its members It is the biggest single group concerned with the welfare of people with a learning disability in Ireland.

About the Galway Cycle

The Galway Cycle is an annual fundraising event run by current and former students of Maynooth. In 24 years it has raised €725,000 for a variety of charities such as Pieta House, Headstrong and the National Breast Cancer Research Institute. Notwithstanding the recession it has managed to deliver more than €80,000 to the nominated charity for the past number of years.

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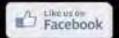
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€25.50 Zarzuella. (gf)

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Maynooth Community Games

On Thursday 10th November nearly all the children who took part in Community Games during the year with their parents gathered in Maynooth GAA to celebrate the good results for the year.

The year started well with the Table Quiz 1st team Laura Millet, Aoife Lynch, Aoife Kelly, Callum McCabe subs Aine Feeney and Casey Jennings brought home Kildare Silver Medals after a nail biting knockout.

2nd team Catherine Bristow, Shauna Doyle, Catherine Jones Aisling Ennis subs, Katie McKimm and Lauren Kelly, a young team who did very well.

Many thanks to Brian and Colm for all the coaching.

Our newcomers Chess TeamU12 lost to Kill in the Kildare semi final.

Team Matthew McBrearty, Ruari Wall. Conor Ganley Hannah Murphy and Kristoffer Gray

Well done boys and girls and thanks to Alan for all the coaching.

Lots of boys and girls headed off to Kildare Finals for the Art and Handwriting Competition, and displayed wonderful pictures.

Well done to Sarah Curran who came home with a Gold Medal.

The Maynooth East U14 Camogie Girls came home with Gold Medals from the Kildare Finals.

However they were beaten by Lucan Sarsfields in the Leinster Semi Final. These girls should be very proud of themselves as Lucan went on to win the All Irelands.

Panel

SINEAD HEVER, SINEAD MONAGHAN, LAURA MILLET, ROISIN O'NEILL,

LAOISE MILLER, AOIFE LYNCH, EDEL MURRAY, AILIS McMILLAN, EILIS COYLE, LAURA BOYLE, CATHERINE JONES, BRONAGH KEARNEY, AISLING MONAGHAN CATHERINE BRISTOW and ANNE MARIE HOWARD.

Once again Swimmers were out in force. Gold Kildare Medals were brought home by FIONA LYNCH, LAUREN HASTINGS and ALISON HASTINGS

Silver Conor Lynch Katie Hurley Bronze Martha Gilligan Aoife Lynch HC Jack Gilligan Eilis Ni Dhomhnaill, Collette Murtagh and Laura Millett

Girls U13 Squad Alison Hastinga, Laura Millet, Roisin Lande, Collett Murtagh, Ruth Millet and Fiona Lynch Well done to all the girls and boys.

Our highlight of the year was the TABLE TENNIS TEAM who came home with ALL IRELAND GOLD MEDALS.

Well done ALEX McGOVERN, SHANE HURLEY, EVIN McGOVERN and DONIE MULLALLY. Many thanks to Jacqui for all tha coaching organising and transport.

A great night was had by all and we wish the girls and boys to continue participating in the games. Many thanks to A.I.B, ULSTER BANK and DERRINSTOWN STUD for their sponsorship.

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Editorial

The end of January has seen a lot of public anger about the latest monies handed to the bondholders and a feeling that all the new and extra taxes will be handed over to these gamblers. The budget bought in, and hinted at, so many cuts and taxes. We may be in receivership but is there not another way? We hope that the cuts and the reviews will not impact the Newsletter or the Community Council. There is a lot of fundraising necessary to keep the Social Employment Scheme in operation in the Community Council office where 15 people are employed as well as a supervisor. Representations have been made to the Minister to ensure that our Scheme can continue. Extra fundraising in this climate is very difficult and there is huge competition between voluntary groups. One of the burning issues for citizens, around the town centre and in the centre itself is the impending payparking that Kildare County Council will introduce shortly. This has been discussed by the Community Council on a number of occasions and the plan has been on display in the Library and Kildare County Council has now put it on their website for all to examine. Submissions may be made to the Council and the final decision lies with the councillors and not with the officials. There are complicated considerations involved; commuters are parking in the town all day using places that might be used by shoppers and residents but there is also the problem of the overflow to the housing estates close to the railway station in particular.

Tá dea-scéal ón Rialtas nua ar Theamhair. Ní raibh súil leis ó Fhine Gael agus comhghairdeas le Jimmy Deenihan. Ní raibh orthu siúd a bhí páirteach san agóid aon aighneachtaí a dhéanamh ach fós tharla sé seo. On a happier note, there has been good news about Teamhair (Tara) in our neighbouring county. Quite unexpectedly, the new Minister of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Jimmy Deenihan has announced that he is undertaking a Conservation Plan for the Hill of Tara. This will be in collaboration with the Office of Public Works and the Heritage Council under the chairmanship of Conor Newman the renowned archaeologist from NUIG who worked on Tara for years along with his equally renowned colleagues, Joe Fenwick and Edel Bhreathnach. The Minister commissioned the Discovery Programme to undertake the plan; this means that it will carried out properly. Ironically, it was Charles Haughey who instigated the Discovery Programme in the 90s, he chose Tara as the first project for them and even tried hard to stop the road.

Although this is very much an "after the horse" has bolted scenario; after all the Fianna Fáil-led governments forced the M3 through Tara's landscape, it must be welcomed. The press release said: "the plan will catalogue the character and importance of the Hill of Tara and the issues impacting on it; it will also contain recommendations for policies that will help preserve its status as one of Ireland's most outstanding national monuments". This will hopefully be a template for the management of future sites. This might not seem relevant to us here in Maynooth but here there is a very historic town that has not done enough to emphasise its Geraldine heritage and culture. The twinning with Canet may help the town to look at itself in a more positive light; not many small Irish towns have two universities as well as an early Geraldine castle, Carton House, Taghadoe, Laraghbryan just to name a few. Even the layout of the town and its link with Carton Avenue is worthy of mention. As in most towns, there are neglected buildings that are an eyesore in the centre of Maynooth.

The Geraldines were some of the earliest of the Norman families to arrive in Ireland. "Loss of sovereignty" is a phrase used daily in the media recently as if it were a new concept. Sovereignty itself

Community Council Report

Maynooth Community Council Meeting 16 January 2012

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

1. Lyreen Residents angry at Draft Parking Bye-Laws Deirdre Cullen (MCC PRO, Lyreen Residents Association) said that residents of the Lyreen area – Back Lane, Leinster Cottages, Pound Lane, Convent Lane, and the other residential parts of the north town centre – were angry at what the Draft Maynooth Parking Bye-Laws proposed for their area.

As far back as 2008, the residents had participated in pre-draft consultations with KCC's Transportation Department. They had walked over the entire area with a Council representative to make absolutely sure he was aware that many lanes had no footpaths, and that doors and windows opened directly onto the roadway. They pointed out that most houses had no on-site parking so that residents had to park on the street, and that local residents has been doing so for many decades, and for many generations. They also pointed out that the very limited parking capacity in the area was almost totally used up by the residents themselves. They followed up this walk-around consultation with a meeting in Naas with Council officials, and they sent written submissions to officials and local area councillors

They were now angered to find that the published Draft completely ignored everything they had pointed out. Parking spaces were shown actually blocking front doors, and there was no protection for doors, walls and windows. Nor was there any acknowledgement of residential needs or activities. The provision of adequate access for bins, wheel chairs, deliveries, emergencies, had been completely overlooked

She asked how other town residents would feel if they had to climb over someone's car to get in or out of their front door; or come home with the weekly

is not a word or a concept that we use or think about very often – not really. What does it mean? Rule of a sovereign state, independence and self-government, territory of an independent state. Well yes then, we have lost it.

But when did this begin? When the Normans arrived, some Irish families supported them very quickly. When the Wild Geese sailed away to Europe, they abrogated sovereignty; the elite simply disappeared. The Act of Union of 1800 meant that the most powerful, high society and influential people left

Dublin for London. Dublin went into decline from which it did not recover until recently. It can be argued that during the various famines of the 18th and the 19th centuries the best, the bravest and the bold just left. Even in the 80s, it was recognized that the most adventurous and the best left again and the pattern repeats today. What does that leave? The conservative, the timid or some who were wealthy enough to survive in their own country. A population of some 4 million cannot possible support the debts that have been bequeathed to us by those irresponsible bankers, investors and politicians who were not intelligent enough to see the "writing on the wall" and who laughed at those who did. As 2016 approaches, what "sovereignty" do we have to look forward to in the future? Our own sovereignty or with a larger power? And if so, which power? Questions that merit discussion on another day.

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Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

shopping, to find that the only parking space available was back at the supermarket? This was what the Draft proposed for residents in the Lyreen area. She said that Bye-Laws that allowed for resident or permit-holders only parking zones in certain areas needed to be introduced, as was the practice in other jurisdictions. If necessary, legislation at national level to facilitate this needed to be put in place.

She said that residents of the Lyreen area totally rejected this plan, and would be seeking a redrafting of the Bye-Laws as they pertained to their area, as well as an assurance that no parking infrastructure would be put in place until they and the County Council had agreed on a way forward.

The meeting agreed to Colm Ó Cearúil's suggestion that MCC should invite KCC Transportation Department to discuss the Draft Parking Bye-Laws with community councillors at the next meeting.

2. Fears over future of Maynooth Community Care Unit

Maura Wilcox (U3A) expressed her fear that Maynooth Community Care Unit would be targeted if a policy to close public units with under 50 beds was implemented. She warned that the Maynooth unit has well under this cut-off point. She said that the local unit provided wonderful care. She herself had family experience of both community and private nursing homes and had found the community system to be much better. Community Care units were staffed by nurses, whereas private nursing homes employed care assistants. She pointed out that residents of Maynooth's unit think of it as their home and would be very upset if they were moved somewhere else. She also noted that Maynooth doesn't have a 'meals-on-wheels' service.

3. Festival moves to 'Harvest time' Andrew McMullon (MCC Treasurer, Festival Committee) said this year's Festival would run from Thursday 11th to Saturday 13th or Sunday 14th October. There would be a Harvest Festival component, and if possible a 'heritage day' when people could dress up, and shops might display goods from past times. Aongus Ó Maoláin (NUIM) said October was a good time of the year for students and he would contact NUIM Students Union to see if they would get actively involved. It was agreed that the Community Council would see if the Castle could reopen for the festival as the new dates were outside the normal Castle schedule. Hilda Dunne (History Group) agreed to organise an historical night at the Castle. Tom McMullon (Chairperson) said the Festival had declined recently and that a bigger committee with members from other organisations was needed. He suggested that all local organisations be invited to participate this year. He also said that Maynooth's twinning partner, Canet en Roussillon, would participate.

4. Youth Café has opened

Hugh Gallagher (Youth Café committee) reported that funding for the Youth Café was a major ongoing issue that would have to be addressed. The Youth Café subcommittee was looking for new volunteers, as there was demand for an extra night of activities each week to accommodate younger members. A Facebook page had been set up, and the GAA was helping with SMS mail drops to Youth Café members.

5. New school patronage

Colm Ó Cearúil (Deputy PDO) reported the patronage body campaigning for a Gaelcholáiste as the additional post primary school in Maynooth would shortly be submitting its application, and would also be proposing an adult education component in their plan.

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University of Third Age (U3A)

As we start into 2012 perhaps it is an ideal opportunity to stop and review. We are now in our 5th year and we can proudly say our membership is increasing, our calendar of events is busier and our repertoire is expanding. The move to our new premises has been significant. Overall it has been a very busy year and following are a few of the highlights.

We returned from the Grand Canal Theatre with 'Abba' still ringing in our ears. Getting the town of Maynooth singing on a glorious St Patrick's morning, was quite an accomplishment. Punchestown came to the Community Library. We conveyed a little of the 'agony & ecstasy' of the racetrack with a dramatic and hilarious rendition of 'The Racing of Finn McCool'. The hats and fascinators on show, would have surpassed Ascot on a good day. We accepted an invitation to Carton House in relation to the twinning with Canet. With rather short notice we produced a multi-lingual performance for our French visitors. Also, on that night, our very own Edith Piaf made her debut singing 'Under the Bridges of Paris'. As is her style, she exuded confidence, energy and above all passion!

Something else that brought a smile to our faces was the gracious reply we received from Queen Elizabeth II. This was in response to our letter complimenting Her Majesty on the success of her State visit to Ireland.

Always on the lookout for a new challenge, our next one was line dancing.

Rather wild and free style at the beginning but see the formation

now – Yeeha! During the year what a revelation it was to find three craft experts within the group. No longer are they going to 'hide their light under a bushel', they are gonna let it shine!

For the third consecutive year our agenda included Christmas Carols. Thank you to Joe Buckley who has given so generously of his time, and accompanied us on all our rehearsals and performances. Both the staff and patients in the Moyglare Nursing Home made us very welcome. In the Community Library it was lovely to see the little folk join in. On a miserable Thursday evening we cheered up the weary late night shoppers in Tesco.

Among all the depressing headlines, U3A was responsible for a good news story. Our Saturday afternoon of Carol singing for Focus Ireland in the Manor Mills Shopping Centre amounted to an amazing € 1350. 00. With the number of homeless growing annually this substantial contribution from the residents of Maynooth has been gratefully acknowledged.

Can I say how much we appreciated the work and dedication of all our tutors, both external and internal, who gave us direction, encouragement and also challenged us and thereby further enriched our lives. To conclude, thank you to every one of our members who gave of their time, energy and creativity to ensure that the past year was positive, uplifting and enjoyable. Taking inspiration from President Obama, 'is féidir linn' in U3A.

Enquiries: Bernadette 6289131

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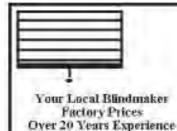
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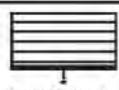
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PRESENTATION OF PROCEEDS OF TONY SMITH MEMORIAL WALK 2011

The proceeds of the Tony Smith Memorial Walk 2011 amounting to €8,932, up from the 2010 total of €8,323, were handed over to Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee at their Christmas Party in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth on Sunday 11th December, 2011.

A cheque for the sum was presented to Josie Moore, Chairperson of Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee by Deputy Emmet Stagg.

Enquiries - Dave Moynan - 087/2424638

Included in the Photo left to right.

Mrs. Ellen Leavy (Highest Sponsored Walker), Josie Moore and Deputy Emmet Stagg

Maynooth Family 'Run for Mum' Initiative Raises Over € 3,000 for 3TS Charity

Local Maynooth man Neil Cusker along with his family and friends presented a cheque for €3,800 to Suicide Prevention Charity 3TS this week in memory of his late Mother Deirdre Cusker. The funds were raised at the second annual 'Run for Mum' event, a 3km run which took place on the 26th December and attracted 200 participants from Maynooth and the surrounding area.

Neil, along with his Father Willie, sister Caoimhe and friend Colin O'Neill presented the cheque to 3TS representative Lise Alford this week at a very special bench located on Carton Avenue which is dedicated to Deirdre Cusker. This thoughtful memorial was secretly organised by Neil's friends recently, and bears a personalised plaque dedicated to the memory of his mother.

The following piece was also prepared by Neil's friend Brendan Coffey. It provides a colourful account of the 'Run for Mum' event on the 26th December, and acknowledges the tremendous efforts and good will of all of those involved in the organisation of this great event.

"Where else would you find Batman, Big Bird and Scary Spice on St Stephen's Day?"

O'Neill Park in Maynooth was the scene of some eyecatching costumes on 26 December as almost 200 people turned up to support the Run for Mum in memory of the late Deirdre Cusker. After raising nearly ϵ 700 in 2011, when a few brave souls raced through a snow packed field, this year's event organised by members of Deirdre's family as well as Colin O'Neill and other family friends was a huge success as the Run raised more than ϵ 3,800, all of which goes to support the 3Ts charity, Turning The Tide of Suicide.

The runners gathered outside the Cusker house in O'Neill Park and were expertly marshalled by the stewards, led by Noel O'Neill together with Johnny Kelly, Liz Broderick and Dan Broderick, while the members of Maynooth Fire Brigade provided plenty of help too. MC John 'Jabba' McCarthy got proceedings underway as the runners set out from the estate towards Maynooth and back up Carton Avenue. The runners made their way back around by the old Dublin road, finishing 3km later back at O'Neill Park, where sausage sandwiches and tea were supplied by the catering team of Margret O'Neill, Tish Cusker and Gay Hoare.



First male home was Sean McTiernan while Niamh Byrne was the fastest lady. The irrepressible Peter Keane walked away with the best costume prize, dressed as Willie Wonka.

The organisers would also like to thank Simon Fagan, L'Oreal, O Neill's Pub and Ann Brady, and hope to make the run an annual event raising money for an extremely worthy cause and keeping Deirdre's memory alive.

Speaking about the Run for Mum event, Lise Alford of 3TS (Turn the Tide of Suicide) said "We are extremely grateful to the Cusker family for this very generous donation and would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the family and to their friends and neighbours for the goodwill and participation which made this such an inclusive and fun event! Activities such as these are important to Irish society as whilst raising much needed funds for suicide prevention; they also raise awareness of the issue of suicide in Ireland and demonstrate the support available at local and community level. Most importantly, the Run for Mum event is an embodiment

of the Cusker family's hope that those in suicidal crisis

will seek out support from friends, family members or dedicated confidential suicide prevention services. The Life Suicide Helpline is one such service, providing 24 hour assistance on Freephone 1800 24 7 100. 1Life is a valuable resource for people who are feeling very low or who have had suicidal thoughts or are engaging in deliberate self-harm. It is there for those who wish to discuss any problems related to suicide. A staff of professional counsellors supported by an expert team of accredited volunteers provide emotional support, therapeutic counselling and in the event of emergencies, crisis referrals and vital emergency intervention which has helped saved many lives since its foundation in 2009. The Helpline is also available to concerned loved ones, who want advice or practical assistance in how to approach the topic of suicide or find help for their family member or friend. 1Lifealso operates a text service – Text the word HELP to 51444 (standard message rates apply). 1Lifeis a joint venture partnership founded in 2009 by 3Ts with fellow charity, Console. The helpline is largely funded by 3Ts fundraising and receives no statutory funding.



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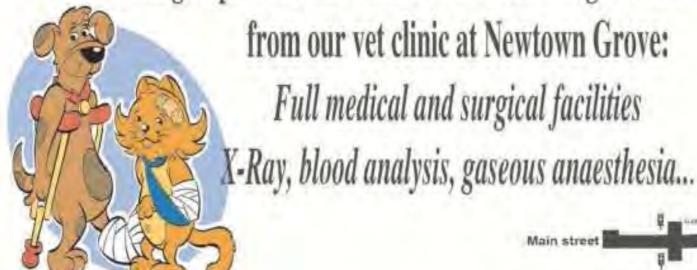
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- Are the ribs easily felt or are they covered in a deep layer of fat?
- Is the base of the tail covered in fat deposits?
- Does the abdomen sag?
- Is the pet's weight interfering with his enjoyment of normal exercise?

Your vet when assessing your pet's weight will use the above criteria to help him determine if the patient is normal, overweight, heavy, obese or morbidly obese. Obesity is caused by simply eating far more calories than are expended. Pets that are overweight are often very greedy and will consume everything that they are given. They will show a poor tolerance for exercise and will tend to lie around and sleep more than normal. Even activities within the home such as going up steps or playing in the garden can be difficult.

Some pet owners are often reluctant to have their pet's neutered as they believe that it will result in their pet becoming overweight. This can occasionally be true particularly with breeds such as Labradors and Retrievers. It should however be borne in mind that these breeds are often used as Guide Dogs and for other service needs. Such dogs are always neutered but strict dietary routine and exercise ensures that they do not become overweight.

As you are now beginning to see, the familiar phrase of diet and exercise are the key tools in fighting weight gain in a normal pet. It must be remembered that what appears to be normal food intake for us may be far too much for our pets: a chocolate digestive with a cup of tea is very nice but throw one to your King Charles Spaniel and you are giving him the human equivalent of a full packet of biscuits!!Other common treats for owners such as chocolate can be poisonous to dogs. It can now be seen that discipline is required from everybody in the household and very often from well meaning neighbours too. As a pet owner you should point out to the people giving your dog treats that they are not helping him and may be contributing to the early onset of conditions such as arthritis, diabetes and heart problems which will lead to lifelong problems for your pet.

At Maynooth Veterinary Clinic, Newtown Grove, we very much appreciate the importance of maintaining a pet's weight at the normal level. We are very happy to weigh your pet free of charge and to give advice on proper diet and exercise. If we believe that there are any underlying medical conditions such as diabetes, hypothyroidism or Cushings Disease we will advise you on the best treatment and care regime for your pet. We will maintain computerised records of your pets weight loss programme and will provide you with documentation for home use to monitor your pet's progress. Where necessary we can supply specialised foods which are specifically formulated to assist in weight loss without your pet feeling hungry.

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Growing shrubs in containers is also a good opportunity to try plants that you might not be able to grow elsewhere in your garden as you can create bespoke planting conditions. For example, if you want to experiment with acidloving shrubs and you don't have the right soil, it's ideal.

Prune summer clematis

Give summer-flowering clematis a hard prune. It sounds drastic, but the plant will put on rapid new growth during spring.

Prune Autumn Raspberries

Prune your autumn fruiting raspberries now, cutting all stems back to ground level.

Take hardwood cuttings

You have until spring to make hardwood cuttings of holly, mock orange, azalea and other woody shrubs to make new plants.

Sow onion seeds indoors

The range of onion varieties available from seed is enormous, so try planting a few seeds indoors from several varieties for a range of different tastes.

Deadhead winter bedding

Deadhead faded flowers from your winter bedding plants to keep them tidy and encourage more colourful blooms well into spring.

Chit early potatoes

Get a head start with your potato crop by chitting tubers now, about six weeks before you plan to plant them out.

How to chit

- •Chitting simply means encouraging the seed potatoes to sprout before planting.
- •Start chitting in February about six weeks before you intend to plant out the potatoes.
- •Each seed potato has a more rounded, blunt end that has a number of 'eyes'.
- •Stand the tubers with the blunt end uppermost in trays or old egg boxes, with plenty of natural light.
- •The potatoes are ready to be planted out when the shoots are 1.5-2.5cm (0.5-1in) long.

Start sowing beetroot seeds

You can make your first sowing of beetroot seeds now. Plant under horticultural fleece, cloches or frames.

Move shrubs

Got a plant in the wrong place? Now is the time to dig up and reposition any garden shrubs.

Check on stored dahlia tubers

Crown rot is frequently found on overwintered dahlia tubers. Check your tubers during the winter and separate out any that show signs of infection.

Shrub Pruning

Pruning of clematis which flowered the previous summer (not spring) will pay dividends later this year. Vigorous summerflowering clematis (mainly those that flower

from July onwards like the jackmanii varieties) need to be heavily pruned to about 3 foot above soil level. Less vigorous summerflowering varieties (mainly those that flower between mid-May and June) need to have all the dead growth removed and each stem cut back to the lowest pair of healthy buds.

Wisterias should also be pruned - clip them back to a healthy bud with the aim of keeping them tidy and within bounds.

Potting Dahlias

I tend to leave my dahlias in the soil and protect with mulch but if you lifted yours you can now begin potting them up. Keep pots in a protected position to encourage growth and protect from cold and frost. Next month you will be able to start taking cuttings to increase your stocks.

Prepare containers

Start filling containers with displays for spring but keep sheltered for now.

Rose care

Prune roses this month so that they are ready for spring. Burn rose prunings to avoid spreading disease. Clean secateurs between pruning each plant to avoid spreading disease.

Hang fat balls on roses to encourage blue tits to come and eat overwintering pests.





February 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

Parent & Toddler Group

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

Irish Girl Guides

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Senior Citizens Club

A.G.M. will take place on Tuesday 7th February 2012 at 8.00p.m. in the Health Centre. This is an open meeting to which all are welcome

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If you would like Your event for March put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter Phone o1 6585922/6285053

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Tidy Towns

Bag Pack will take place on Friday 2nd March and Saturday 3rd March in Tesco to raise funds for Maynooth Tidy Towns

WEE Ireland will be in Maynooth Tesco Carpark on Saturday 24th March from 10am to 16pm Anything with a plug or battery can be recycled.

Table Quiz will take place in Bradys Clock House on Friday 30th March from 8.30pm €10 per person tables of Four.

Maynooth Local History



Maynooth Local History Society had a artefacts night at the Creative Arts Centre on Wednesday 25th January.

L-R John Colgan, Bernard Wallace, (Manager Creative Arts) Fergus White, Anne Harrington, Rita Edwards, Hilda Dunne, Bernie O' Connor, Declan O'Connor.



Bernie O'Connor displayed an example of a "Sampler" which is a piece of intricate needlework and needle decoration on a cloth background. She explained it was the creation of her grand-mother who was born in the USA. The Sampler displayed the motto "Home Sweet Home".



Anne Harrington shows a Princess Mary Tin Box dated 1914, that belonged to James Mooney from Claremorris, Co. Mayo, who was born in 1888.

The Creative Arts Centre (Coates Lane) intend to hold many more interesting events similar to this in the coming months.

Maynooth Post Primary Parent Teacher Association

The Department of Education and Skills had on 1st Dec 2011 requested school patrons (management organizations) to declare their intentions on patronage of new schools by the 13th January 2012.

The patrons listed on the **D.E.S.** website <u>www.education.ie</u> (school planning section) for the new post primary school for Maynooth are:

- 1. County Kildare V.E.C
- 2. Loreto Education Trust

To give applying patrons time to consult and prepare their applications, the D.E.S has extended the receipt of patronage applications from: FRIDAY 13th JANUARY to FRIDAY 24th February 2012.

To gauge parental support for their application, Kildare V.E.C are asking parents and guardians (who have not done so already) to register their support by returning a completed V.EC. expression of interest form to Maynooth Post Primary School, or by completing the online form at:

www.kildarevec.ie/newmaynoothschool

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Kildare V.E.C. has applied to the D.E.S to establish an Aonad, (an Irish stream up to 6th year) which further enhances the status of education through the medium of Irish in the Maynooth area. When completing the expression of interest form for Kildare V.E.C. patronage, please if you wish to do so, indicate your support for the Aonad application by writing the word 'Aonad' on the bottom of the form.

I urge you to complete the form overleaf, if you have not done so already, expressing your wish for Kildare VEC as patron of the new second level school in Maynooth.

Teresa Murray Chairperson Maynooth Post Primary School P.T.A.



Kildare VEC

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WHAT IS A SCHOOL PATRON?

A school patron has responsibility for:

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- Supervision of staff appointments.
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Successful Fundraiser for St. Vincent's Hospital Athy October Seis

The October Seis in Athy in aid of St Vincent's Hospital was a resounding success. There was over 6000 euro raised and all proceeds went to the hospital for the care of the elderly. The organiser, Kevin O'Neill, would like to extend his gratitude to all the musicians and the people that came to give their money, time and support to such a worthy cause.



The Organizer Kevin O'Neill

A special mention must be made to Noel Kelly who won the main prize of a quite valuable handmade rocking horse and promptly donated it to the Elcantara School in Newbridge for children with special needs. The festival was officially launched on Friday night by the Lord Mayor of Athy, Richard Daly, and Jack Wall (TD). The weekend-long event was thoroughly enjoyed by all of the musicians who gave their time and talent for free and all of the supporters that attended. Musicians such as Mac Dara, who travelled from New York, The Tewkesbury O's, and The Roving Crows, who travelled from Gloucestershire in England, The Tunesmiths from Naas and the group Club 5 from Maynooth who play music in the local GAA Clubhouse every Sunday night, were among many other groups that gave their time for free and travelled at their own expense to lend a helping hand on what was a very fun-filled weekend.



Kevin O'Neill with his family on stage in the Carlton Abbey Hotel

Kevin says that "all expectations were surpassed" and he would further like to express his thanks to all of the wider Athy Community and all who travelled longer distances and helped him to realise and surpass his intended goal. The management and staff of the venues that catered for the events of the weekend have earned a well deserved expression of gratitude and they are the Clanard Hotel, the Carlton Hotel and the Castle Inn (CI) nightclub and bar. One of the highlights of the weekend was on the Sunday afternoon when a number of the groups played music in the church of the hospital where many of the residents were able to attend and enjoy and sing along with the entertainment, but this performance was also broadcast to every ward in the hospital for those who were not in a position to attend in person so they could see and hear it on TV.

There is another person who deserves a special mention of appreciation and that is Chris McHugh from Tewksbury in England. Though Chris had never been to Athy and did not know the particular hospital the funds were been raised for, he still made a great contribution by doing a lot of training to run a half-marathon and raised 300 euro in sponsorship as a donation from himself and the people of Tewkesbury. While the performers may

have been applauded for their efforts, it must be said that all who supported this worthy cause should take a bow as well and they have earned equal applause.

While the October Seis this year was a great success and raised much needed funds for those in our community, it is not a one-time event, it has travelled from New York to England and various parts of Ireland and raised a lot of money for various charities.

So if you are thinking of planning a break for next year, why not think of joining in and supporting a worthy cause? The 2012 October Seis will be held in Cavan Town on the long weekend at the end of the month and all proceeds will go to a worthy charity. All performers and supporters travel at their own expense and all money raised goes to the charity. Next year's event is being organised by Maureen O'Neill and promises to be as fun-filled and worthy as this years. There will be loads of music and craic with

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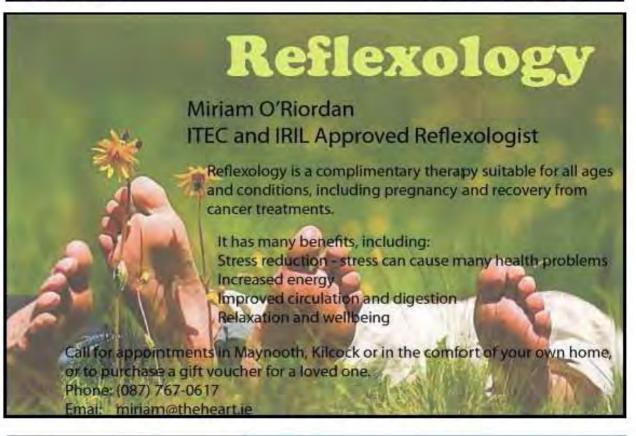
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Ouestion

I have four children. The last two are twins. What Child Benefit payment I will get in 2012?

Answer

Child Benefit is payable to the parents or guardians of children under 16 years of age. It is also payable where a child is under 18 years of age if the child is in full-time education, FÁS Youthreach training or has a disability. It was announced in Budget 2012 that the rates of payment of Child Benefit will be standardised for all children at €140 per child per month over the next two years.

Child Benefit stays at \in 140 per month for each of the first two children. From January 2012 the rate for the third child is reduced to \in 148 from \in 167 and for the fourth and each subsequent child to \in 160 from \in 177.

The additional monthly payment for twins and triplets continues. Child Benefit for twins is one and a half times the normal monthly rate for each child. In your case, since you have two children already, the twins are the third and fourth children in the family. Therefore the monthly payment for the twins is $\[\in \] 222 \]$ ($\[\in \] 148 \times 1.5 \]$) and $\[\in \] 240 \]$ ($\[\in \] 150 \times 1.5 \]$.

While the additional monthly payment for twins and triplets has been maintained, the grant of €635 paid at birth, at 4 years of age and at 12 years of age for these multiple births will no longer be paid.

The rates of Child Benefit payment for 2012 are as follows:

Number of children	Rates
1 child	€140
2 children	€280
3 children	€428
4 children	€588
5 children	€748
6 children	€908
7 children	€1,068
8 children	€1,228

Question

Has there been any change to the Universal Social Charge in Budget 2012?

Answer

The Universal Social Charge (USC) is a tax payable on your gross income. It is also payable on notional income (benefit-in-kind payments) and it is deducted before pension contributions. All Department of Social Protection payments (including State pensions and Child Benefit) and similar payments (for example, CE schemes and Back to Education Allowance) and income on which DIRT has been paid are exempt from the USC.

Everyone (including medical card holders) is liable to pay the USC if their gross income is over a certain threshold in a year. For 2012, the income threshold has increased from $\[Epsilon=4,004\]$ to $\[Epsilon=10,036\]$. If your income is over $\[Epsilon=10,036\]$ you pay the USC on all your income.

There is no change to the rates of the USC which are:

• 2% on the first €10,036

- 4% on the next €5,980
- 7% on the balance

People over 70 are not liable for the 7% rate but pay at 2% on income up to $\[\in \] 10,036$ and at 4% on all their income above $\[\in \] 10,036$.

Where a new employee is paying PAYE on an emergency basis, the emergency basis rate of the USC that applies is 7% and it applies to all of the salary/wage.

For 2012 the deduction of the USC has changed to a cumulative basis, similar to the manner in which PAYE is deducted. As with PAYE tax credits and rate bands, the USC rates and thresholds to be applied to employees will be issued to employers by the Revenue Commissioners on Employer Tax Credit Certificates (P2Cs).

Question

I understand that a number of changes are being made to the One-Parent Family Payment. Can you please give the details?

Answer

One-Parent Family Payment (OFP) is a payment for men and women who are bringing children up without the support of a partner. To get this payment you must meet certain conditions and you must satisfy a means test.

For 2012, the upper age limit of the youngest child for new claimants is reduced from 14 years to 12 years of age. This new upper age limit does not apply to existing claimants. It is planned to reduce the youngest child age limit for new claimants to 7 years of age on a phased basis.

The means test for OFP has been amended from January 2012. When assessing the means of both new and existing claimants, the amount of earnings from employment or self-employment that is fully disregarded is reduced from €146.50 to €130.00 per week. Half the weekly earnings over this amount continues to be disregarded.

If you have earnings above &425 you are not entitled to OFP. Up to 2012, if you had been getting OFP for a continuous period of at least 52 weeks and your earnings went above &425, you were entitled to a transitional payment. The transitional payment was the same as one-half of your rate of OFP and was paid for 6 months. From January 2012, this transitional payment is discontinued. Existing recipients of the temporary payment are not affected.

Previously, if you were working and getting OFP you might qualify for half-rate Jobseeker's Benefit, Illness Benefit or Incapacity Supple ment when you stopped working. From January 2012, these half-rate payments are not available to new applicants for Jobseeker's Benefit, Illness Benefit and Incapacity Supplement.

Question

I'm confused about the changes that were made to Mortgage Interest Relief in Budget 2012. I'm a first-time buyer who started paying my mortgage in 2006. When will my entitlement expire and what rate of relief am I entitled to?

Answer

Tax relief for home mortgage interest is not given through the tax system but your mortgage lender gives you the benefit of the tax relief on the interest you pay. This is called tax relief at source or TRS. Your mortgage repayments are reduced by the amount of the tax credit due.

In Budget 2012 it was announced that qualifying loans taken out after 31 December 2003 and before 1 January 2013 will continue to get relief up to the end of 2017. This means that you will continue to qualify for relief at the applicable rate for the next 6 years. The relief will be abolished completely by the end of 2017.

The rate of mortgage interest relief for first-time buyers is 25% in years 1 and 2 of a mortgage, 22.5% in years 3, 4 and 5, and 20% for years 6 and 7. After 7 years the rate is the same as for non-first-time buyers at 15%.

	Single	Married/in a civil partnership/ widowed/surviving civil partner
First-time buyer	€10,000	€20,000
Non-first- time buyer	€3,000	€6,000

However, if you are a first-time buyer who started paying your mortgage between 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2008, Budget 2012 provides for a special rate of mortgage interest relief of 30% for the tax years 2012 to 2017.

The amount of interest on which you can get relief is subject to upper limits as follow

Adjustments to your tax relief should be made automatically by your mortgage lender. You don't need to claim relief on your annual tax return or to contact your local Revenue office.

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Know Your Rights A: Household Charge

Ouestion

I am a bit confused by the new Household Charge. Who has to pay it?

Answer

In general, if you own a residential property in Ireland, you must pay the Household Charge. People on social welfare payments must pay the charge unless they qualify for one of the specific exemptions or waivers listed below

For private rented accommodation, the landlord pays the charge, not the tenant.

Properties exempt from the Household Charge include those:

- Owned by government departments or the Health Service Executive (HSE) or
- Owned by local authorities or voluntary housing bodies (including dwellings not yet fully bought from a local authority under the shared ownership scheme) or
- In a discretionary trust or owned by an approved charity or
- Which are part of the trading stock of a business and have not been sold or been the source of any income since construction or
- Which are liable for commercial rates and
- Mobile homes.

People who do not have to pay the charge If you have moved out of the property due to a long-term mental or physical infirmity you do not have to pay – for example, if you are in a nursing home or moved in with relatives because of your need for care. (However, if you were living in the property on 1 January this year, you must pay the charge for 2012.) If you were entitled to Mortgage Interest Supplement on 1 January 2012, you qualify for a waiver. People living in certain unfinished housing estates also qualify for waivers for 2012 and 2013. Details of qualifying estates are on householdcharge.ie.

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Maynooth Labour News

Proposed Maynooth Parking By-Laws

The following is a Draft Submission on Maynooth Draft Parking By-Laws that I propose submitting to the Council. I would appreciate your comments. (Rev. 4 29/01/12)

- 1. The Parking Bays at the houses on Double Lane from 22 to 28 and at the houses on Back Lane should not be directly outside the doors of the houses. This space should be kept clear except for house 24. A footpath from house 22 to 28 would solve many problems.
- Parking charges at the bays at 1 above should be increased €3 per hour in order to keep them free for residents as is the case in St. Patricks Park, Celbridge. Residents of course can get a parking permit for €5 per year.
- 3. There should be no Double Lines at Cross Lane. All of these houses are occupied and residents would have nowhere to park if the yellow lines are put in place.
- Put Parking Bays at Dillons Row from house number
 1 to 8 instead of a yellow line
 Put a disabled parking how outside house 4 Round
- 5. Put a disabled parking bay outside house 4 Pound Lane (Street) as the occupant is disabled.
- 6. Put parking bays outside houses 3, 5, 6 and 7 Pound Lane (Street) to facilitate the residents.
- Pedestrianise Fagans Lane in the interest of public safety
- 8. That double yellow lines be put on both sides of the small stretch of road into Manor Court from Straffan Road in the interest of public safety.
- Move the disabled spot from Doctors Lane to outside the Citizens Information Centre on Dublin Road in the interests of public safety
- 10. There appears to be no provision for pulling in at the bottle bank as a result of the arrangement for the exit from the new private car park
- 11. Put parking bays at house numbers 5, 9 and 10 Parson Street in order to facilitate the residents. The Parking Charge to be set at €3 per hour to facilitate residents.
- 12. Put a cycle rack in the public car park.
- 13. Loading bays and passing bays are required at Double Lane (Buckleys Lane) in order to maintain access to and from the area for residents and services
- 14. The parking charge at houses 1 to 10 Leinster Cottages and on Convent Lane (Road) should be set at €3 per hour to facilitate residents.
- 15. Put a disabled parking bay outside house number 8 Leinster Cottages to facilitate the residents.

STAGG SUPPORTS VEC PATRONAGE OF NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR MAYNOOTH

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by the Minister for Education that 2 expressions of interest have been notified to the Department of Education in relation to the Patronage of the New Secondary School for Maynooth by the closing date of January 13th, namely Co. Kildare VEC and Loreto Education Trust.

Formal applications for the patronage of the new school must be lodged by 24th February stated Deputy Stagg and even at this stage other prospective patrons can still enter the process. When all applications are to hand the Department will prepare a report for the New Schools Establishment Group who in turn will make a report to the Minister for final consideration and decision.

Whilst not wishing to be dismissive of the Loreto Education Trust application, Deputy Stagg stated that he was 100% in favour of the Co. Kildare VEC application for Patronage of the New School. Co. Kildare VEC at present operate successfully 9 Second Level Schools in Kildare with the existing Post Primary in Maynooth being one of their most successful schools. For over 40 years Maynooth Post Primary has operated in the Community and has a proven track record in its achievements of excellence on a national level in academics, sports, arts and science. VEC policy is to provide a multi-belief, non-selective, co-educational, child centred enrolment policy. The policy in the existing School in Maynooth is one of working in partnership between Teachers, Students and Parents.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that the New Secondary School Pupils would best be served by VEC patronage, with its proven record both in the Town and County.

Defaced Sign at Bond Bridge Removed:

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion to the Area Committee:

"That the rude graffiti on the Rathcoffey road sign at Bond Bridge, Maynooth be removed, as soon as possible."

As a result the Council Area Office has removed this sign and it will be replaced as soon as possible.

Street Cleaning in Maynooth:

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion to the Area Committee:

"How many outdoor staff are employed in the Maynooth engineering area and will there be any further reductions by the end of February next that will impact on street cleaning and bin emptying?"

John got the following reply:

"There are 16 Outdoor Staff in the Maynooth Engineering Area which includes 3 General Services Supervisors. The Area Engineer is aware of one person retiring in February and, subject to the street cleaning budget being adequate, there should be no impact on the street cleaning."

McGinley Seeks Safety Improvements at the Celbridge Road to Laurence Avenue Junction:

Cllr. McGinley has asked the Council to extend the footpath from the Cebridge Road in to Laurence Avenue at the junction, in the interests of public safety.

John got the following response from the Council:

"A meeting is being held in January with officials from the National Transport Authority to agree the scope and nature of 2012 projects for which funding can be applied for. An update to all elected members will be circulated following any NTA decisions."

Replacement of globe on public light, The Square, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley has been pressing the Council for some time now to replace the three globes were stolen from the light at The Square:

He got the following reply at the January Area Meeting: "All outstanding repairs notified to the Public Lighting Section, as outlined at the budget meeting, will be repaired including the globes in Maynooth."

Cllr. John McGinley can be contacted at: 6285293 or 087 9890645

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Major Minor /GF Cabs acquired by Maynooth/Express Cabs.

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Letters to the Editor

A Chairde,

As we embark on a new era for post primary education in Maynooth, I write seeking your support for the model and vision that has developed at County Kildare VEC's Maynooth Post Primary School, over the past forty years. This model has evolved in no small way as a result of the partnership that exists between parents, students, teachers and Kildare VEC. It is a shared model that has withstood the test of time.

Maynooth Post Primary celebrates its 40th anniversary in this academic year and to mark this wonderful achievement, the then President of Ireland, Mary Mc Aleese visited the school. In her speech to the school community she commented that Maynooth Post Primary was evidence of the energy and dedication that is going on in schools around this country every day. Over 1000 families have trusted the school with their children and the school has built up a strong reputation of excellence in academics, sports, arts and science' through both the medium of Irish and English. For forty years the school has been expert in meeting the needs of young people in an atmosphere of tolerance, partnership and shared respect. Mary McAleese described the inclusion of different cultures and religions in the school as profound.

Kildare VEC's proposed patronage will satisfy the need of the new school to be aware of pluralism and diversity; pluralism as the existence and toleration of a variety of peoples and opinions, and diversity as having variety.

Values such as equality and inclusion are, and have always been, central to County Kildare VEC's ethos.

Since 1971 Maynooth Post Primary, as a coeducational, multi¬-denominational, belief -inclusive school with a non-selective entry policy has catered for the varied educational needs of Maynooth and beyond.

The all-inclusive ethos of County Kildare VEC fosters a cohesive spirit which promotes the development of 'community' within our town. The new school must embody this role, assume a unifying role, and provide for the increasing pupil numbers.

If you wish to keep this excellent model for your children and for the generations to come, then your voice is needed. It was your predecessors as parents over forty years ago; who by exerting their strong voice on what they wanted for their children that gave you Maynooth Post Primary School. It is now your turn to express your voice as parents.

I wish to thank all the parents and guardians who have indicated their support for County Kildare VEC's patronage application thus far and would like to remind you that the deadline for receipt of patronage applications is now February 24th. Any parents and guardians who wish to register their support may do so online at www.kildarevec.ie/newmaynoothschool.

Forms are also available at Maynooth Post Primary School Reception.

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Johnny Nevin (Priomhoide Maynooth Post Primary school)

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10. Pack them up in your old kit bag (8)

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- 3. Hold a second job (9)
- 5. Of the country (5)
- 6. Chubby, fat (5)
- 7. No alms for the fish (6)
- 8. Rushed headlong (6)
- 11. O (6)
- 14. Metal-bearing mineral (3)
- 18. Pays a call (6)
- 19. Beads of precipitation (9)
- 20. Differ, dissent (8)
- 21. Lowest in price (8)
- 23. Unwell (3)
- 25. Lustrous structure in an oyster (6)
- 26. Weighing machine (6)
- 29. Metric unit of capacity (5)
- 30. Mischievous fairies (5)

Winner of Crossword No. 398

Sheila Fleming Maynooth Park Maynooth

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Sudoku Challenge

February 2012



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Win a $\ensuremath{\epsilon} 10$ book voucher if you are the first entry drawn with both puzzles correct.

Send completed puzzles to Maynooth Newsletter Unit 5 Tesco S/C Maynooth.

Entries must arrive before: 29th Feb. 2012 Collect prize from MCC office

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Pound Lane, Maynooth

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INDEPENDENT TECHNICAL GROUP TDs TO CONTINUE OPEN DIALOGUE WITH TROIKA TO PROFFER EVIDENCE-BASED SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS TO ECONOMIC RECOVERY FOLLOWING MEETING TODAY

Following on from its meeting with the Troika in Government Buildings this evening the Dáil's Technical Group has termed the hour and twenty minute-long meeting with the three Heads of Mission and five other Troika representatives a "useful beginning to an open dialogue between the opposition group and the programme managers".

The Technical Group was represented by Independent Deputies Shane Ross, Stephen Donnelly, Catherine Murphy, Mick Wallace and Mattie McGrath and United Left Alliance TDs Clare Daly and Richard Boyd Barrett.

Some of the main issues that were discussed during the meeting were:

- The Troika's view on the success to date of the austerity-based approach to economic recovery as encapsulated in the Memorandum of Understanding;
- the potential for new solutions to job creation and stimulus not currently contained in the current programme; and,
- how prescriptive the Troika will be and has been in terms of government policy on taxation, expenditure and reform. Troika representatives stated that within the envelope of the agreement itself there is freedom for the government to determine its own approach to such matters.

The Independent members of the Technical Group stated that following on from the stated receptivity of the Troika to evidence-based suggestions on how the State may be guided towards economic recovery it intends to work towards offering well researched, evidence-led suggested solutions to the economic crisis faced by the Irish State.

For comment please contact individual Deputies directly at the details below or the Technical Group Whips Office at 01 618 3591 or 086 414 0221 Catherine Murphy T.D. – 087 2696450, 01 618 3099 Stephen Donnelly T.D. – 01 618 4293 Shane Ross T.D. – 01 6183014 Mick Wallace T.D. – 01 618 3287 Mattie McGrath T.D. – 01 618 4062

INDEPENDENT TDS CALL FOR REFORM OF SYSTEM THAT SEES POLITICAL PARTIES RECEIVE €10.7 MILLION PER YEAR IN POLITICAL FUNDING

In response to criticisms of the €41k annual allowance provided to Independent TDs to conduct research, legislative and parliamentary work, a number of Independent politicians have today reiterated their support for Minister for Public Expenditure & Reform, Brendan Howlin's plans to change the current provision whereby they are not required to vouch for how it is spent. However, in addition to supporting the proposed change the group of Independent TDs is calling for the Minister to go further by seizing the opportunity overhaul the entire Political Funding model which sees the four main political parties of Ireland receive €10.7million per year between them.

The current system sees Fine Gael receive €58,735.79 per year and Labour €63,317.54 for each of their 75 and 37 TDs respectively on top of the vast government resources at their disposal. However, the highest level of funding made available to political parties on a per TD basis is that received by Sinn Féin and Fianna Fáil who get €119,795.09 and €121,683.36 respectively for each of their 14 and 19 TDs on an annual basis. Arguably this and not the €41,152 per year received by Independent TDs is the best kept secret in Irish Politics. A spokesperson for the group of independents stated:



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"We do believe that there is merit in the provision of a certain degree of public funding to political parties in order to ensure that big business and corporate interests don't have an undue influence on the policies of those parties but when that funding rises to the heights of ϵ 10.7 million per year being divided between four political parties strong questions need to be asked and big changes need to be made."

The group went on to highlight that in addition to the vast funding provided to Fine Gael, Labour, Fianna Fáil and Sinn Féin political parties each group receives a complement of dedicated Oireachtas paid staff in addition to the personal staffing allowance provided to its members to conduct research, legislative, communications and administrative work that is not provided to Independent TDs whether aligned into a group or not.

"We're calling on the political playing field to be evened out, for political funding to be reduced, for all political expenses to be vouched, and for parliamentary supports to be standardised for all members."

Catherine Murphy, Finian McGrath, Luke "Ming" Flanagan, Tom Fleming, John Halligan, Shane Ross, Mattie McGrath, Mick Wallace, Maureen O'Sullivan, Thomas Pringle.

Party / Group	Members*	Average Net Public Funding Per Member**	Oireachtas Staff Entitlements for Parliamentary Groups***
Fine Gael	75	€58,735.79	39.6
Labour	37	€63,317.54	19.5
Fianna Fáil	19	€121,683.36	15.2
Sinn Féin	14	€119,795.09	11.2
Socialist Party	2	€71,520.00	1.6
People Before Profit	2	€71,520.00	1.6
Dáil Technical Group Independent TDs	12	€41,152.00	0.0
Other Independent TDs	3	€41,152.00	0.0
Totals / Averages	164	€70,978.10	88.7

- * These figures exclude the Ceann Comhairle and the late Deputy Brian Lenihan,
- ** Funding includes Annual Exchequer Funding under the Electoral Acts and Party Leaders Allowance
- *** Qualifying Parties are entitled to 0.8 Secretarial Units per TD

MURPHY RAISES ISSUE OF GAS SAFETY WITH MINISTER RABBITTE IN WAKE OF LEIXLIP EXPLOSION

In a topical debate in the Dáil on gas safety requested by Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind – Kildare North) on Thursday, the issue of proper procedures when investigating and dealing with gas leaks was addressed by Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources Pat Rabbitte. The debate was requested by Deputy Murphy following an incident last Saturday (January 14th) in which three people were injured, one seriously, in an explosion in the Riverdale Estate of Leixlip. Both expressed their sympathy for the people injured in the incident.

Minister Rabbitte stated that "safety is BGE's first priority" and that he "fully shares the Deputy's concerns in regard to the incident last Saturday and gas safety in general." He added that an investigation is underway by Bord Gáis Éireann (BGE) and the Commission for Energy Regulation, who are charged with overall safety of the gas network.

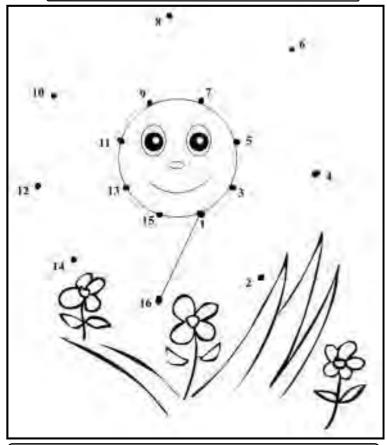
While expressing sympathy for the injured people, he assured Deputy Murphy that "there can be no room for complacency where the protection of life is concerned. We need to ensure that all lessons are learned from such incidents and that all necessary measures are put in place to reduce or eliminate the risks of similar incidents recurring."

Speaking after the debate, Deputy Murphy said "The incident in Leixlip last week, while thankfully a very rare event, raises some very serious questions about safety procedures in the event of gas leaks.

"The fact that the house which suffered the explosion had no connection to a gas main caused me to question how effective standard procedures are when warning and protecting those with properties adjacent to leaks. Thankfully accidents like this are extremely rare and BGE's safety record is indeed excellent. Minister Rabbitte confirmed that the investigation will look at all aspects of the incident and I hope that the findings will help us firmly establish how we can avoid incidents like this in the future."

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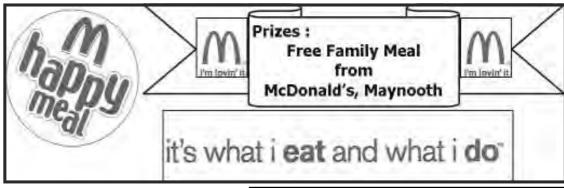


Spot The 10 Differences in Pictures



Answers





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December Winners:

Age: 3—5: Vishal Tutte, Moyglare Hall

Age: 6-7: Saoirse Grehan, Moyglare Abbey

Age: 8 & Over: Sinéad Crowley, Moyglare Abbey

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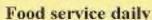
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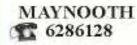






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very well maintained. This was an excellent site.

Public Park in Maynooth: Grade A. (on the left as one leaves for the west) This had previously been a somewhat littered site – this time around it was a very good site – a lovely amenity which has been well maintained and respected.

How does Maynooth compare?

IBAL Anti Litter League Finale 2011 Results Table

Rankings	Town/City	Status
1	Trim	Clean to European Norms
2	Swords	Clean to European Norms
3	Killarney	Clean to European Norms
4	Cavan	Clean to European Norms
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6	Wexford	Clean to European Norms
7	Youghal	Clean to European Norms
8	Ballincollig	Clean to European Norms
9	Waterford City	Clean to European Norms
10	Fermoy	Clean to European Norms
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I	Bray	Clean to European Norms
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II	Monaghan	Clean to European Norms
25	Tullamore	Clean to European Norms
26	Kildare	Clean to European Norms
27	Maynooth	Clean to European Norms
28	Clonmel	Clean to European Norms
29	Dundalk	Clean to European Norms
30	Tralee	Clean to European Norms
31	Galway City	Clean to European Norms
32	Roscommon	Clean to European Norms
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36	Arklow	Clean to European Norms
37	Wicklow	Clean to European Norms
38	New Ross	Clean to European Norms



To celebrate Aontas Adult learning Festival,
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Art Workshop - Working with Pastels

Facilitated by Artist Sharon Dunne Materials will be provided

Monday 20th February at 10:30am
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Capacitar Workshop - Meditation and Relaxation Techniques
Facilitated by Patty Obozaglo

Tuesday 21st February 11:30am – 12:30pm Places are limited, so booking is essential

Creative Writing Workshop - Finding the words to write a story Facilitated by Mae Leonard

Thursday 23rd February 6:00 – 7:30pm

Places are limited, so booking is essential

A Sense of Place - Informal Session on exploring the history and heritage of your area

Presented by Mario Corrigan

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Aisling Tracy and Family with Celebrant Dónal de Róiste

Would you like to take part in this year's St. Patrick's Parade? Application Form page 25 Also see Larine Court Preparations Page 14-15

Fairtrade Fortnight 2012 February 27th to March 11th



Through your purchase of products with the Fairtrade mark you support farmers in the developing world to get a fair price for their goods. In recognition of this support Maynooth was designated as a "Fairtrade town" in 2006, the first town in County Kildare to achieve this recognition. The

designation of the town followed a successful community and university campaign that secured Fairtrade status for NUI, Maynooth, and the first Fairtrade university in the Republic.

Maynooth joined a global movement that supports fair treatment for producers who otherwise faced discrimination on price and access to market. According to Paul Croghan, Maynooth Fairtrade Committee member, the global Fairtrade movement has made a significant impact and this is celebrated each year during Fairtrade Fortnight which will take place this year from February 27th to March 11th, when we are reminded to continue our commitment. For 2012 we are urged to take A STEP for Fairtrade with the encouragement to buy Fairtrade cotton products.

Fairtrade designated towns have local voluntary committees whose role is to monitor the supply of Fairtrade products in local shops. Paul Croghan believes that this work has become much easier in recent years with the expanding number of products and outlets that sell Fairtrade products. Many of your normal purchases are now available from Fairtrade producers and people buy them as a matter of course.



To mark Fairtrade Fortnight 2012, President Higgins hosted an event in the Aras on February 28th attended by volunteers from Fairtrade towns across Ireland. Maynooth was represented by Prof. John Sweeney, Secretary of Maynooth Fairtrade Town Committee.

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Age 16 Paul Mescal Niamh Murray Age 16 Allison O'Dea Age 16 David Folan **Age 16** Eadbhard Pernot Age 16 Peter Dunlea Age 16

Christine Daáe: Jessica Hackett Piangi: Firmin: Auctioneer: Don Attilio:

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Eoin Mc Cormack Gary Biggs Anthony Barrett Andrew Boland Rhys Connolly

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March 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

Parent & Toddler Group

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

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

Senior Citizens Club

Our A.G.M will take place on March 6th at 8pm in the Health Centre

Our Easter Tea-Dance will be on Sun. April 15th

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

8th Kildare Maynooth **Scouts**

Fund raising quiz in Bradys on Fri 2nd March @ 8pm. Table of 4 €20. On St Patricks Day we have The Everest Challenge 8am -5pm in the Town Square, there is a 4 sided climbing wall and its open to all. It cost €5 for as many climbs as your able for. All monies raised go to a new scout den in the Geraldine hall

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. Contact Katherine Cooney 086 8205910

University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Tuesday & Friday in Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills.

New Members Welcome **Enquiries**: Bernadette Phone: 6289131

Community Library

Opening Times Mondays & Fridays 2pm to 5pm Tuesdays & Thursdays 1pm to 8pm Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm Saturday 9.30am to 1pm

Tidy Towns

Bag pack will take place on Friday 2nd March and Saturday 3rd of March in Tesco to raise funds for Maynooth Tidy Towns

WEE Ireland will be in Maynooth Tesco carpark on Saturday 24th March from 10am to 4pm Anything with a plug or battery can be recycled

Table Quiz will take place in Bradys Clock House on Friday 30th March from 8.30pm €10 per person, tables of four

If you would like Your event for April put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter Phone o1 6585922/6285053

Titanic - A Maynooth Connection

Charlie Mitchell is eight years old and is in Second class in Maynooth Educate Together, his teacher is Elaine Phelan. When Charlie's Granda passed away in 2007 he left his treasured Titanic book to him. As Charlie read about the bulk heads, lifeboats and boilers on-board, I was half listening, but when he mentioned a passenger name 'Edith Nile Peacock', a window on another time slowly began to open. Charlie had discovered completely by chance his Grannys great aunt drowned on the ship in 1912. Charlie's Granny is called Yvonne Nile, yet no one in Charlie's family knew Edith existed; the story had been lost over time. So when Charlie Googled Edith, his passion was ignited.

Edith Nile Peacock was one of 11 children born into a two roomed miner's cottage in Carnkie in Cornwall. She met her husband Benjamin and they married and had two children. Her husband was offered a job in Elizabeth, New Jersey and took that opportunity and travelled there in 1911. He would send for his family when he got settled. In spring 2012 the money from Benjamin arrived and Edith booked herself, her three year old daughter (Treastall) and a son of seven months (Alfie) onto the Titanic





Edith Nile Peacock

Charlie and his sister Aoife

There are two versions of that fateful night. One is that a crew-man was helping Edith into the lifeboat and was holding the baby, tragically he slipped from his grasp and fell into the icy waters - Edith and her daughter jumped in to save poor Alfie: All three drowned. Another version is that they remained on-board, as spaces in the lifeboats were severely restricted for Third Class passengers, and they went down with the ship.

The story of Edith had been lost over time. As we researched more of Edith she became a real person, and she was given a second chance to tell her story to a new

When Titanic Artefacts Exhibition came to Dublin in 2010, Charlie went to the event and at the beginning got a random Boarding Card – and you guessed it - Charlie read aloud that he had Edith Nile Peacock's. When Robert Ballard (who discovered Titanic on the sea bed) heard this he introduced himself to Charlie he was amazed at the co-incidence.

The co-incidences didn't stop there. Charlie told Edith's story to his friend Liam whose Dad was one of the architects on the new Titanic Belfast building in Belfast. All Charlie's information and images were emailed to the new Titanic landmark building and Edith now will be part of the display.

Charlie Mitchell has spoken at length and repeatedly about Edith - his Granny's Great Aunt – he has re-told the story to his relatives, stood in front of the class and recounted the story, and indeed became something of a Titanic expert. But most importantly he gave Edith a second chance to tell her story. No one in the Mitchell family knew of her, until Charlie noticed 'Nile' an unusual surname, in the Titanic

We contacted the Irish Titanic Historical Society and due to Edith we are now joining the society and will be in Cobh on 14th April for the commemoration service. Thanks to Charlie, we will remember a young woman of 26, thousands of miles from home, a woman who had lost one baby in pregnancy and was about to lose her life and her family on Titanic.



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Maynooth Musical Society

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1. Table Quiz!!!

We will have the final round of our roll over table quiz on March 5th, 8pm in O' Neill's Bar, Mainstreet, Maynooth. Come along to see which team will take the hotly contested grand prize!!

2. 80's Night

We will be hosting an 80's night on 9th March in O Neill's Pub, Main street, Maynooth. €10 entry, €8 for those who come dressed up in 80's gear!! Drinks promotions on the night, and a whole lot of dancing to be done! Hope to see you all there!

RFN⁻

Maynooth Musical Society are very pleased to announce that we will be performing the musical RENT from 22nd to the 24th March 2012!! The show will be performed in the Aula Maxima theater, located on the N.U.I Maynooth campus. Doors will open 7:30, with curtains at 8pm.

Tickets are priced €15 for adults and €10 for students and concessions. Tickets are available by emailing maynoothmusicalsociety@gmail.com, contacting Etain Selby on 087 983 4328 . From the 5th of March tickets will also be available to purchase from Maynooth Bookshop and the N.U.I.M campus bookshop.

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Editorial

The town of Maynooth is unique in Ireland; an observation that has often been used when writing about our town. This is true; no other small town can claim primary, postprimary and third level institutions. There are indeed, not one but two universities, something that can be forgotten in the modern world. While the town mentions this quite often, the National University does not usually feel the need to see this as a part of its identity. Maybe those days have changed. The most recent challenge set by the Higher Education Authority - the report that mentions words like 'rationalisation' - may force the University here to look to its unique heritage. Part of this image or identity is the fact that it is set in a small town, 10,000 people, and that it has a particularly friendly ethos. The staff of an institution are the most important part of that ethos and this is as true of a University as it is of any other place of employment. As the National University sets about planning and presenting its Strategic Plan, it may turn to the local community for support in presenting its unique identity.

The country, indeed, Europe, is in an unprecedented economic situation but the media has latched onto the issue of the closure of one overseas embassy; the one to the Holy See. This closure was announced in November 2011 and seems to be a slow burner; it is growing slowly but surely. One can only wonder why? Was this the right decision to make in the first place? Surely we no longer need an embassy to a state that is not really a state after all. Can the country afford these unnecessary expenses? It is possible that the media, the people and the country can no longer face the enormity of the economic problems? Sometimes it is easier to focus on the small things than face the enormous difficulties and this closure seems to have become something of a media obsession.

In the context of our overseas relationships, the Chinese vice-president visited our country in February. There was little or no protest as Eamon Gilmore greeted him and travelled with him. Not all members of the Tánaiste's party can have been happy to see this and they probably hope that the Irish president, a lifelong activist on human rights, will mention this delicate issue to this large delegation. There are over 4 million of us and 1.3 billion Chinese people; one can only wonder what we can give them that they do not have already? Perhaps the time has come to take a cold, critical and forensic look how we create future employment. Do we have something unique to offer or are we competing with others for markets that we cannot sustain? If we have something unique what is it? During the recent IFTA awards the president, M.D. Higgins, awarded the lifetime award to one of our emigrants - Fionnuala Flanagan. She gave a most uplifting and interesting acceptance speech, fitting, in the presence of a poet, the president. She emphasized that those at the IFTA's would lift Ireland out of this dip. Others said that in the 80's. Hardly anyone listened; look at the trouble M.D. Higgins had in providing TG4? We turned to property, it bombed. We are back to square one and will the powers that be listen this time? Can we keep up with the fast-moving world of IT and technology and keep training individuals to work in this industry? Or should we look forward to a more traditional framework? Our culture, heritage, history, the arts? Our talents lie more in the direction of music, song, film, theatre, literature and this should be cultivated as much as is possible. Instead of bulldozing heritage, we should cultivate it. The Chinese will not come to see motorways, they can see them anywhere. They will come for our archaeology – if we have any left.

March is the month of St Patrick when we celebrate the dubious distinction of being Irish in the 21st century. We know practically nothing about this man who arrived to our shores in the mid-fifth century as a young slave taken from Wales probably. Even in his own short account of his unusual life, he hardly mentions one place or person. It is as if he being deliberately obscure. As in may other cases, our history is built on sand but what sand that is? The world celebrates our patron saint; so much so that we have bought into the caricature of our own day; the leprechauns, the greenery, the snakes. Ah well, let's hope the weather is fine and that the parade is as good if not better than last year in Maynooth. Bíodh lá iontach agaibh uile agus tabhair do thacaíocht don pharáid áitiúil anseo in Má Nuad. Beannachtaí na féile oraibh uile.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

Community Council Report D. Cullen PRO

Maynooth Community Council Meeting 13 February 2012

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

- 1. Minute of silence to mark recent deaths.
 Tom McMullon (Chairperson) asked the Community
 Councillors to observe a minute's silence as a mark of
 respect for a number of people who had died recently:
 Alan Grant, who had worked in Maynooth Community
 Council office; Sean Horan; Daniel Conway; Bernie
 Foy; Dennis Breen.
- 2. Continued concern at Draft Parking Bye-Laws Deirdre Cullen (MCC PRO, Lyreen Residents Association) said that residents of the Lyreen area Back Lane, Leinster Cottages, Pound Lane, Convent Lane, and the other residential parts of the north town centre were still very concerned at what the Draft Maynooth Parking Bye-Laws proposed for their area. They were extremely worried about the impact of the proposed Bye-Laws on residents' quality of life and on their continued ability to carry out normal residential activities, such as parking, having visitors, and having safe access to the fronts of their properties.

She reported that the Residents Association had had meetings with local politicians and with the Transportation Department of Kildare County Council, who had drafted the proposed Bye-Laws. They would be attending a meeting with the Local Area Councillors shortly. What they were looking for was a significant role in designing a solution for residents, and to be fully consulted before any new parking scheme for their area was adopted. She said that any new scheme must recognise and accommodate the needs of residents.

3. Anger at exclusion of Gaelcholáiste application for new school patronage

Colm Ó Cearúil (Deputy PDO) reported that the patronage body campaigning for a Gaelcholáiste as the additional post primary school in Maynooth was angered at the refusal of the Department of Education and Science to accept its application. He said that the department had told the applicants, An Coiste Bunaithe, that putting its application on the Departmental website would 'confuse the parents of Maynooth'. Applications from Kildare VEC and the Loreto Sisters had been accepted.

Colm Ó Cearúil said that 430 pupils had already expressed a commitment to enrol in a Maynooth Gaelcholáiste. There were already four feeder schools in the area for a new Gaelcholáiste: Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich in Maynooth, Scoil Uí Dhálaigh in Leixlip, Scoil Uí Riada in Kilcock and Gaelscoil na nÓg in Dunboyne. Parents of more than 1,600 primary school children are now planning to take action against the Department of Education and Skills.

Parents had considered the feasibility of setting up a Gaelcholáiste themselves, as was often the practice with primary level gaelscoileanna, but it was too difficult and expensive to follow this route with a secondary school. He said that the matter could yet result in a legal challenge.

He also said that the proposed siting of the new secondary school at Moyglare Hall ran against the circular model of town planning, which would support putting the second school on the Straffan side of the town

4. Maynooth should take part in National Tree Week Community Councillors discussed the upcoming Nation Tree Week, which takes place from the 4th to the 10th of March, 2012. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin (Secretary) said that the famous Yew Tree in St. Patrick's College has been verified as being over 800 years old. Peter Garrad (Scouts) said that a beech tree in the old Glebe House is reputed to be the oldest in Ireland. Deirdre Cullen said that the half-dozen or so lime tree that had been cut

down in Carton Avenue, some due to damage during the severe winter last year, had not yet been replaced by the County Council, and that it was very important that this was done. It was agreed that Maynooth had an important tree heritage and should participate in Tree Week in the future.

5. U3A very active at present

Maura Wilcox (U3A) said that her group was very active at present, participating in Older and Bolder, and the Older Women's Network, among other groups. The group will participate in the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade, has helped with the Youth Café's fund-raising bag pack, and will also help with Tidy Towns' fund raising.

6. Scouts busy with many activities
Peter Garrad (Scouts) said they were busy preparing for
the St. Patrick's Day Parade, including their Everest
Challenge which would go on throughout the day. They
would be having a fund-raising pub quiz shortly, and
would be holding a Cub Day in St. Patrick's College.

He proposed that Maynooth Community Council should formally congratulate Maynooth Post Primary School on their recent performance of The Phantom of the Opera, which he said was fantastic, one of the best performances, professional or amateur, he had ever seen. The meeting agreed to this proposal.

7. Maynooth Post Primary School Gala Concert Gabriel Martin (Leinster Park Residents) told the meeting that Maynooth Post Primary School's Gala Concert would take place on 24th February 2012 in the new Sports Hall at the school, and would feature the opera singer Orla Boylan.

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee.

On the 19th February 2012 we embarked on our Valentine's Tea-Dance. This was a great afternoon and well attended by our own members, and by our regular supporters from Summerhill to Palmerstown and all towns in between. The icing on the cake was the wonderful music courtesy of Brian Mc. Dermott. Congratulations to the winners of our competitions. The overall Valentine's card was won by Lima Higgins and the most romantic couple were Maureen and Vincent O'Brien from Lucan who took home the chocs and roses for their romantic poses. As I keep saying folks age has nothing to do with it.

Our Annual Collection is Scheduled for the 25th/26th of Feb but this item will have already gone to print so more about that anon.

Our A.G.M will take place on March 6th at 8pm in the Health Centre. This is an open meeting to which all are welcome. If you were thinking of coming on board or can help in any way this would be a good time to let us know. So why not come along and see what you think.

Our Easter Tea-Dance will be on Sun. April 15th so everyone has plenty of time to create their "bonnet" and give Philip Treacy a run for his money. Further dates for your diary are May 20th, June 17th and July 15th. Any further information you require can be located on our web-site. You can access this through the Parish web-site/Parish groups and click on Senior Citizens. Many thanks to Colm and Martin in the G.A.A who make all these events possible. Thank you also to the I.C.A and the H.S.E who so generously facilitate our club.

Finally may I extend the sympathy of our committee to the families of Leo Mc.Glynn, Dan Conway, Peter O'Connor and Ralph Satchwell. Ar Deis Dei go raibh a anam

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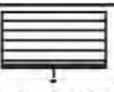
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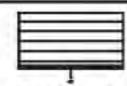
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Maynooth Labour News

National Transport Authority (NTA) Funding

It was announced in the National Press on 2nd February that Limerick had been awarded €9m, Dungarvan €7.2m and Wesport 5m under the Governments Smarter Travel Destination Scheme. There were 39 initial applications from Local Authorities and this was reduced to a Shortlist of 11. It would appear as if Kildare County Council did not even apply for funding for this scheme which was titled "Become Irelands First Smarter Travel Destination". As a result Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion the Celbridge Area Committee:

"That a report be given to the committee on why Maynooth did not get the expected National Transport Authority funding for the Straffan to Moyglare roads."

He was given the following reply at the Area Meeting on 17 February:

"No allocation of funding from the NTA for 2012 has been confirmed to date. The Council is hopeful that announcements will be made in March 2012 in relation to projects to be designed and implemented. The National Cycle Network works on the Kilcock Road will form an application for funding."

Cllr. McGinley expressed his disappointment that the Council did not even apply for funding under this Scheme for Irelands only University Town, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley Demands Action on the Appalling State of Kilcock Road

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

"That NUI, Maynooth be asked to re-landscape the grass area along their boundary from the Mill Centre to the new roundabout on the Kilcock road and that they erect wooden bollards to prevent parking on the grass in future."

He was given the following reply:

"At the request of the roads department this item has been forwarded to the planning section for compliance. However, if the erection of bollards along this area was not included as a condition of planning it cannot be enforced"

Cllr. McGinley pointed out that there was no need to get the Planning Section as this would delay action being taken. John stated that the "green" is a mud bath and the President of NUIM be written to asking him to re-landscape the grass area and to erect bollards to prevent parking on the grass. John also asked the President of NUIM be told to cater properly for the parking requirements of staff and students of NUIM.

Cllr. McGinley calls for Dogs at Carton Avenue to be controlled

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

"That steps be taken to enforce the leasning of dogs using Carton Avenue and that a campaign be mounted to get dog owners to clean up after dog fouling."

He was given the following reply:

"The Control of Dogs Act does not make provision for the leashing of dogs. It states that owners must have "effectual control" over their dog but does not place an onus on them to ensure their dog is on a leash. The dog wardens have been asked to patrol the area more regularly to remind owners of their obligations under the act. It is Council policy to inform owners of their obligations through appropriate signage in the area. The Environmental Awareness Officer will examine the area to identify suitable locations for these signs."

John stated that "effectual control" means leashing as there is no other way to do so.

In addition to the signs at Carton Avenue John asked that the Council write to the Minister for the Environment asking that a National Campaign be mounted on controlling of dogs and dog fouling as it is a problem in every town in Ireland.

Update on the Straffan Road/Meadowbrook Link Road Junction

Cllr. McGinley was given the following update at the Area Meeting on 17 February:

"No allocation of funding from the NTA for 2012 has been confirmed to date and the Council is continuing its discussions with the NTA. The Council is hopeful that announcements will be made in March 2012 in relation to projects to be designed and implemented. The indicative cost of upgrading the junction is between $\[\in \] 150,000 - \[\in \] 200,000. "$

Stagg Welcomes 100 New HP Jobs for Leixlip

Labour Party TD for Kildare North, Emmet Stagg, has welcomed the announcement that Hewlett Packard is to create 280 jobs at its plants in Leixlip and Galway, with approximately 100 of the jobs going to Leixlip. This news is a massive boost for Kildare and is a reflection of how highly valued the workers of the Leixlip plant are to Hewlett Packard. The jobs will be in research and development and technical and support roles and recruitment will commence immediately. Deputy Stagg stated that he wanted to congratulate Martin Murphy, Managing Director of HP Ireland for the critical role he obviously played in bringing the jobs to Ireland and Deputy Stagg also congratulated the IDA

The announcement stated Deputy Stagg was a clear endorsement by HP of the capabilities and expertise of Irish Workers at the Centres of Excellence in Leixlip and Galway and is a vote of confidence for the future of HP in Ireland.

Submission on Maynooth Draft Parking By-Laws

- 1. The Parking Bays at the houses on Double Lane from 22 to 28 and at the houses on Back Lane should not be directly outside the doors of the houses. This space should be kept clear except for house 24. A footpath from house 22 to 28 would solve many problems. Also a footpath outside the houses at Back Lane would solve many problems.
- 2. Parking charges at the bays at 1 above should be increased to €3 per hour with a 2 hour limit (Minimum fee €3) in order to keep them free for residents as is the case in St. Patricks Park, Celbridge. Residents of course can get a parking permit for €5 per year.
- 3. There should be no Double Yellow Lines at Cross Lane. All of these houses are occupied and residents would have nowhere to park if the yellow lines are put in place. Repaint the "No Entry" sign at the entrance from Dunboyne Road.
- 4. Repaint the "No Entry" signs at the entrance to Back Lane and Pound Lane (Street).
- 5. Remove the double yellow lines at Barrys house on Pound Lane and put a yellow "keep clear" box instead. This house is the first house on the right hand side as you enter from Mill Street.
- 6. Put Parking Bays at Dillons Row from house number 1 to 8 instead of a yellow line

- 7. Put a disabled parking bay outside house 4 Pound Lane (Street) as the occupant is disabled.
- 8. Put parking bays outside houses 3, 5, 6 and 7 Pound Lane (Street) to facilitate the residents. The Parking Charge to be set at \in 3 per hour with a 2 hour limit (Minimum fee--- \in 3) to facilitate residents.
- 9. Pedestrianise Fagans Lane in the interest of public safety.
- 10. That double yellow lines be put on both sides of the small stretch of road into Manor Court from Straffan Road in the interest of public safety.
- 11. Move the disabled spot from Doctors Lane to outside the Citizens Information Centre on Dublin Road in the interests of public safety
- 12. There appears to be no provision for pulling in at the bottle bank as a result of the arrangement for the exit from the new private car park
- 13. Put parking bays at house numbers 5, 9 and 10 Parson Street in order to facilitate the residents. The Parking Charge to be set at \in 3 per hour with a 2 hour limit (Minimum fee--- \in 3) to facilitate residents.
- 14. Put a cycle rack in the public car park.
- 15. Loading bays and passing bays are required at Double Lane (Buckleys Lane) in order to maintain access to and from the area for residents and services
- 16. The parking charge at houses 1 to 10 Leinster Cottages and on Convent Lane (Road) should be set at €3 per hour with a 2 hour limit (Minimum fee---€3) to facilitate residents.
- 17. Put a disabled parking bay outside house number 8 Leinster Cottages to facilitate the residents.
- 18. Change Clause 34 (2) to read as the Celbridge By Laws i.e. "The fee for a visitors parking disc shall be $\[\in \]$ 20 per household per annum or part thereof consisting of any combination of residential and/or visitor permits to a maximum of three in total in any combination."
- 19. The procedures for obtaining Residents Parking Discs and Parking Discs for Visitors should be made clearer in the Document.
- 20. That the By-Laws not be enforced until the new private car park at Doctors Lane is ready to open
- 21. That the enforcement times shall be between 10 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday inclusive, so that the Council will have the same system in operation in Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge i. e. no parking fee outside of these times
- 22. The parking bays on Dublin Road are far too close to the entrance to Leinster Park and will make it dangerous for motorists exiting Leinster Park. (See Drawing Layout E)
- 23. Remove the eight parking bays from the front of the Geraldine Hall in order to provide access to the proposed new Scouts Hall and to show off the building to the general public.

Cllr. John McGinley 14 February 2012

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Changes to One-Parent Family PaymentMarch 2012

Question

I got a letter about changes to the One-Parent Family Payment. I have been getting it since my husband died in 1998. I have 3 children who are all still in school or college and the youngest is 17. He will turn 18 in 2013 and will do his Leaving Certificate that year. The only other income I have is from a part-time job. Will my payment stop from January 2013?

Answer

In 2013 the age limit for the youngest child does drop to 17 for people who were getting the payment before 27 April 2011. However there is an exception to this limit for children who are aged between 17 and 22 and who are in full-time education. Since your youngest child will be 18 and in full-time education in 2013 payment will continue until the end of the 2012-2013 academic year. The end of the academic year for students who have completed their Leaving Certificate is 23 October of that year.

This means that you can stay on your One-Parent Family Payment until 23 October 2013. You can also continue to get an increase in your payment for your other children (provided they are under 22 and still in full-time education). However after that you may need to apply for another social welfare payment. You will probably need to get advice on the most appropriate payment for your situation – for example you could apply for a Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension. You can visit your local Citizens Information Service to look at your options and work out what is the best payment for you.

There have been some other changes to One-Parent Family Payment. In particular the amount of earnings you are allowed to have without affecting your payment has been reduced from €145 to €130 per week. If the gross earnings from your part-time job are over €130 (after you subtract PRSI, pension contributions and trade union subscriptions) your One-Parent Family Payment may be reduced.

Employment rights complaints

March 2012

Ouestion

I am a shop assistant and I had to work on Monday 2 January. My employer said that as New Year's Day was on a Sunday the Monday was not a public holiday and we had to come to work. Is that right?

Answer

Your employer is right that Monday 2 January 2012 was not a public holiday and your employer could ask you to work that day. However, under the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997, you are entitled to a day's pay, day of annual leave or a paid day off for that New Year's Day public holiday.

If you have a problem in getting your public holiday entitlement from your employer Workplace Relations Customer Services may be able to help you. Since January 2012 it is a new single point of contact and provides information about employment, equality and industrial relations rights and obligations. It also receives employment rights and equality complaints and deals with enquiries about the status of complaints and complaints procedures.

You can contact it in a number of different ways:

- Workplace Relations Customer Services operates a lo-call information helpline 1890 80 80 90, from 9.30am to 5.00pm weekdays. You call this number to speak with a member of the team about your employment rights queries.
- Workplace Relations Customer Services can also respond to written queries. You can either email them using the online enquiry form or you can write to them at Workplace Relations Customer Services, Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, O'Brien Road, Carlow.

You can also find information on employment, equality and industrial relations legislation on the website work-placerelations.ie.

If you are making a claim for your public holiday entitlement you should use the new single complaint form and guidance notes which can be downloaded from workplacerelations.ie.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

JobBridge

March 2012

Question

I lost my job last year and I heard that there is a work experience scheme which will give me an extra payment on top of my Jobseeker's Benefit. Can you tell me more about it?

Answer

JobBridge is a national internship scheme providing work experience opportunities for unemployed people. Participants in the scheme are offered an internship of between 6 and 9 months with a host organisation. If you take up an internship you can keep your social welfare payment and you will get an extra $\mbox{\ensuremath{\mathfrak{e}}}50$ per week. You work as an intern in a host organisation for at least 30, and for no more than 40 hours a week.

To be eligible for the JobBridge scheme you must be unemployed and getting Jobseeker's Benefit, Jobseeker's Allowance or signing on for credits for a total of 3 months or more in the last 6 months. (Periods spent on the Back to Education Allowance, VTOS, FÁS/Fáilte Ireland training courses, Youthreach, FIT, Community Employment Schemes, Tús, the Rural Social Scheme, Back to Work Scheme, Job Initiative or Job Assist may count towards meeting the eligibility for JobBridge).

If you are eligible for the scheme you can check the current internship opportunities on jobbridge.ie. When you have identified an internship, you apply to the host organisation as specified in the advertisement. If the host organisation selects you it will give you an eligibility form to be stamped by your Social Welfare Local Office. You should return the completed form to your local FÁS office, your LES (Local Employment Service) office or JobBridge.

You can find out more about the scheme on jobbridge.ie. The scheme is open to applications until 30 June 2013.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Information is also available online at citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information
Phone Service, 0761 07 4000.

Maynooth Golf Society's list of outings for the comming year 2012 has been announced for members.

Maynooth Golf Society Outings 2012

Millicent Sat 3rd March 2012 11.00am -12.30pm

Knockanally Sat 14th April 2012 12.00pm - 1.30pm

Baltinglass Sat 12th May 2012 10.30am - 12.00pm

Weekend Fri/Sat May26th/27th 2012 Seafield/Rosslare

Woodlands Fri 15th June 2012 3.00pm – 4.30pm Glasson Sat 7th July 2012 10.30 am – 12.30 pm

Mullingar 21st July 2012 11.30am - 1.00pm

Athlone Sat 25thAugust 2012 10.00am – 11.30am

Portarlington Sat 15th Sept. 2012 10.00pm – 11.30pm

Portugal 5th -10th October 2012

TBA October 20th

Maynooth Golf Society are also now looking new members to join the society if you are interested please contact any committee member. Prospective members are also invited to attend the first outing on Saturday 3rd March at Millicent Golf Club.

John Byrne PRO

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The Benefits of Yoga for Anxiety and Depression

The vast majority of us have suffered from bouts of anxiety or depression at sometime throughout our lives. Given the many challenges that we face today, it is not surprising that evidence has shown that anxiety and depression are on the increase worldwide. In Ireland, the depression support group Aware, reported an astonishing 29% increase in calls last year. The agency, who deals with more than 370 calls a week from individuals all over Ireland, received nearly 2,000 calls on the run up to Christmas alone, from individuals who were looking for support for depression.

Yoga is an ancient Indian practice that can greatly benefit mild depression and anxiety. Yoga differs from the normal exercise program in that it is concerned with calming the mind through a combination of breathing and physical poses.

The most common type of yoga is called Hatha Yoga. Hatha Yoga begins by working with the body on a structural level, helping to align the vertebrae, increase flexibility, and strengthen muscles and connective tissue. Internal organs are simultaneously toned and rejuvenated and the epidermal, digestive, lymphatic, cardiovascular, and pulmonary systems are purified of toxins and waste matter. The end result is increased mental clarity, emotional stability, and a greater sense of overall well-being.

Some clinical studies have been conducted on the therapeutic benefits of yoga and its effect on anxiety, depression and stress. The Harvard Medical School reported on one of these, a German study that was published in 2005. In this trial, 24 women who described themselves as "emotionally distressed" took two 90-minute yoga classes a week for three months. Women in a control group maintained their normal activities and were asked not to begin an exercise or stress-reduction program during the study period. At the end of three months, women in the yoga group reported improvements in perceived stress, depression, anxiety, energy, fatigue, and well-being.

- Depression scores improved by 50%
- Anxiety scores were reduced by 30%
- Overall well-being scores increased by 65% Additionally, initial complaints of headaches, back pain, and poor sleep quality were resolved much more often in the yoga group than in the control group. Although these statistics are impressive, severe anxiety and depression is a medical condition and must always be treated by a doctor or qualified professional.

I have developed a short yoga sequence which will calm the mind and ease anxiety and stress. This can be practiced at home on a daily basis and will only take between 10 and 15 minutes to complete.

1. Easy Sitting pose

Dont let the name fool you. If you are use to sitting on chairs, this pose can be quite challenging! The breathing ratio during this pose slows your heart rate and calms your nervous system, making it one of the most powerful tools for emotional balance.



- Cross your shins, widen your knees, and slip each foot beneath the opposite knee as you bend your knees
- Sit on the edge of a thickly folded blanket or cushion for extra support
- Become aware of your breathing and if you can, gradually extend your exhale. The aim is to increase your exhale double the length of your inhale
- ♦ Stay in this pose for between 1 and 2 minutes

2. Standing forward bend

The forward bend, or the Uttanasana pose, generates a contemplative



state and connects you with your inner self. It also reduces fatigue and stimulates the liver and kidneys.

- From standing position, bend forward and down with a straight back, from your hip joint.
- Whilst keeping your knees bent, place your hands on the mat
- The top half of your body should be nice and relaxed, whilst working the back of the legs
- ♦ Stay in this pose for 1 minute
- When coming back up, don't roll the spine. Instead bring your hands back onto your hips and come up on an inhalation with a straight back

3. Legs up the Wall

This pose is a gentle inversion with restorative benefits. This is a great pose for anxiety and depression as it has both a soothing and energising effect. Use a thickly rolled blanket under your lower back for additional support.



- Position your yoga mat against a wall
- Lie on your mat with bended knees close to the wall
- Bring your legs up to the wall with your heels resting on the wall and your hips against the wall below the legs
- Rest the heels against the wall for support, keep your legs extended fully but do not lock your knees
- Pay attention to the body and note any areas of discomfort. You may need to shift out from the wall if the pose is uncomfortable
- Rest in this pose for at least 5 minutes to gain the full restorative benefits
- Be sure not to twist off the support when coming out. Instead, slide off the support onto the floor before turning to the side. Stay on your side for a few breaths, and come up to sitting with an exhalation

4. Cat pose

The Cat, or Marjariasana pose, resembles a cat that stretches itself. It is a great pose for bringing awareness to your breathing and can soften and slow down the process of being anxious.



- Start on all fours; make sure your knees are in line with your hips, your wrists in line with your shoulders
- As you exhale, round your spine towards the ceiling and curl your chin slightly under – you should feel a gentle squeeze in your tummy
- ♦ Stay in this pose for 1 minute

5. Childs Pose

Childs pose is a resting pose. This pose gently stretches the hips, thighs and ankles. For those suffering from anxiety, it will calm the mind and relieve stress and fatigue. It is one of



the most comfortable yoga poses and creates a connection between your body and the earth.

- ♦ Start on all fours and sit back onto your heels
- ♦ Take a deep inhale and on the exhale fall forward and down, resting your forehead on the mat
- \Diamond $\;$ Place your arms by your side and sink into the mat
- ♦ Stay in this pose from between 1 and 3 minutes

Submitted by The Yoga Coach

Beginners yoga classes starting in Maynooth and Leixlip soon. Phone Tara on 089 4286966 to book. Private classes also available

Letters to the Editor

Muintir Mhaigh Nuad, a chairde,

Tá an Roinn Oideachais tar éis droim láimhe a thabhairt do chearta Thuismitheoirí, oideachais iar-bhunscoile a bpaistí a shealbhú trí mhéan na Gaeilge.

The Department of Education has dismissed with the back of their hand the rights of Maynooth parents that their children should continue their education through the medium of Irish. Over the last thirty years the growth in Irish medium education in the greater Maynooth area has been organic and fruitful. With over 1,600 students attending Gaelscoileanna in North Kildare this is the largest density in the country outside of Dublin city. The Founding Committee or an Coiste Bunaithe have applied twice to The Department of Education and Skills (DES) in the last five years to establish a Gaelcholáiste or Irish medium secondary school hers in Maynooth. The application has been rejected on both occassions.

On announcing plans to build a new school in Maynooth in June 2014, Minister for Education Ruairi Quinn T.D. said the criteria used in deciding on patronage would place a particular emphasis on:

"Parental demand for plurality and diversity".

"Parental preferences should be at the centre of considerations about the type of school to be recognised,"

Expressions of interest in the new school by Patronage bodies was accepted by the DES up until the 17-1-2012 and the closing date for applications is the 24-2-2012.

An Foras Pátrúnachta submitted an expression of interest on behalf of the Parents to the DES before the due date.

Expressions of interest currently posted on the DES website consist of Co Kildare V.E.C. and the Loreto Education Trust.

The reason given by the DES for the exclusion of An Foras application for a Gaelcholáiste was that a third application would confuse the people of North Kildare.

The Parents of children attending Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich, Maynooth, Scoil Uí Dhálaigh, Leixlip, Scoil Uí Riada, Kilcock and Gaelscoil na nÓg, Dunboyne are furious that their wish to have their children continue their education through the medium of Irish should be dismissed in such an unjust manner.

We demand that Ruairí Quinn T.D. Minister for Education and Skills explain why the DES is so dismissive of Parental rights and why is he opposed to a Gaelcholáiste in Maynooth.

Is fiú dul i dteagmháíl le na Teachtaí Dála sa Dáílcheantar sula chuirimid an scéal ós chomhair na Chúirteanna. Ta uisce faoi thalamh anseo go háirithe faoin slám mór airgead a chailleadh le ghairid (€20 milliúin) agus an bhealach gur athríodh suíomh na scoile ó deisceart an bhaile go dtí an suíomh nua. Tá freagraí de dhíth orainn !

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Leptospirosis in Dogs

Leptospirosis is a bacterial infection of dogs. It is a very serious condition which affects the blood, liver or kidneys. The bacteria are very tough and resistant to environmental conditions, therefore they survive well outside their host, usually in places where there is stagnant water such as puddles and pools. The bacteria are spread by rat urine or the urine of infected species such as dogs. Interestingly in the USA squirrels are a major source of infection. Your dog can become infected by ingesting infected urine, some forms of the bacteria can even penetrate thin or damaged skin. An example of how simple it is for infection to occur can be seen from the following scenario: the unvaccinated dog goes for a swim in the canal and comes out and licks his coat during his post-swim grooming or perhaps he has a small cut which gets infected during the swim; 4 to 12 days later he gets very sick for what appears to be an unexplained reason and you then have to seek veterinary help.

Leptospirosis is not usually seen in dogs that are up to date with their vaccinations - it truly is a case that prevention is better than cure. Puppies can commence their vaccinations from as early as 6 weeks old.

The disease is often life threatening and is always extremely debilitating usually requiring hospitalisation, drips and intensive antibiotic and supportive therapy. The disease does occur in people and is known as Weils Disease.

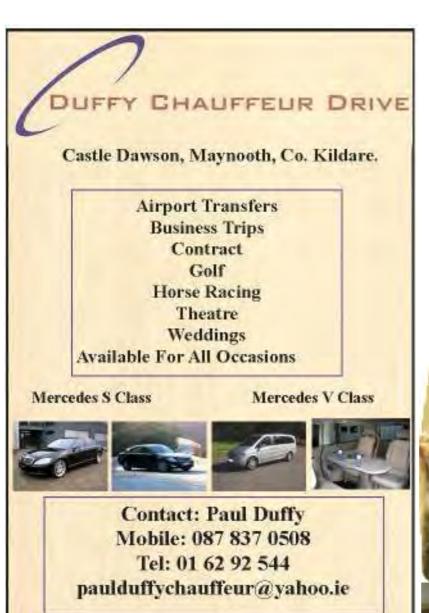
The common signs of Leptospirosis depend on the form contracted by the dog: with the liver form there is a high fever, loss of appetite and lethargy with yellow colouration of the gums, whites of the eyes. With white coated dogs we may also see jaundice of the skin.

In the haemorrhagic form there is also a high fever, lethargy and inappetance but also multiple small haemorrhages in the whites of the eyes and in the mouth. There is often a bloody diarrhoea and vomiting.

The renal form again causes lethargy, vomiting and loss of appetite. Due to the build up of urea in the blood there is often a strong pungent smell from the dog's mouth. Sometimes we will see ulcers on the dogs tongue and inside the cheeks. As already mentioned Leptospirosis is a life threatening disease and is very difficult to treat due to the acute attack on the affected organs. If a dog does survive, the liver and kidneys are often permanently damaged.

If your dog has not been vaccinated in the last 18 months avail of our Vaccination Amnesty, contact us on 01-6289467 and get him vaccinated this month.







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Larine Court

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Gráinne Mhaol: Pirate Queen of May

Gráinne Mhaol is a legendary Irish pirate that lived in Ireland in the 16th century. She sailed from island to island along the west coast with her fleet of ships. She raided as she went, building up a great hoard of wealth and earning her title of Pirate Queen. She was also one of the last Irish leaders to defend against English rule in Ireland.

Gráinne was born into the **Ó Mháille** family (O'Malley) in 1530. They were a noble, seafaring family that lived in Co Mayo and her father was chieftain of his clan

She is known by different names e.g. **Grace O'Malley, Granuaille**. Her real name is **Grainne Ní Mháille** but she is better known by her nickname **Gráinne Mhaol.**

As the legend goes, **Gráinne** wanted to go on a trading voyage with her father to Spain. She was told no because her beautiful; long hair would catch in the ropes. This made her very angry, so she cut off all her hair! Her father had no more excuses, so he let her on board. That is how she got her nickname **Gráinne** '**Mhaol**'; in Irish maol means bald.

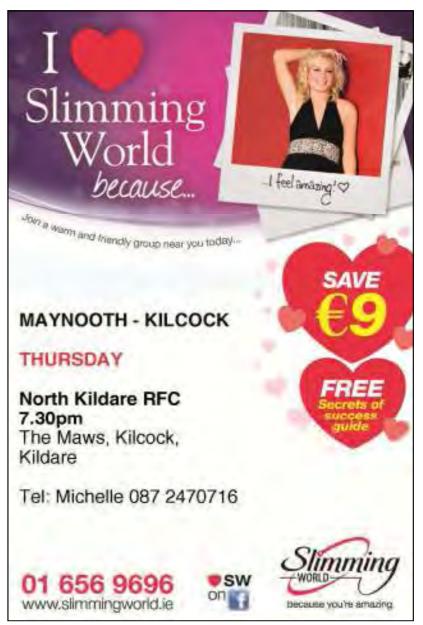
Gráinne was an extremely tough woman, she was feared along every coast in Ireland. Once, when she was on a trip to Dublin, she wanted to rest at Howth Castle. However the Lord would not open the gates to her, she became very angry and kidnapped one of his sons. In return for his son, **Gráinne** made the Lord promise to leave his gate open to visitors and to set an extra place at every meal, this tradition continues to this day.

During her lifetime, **Gráinne** was married twice, the first to Dónal O' Flaherty and the second to Richard Burke. Both families were very powerful in Connacht At this time King Henry VIII of England was trying to increase his rule across Ireland but **Gráinne** and her family refused to allow the English into Galway Bay.

The clashes with the English got worse after her second husband, Richard died. She was a strong, brave woman but she was eventually arrested by the English in 1584 and Connacht was brought under English rule.

According to legend she is buried on her family's land on Clare Island but this has never been proven.





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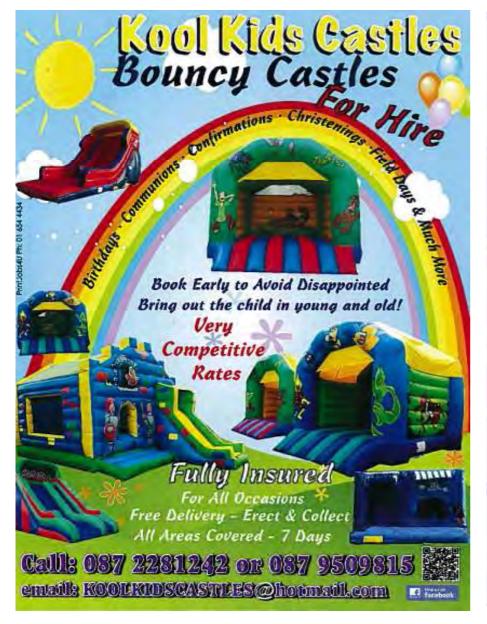
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A Series of Articles on Early Irish Literature

By Dr. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin NUIM Maynooth

Based on her book: An introduction to the early Irish literature

What I want to do in this series of articles is to try to make early Irish stories available by publishing readable translations here first and then maybe elsewhere. There are so many lovely and interesting texts that are hidden away in old journals and books. In school we only get the very tiny tip of a huge iceberg and this only in national school. Like our early history, our early literature is more or less ignored by the educational system past primary school for some reason I do not understand. Most of the information given out in school is inaccurate. If people want to learn more about the literature in general I am suggesting that they consult my own book (not something I do very often!), published in 2009 by Four Courts Press, An Introduction to Early Irish Literature – soon to become Four Court's first e-book, in April. It is aimed at the general public as well as the students of the subject. But it might help to give a quick overview of the amazing literature of early Ireland.

Most of the stories that will be included come from pre-Norman times - the centuries from about 600 A.D. to 1200 A.D. that is described as the Dark Ages elsewhere and the Early Medieval in archaeological terms. The language in which the texts are written are referred to Old Irish, the language used from 600-900 and secondly, Middle Irish, used from 900-1200. There is far more written material found in Irish during this period than in other European countries. The manuscripts that contain the literature date from the seventh century and continued well into the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries although writing appeared quite late in Ireland and emerged as a result of the arrival of Christianity in the mid fifth century. Before this we had oral tradition like everywhere else.

They use both prose and poetry and some texts survive in prose only, many are in a mixture of both (called prosimetrum) and some few sagas are in metrical form only but there is no epic poetry in early Ireland. We have no 'author' of the prose texts as such. Many of the scribes, who actually write the material in the manuscript, do give us their names and they could also be the authors but we don't know this for certain. The poets are much quicker to identify themselves and we know more about them.

The earliest form of writing is called Ogam and appears mainly on dedicated Ogam-stones but this died out relatively quickly and was never used apart from these stones. Reading and writing developed within the Christian environment of the monastery, the monks or laymen known as scribes worked in the monastery's scriptorium (writing room) where they compiled the manuscripts (literally 'hand written') and everything recorded has been filtered through a Christian prism. There is now a consensus that the early manuscripts were written in the fully christianized environment of the monastery by Christian monks. They and their monastic superiors decided what went into these works.

There is an extraordinarily wide range of literature that survives from this period. Christianity brought with it, apart from the new religion, the Latin alphabet, reading, writing and a new way of looking at history and literature. The initial material appeared in Latin, but the scribes turned to Irish very quickly and then translated a lot of the same material like saint's lives. They also wrote religious material like hymns, poems, sermons, religious poetry, prayers, commentaries, monastic canons and rules. But they had a great interest in historical material and wrote annals, genealogies, king lists, chronology and synchronism; the bulk of Irish literature consists of this record rather than sagas and poetry.

The history of the Church in Ireland is directly related to the recording of the literature and from the beginning the Christian Irish were interested in their own pagan past and by the seventh century they were even writing tales of the Otherworld. The monastic system was prevalent in Ireland and the resulting monasteries became large, rich centres of learning that eventually developed into towns like Armagh, Kells and Trim. A lot of our place-names are related to religious settlements like these: Cill Choca (Kilcock), Cill Droichid (Celbridge), for example, both contain the word cill (small church).

The divisions in this early period are quite different from those in modern literature where we have novels, short stories, plays and poetry in very separate categories. The early literature has sagas, genealogy, law and history with both prose and poetry being used for all the different branches. Even these distinctions are blurred as a story may contain sections of law and genealogy; the legal texts may contain stories to illustrate their point and genealogy can tell a story by way of explanation as to how a group of people have arrived in a certain geographical area. Although there are frequent references to entertainers of every type and to their place within society there are no plays or theatrical tradition. But the sagas are written with such a strong, dramatic flavour that they provide theatrical entertainment in themselves and it is also possible that poetry was chanted or recited dramatically to add to the performance. Among the entertainers who are mentioned in the texts are the harper, piper, hornplayer, juggler, jester, acrobat, raconteur and professional farter (braigetóir) as well as the fool (drúth) who might have earned a living by imitating someone who is mentally disabled or who could tell stories or compose satirical verse.

The early Irish sagas are the most popular area of study and of interest to the general public and most of the modern accounts describe them as being organized according to cycles. The four principle ones being the Heroic or Ulster Cycle, the Mythological Cycle or Cycle of the Gods, the Fenian (Fiannaíocht) Cycle and the Cycles of the Kings. M. Dillon in his book, Early Irish literature, also includes three more that contain accounts of various types of Otherworld journeys: Voyages, Adventures and Visions. Certainly by the twelfth century the material is being used in this way but the traditional way to group the sagas was according to their content such as cattleraids, wooings, battles, adventures, deaths, conceptions, and I would like to present the translations in this traditional way.

The stories often mention four different festival occasions: the first of November or Samain (Hallow'een), the first of May, Beltaine (Mayday), the first of February or Imbolc (St Brigit's day) and finally the first of August, Lúnasa that has no real English equivalent. Samain in particular is associated with the festival of the dead when the Otherworld could open and the living and the dead could move freely for a short period between the two realms. There are some motifs that also occur throughout the stories, for example the concept of geis (a taboo) or the plural form, gessa (taboos). These prohibit the

hero or king from carrying out certain actions and breaking them will lead to disaster or death.

Two activities are frequently mentioned in the stories; men are said to play chess as entertainment but it seems to be a demonstration of their status in society. On certain occasions kings compete for a woman by playing chess. The Old Irish word is fidchell (literally wisdom of wood) that we still use in Modern Irish for chess and there was a second game called brandub (dark, black). Upper class women are frequently said to pass the time in embroidery and this is a mark of their status in society. The early Irish law on fosterage mentions these as part of the training that should be received by the son and daughter of a king respectively. It will be seen that music, musicians and particularly harpers appear in many of the stories and that different types of music is used as a trigger in certain plot lines.

Those involved in conserving this tradition are primarily men and the collective term aes dána (people of arts) is used to describe the native pre-Christians. We read of 3 classes of learned men: druid's, vates and bardos corresponding roughly to the Irish references to the draí (druid), file (poet) and the bard. The file is the public record officer of the period and among the responsibilities are the composition of satire and praise, elegiac poetry, genealogy, history and onomastics (personal and place names), gnomic and wisdom literature and possibly judgement giving. The term vates is probably related to the Irish word faith (prophet, seer) and it will be seen that the file was not just a poet in the English language sense but also a seer that may have some pre-Christian elements. The composition of satire and praise poetry was one of their main functions and it was believed that the poet's satire could damage one's reputation, the loss one's status in society and even lead to the loss of the king's kingdom. With the arrival of Christianity, the official, written learning moved into the Christian sphere and although the oral tradition continued, this is impossible to access, short of travelling back in time. The native term and concept of senchas (lore, learning from the word sen, old) is quite different and distinct then from the Latin historia (history) that gives the Modern Irish word stair (history). There are approximately 4,000 manuscripts written between the ninth and the second half of the sixteenth century when books began to be printed in

The Irish landscape nearly features as a character in the literature; sagas and some poetry are fitted into the physical contours of the countryside itself. Our ancestors were familiar with the stories behind the place-names that are an essential part of the saga material; landscape and story are symbiotically linked one to the other. It is so important that there are texts devoted to place-names such as the Dinnshenchas (The lore of famous places) full of stories and anecdotes explaining how the most famous places in Ireland were named. There are both prose and metrical versions but they exist as separate texts rather than mixed together as in the case of the sagas. Placenames and their relationship to story and saga material is an intrinsic part of all the literature as deaths, combats and important events give rise to the names of places throughout. The early Irish referred to God as Rí n ndúl (king of the elements); the word for the elements or nature is dúlra further emphasising their respect for the environment and their physical surroundings. The druids were associated with groves of oaks and the saints were frequently depicted as living outdoors and having a close relationship with nature and animals.

At the end of our period, the native monasteries are being closed down and even before the arrival of the

Normans in 1169 the new Orders begin to arrive from the continent and when they established their houses the conservation of secular, native literature was no longer allowed. This was accompanied by the reform of the old system based on monasteries as an episcopal structure was put in place. There is a perceptible break in the manuscript tradition at this point and after some time the writing is taken up by secular hereditary families of scribes who continue, some of them, in unbroken line to the early twentieth century. At this point however, there is an explosion of scribal activity. Professor Gearóid Mac Eoin who taught me in college described the surviving literature as a nearly seamless creation of these two streams, native and Christian, that have created one vibrant, rushing river. I hope to show you a part of this river.

I want to begin with the stories of the Otherworld. Most of us have heard of Oisín's visit to Tír na nÓg (The land of youth) with Niamh Cinnóir (of the golden hair) but this is a very late rendition of a traditional theme that stretches right back to the very beginnings of early Irish writing and composition. Our first writings are related to the area of Bangor and the first known manuscript was called Cín Dromma Snechta (The little book of Drumsnacht) – a placename in modern day Co Monaghan. This manuscript no longer exists but we have a fair idea of what was in it and tales of the Otherworld were among these.

An introduction to the stories of the Otherworld in early Ireland

The Irish vision of the Otherworld is found in three different types of stories called Echtraí (Adventures), Immrama (Voyages) and Físi (Visions). There is also the term aisling (vision) that is an Irish term in contrast with fis that come from the Latin word visio. There are both Latin and Irish tales on this topic and one of the earliest is the Navagatio Brendani (The voyage of Brendan) who is credited with many extraordinary voyages. There is also a small group of generally short tales with the title Baile (frenzy, vision, madness).

Many of the main characters in the literature such as Cú Chulainn, Cormac mac Airt or Conn Chétchathach appear as the main character in one of these tales. On the other hand, some of those who star in the stories are relatively unknown such as Bran, Conla and Laegaire. There is also the strange reprise and turn about of Cú Chulainn's returning from the Otherworld to visit in his strange chariot and tries to persuade people to convert to Christianity.

The three types of stories describe visits to the Otherworld that differ a lot one from the other. The Vision tales as in Fís Adomnáin (The vision of Adomnán) describe the Christian Heaven and Hell. The Voyages paint a predominantly Christian picture but there are images of a non-Christian Otherworld and this emerges even more strongly in the Adventures where famous heroes visit an Otherworld that has no reference whatever to either Heaven or Hell. In the case of the Voyages, the Otherworld may be reached by boat across the sea and it consists of many islands but in the Adventures it can be found on the sea, an island on a lake, in the fairy mounds (sid), underground or the hero may find himself enveloped in a fog and when it lifts he is in another place.

We know very little about the beliefs of the pre-Christian Irish but there are Continental references to the afterlife; the Celts are said to sit by the graves of their dead relatives waiting for them to appear. There is a story about a group of poets waiting for the hero Fergus to return from the dead to tell them the story of The Cattle raid of Cooley which had inexplicably been forgotten. In Ireland, the festival of Samain (Hallowe'en) was associated with the opening of the Otherworld and there could be two-way traffic between both worlds but people could rise from the dead at other times of the year as well. Some heroes never return from the journey, others return briefly but find that, like Rip van Winkle, time has overtaken them and they return to the Otherworld but some must return after their sojourn away and continue with their life path. As might be expected in stories of this type, the gods intervene, especially Manannán, god of the sea, who is quite a central character in some stories.

Similar themes and motifs are repeated in all these genres: the description of the land as being without death etc. along with the concept of there being neither 'yours or mine', the beautiful visiting woman, magic apples or branches, wonderful music. There are various theories as to the meaning of the visit, be it a Christian message, a pagan visit, a book of the dead or even the possibility of the equivalent of what is called today a 'near-death experience' and the later vision tales that are very close Christian ecstatic experiences. It seems that this is a theme that is found worldwide; where the hero leaves the 'normal' world and visits the Otherworld where he has marvellous adventures before he returns with some wonderful powers that will help mankind. In Christianity, Christ returns with the revelation of the afterlife.

Sometimes the hero is reluctant to return home and must be forced to leave or cannot cope with the return - like Rip Van Winkle. The ability to travel between the worlds is not something that everyone can do. Some believe that the early Celts believed in 'thin places' where there was only a thin divide between the past, the present and the future. This makes it possible for people to experience older time in the present or to gain a glimpse of the future. There was very little attention paid to chronological time among the early Celts. For them, the present contains within both past events that continue to live on, as well as the seeds of future events waiting to be born. As a result, characters from different periods can be brought together in a story without difficulty and this is definitely a feature of the literature.

All three types of stories here and elsewhere contain a series of different names for the place that is referred to in English as the 'Otherworld' but this term does not translate or explain these references adequately. One of the most common words for the place, when referred to on land, is the word síd (fairymound) but it also means 'peace' and there is a constant interplay between the two meanings of the word. The Otherworld is also associated with sovereignty and with kingship and in most cases the king receives the validation of his sovereignty from there.

Many of the Irish words include the words tir (land) and mag (plain) but water is frequently involved in the stories. The names used include Tir na mBeó (Land of the Living), Tir na mBan (Land of women), Mag Mell (The Plain of delight) Mag Mór (The great plain), Tir na nÓg (Land of the living) or In Tir Tairngire (The Promised Land). We will see that there can be detailed descriptions of these places. People do not get old or die or get sick, there are always flowers, peace and goodwill and it is the land of youth.

Sometimes, Otherworld may surround human beings but we just do not see it. Humans cannot see what is around them but they can enter another realm by entering a sid (fairy mound), travelling across the sea or a lake or simply by emerging from a magical mist that descends on the main character. In some stories, people emerge from under the ground as is the case on the wonderful place called The Cave of the Cats that is part of the Rathcroghan complex in Roscommon.

Stories abound about the place that is made up of a manmade souterrain (underground passage) and a natural cave. (Photo)

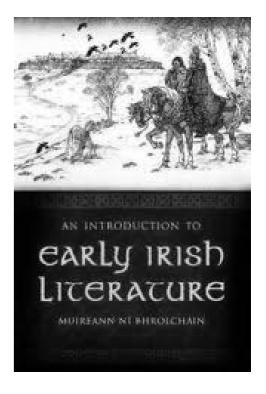
Time may pass differently in this place. Some people return from the Otherworld to find that hundreds of years have passed or they think decades have passed and find that no time has elapsed at all. It can be a land of paradox, ambiguity, betwixts-and-betweens: a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma.

The different locations and names appearing in the texts indicate that they may have seen this as 'worlds' rather than a world. In contemporary folklore the fairies live in lakes, rivers, stones, rocks, woods, trees, caves, underground places, bridges, hill, mountains, ancient earthworks, ruins or beneath the sea – what are generally described as liminal places, those inbetween places.

One of the names for the Otherworld is Hy Brazil, the legendary island that appears on medieval maps. The name probably comes from the name Bressal (strife?) that is relatively common in the early period. The stories of Brendan's voyage and his supposed travels as far as America spread throughout Europe; they were found in Latin and translated to other languages. Hy Brazil was marked on medieval maps; Angelino Dulcert's map in 1325 mentions 'Insula de montoniis sive de brazill', an island corresponding to Brazil appears in a Venetian map of 1367 and a superior Catalan map of 1373 marks a large circular island west from the river Shannon 'Insula Berzil'. Brazil was not finally removed from navigation charts until 1865.

There are different spellings of the name and Brasil, Uí Breasail and Hy Brazil is conspicuous on maps from Italy, Spain, France, England and Germany. It is unknown how far the belief in this island affected the discovery of Columbus as it is said that he based his enterprise on three errors, one of which was the existence of large islands in mid-ocean and the maps and traditions known to him bore this out. He was in contact with Galway that was the centre of Irish lore of Hy Brasil and included among his sailors in 1492 a William Irez of Galway. T. Westropp notes that the Aran islanders believe that Hy Brazil can only be seen every seven years and claims to have seen it himself; supposedly it comes about from a mirage of mist in certain conditions.

Modern folklore still records the existence of an island to the west of Galway sometimes called Árainn Bheag (little Aran) or Hy Brazil beside the three real Aran

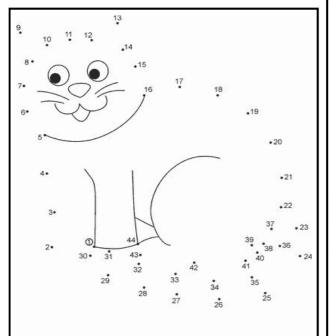




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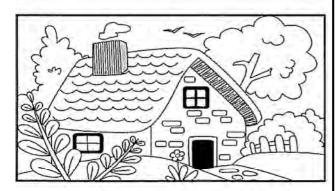
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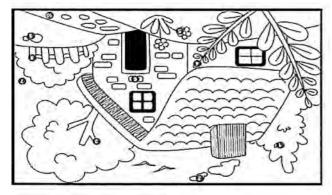
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MINISTER MUST MAKE EARLY DECISION ON MAYNOOTH SCHOOL PATRONAGE

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind – Kildare North) has written to the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairi Quinn seeking an early decision on the patronage of the proposed Maynooth Post Primary School(s). The Deputy is on record as favouring the junior/senior VEC option and has expressed this view to the Minister.

"The model Maynooth Post Primary school has developed is tried and trusted and very much part of the social fabric of Maynooth. In order to retain the school intact and deal with the existing and growing problem of overcrowding, the only viable solution is for a whole school move as soon as possible.

"Should the Minister decide on duel patronage on the new site, this could mean that a new building is built and populated with students on a gradual basis, only taking in between 100 and 125 students in first year and filling the school over 5-6 years. At the same time, Maynooth Post Primary would continue on its overcrowded site for an unacceptably long time.

"The cost of administration and caretaking could be shared if one administration block was built between junior and senior cycles as part of the new build. There would be no duplication in the provision of such essentials as a school hall and gym, and because of the size of the junior/senior school teacher expertise would ensure a wide selection of subjects and specialist classroom facilities. I also believe there is a strong economic advantage in this model in a time when funds are very limited."

CATHERINE MURPHY WELCOMES MINISTER HOGAN'S ACCEPTANCE OF HER PROPOSAL TO ALLOW FOR REDUCTIONS IN PARTY FUNDING

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Independent TD for Kildare North) today welcomed the move by Minister Hogan to make changes to the rules governing how political parties are funded. The amendment, tabled by Minister Hogan in the Seanad during the committee stage of the Electoral (Amendment) (Political Funding) Bill 2011, comes following Murphy's having proposed an identical amendment to the Electoral (Amendment) Act, 2011 last July.

Under the Electoral Acts, increased exchequer payments to political parties are directly linked to increases in public service pay but anomalously there is, at present, no mechanism linking payments to reductions in public service pay. The amendment changes this situation and Murphy has welcomed Minister Hogan's acceptance of her proposal to include it in the Electoral Acts.

When introducing the amendment in the Seanad on Tuesday 21st February, Minister Hogan acknowledged Deputy Murphy's original proposal to make this change and explained that the amendment is now being brought forward following consideration by him over the past seven months to do so.

"I very much welcome Minister Hogan's tabling of this amendment. The changes in the legislation, once passed, will hopefully allow the Government to reduce the payments to olitical parties made under the Electoral Acts in line with recent reductions in public service pay. Payments made under these Acts, which make up only a portion of the total public funding & resourcing received by political parties, last year

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totalled €5,448,962.92, so I very much welcome the scope provided by this amendment to reduce that in line with reductions in public service pay rates."

Murphy continued; "as welcome as this move is, I hope it's just a beginning where the reform of the political funding system is concerned where ultimately we reach a stage where political funding is fully transparent, fully vouched, adequate without being exorbitant and distributed as fairly as possible to encourage the development of alternative political entities, thus expanding choice."

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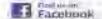
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Professor Philip Nolan delivers Inaugural Lecture 'A Place of Universal Learning' at NUI Maynooth

16th February 2012: Irish universities should be institutions which welcome and accommodate all types of research, learning and teaching, with students of widely diverse backgrounds and cultures. They should be engines of innovation and economic growth, central to the maintenance of democratic society and free to act autonomously. These are some of the key themes explored by Professor Philip Nolan, President of NUI Maynooth who delivered his inaugural lecture at the University this afternoon.

Professor Nolan said it was critical that third level education was funded correctly – either from public or private sources and equivocation on this issue had the potential to do lasting damage to Irish education and its students. "We are foolish to imagine that failure to adequately and decisively provide for higher education will result in anything other than an inevitable mediocrity to the detriment of generations of students".

In a wide ranging lecture to an audience of colleagues, students and representatives of the wider academic community, Professor Nolan espoused the virtues of a liberal education that prepares students for life and to be critical and rational thinkers, rather than merely trained for employment or solely to meet perceived demand in selected industries.

President Nolan described learning and scholarship as having the power to change lives. This placed, he said, an enormous responsibility on the scholars and teachers of NUI Maynooth, a responsibility which they welcomed.

In referencing the writings of John Henry Newman, the Oxford academic and Roman Catholic Cardinal who was central to the development of educational philosophy in Ireland, he emphasised his belief that a liberal education is the best way a modern university can prepare a student to be critical thinkers and innovators, to provide them with the tools they need for all aspects of their lives. Professor Nolan said "We are a place of learning and furnish our graduates not just with knowledge and skills, but with the capacity to reflect, to analyse, to reason, to articulate and to argue, and with the confidence and courage to act, to challenge, to contest and if necessary, to defv".

In calling for a rounded approach to education that would help create an innovative society and a people capable of innovation, Professor Nolan warned of "the dangers of an exclusive focus on narrow skills in immediate demand or imagining that science alone holds the key to economic and social progress. If we choose this path, we may achieve some short-term gains but they will not be sustained, or sustainable, and in the process we will have lost the social capacity and cultural equipment to address the unknowable problems of the future and to renew ourselves as a society".

He said he it was critical that academic institutions must be free to act autonomously "if they are to prosper". "I would go further to say that policy interventions by those with little or no experience of teaching or research can be profoundly damaging. But autonomy is the freedom to act, not an excuse for complacency, and our future requires that we be trenchantly self-critical and committed to continuous learning adaptation and improvement".

Professor Nolan highlighted public accountability as a key challenge for universities, particularly in these very

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The categories for which prizes will be awarded are as follows:

Best Club Float

Best School Float

Best Portrayal of Environmental

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challenging times. "How good an account of ourselves do we give? What modes and systems have we established to give an account of ourselves to the society we serve? What have we done to build public trust in our institutions and supplant a dangerously negative public discourse on the value of education? The truly courageous institution, proud of its work, valuing its autonomy, will move quickly to explain itself, account for its successes and failures and describe its constant quest for self-improvement".

Best Commercial Float

Best Portrayal of Irish Culture

Best Band

Higher education, he said, was committed to the generation of new knowledge but also to the conservation of the old. "And not merely to conserve, but to revisit and revitalise and re-evaluate, knowing that the old serves as a foil to, a test of and the genesis of the new". Educators have a duty to "engage with the world, with the problems of real people, real enterprise and real communities".

Aside from funding a third level sector which now accommodated more than 50% of school leavers, and the question of accountability, Professor Nolan identified the embracing of technology in education, and the broadening of universities away from the traditional campus to include learners and teachers in industry and in

the community as key challenges for institutions like NUI Maynooth. He said that successful universities would have "a large and loose association of knowledge workers retaining a sense of community and a capacity to learn from one another".

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Professor Nolan said NUI Maynooth was the type of university he wished to lead – "one that sets itself the highest of goals, asks itself the hardest of questions, finds the best of answers and has the courage to adapt and change for the better, no matter how difficult that may be. A university is about people and ideas and culture, because, all material benefits aside, at the end of the day, what is meaningful is the struggle to understand, to put some order and shape on the universe; it is an expression of the better angels of our nature, it makes us human. This is the spirit of the university, a flame that we forget to name, but which is the source of all our energy and vitality".

Further information from:

Deirdre Watters NUI Maynooth

TeenSpace Maynooth

TeenSpace is a Christian based group for teens in 3^{rd} to 6^{th} year (15 to 18 year olds). The youth leaders are all volunteers, and organize events, to get to know teens and give them advice on life's little dilemmas from a Christian point of view. We are not a Bible study group —but know a lot about it- so here you are welcome to ask questions about religion and how it actually works as well.

Since September of last year, we are running a drop-in centre on Friday afternoon from 2 to 5pm in Maynooth Community Space (beside entrance of Manor Mills).

During the months of March and April, we have planned various activities such as a pool competition and table tennis, as well as themed events, such as quizzes, games evenings and a funky culture night. Our planning for the next couple of weeks:



Date	Time	Acitivity	Location		
Fri 2 March	Doors open at 7pm Event: 7:30-9:30pm	Table tennis and badminton	Sportshall, Maynooth Post Primary School		
Thu 8 March	Meet at 7pm at Maynooth Community Space Event: 7:30-9:30pm	Pool competition	Snooker Hall, NUIM		
Thu 15 March	Meet at 7pm at Maynooth Community Space Event: 7:30-9:30pm	Pool competition	Snooker Hall, NUIM		
Mon 26 March	Event: 7:30-9pm	Fun, games & teambuilding	Maynooth Community Space		
Mon 2 April	Event 7:30-9pm	Culture night	Maynooth Community Space		



The idea is to have fun and give yourselves a chance to chat to some-one about life, without being too pc about it.

Interested? Bring €2 (includes drink and snack) and show up at 7pm on Friday March 2nd, or either call us on 086 1009484 or have a look at our Facebook page: Teenspace Maynooth.

<u>For parents</u>: TeenSpace is supported by 4 Christian churches in Maynooth: St Mary's Catholic Church, Redeemed Christian Church of God, Maynooth Community Church and St Mary's Church of Ireland.

The TeenSpace Youth leaders

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March Events Maynooth Community Library

World Book Day Thursday 1st March 11am: Documentary Film:

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Classic Director Series Film Club:

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Admission Free: Contact Library for further details.

Maynooth Film for All NUI Maynooth: SNAP:

Tuesday 13th March 2012: 8pm Snap: Its every parent's nightmare: your toddler is snatched in a public park. It's another parent's nightmare; your teenager is the one who abducts the toddler. Director of this tense thriller Carmel Winters will attend for a question and answer session after the screening. All welcome.

Saturday 10th March: Saturday Book Club Meeting: 2.30pm

Friday 16th March: Maynooth U3A group are celebrating **Seachtain na Gaeilge**

Friday 16th March 3pm in the library. All are welcome to come along and enjoy music, song and dance.

Saturday 24th March 2012. **Laban/Capacitar** workshop 2.30pm Admission free: Booking essential

Every Wednesday **Toddler Story time** 10. - 10.30am All welcome.

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All enquiries ph: 01 6285530 or email: maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie

Recent Bereavements Alan Grant

Alan sadly passed away on the 6th of February. Alan was a well respected member of staff with Maynooth Community Council Limited in Maynooth where he will be most remembered for taking photographs of local events in the Maynooth area for the "Maynooth Newsletter" over the last three years. He was also one of the best typists in the office handling most of the correspondence for the community council and office related matters. Alan also worked on correspondence, curriculum vitae's and reports for the general public, where his efficiency and courtesy was noted. He was liked by all who came into contact with him. Alan was full of life and always had a cheery word for the people he worked with. His tragic death leaves a void and he will always be remembered with affection. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

In our thoughts this month.
Who recently passed away

Leo McGlynn

Founder member of Maynooth Community Council

Buggie Horan
Old Greenfield

Dan Conway

Old Greenfield

Peter O'Connor Old Greenfield

Ralph Satchwell Mrs Bernie Foy

Parsons Street

Clues Across

- 3. Academic world (8)
- 9. Narrow street (5)
- **10. Acquire (3)**
- 11. New Zealand parrot (3)
- 12. Defraud (5,6)
- 14. Meat (5)
- 16. Drama (4)
- 17. Summed (5)
- 19. God-like (6)
- 20. Drinking vessel (3)
- 22. Opera by Bizet (6)
- 23. Former Russian rulers (5)
- 25. Wind instrument (4)
- **26.** Raw hides (5)
- 28. At once (11)
- 30. Storage container (3)
- 31. Ingot (3)

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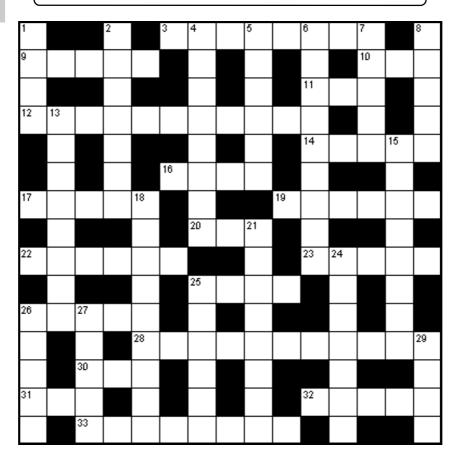
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32. Eccentric (5)

March 2012 Crossword - No: 400



Clues Down

- **1. 24 hour periods (4)**
- 2. Body of peers (7)
- 4. Universal in extent (8)
- 5. Of delicate beauty (6)
- 6. Temporary expedient (9)
- **7. Wide open (5)**
- 8. Pile (5)
- **13.** Made by hand (8)
- **15. Not normal (8)**
- **18. Bandages (9)**
- 21. Heaven (8)
- 24. Stopping place (7)
- 25. Tool used for driving nails (6)
- 26. Common people (5)
- 27. Seventh sign of the zodiac (5)

Answers to Crossword 399

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The Arches,

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Winner of Crossword No. 399

March 2012

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Free recycling events in Kildare with WEEE Ireland and Tesco

WEEE Ireland, the Irish compliance scheme for electrical and battery recycling, is holding two free recycling events in **Kildare** on the 24th of March. The collection events will take place in the following locations:

Sat 24th March - Tesco car park, Maynooth, 10am-4pm Sat 24th March - Tesco car park, Celbridge, 10am-4pm

These free WEEE Ireland events allow people to get rid of any household electrical equipment and batteries in a safe and environmentally friendly manner.

Anything in the home with a battery or a plug can be recycled at these collections. Waste collection specialists from WEEE Ireland will be there on the day to help you send your toasters, vacuum cleaners, fridges and every other electrical item imaginable to a better place.

As a consumer of electrical items, you are entitled to bring your waste electrical equipment to your electrical retailer when purchasing an item of similar type, i.e. on a one-for-one, like-for-like basis. Waste batteries can be brought back to any battery retailer that sells similar batteries, even if you don't purchase anything. All WEEE and waste batteries can also be brought to your local civic amenity site free of charge.

For further information on all future recycling events in Kildare, or to find your nearest civic amenity site, please log on to WEEE Ireland's website www.recyclefree.ie.

For more information contact:

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Insight Consultants
Lorraine@insightconsultants.ie
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THE GARDEN IN MARCH

Growing shamrock

You don't need the luck of the Irish to grow a sham-rock. Give it moist soil and cool Irish nights—night temperatures in the 50s are best.

Don't worry if the plant turns yellow after a few months. Your shamrock plant is just starting to rest, just like all of us do now and then. If this



happens, just ease up on the watering and re - pot the bulbs in fall. Take care of your shamrock plant and next St. Paddy's Day it will be as green as the Emerald Isle.

Geraniums

Do you have any geraniums that you kept over winter? Now is a good time to re-pot them. Cut them back (6 inches or so) to keep

them bushier.



Cannas, callas, begonias, and

Start indoors in late March or April to promote earlier blooming. Plant the bulbs in small pots and transplant the plants to the garden later in spring.

Trees and shrubs

This is the best month for pruning leafy trees and shrubs. The stress of pruning to dormant plants is minimal and the wounds will heal nicely when spring arrives. The wound of a well-pruned limb will look like a donut as it heals itself.



Shredded wood from evergreens is fine for use as mulching. The sap in maples and birch trees can run strong in March. Nevertheless, now is a good time to prune these trees. Don't worry about the bleeding of the sap. Some scientists believe this sap can actually help seal wounds.

Vegetables

Tomato seedlings exposed to a slight breeze will grow more compact and sturdy. A small fan can be used to create the breeze. Constant breezes are best, but fanning the

plants for only a few minutes per day can be beneficial. Overwatering is the 1 killer of young transplant seedlings. This causes stem rot, a condition called "damping off". Avoid watering seedlings when the soil is already moist. The use of sterile, soilless mixes will also prevent diseases.

Lawns and Grasses

Rake your lawn as soon as the final snow melts. This raking removes debris that contributes to leaf diseases. a Ornamental grasses can be clipped back to the ground in late March before new growth begins. This will promote faster re - growth.



Wildlife

Early arriving robins will appreciate a snack of raisins. a Now is the most important time to feed birds. Their sources of natural food are scarce now. a Squirrels often dig up bulbs. Combat these "furry-tailed rats" by placing a barrier over the emerging bulbs. Nylon netting, which is often used to protect strawberry beds and cherry trees from birds, may be temporarily placed over the soil. Chicken wire or floating row covers are other options. Our goal is to frustrate the squirrel—then it will move to the neighbor's tulip bed. If you are feeding birds, temporarily stop because bird feeders attract squirrels. a Now is the best time to trap rabbits. Bait your

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live trap with greens or carrots. Rabbits are starved for food now and can be easily captured. Trap them now before they start breeding

in spring. A single mother rabbit can bear 36 bunnies in a year!

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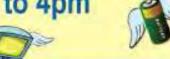
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Local News

St Patrick's Day Maynooth revels in a carnival atmosphere



By Brian O'Neill

The St Patrick's Day parade in Maynooth was a rousing success and enjoyed by all who came to take part and to lend their support to show how a community spirit can create a memorable event. While the participants gathered at Greenfield shopping centre to prepare the floats and displays, the crowds lining the streets were entertained with live music and rock-wall climbing. The parade was organised by the Maynooth Community Council, whose office is located next to Tesco's car-park, where the parade ended. The parade has been running now for 27 years and each year the Community Council strive to make it as enjoyable an event as possible. As usual the sound was provided and monitored by Willie Kiernan, who has been working on these annual events since they began and whose expertise and skilful management enhanced and supported the carnival atmosphere. The energy and vibrancy of the 36 entrants was introduced by the arrival of St Mary's Junior Brass & Reed Band who were sponsored by K'n'B Music, and entertained the crowds as they stopped to play in front of the review stand before marching forward to the cheers and applause of the onlookers. The tone and tenor was to set the theme for the occasion and laid the foundations for the talent and enthusiasm which was to follow.

While it would not be possible to give a well earned mention to all of the participants, I will endeavour to highlight all of the effort and creativity which sparkled and brightened that Maynooth St Patrick's Saturday morning. The Circo Corvenieo Fire Breather had the crowd enthralled with bursts of flame and twirling fire-sticks. From the green dragon display by the National Learning Network to the Maynooth Boys National School's presentation of Peter Pan and Captain Hook with, the obligatory crocodile, the displays were eye-catching and fun. The ladies of U3A or the University of the Third Age had the spectators and those on the reviewing platform singing along to their rendition of the song "The Wild Rover", which was an excellent example of how to live life to the full even if there was a touch of rain in the air. The St Lawrence O'Toole Grade 1 Pipe Band, who were the World Champions of 2010, enchanted the audience and was later followed by the St Lawrence O'Toole Development Band, who equally charmed and captivated the spectators with stirring musical renditions while marching through the town. The members of the Lilly Tully School of Irish dancing performed an energetic and lively display of one of our finest cultural traditions, which was only enhanced when set against the backdrop of the spirit of the day.

There are many other people that worked very hard to create the floats and the

displays and who invested their time and resources in to making the parade the success it was; such as Thorntons Recycling whose Batmobile was in the form of a skip or the Celbridge Party Mad balloon float, which included themes from the Flinstones and Starwars. The Scoil Rince Ui Dhubhail, who have performed in Belgium and many other places exhibited the talent and ability which has entertained numerous audiences and was no less appreciated by the onlookers at the festival. The full complement of all of the entrants of the parade can be found listed inside in the order of appearance. It takes a lot of behind the scenes work and sponsorship to create and produce an event such as the St Patrick's Day Parade, but it must be noted that within all of these preparations and effort a word of acknowledgement and thanks must be extended to the Gardai whose support and attention to detail enhanced what was an all-round enjoyable experience. Every year there is a guest speaker invited to review the parade and this year the speaker was Emmet Stagg T.D. and when asked to comment on the event and his speech he said "I have been attending the Maynooth Parade for more years than I can recall. The 2012 parade was notable not only by the support of the business community in sponsorship and floats but more importantly by the support of the community and its organisation in the parade itself as spectators. There is a long tradition in Maynooth that one of the public representatives makes a short address during or at the end of the parade. This year it was my turn. In thanking the long surviving members of the Committee such as John McGinley, Tom McMullen, and Christina Saults I made the point that they by their action crystallised the very strong sense of community that exists in Maynooth. The main point of my address accepted the crisis being experienced by many in society but pointed to the light on the horizon and that gave hope for the future and on how that light should be nurtured until it shone into every corner of our Country. I concluded my address by sending greetings from Maynooth to Irish men and women at home and abroad." The St Patrick's Day Parade in Maynooth was a showcase of talent and creativity, the meticulously planned and prepared floats, displays and activities and the spontaneous outbursts of enthusiasm and enjoyment of the entertainers and the entertained. But it was also a perfect example of what can be achieved when the community spirit draws people together, to celebrate our national heritage and culture and, of course, just to have some good old-fashioned Irish craic along the way.

(See pages 16 & 17 for more photos) (See page 6 for prize winners and full list of participants)





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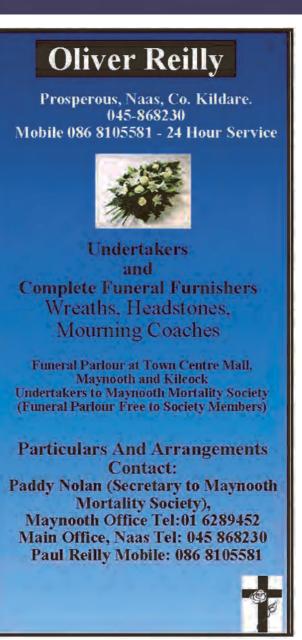
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Maynooth Historical Society



Rachel Fagan and Richard Watson



Maynooth Historical Society members with Collette Jordan who gave the talk on Servants In The Big House.

The Maynooth Historical Society hosted a most interesting talk on Servants In the Big House recently. The talk was given by Collette Jordan in the Morrison Room in Carton House, and a full house was in attendance. The location lent itself to the occasion, Ms. Jordan pointed out that the Morrison Room was the old dining room of Carton House and that the fireplace was removed from Leinster House before the Fitzgerald's sold it. Collette Jordan has researched all of the Fitzgerald's houses and any house they stayed in both here and in England from the mid 18th century to the mid 20th century. Her information was based on the records of indoor servants and figures show that Carton had 100 indoor servants in its heyday, in 1884 this figure dropped to 40 servants due to the huge debts incurred by the owners lavish lifestyle. The census of 1901 showed Carton only had 8 staff.

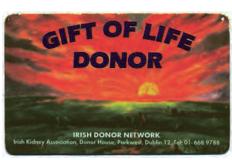
The 1864 Household Book of the Duke of Leinster held lots of fascinating information about the running of Carton House including job titles, duties and rates of pay for all the servants. It also included the amount of food the servants were allowed, men were allowed 3 pints of beer daily but only half that for women. Collette Jordan brought the servant life of Carton House to reality for us all, her talk was full of information, she also had lots of little funny details to give us a detailed picture of the servants in the big house.

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A Holistic View On.....

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For the majority, the conventional approach to address the irritating symptoms of hay fever is taking some form of **antihistamine** medication; that can come with their own drawbacks. The approach by most holistic therapies is to address the underlying problem rather than masking symptoms. In this case with hay fever, the underlying problem is your body producing large amounts of **histamine**.

Histamine – what is this?

Histamine is a neurotransmitter that, in addition to its role in water regulation, has responsibilities in antibacterial, antiviral and defence systems against foreign materials. There are many reasons why the body produces histamine, but here we will address the most likely one. If your body is in a prolonged state of dehydration, in an effort to regulate the remaining water, large exaggerated amounts of histamine is produced and released about the body, putting it on high alert. When an allergen like pollen is introduced, it triggers a hypersensitive reaction causing the blood vessels in the nasal passages to enlarge, fill with mucus, the eye ducts to enlarge, irritate and run. So, if the body were more hydrated, the less histamine would be produced and the less reactive the body.

Our bodies are 60 to 75% water. So as a rule, a normal adult needs to consistently drink 2 litres (4 pints or 8 glasses) of pure water per day. It takes six weeks to hydrate the body properly at this rate. If you could get up to this water level before hay fever season starts......you could stop to smell roses at your leisure! Happy hydration everyone!

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St. Patricks Day Parade 2012

This was the 27th year for us to organise the Maynooth Parade and there is no doubt that it was one of the best that we have had for many years, despite the miserable rain for the duration of the Parade

There were 36 entries this year and they were of a very high standard particularly the three Primary Schools, The GAA, Maynooth Town Football Club and Party Mad from Celbridge who spent an enormous amount of time preparing their float.

It was great to see most of the local schools taking part and the very big crowd particularly liked the colourful display of the floats. It was obvious that alot of time and effort went into their preparation.

On behalf of the Parade Committee I would like to thank the participants and all those who helped with the organising of what was yet again a very successful Parade

I would like to thank all the businesses who contributed to ensure that we were not at a financial loss. In particular I would like to thank Willie Kiernan who provides, erects and operates his state of the art Public Address System every year free of charge. Also, we are very thankful to George O'Connor for providing the crowd control barriers.

Our other major sponsors were:

Thorntons Recycling, Derrinstown Stud, Kilcock Court, Allied Irish Bank, John & Finoa Merrick, The Avenue Café, Elite Confectionary, Bradys Clock House and Mary Cowhey Solicitors,

I would also like to thank the following:

- Paul Thornton of Thorntons Recycling for providing the reviewing stand and for help in sponsoring the St. Laurence O'Toole Pipe Bands.
- Elaine Bean, Melanie Oliver, Matt Callaghan, Willie Saults, Jamie Kelly, Pat Farrell and David Moynan for helping with the reviewing stand and putting out the crowd control barriers.
- Paul Croghan for taking on the task of Master of Ceremonies.
- George O'Connor for again providing the crash barriers free of charge.
- The Boys National Primary School for providing

chairs for the reviewing stand and Marie Gleeson for providing the keys to the school.

- Homeworld Discount Store for the power supply for the public address system.
- Freda Kellegher for providing the plants for the Reviewing Stand
- Larine House for storing our steps for the Reviewing Stand.
- Our guests on the reviewing stand.
- Emmet Stagg T.D. for being our guest speaker.
- Kildare County Council for Supplying the No Parking Cones and Anthony Penny for delivering and collecting them
- All the stewards who yet again performed their tasks very professionally.
- The Parade Committee and to Brian Curtis and the staff of the Community Council for their great help.
- The residents of Greenfield Estate for their continued co-operation.
- All of the business people who did such a splendid job of decorating their shop windows.
- Patricia Moynan for judging the Shop Windows each year
- Finally, a special word of thanks to the Gardai for controlling the traffic so well.

The Parade Prize Winners were:

Best Commercial Float-----Thorntons Recycling

Best Community Float------Maynooth GAA

(The Owen Byrne Memorial Trophy)

Best Band-----St. Laurence O'Toole Grade 1 Pipe Band

Best Portrayal of Irish Culture-----Larine Court

Best Portrayal of Environmental Awareness------Maynooth Tidy Towns

Best School Float------Maynooth Boy's National School

The Shop Window Prize Winners were:

- 1. Moulin Rouge
- 2. Je Meills Hairstation
- 3. Bradys Clockhouse

List of participants

- 1. IVVCC Group of Vintage Cars
- 2. James McKeogh's Vintage Tractors
- 3. Support Company 65 Reserve Infantry Battalion (Colour Party)
- 4. St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band
- 5. Circo Corvenieo Fire Breather
- 6. 8th Kildare Maynooth Scouts
- 7. Larine Court
- 8. Mugendo Kickboxing, Presentation Girl's School
- 9. Presentation Girl's School
- 10. Donatello's and Picaderos Restaurant with Flamenco Dancers
- 11. Maynooth GAA
- 12. National Learning Network
- 13. Scoil Rince Ui Dhubhail
- 14. Maynooth Girl Guides
- 15. Maynooth Educate Together
- 16. St. Lawrence O'Toole Grade 1 Pipe Band (World Champions in 2010)
- 17. Supervalue
- 18. Maynooth Tidy Towns
- 19. Glenroyal Hotel & Leisure Club
- 20. Maynooth Boy's National School
- 21. University of the Third Age
- 22. Maynooth Town Football Club
- 23. Carrig Flowers
- 24. The Tully School of Irish Dancing
- 25. Post Primary School PTA
- 26. St. Lawrence O'Toole Development Band
- 27. Tiddlywinks & Scallywags
- 28. Blackberry Stables Two Ponies
- 29. Catherine Maher School of Irish Dancing
- 30. Carton House
- 31. Party Mad
- 32. Keane Windows
- 33. Thorntons Recycling
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Editorial

The Newsletter would like to take this opportunity once again to congratulate all those involved in the organisation of the St Patrick's Day Parade. There is a noticeable and marked improvement year on year and it is a credit to the committee, the Community Council and to the workers in the office who are the support for the committee. But it is also a credit to all those who take the trouble to participate. It is heart lifting to see the hundreds of children who are so excited at the idea of marching, the bands, the sports groups, the schools and then the hundreds who line up to watch and to applaud. The weather was a little upsetting for the adults but the children did not even seem to notice that it was raining. We have been exceptionally lucky over the last two decades as there has hardly been a wet parade. The whole community gets together to make this a successful event, including the Thornton brothers who arrive with the truck for the reviewing stand and who stay to help out. Sometimes the work of the Community Council is forgotten as many of the activities that they are involved in are not necessarily immediately connected with this non-statutory body. The jobs provided under the auspices of FÁS in the offices beside the Post Office are now more important than ever. With high unemployment, the experience that the office can provide is invaluable. Sadly, we are seeing a repeat of the 80s when the numbers looking for work experience increased exponentially. Without the voluntary work, the sponsorship and fundraising that is carried out by the Council members these jobs would not be possible on the Community Employment projects. These are the workers who produce this publication.

Whatever image of Ireland was being presented at home and abroad for the holiday weekend, a much darker and depressing image appears in a number of reports. Between the Vatican's report and the Mahon findings we are presented with a sorry state of the nation. The visitors from the Vatican presented their report in Maynooth; their view on the state of the Irish church was launched in the seminary in mid-March. Concerns have been expressed in the report about the spirituality and moral theological beliefs of the priests and laity. The report seems to concentrate on the church itself and its future rather than on the victims of abuse. The Vatican does not appear to understand that the church as a whole was guilty of the cover up of what was going on. The paltry length has been criticized by organisations such as One in Four. The recommendations seem to indicate that seminarians should be shut away from the real world as they were in the 50s thus overturning the developments of the last number of decades where they were encouraged to mix with the other students particularly in Maynooth. The Mahon report has finally appeared and the observations are stunning; indeed some think that Fianna Fáil should shut up shop forever. After 15 years, 3270 pages and 595 witnesses – what do we know? We have been told that 'corruption in Irish political life was both endemic and systematic.' But what is more disturbing is the implication that people simply do not care. Both Michael Smith and Colm Mac Eochaidh, who offered the original reward of €10,000 for information, have expressed their disappointment with the recommendations. More and more of the senior members of the Fianna Fáil party are seen to be connected with the activities outlined in the report. Apathy is a national disease as those who tried to protest against the developments at Carrickmines and Tara found out and they found little support during the building boom. The same Bertie Ahern who featured in the Tribunal told people to commit suicide and others were told to emigrate if they did not like the way Ireland was developing. Frank McDonald was nearly a lone journalistic voice in highlighting the excesses in one off housing, motorways

to nowhere and tiny apartments in most of our little

villages. The recent decisions on the proposed Slane

independent but is it too little too late and will this report

achieve anything at all? Does the new government mean anything and will they be any different from Fianna Fáil?

Minister Denihan's protection plan for Tara is welcome

and shows some consideration for heritage but will there

bypass shows that ABP may have become more

Maynooth Community Council Meeting 12 March 2012

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

1. Policing, Rag Week and drinks promotions Tom McMullon (Chairperson) told the meeting about a very upsetting recent incident on his estate, College Green. A massive Rag Week house party of up to 200 students and young people caused great disturbance during the afternoon. After Gardaí called to the house, the students spilled out onto the street, drinking, blocking the road, urinating in hedges and littering the area with beer cans. The partygoers tried to get into another house occupied by students before heading for the Main Street pubs. When Gardaí were called again they said they were busy and suggested that residents get onto their TDs about the problem. Tom McMullon said that this was not good enough, that there were not enough Gardaí stationed in Maynooth to cope with over eight thousand students, and that the Garda station in Maynooth was now closed during the afternoon.

Another resident of College Green, who is also member of the Tidy Towns committee, said that there was too much intimidation from students in the town, a bin had been thrown into the river at Parsons Street, and Maynooth had been left dirty and littered as a result of Rag Week drinking. He said that each year the Tidy Towns group can't get going properly on cleaning up the town until student vacation time. He had written to the president of NUIM about this. Mattie O'Callaghan (Tidy Towns) reported that on the Thursday morning of Rag Week, AA Roadwatch had advised motorists not to drive through Maynooth due to the amount of broken glass on the roads. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin (Secretary) said that windows on Parsons Street had been broken, residents were frightened out of their wits, and policing was a big problem in Maynooth.

Paul Croghan said that he didn't like complaining about students, but that there was a huge emphasis on alcohol now, and he frequently saw students, who were really still just children, walking along Moyglare Road drinking from bottles and cans of alcohol.

Aongus Ó Maoláin (NUIM) said that there was a tendency for people to label all people under thirty in Maynooth as students, but many non-students came into Maynooth to drink. NUIM Student Union had phased out Rag Week some years ago due to drinking and anti-social behaviour. Pubs had now taken over and were organising Rag events, and there were seven pubs in Maynooth competing with cheap drinks events and so on. Rag Week was now driven by commercial interests. He said there were simply not enough Gardaí in North Kildare.

be a change in the culture of self-aggrandisement instead of putting the country first? Will the philosophy of covering the country in concrete come to a halt; not because we cannot afford it but because it's the wrong thing to do? Will the planning process be changed? I suppose we will have to wait and see. Finally, the minister for education, Ruairí Quinn, announced two new schools for Maynooth as part of his recent plans. Those looking for a Gaelcholáiste are mystified as to why their request was not even considered despite the fact that there are so many students who would be interested in continuing their education through Irish. Tá an-díomá ar na tuismitheoirí uile a chuireann a bpáistí ar Ghaelscoileanna sna bailte thart ar Mhaigh Nuad chomh maith leis an mbaile féin agus leanfar leis an bhfeachtas Gaelcholáiste a sholáthar don baile s'againne. Tá méadú an t-am ar fad ar na huimhreacha agus suim ag méadú lá in aghaidh lae san oideachas i nGaeilge.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

We welcome letters with the views of our readers on topics raised in the editorial or any other topic in which you might be interested. Brendan Ashe (NUIM) said NUIM had tried to cut back Rag Week activities. There were eight and a half thousand students and the vast majority were lawabiding. He said that a look at Facebook would clearly show who was promoting Rag Week. Pubs were organising 'mystery tours' and students from other colleges were being bussed in for drinking events. NUIM had banned such activities on campus and had written to the Gardaí asking that the law be enforced. It was against the law to walk along the road with glass in hand. He pointed out that there was often broken glass in Maynooth on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, when students were away. He also said that the new NUIM president, Philip Nolan, had addressed students on the issue of respect for the town.

Andrew McMullon (Treasurer) said that pubs in Leixlip had noticed a big fall off in customers on Thursday evenings, which seemed to be due to certain publicans in Maynooth offering cheap drinks to young people for just two euro each.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin said that an exception should be made for Maynooth due to the large student numbers and more Gardaí brought in. Councillor John McGinley (Labour) suggested that both the Community Council and individuals should write to the Chief Superintendent in Naas to complain about the inadequate level of policing in Maynooth.

2. New school

Colm Ó Cearúil (Deputy PDO) reported that 550 potential pupils had now indicated their intention to enrol in the proposed Maynooth Gaelcholáiste and he said that the minister for education must acknowledge the Gaelcholáiste application. He said that no explanation had yet been given for the decision to purchase the new school site and not to provide a second school on the south side of the town. He said more children were now receiving primary school education through Irish in the greater Maynooth area than in Limerick, the number was equal to that in Dublin city, and parents would continue to campaign for a Maynooth Gaelcholáiste. He asked Maynooth Community Council to be aware of what was happening, and said that the best option would be to have the patronage of the new school shared by all interested bodies: the VEC, the Loreto nuns, and the Gaelcholáiste.

3. Tidy Towns

Mattie O'Callaghan reported that plants had been stolen from the container plantings at the Church and the GAA grounds. He reminded the meeting the WEEE collection would take place at the Tesco car park on Saturday 24th March. Paul Croghan said that U3A had been a great help with the Tidy Towns bag-pack fund raising and the committee had raised close to a thousand euro. There would also be a fund-raising quiz at Bradys pub at the end of March. They had registered for the Spring Clean event, as had NUIM. Mieke Sanders (Lyreen Park) said that residents from her estate would help with cleaning up Carton Avenue.

4. Senior Citizens

Catherine Mulready (Senior Citizens Committee) said they had had a successful church gate collection, and would run a Tea Dance after Easter with an Easter Bonnet competition.

5. History Group

Hilda Dunne (History Group) said that Colette Jordan would give a talk entitled 'Servants in the Big House' in the Morrison Room at Carton House on the 21st of March and encouraged everyone to attend. The group would hold a 'Midsummer Madness' night at the Castle on 14th of June, and would also be involved in the Harvest Festival.

D. Cullen PRO



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If you are referred for interview that interview usually takes place in your local social welfare office. However, you might be interviewed at home if, for example, you have been self-employed or in casual short-term employment, or if supporting evidence needs to be verified. During the interview the social welfare inspector may ask you to produce documents such as accounts or statements from your financial institution.

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Answer

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In your situation the DSP will ask you to renegotiate your rent with your landlord. If the landlord insists that the terms of the current lease are not negotiable and does not reduce the rent to the new limits, the DSP representative (formerly known as the Community Welfare Officer or CWO) will discuss your options with you. These may include seeking other accommodation. If this occurs you will continue to be paid Rent Supplement for a reasonable period of time while you secure new accommodation. In some cases Rent Supplement can be paid at the discretion of the DSP representative where the rent is over the relevant limit. These situations

include the following:

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Question

My husband and I both turn 66 this year. He's a little older than me and is entitled to a pension from the end of March 2012. I'll be 66 in early June. We've both sent in our claims for State Pension (Contributory). Is it true that our pension entitlements will be calculated differently? Answer

Yes, your claims will be treated differently since the rules about the number of paid contributions you need to qualify for a contributory State Pension change on 6 April 2012.

Your husband will reach pension age before 6 April 2012. He needs **260** paid PRSI contributions to be eligible for a contributory pension. Effectively, this means five years contributions, however they don't need to be five consecutive years.

Since you will reach pension age after 6 April 2012, the new rules apply and you will need to have **520** paid contributions (10 years of contributions) but again, they do not need to be consecutive. You can use voluntary contributions to satisfy part of this requirement if you meet certain conditions.

You both need a yearly average of 48 contributions to qualify for a full-pension and a yearly average of 10 contributions to qualify for a minimum pension. There will be changes to the yearly average rate bands from 1 September 2012 but these changes will not affect you or your husband (since both pensions will be in payment before 1 September).

You should make sure that you apply for your pension on time. From April 2012 you can only backdate your claim for a State Pension (Contributory) for a maximum of 6 months. The Department of Social Protection will only consider backdating your claim for more than 6 months if your failure to claim was a result of incorrect information being supplied by the DSP or because you were incapacitated by illness.

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16 th April	7:30-9:00pm	Mission Event	Maynooth Community Space
23 rd April	7:30-9:00pm	Boardgames/Quiz Night	Maynooth Community Space
30 th April	tbc	Surprise	Donadea Forest

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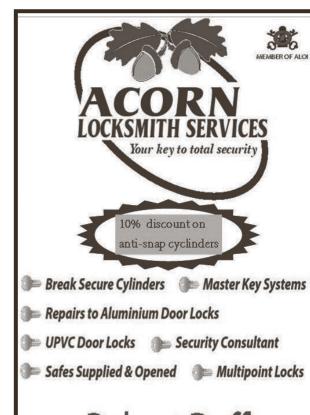
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1st Prize	Marty Maguire	41pts				
2 nd Prize	Aaron Tobin	38pts				
3 rd Prize	Norman Kavanagh	37pts				
4 th Prize	Terry Moore	35pts				
5 th Prize	Declan Byrne	34pts				
6 th Prize	Brendan Bean	33pts B9				
7 th Prize	Niall Farrell	33pts				
Front 9	Sean Farrelly	19pts B6				
Back 9	William Farrelly	17pts				
Nearest the Pin	Aron Tobin, Johnny	Thompson				
2's Club	Mick Fahey, Terry M Robert Tobin	oore,				
Next Outing to Knockannally GC 14th April						

Maynooth Golf Society's first outing of the 2112 golfing season was played at Millicent Golf Club in Clane. 37 members competed for the Owen Byrne Shield in good spring weather conditions on Saturday 3rd March. The weather reflected in good scores being achieved by the prize winners. In first place with a score of 41 points was our Vice-Captain and Secretary Marty Maguire, second place was Aaron Tobin with a score of 38 points and third place was Norman Kavanagh with a score of 37 points. All other prize winners are listed on the results sheet.

The prizes were presented in Caulfield's Bar to a large attendance from the society. The secretary thanked the sponsor John Byrne for his sponsorship of the Owen Byrne Shield. He also thanked Caulfield's for their hospitality and the food which they provided for the society on the night of the prize giving. He also welcomed the new members to the society who played on the day and hoped they would enjoy the craic and the companionship that Maynooth Golf Society was famous for.

Our next outing is to Knockanally Golf Club on Saturday14th April, new members and visitors are welcome to attend.

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee.

Our annual church gate collection this year raised €2,045..00 . This was a wonderful response from the people of Maynooth and Ladychapel, considering the economic times in which we live. Many thanks for your continued support.

Our next event will be our Easter Bonnett competition which will take place at our Tea-Dance on Sun. April 15th at 3pm in the G.A.A. club Moyglare Road. As 2012 is designated "European Year of Active Ageing" I hope to see everyone on the day showing us just how active you all are. Dancing is not only an enjoyable pastime and social occasion but one of the best forms of exercise.

On Sun. May 20th we will celebrate our Bealtaine Festival. This is an opportunity for all to display their talents, such as Art, Needlework, Photography etc. So between making your Bonnets and Painting your landscapes your dexterity will be second to none.

In the meantime our club continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.30 to 12.30 in the Community Unit and all Senior Citizens are welcome. Our transport continues as usual to all events.

Josephine Moor

Maynooth Post Primary School 10k Challenge



Sunday 20th May, 10.30am Entry Form



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Completed applications to be returned to reception of Maynooth Post Primary School, Moyglare Road, Maynooth, in an envelope marked "Maynooth 10k Challenge", along with cheque or postal order made out to Maynooth 10k Challenge, cash also accepted.

I Entry fee €20 up until 1st May, late entry fee €25

Online entries can be made at www.runireland.com at the address:

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Maynooth Post Primary PTA would like to thank the Maynooth business community, An Garda Siochana, Maynooth GAA,, the people of Maynooth and our one hundred volunteers for their: sponsorship, assistance, support, cooperation and help with last years 10k challenge. Also St Patricks College and Carton House for the use of their grounds, All funds raised are used for the development of multi-purpose playing fields, a walking/running track and changing rooms in association with Maynooth GAA.

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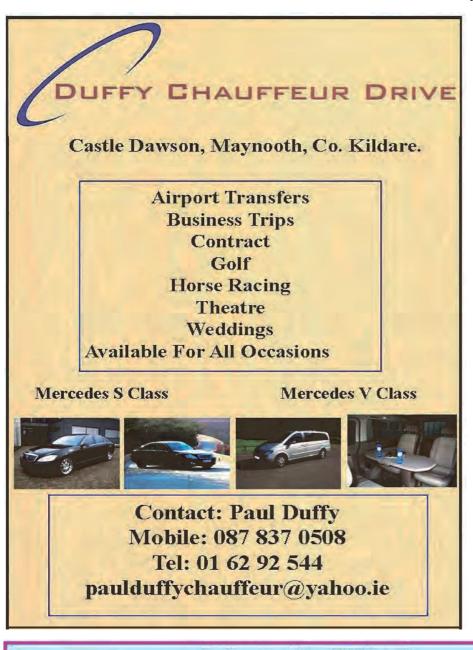


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Every section from our group took part from the beavers, cubs, scouts, venturers and rovers. Many of them completing many multiple climbs including beavers!!!

Please visit our website at www.maynoothscouts.org to see many photo's of the event.

One of our cub scouts climbed the wall 52 times - that's almost 1,200 feet

Two of our scouts actually climbed 120 times each - which is 2,730 feet or 9.5% of the total height of Everest.

Well done to one and all for making our St Partick's day very special and memorable.

Best Wishes

Peter Garrad





Maynooth Tidy Towns

We wish to thank Jim Doyle for the donation he gave Maynooth Tidy Towns from his Christmas trees sales.

We had a Bag Pack in Tesco Maynooth on 2nd and 3rd March. We would like to thank all who contributed and those who helped make the event a success, in particular members of U3A Maynooth and our own committee members. We would also like to thank Bernie Kane and staff in Tesco for their support.

Once again we were delighted to receive a trophy in the St.Patrick`s Day Parade and wish to thank Eddie Casey of Supervalu for the trays of flowers, which were used on our float and then planted around Maynooth.

The Callaghan, Family Sean Cushen and John Kavanagh for their hard work on preparing the float for the Parade.

We will be starting our various CLEAN UPS after Easter and if you can give an hour or two to your community we will have a town that we all can be proud of.

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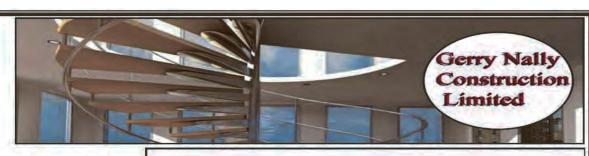
Maynooth Post Primary School

10K CHALLENGE for RUNNERS JOGGERS and WALKERS on Sunday 20th May @ 10.30 am

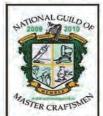
Maynooth Post Primary School PTA will hold its second 10K Challenge and Fun Run on Sunday 20th May 2012 to raise funds for the development of new playing pitches, a walking/running track and ancillary facilities for the school on Moyglare road, in conjunction with Maynooth GAA Club. The event entails an open entry 10K run around Maynooth starting in St Patricks College, continuing through the town and into Carton Estate and finish on historic Carton Avenue. The event is aimed at both serious runners and fun runners/walkers. Registration, parking and cloakroom facilities will be available at Maynooth Post Primary School and a prize-giving ceremony will be held there after the race.

The PTA are hoping to build on the success of the inaugural 10K run in 2011. That event was very successful from the perspective of the schools (fundraising and reputation benefits), the 500 participants, who were very pleased with the timing, organisation, event route and distance. Last years 10K raised €20,000 towards the €500,000 development cost of the pitches. This years 10K challenge is expected to attract over 800 participants and raise up to €30,000.

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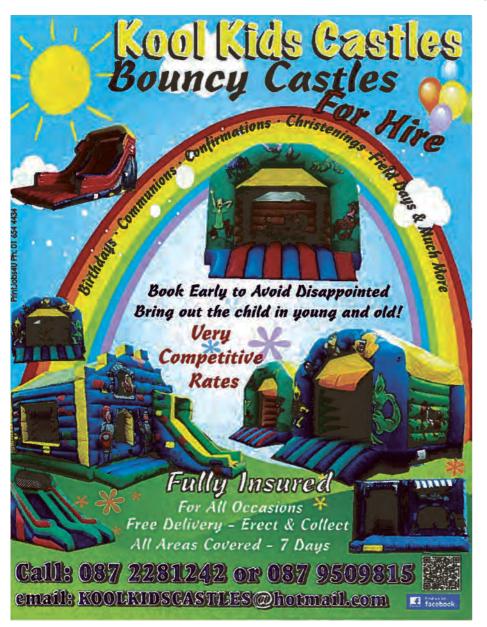














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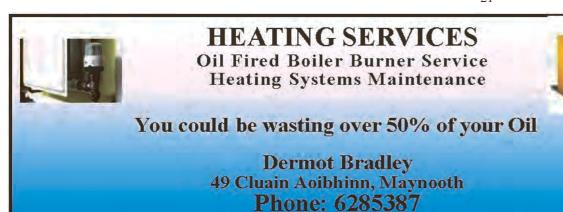






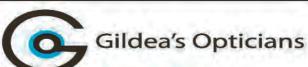
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Echtra Chonlai (The Adventure of Conla)

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ne day Conla Ruad (red) the son of Conn Cétchathach (of the hundred battles) was with his father on the top of Uisnech, when he saw a woman who was wearing unusual clothing.

Conla said to her: 'Where have you come from woman?'

'I have come from the Land of the Living (Tír na mBeo),' the woman said. 'A place where there is no death, no sin, no transgression. We enjoy everlasting feasting without any work. We enjoy peace without disturbance. We live in a fairy-mound and as a result we are called the people of the fairy-mound.'

'Who are you speaking to?' Conn asked his son, because no one else could see the woman except Conla alone.

The woman replied to him: 'He is speaking to a beautiful young woman of good family who will never see death or old age. I have loved Conla Ruad for a long time and I am calling him now to the Plain of Delights (Mag Mell), where Buadach Sírbeo is king, a king who never saw crying or sadness in his country since he took up the sovereignty. Come with me, speckled-necked, candle-red Conla Ruad,' she said. 'The yellow hair that you have on your head and your purple/pink face is a sign of your royal form. If you come with me, your shape will not desert its youth or its beauty forever.'

They heard all that the woman said although they could not see her. Conn spoke to Corann the druid. He told him:

'I ask you Corann of great song and art, An excessive demand has been placed upon me and it is beyond my advice,

Since I took the sovereignty I have not met such a struggle.

Now I am captured by a power greater than myself. My beautiful son is being taken from me by pagan

Devil shapes I do not see are fighting against me He is being tempted from my kingly side by the spells of women

Whom I cannot defeat.'

The druid sang his spells against the glory of the woman so that her voice was not heard and Conla could not see her any more. When the woman was put off by the spells of the druid, she threw an apple at Conla and for a month he did not want any food or drink except for that apple alone. He never finished the apple because the more he ate of it the more it was always whole and complete. But an illness struck Conla because of the woman he saw. A day to the month afterwards, he was with his father at Mag Archoimín – and he saw the same woman coming towards him. She said to him:

'Conla sits among the short-lived dead, Waiting for a terrible death. The ever-living ones invite you, Calling you to the people of Tethra Who watch you in the gatherings of your fathers Among your own loved ones.'

When Conla heard the woman's voice, he said to his people;

'Call the druid to me! I see that her tongue has been released again.'

The woman replied to him immediately. She said:

'Conn Cétchathach Do not love magic,

It will not be long now until the virtuous one will come To give judgments.

With his many wonderful people Standing by his side. Soon, without delay, you will submit to the law, He will wipe out the spells of druids, The bad teachings of the demon.

Conn was surprised that Conla did not speak to anyone until the woman arrived.

'Do the woman's words upset your mind Conla?' Conn asked.

'It is not easy for me,' said Conla, 'because of the love I have for my people. But I am captured by the love of the woman.'

The woman said:

'Your fight against nature is difficult, It drives you ahead, but you cannot defeat it, The land we will reach in my crystal boat Is the fairy-mound of Buadach.

There is another land, not the same as this, If you wish to go, I know the way. Though it is far away; we will be there before nightfall. In the land where the sun sets.

A country that makes people happy, Adding to the joy of their people every day, You will not see a race there But beautiful daughters and maidens.'

Connla jumped from them into the crystal boat. The people saw him leaving them. Bit by bit he disappeared from their sight, rowing from them across the sea. They were not seen since then. Conn said after that when he looked at Art:

'Art is alone today.' From that he is called Art Oenfher (alone).

(I want to emphasize that these translations are not intended to be literal or academic.)

This is one of the shortest of early Irish stories but not the shortest by any means. But it has excited a huge amount of comment and controversy. This is because it is recognized as being quite early and also the theme may be that of conversion to the early Church within a royal family. Scholars have argued long and hard about the origin of the plot. The characters themselves are semi-mythological and originally Conn (head) may have been a god although he is always referred to as a king in the stories and especially the king of Tara. His name gives us the word Connachta (the modern province of Connacht).

The reference at the end of the story is to Conn's remaining son, Art, who is now alone and commonly called Art Oenfher (Art alone) and who rules in Tara after Conn. Art's son Cormac follows him as king and they all have contact with the Otherworld as we will see in other stories. Cormac is probably the best known of all these characters. (Art is the Old Irish word for a bear and this animal did exist here in the distant past and bones have been found in caves like the Ailwee Caves.) These characters are not historic although they might have been imagined as such.

Some of the motifs that we find here also appear in other stories of the Otherworld; the woman is dressed in unusual clothes, she gives him food that lasts forever and they travel to a land at the setting sun in a crystal boat. There are different names for the Otherworld such as The Land of the Living and this will be seen in other stories as well. Some of them like Mag Archoimín are really obscure and are not found elsewhere.

The location of this story is Uisnech: one of the

important druid sites in the early period and we will see that a lot of the stories about the Otherworld are set in or beside royal sites like Tara. There has been a resurgence of interest in Uisnech recently and the owner of the site organizes a Festival of Fires there during the summer. For those who might want to visit, it is on the R390 road, west of Mullingar, Co Westmeath and it is in private ownership. This may have been the site of the god Lug's death as well. The text uses the word síd quite often throughout and this may be translated as both 'fairy-mound' and 'peace' and I have chosen to use 'fairy-mound'. Peace is one of the results of having a proper king in place in the country and the stories show that this peace came from the Otherworld. The people of this other realm are called áes side - those who live in the Otherworld but they could also be called 'people of peace'. There are striking similarities between this and the text that I will publish next: Echtra Brain (The voyage of Bran). Both stories say that they will reach the land before sunset although it is far away and that it is described as a country populated only by women. Both agree that the clothes worn by the women were strange and only Conla and Bran can see the women who visit them. They are so similar that some people think that they may have been written by the same author. The image of the woman giving Conla the apple may be seen as the converse of Eve and Adam and that she symbolizes the Church as against the druid and paganism. It has even been speculated that the tale was composed as reading practice for pupils in a monastery and that it was asking them to give up everything for the eternal life. We have the example of a king, Finnechta Fledach son of Dúnchad, who was king from 675 to 695 but he joined the church in 688 only to resume the kingship again in 689.

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Maynooth Labour News

Funding for Straffan to Moyglare Roads

Cllr. John McGinley asked why the council did not apply for funding for the €22m available from the Department of Transport under the Smarter Travel Scheme. The money was divided between Limerick, Dungarvan and Westport. He was given the following reply:

"Smarter Travel funding is made available by the Department of Transport for counties outside the Greater Dublin Area. As County Kildare is within the GDA as prescribed in the Regional Planning Guidelines, applications for traffic management projects are made through the National Transport Authority."

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Safety Measures for Moyglare Road:

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

"That appropriate measures be taken to reduce traffic speed and improve public safety along the Moyglare road as far as Moyglare Hall. (This is much needed with the new GAA pitches on the right hand side of the road and now that the Department of Education and Science has approved the construction of two new secondary schools with 1000 pupils each at the entrance to Moyglare Hall)."

John was given the following reply at the Area Meeting on 16 March:

"Applications for funding from the National Transport Agency (NTA) have made for funding in 2012. When confirmation of what schemes are being funded will be circulated to all local representatives when the information is to hand. There is no funding from Council sources for the implementation of improvements along Moyglare Road."

Cllr. McGinley pointed out that it was about time that the Council engaged in proper forward planning and that it would be too late to do the safety improvements to the Moyglare Road after the two schools were built. It was agreed that Roads Design people would be invited to the April meeting to discuss the issue including the provision of a bus turning point at the location for the new schools.

Removal of Litter From Main Street, Maynooth

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

"That Maynooth businesses be written to again as a follow up to the letter issued to them in July 2010 outlining their obligations under the Litter Pollution Act and that signs be erected on Main Street outlining to the public the fines for littering."

John was given the following reply:

"A follow up letter will be issued to Maynooth businesses. The issue of signage will be examined as part of a consultation process with the local tidy towns group."

Cllr. McGinley Demands Action on the Large Gully at Leinster Street

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

"What steps are the council taking to get the large gully at the perimeter of Leinster Street, Maynooth and the new car park covered in order to make it safe and to eliminate the dumping that is taking place there at present?"

John was given the following unhelpful reply:

"The issue of dumping will be investigated at this location."

Cllr. McGinley asked that the Roads Design section contact the owner immediately in order to have the gully covered over.

SIX NEW SCHOOLS AND FOUR MAJOR EXTENSIONS FOR KILDARE NORTH IN 5 YEAR SCHOOL BUILDING PLAN

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement today by the Minister for Education of the 5 year School Building Programme which includes 6 New Schools in North Kildare and 4 major Extensions to existing schools.

NEW SCHOOLS CONSTRUCTION

TO PROCEED TO

New St. David's N.S., Naas	2013
Replacement Maynooth Post Primary	2014/2015
New Maynooth Secondary School	2014/2015
New Naas Secondary School	2014/2015
New Scoil Phadraig, Celbridge	2015/2016
New Celbridge Secondary School	2015/2016

EXTENSIONS CONSTRUCTION

TO PROCEED TO

St. Joseph's BNS, Kilcock	2014/2015
St. Patrick's BNS, Clane	2014/2015
Scoil Bhride, Clane	2014/2015
Nth Kildare Educate Together, Celbridge	2014/2015

The announcement stated Deputy Stagg confirms the Commitment in the Programme for Government of prioritising investment in school buildings. It will also be a boost to the Construction Industry and will facilitate schools plans to meet local demand for places. Schools will now have certainty in relation to when their project is going to proceed.

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John is also on Facebook

Gaeloideachais i Maigh Nuad.

An Tús

Tagann ainm an bhaile ó na finnscéalta. Ba ceannaire cheilteach aitiúil é Nuada a chaill a ghéag i gcath. Dé réir na dlíthe Cheiltigh b'éigean don ceannaire a bheith iomlán, le gach ball bheatha a bheith aige nó aici. Rinne an ghabhadh lámh airgead do Nuada.

Ar ndóigh is trí mhéan na Gaeilge a rinne mhuintir Mhaigh Nuad cumarsáid lena chéile suas go dtí meadú na Páile. Nuair a thógadh an chaisleán bhí idir Gaeilge, Béarla agus Francís le chlois ann. Bhunaigh Tomás a tSíoda Coláiste Naomh Mhuire sa cúigiú haois dhéag. Ba é seo an chéad Ollscoil Caitliceach in Éirinn ó aimsir Cluain Mhic Nóis ag tegasc trí mhéan na Gaeilge. Samhlaigh an fear óg ag seasamh sa Dún ag éisteacht le clog Tigh Tua, ag cíoradh an scéal nó ráfla go raibh a athair is a uncail daoraithe chu

Irish medium Education in Maynooth. The Beginning.

Gaeilge was the common language of the people in Maynooth until the expansion of the Pale and subsequent influence of the English language. The logainm or placename comes from the local Celtic chieftain Nuada (a grandson of Fionn Mac Chumhaill). Nuada lost ar arm in battle an could not remain as Ceannaire or leader. The Celtic laws stipulated that the leader must have all their body parts intact for him or her to remain as Ceannaire. Nuada had his smith forge for him an arm of silver an thus retained the Ceannaireacht and became known as Nuada silverhand, Nuada lámhairgead.

When Maurice Fitzgerald built Maynooth castle Gaelic, English and French were to become the working languages of the Castle. The Norman Fitzgeralds became níos ghaelaí ná na Ghael iad féin. They became more Irish than the Irish themselves.

Silken Thomas Fitzgerald established St. Mary's College in Maynooth in the fifteenth century. This was an Irish medium Catholic University, continuing the tradition established by Clonmacnoise and Clonard. Imagine the young man standing in the Castle, listening to the bell of nearby Tagadoe, after hearing the story or rumour that his father and uncle had been executed for treason, and how should he react?

Had St. Mary's College survived the political and religious upheavals in Ireland and England, Maynooth would have the honour of not only being Ireland's only University town but also Ireland's oldest University town.

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> Please contact Maynooth Community Library to book your place, email: maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie, phone: 01 6285530.

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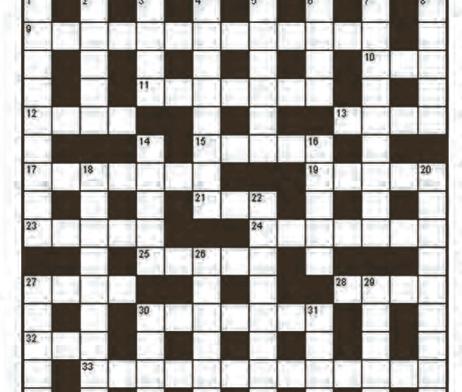
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April 2012 Crossword - No: 401

Clues Across

- 9. Cut off from communion (13)
- 10. Blend (3)
- 11. Not solid or liquid (7)
- 12. Traded (4)
- 13. Worthless person (4)
- 15. Ventilated (5)
- 17. Crossbred dog (7)
- 19. Set apart (5)
- 21. Label (3)
- 23. Motion picture (5)
- 24. Ardent (7)
- 25. Decaffeinated (5)
- 27. Small harp-like musical instrument (4)
- 28. Musical instrument (4)
- 30. Gossip (4-3)
- 32. Devoted follower (3)
- 33. Ulcer located in the duodenum (8,5)



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Clues Down

- 1. Capital of Israel (9)
- 2. Frown (5)
- 3. Smoke combined with fog (4)
- 4. Outwit (8)
- 5. Vitality (6)
- 6. Mouth bones (4)
- 7. Punctuation mark (9)
- 8. Principle of conduct (5)
- 14. Cut into small pieces (5)
- 16. Indoor game (5)
- 18. Ministers (9)
- 20. Consequently (9)
- 22. Wrap with decorative paper (4,4)
- 26. Black Sea peninsular (6)
- 27. Left-handed (5)
- 29. Cluster (5)
- 30. Harvest (4)
- 31. Dejected (4)

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MURPHY HIGHLIGHTS INACCESSIBLE RENT SUPPLEMENT LIMITS IN NORTH KILDARE WITH MINISTER BURTON

Deputy Catherine Murphy has raised the issue of rent assistance limits with Minister for Social Protection, Joan Burton. In a debate on the matter requested by the Deputy, it was highlighted how the extremely low rent limits applied to the Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth area are having a huge detrimental effect on families in the area.

"At present, the limit for a family of two adults and two children living in Celbridge, Maynooth and Leixlip is €725 per month, yet just down the road in Lucan for the same sized family, the limit is €925 per month. This seems extraordinary, considering that the demographic profile of both areas is broadly similar, and rent prices available at market rates are virtually the same.

"We now have a situation where families are being forced to move to other towns just so they can qualify for assistance. I'm seeing people in difficulty almost every week."

Responding to Deputy Murphy, Minister Joan Burton stated that the rent allowance cut-off limits had only been in place for two months, and that current trends "would suggest that the market is adjusting and the level of availability at the new limits is increasing". Deputy Murphy responded by stating that her own search of available properties in north-east Kildare returned no matches at the rent-limits set.

Minister Burton pledged that her Department would monitor the problem.

CATHERINE MURPHY WELCOMES END OF PROTRACTED MAHON TRIBUNAL; SAYS FINDINGS PAINT A PICTURE OF A "CULTURE OF DYSFUNCTIONAL GOVERNANCE WHICH IS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CURRENT CRISIS WE FIND OURSELVES IN"

Speaking after the release of the final report by Judge Alan Mahon into the near-15 year long inquiry on planning corruption and payments to politicians, Catherine Murphy TD (Independent – Kildare North) said that the findings represented "one of the most deplorable indictments of political culture in Ireland to have emerged in the past thirty years", and "demonstrates that serious reform of our planning regime must continue."

"The exposure by this report of a rampant cavalier attitude amongst some of our highest office-holders to the responsibilities entrusted to them by people is hard for anyone to stomach. I am angry that this type of culture seemed to thrive in public life for so long unhindered; the fact that the tribunal has taken 15 years and may end up costing the taxpayer €300 million is truly scandalous. Apart from the initial, justifiable anger at those whose behaviour necessitated this investigation, we must also ensure that what we've learned from this expensive process is not wasted.

"The approach to governance and planning uncovered by this report, particularly at local level, bears a very large portion of the blame for the economic situation we now find ourselves in. As the report itself states quite clearly – while gaps in transparency and accountability at local level have been reduced, they have not been eliminated. The present Government must heed the recommendations of the Mahon Report and not shy away from pursuing real reform of our planning regulations."

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EARTH DAY 22nd APRIL



John McConnell (FOUNDER OF EARTH DAY)

John McConnell (born March 22,1915)

the founder and creator of Earth Day, has demonstrated a major passion for peace, religion, and science throughout his life. He has made efforts to relieve human suffering and promote the common good. His interests include attempting to answer many of the critical problems that face humanity today.

Early Years

John McConnell was born on March 22, 1915 in Davis City, Iowa. His first interest in the Earth began in 1939 while working in a plastic factory. Realizing how much the manufacture of plastic polluted the Earth, his concern for ecology grew, notably during this time when concern for the environment was rare. Since, he has been a lifetime believer in peace and love. Leading into World War II, he believed that love and prayer could be more powerful than bombs." On October 31, 1957, right after the first Sputnik, John McConnell wrote an editorial entitled, "Make Our Satellite A Symbol Of Hope", calling for peaceful cooperation in the exploration of Space with a visible "Star of Hope" Satellite." Because of this event he was recognized all around the United States. This even led him to create a Star of Hope organization to foster International Cooperation in Space.

Major actions and campaigns

In 1959 to pursue his dream of peace, John McConnell moved to California where he and his copublisher, Erling Toness, founded the "Mountain View." Along with the "Mountain View", he organized a very successful campaign in San Francisco titled "Meals for Millions." This campaign in 1962 was held to feed thousands of Hong Kong refugees. In 1963, after the "Meals for Millions" campaign, McConnell worked on another campaign called "Minute for Peace". He worked on "Minute for Peace" for seven years after "Meals for Millions". He began his "Minute for Peace" campaign with a broadcast on December 22, 1963, ending the mourning period for President John F. Kennedy. On June 26, 1963 McConnell spoke at the National Education Association Convention in Madison Square Garden where the public came together for a "Minute for Peace".

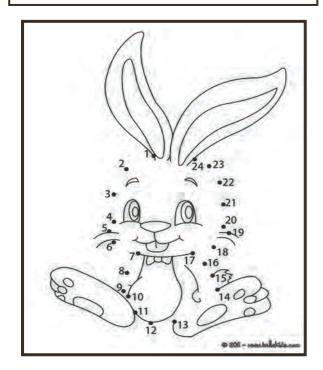
Birth of Earth Day

John McConnell's concern for the environment grew in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He became moved when he saw the first picture of the Earth printed in *Life* magazine. Later that picture became the symbol on the Earth Day flag in which he designed and created. The Earth Day Flag was featured in "Whole Earth Catalogue" and was used, here and there around the world, to show support of efforts to help people and planet. The Earth Day Flag is a symbol of Earth Day and is still part of the Earth Day Ceremony each year at the United Nations.

Proposal of Earth Day Holiday

In 1969 at the National UNESCO Conference in San Francisco, John McConnell felt it necessary to propose a holiday in which we celebrate the Earth's life and beauty. Along with a the celebration of the Earth, he also intended Earth Day to alert earthlings about the need for preserving and renewing the threatened ecological balances upon which all life on Earth depends. The proposal won strong support and was followed by an Earth Day Proclamation by the City of San Francisco. Later McConnell created the Earth Day Proclamation for worldwide use and awareness. The Earth Day Proclamation stated how humanity living on Earth are responsible for caring and keeping the Earth clean. It was signed by U. N. Secretary General U Thant, Margaret Mead, John Gardner and other concerned world leaders

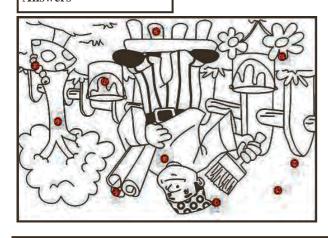
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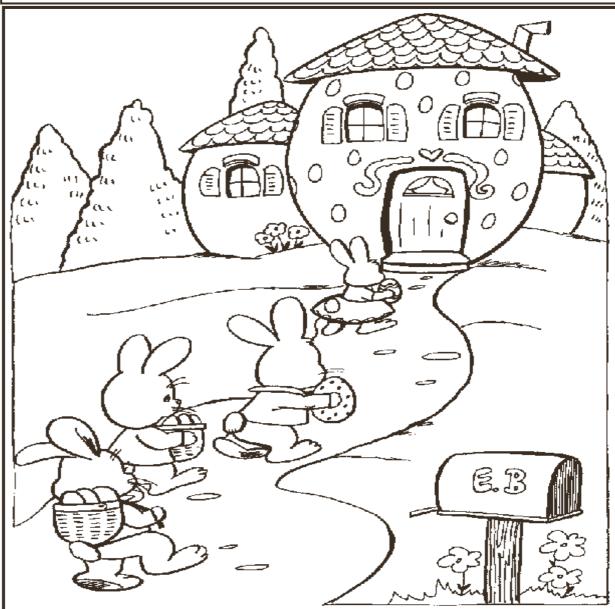
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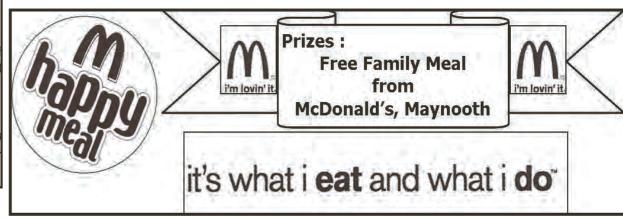






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In the late morning I was called out to a farmer who had a ewe in difficulty lambing. Although this farmer is very experienced he told me that all he could feel was a "load of heads and feet coming together". The ewe was very rotund and on examining her I appreciated the farmer's difficulty. However having spent a little time sorting out which lamb, was which, I started to deliver them. Four lambs later and to the relief of the ewe I announced that all the lambs were born! The ewe was a very good mother and immediately took to her newborn family.



There then followed several routine calls while my colleagues dealt with the small animal cases back at the surgery. At this stage of the day we appeared to have everything under control but the nature of the job is that you can never truly say this: an Alpaca had suddenly developed a severe enteritis and required attention. On examination she was very quiet and depressed but after treatment was back to full health in a couple of days.



I then received a phone call from one of our nurses – a dog had been presented during the afternoon clinic with signs of acute abdominal pain and an inability to urinate. This was a serious case requiring urgent treatment. I returned to the surgery and discussed the case with one of my colleagues. He completed the small animal consultations and then we scanned the poor dog's bladder and there they were - tiny crystals blocking his bladder. Although it was getting late we knew that this dog's condition was too serious and could not be left until morning. We operated on the dog that evening and after a long surgery we were satisfied that the operation was a success. There was great satisfaction for all of our team the following morning when he was barking and able to "cock his leg" when our nurse brought him outside for a walk in the dog yard.

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Easter Recipes

French Onion Soup

Ingredients

Serves 4

2 oz Butter

- 2 medium onions, slices
- 2 tsp plain flour
- 4 cups vegetable stock
- 4 tbsp dry white wine
- 4 slices white bread
- 1 1/4 cups grated gruyere cheese
- Salt & ground black pepper

Method

Melt the butter in a large, heavy-based saucepan. Add the sliced onions and cook over a moderately low heat, stirring occasionally, for about 12 minutes, or until lightly browned. Stir in the flour and continue to cook, stirring constantly, until the flour turns a sandy colour.

Pour in the stock and wine, then bring to the boil stirring constantly. Season to taste with salt and pepper, cover and simmer for 15 minutes.

Spread out the slices of bread in a grill pan and toast them lightly. Divide the grated cheese among them. Return to the grill and heat until the cheese is bubbling. Place the cheese toasts in four warmed heatproof bowls.

Scoop out the onions and divide equally among the heated bowls. Pour over the soup and serve immediately.

Honey—Lemon Rack of Lamb

Ingredients Serves 4

- 2 Racks of lamb, 7—8 ribs on each.
- 2 large cloves garlic, peeled and cut in thin slivers.
- 1/2 cup honey.
- 1/3 cup brown sugar.
- 6 tablespoons lemon juice.
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder.
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest.
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped mint or 1 teaspoon dried mint.

Method

Cut small slits all over the lamb and insert garlic slivers. Place the racks, bone side down, in a shallow roasting pan. Roast for 30 minutes.

Combine honey, brown sugar, lemon juice, and garlic powder in a small saucepan. Keep stirring over medium-low heat until sugar is dissolved, remove from heat. Stir in Lemon peel, and mint.

Spoon the honey mixture over the lamb. Continue roasting, basting occasionally, for about 30 to 45 minutes.

Chocolate Easter Eggs

Ingredients

1 cup soft butter

2 tsp salt

4 tsp vanilla

1 can condensed milk

10 cups icing sugar

1 tsp. yellow food colouring

1 lb. chocolate

Method

Beat butter, salt and vanilla until fluffy. Add in sugar. Blend until stiff. Dust with brown Knead until smooth.

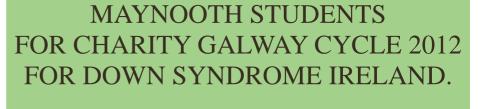


milk, beat sugar.

Set aside more then 2/3 of mixture. To the remaining mixture add yellow food colouring. Blend in well. Divide yellow and white into 16 or 24 pieces. Shape yellow into ball, mould white around yellow to form an egg shape. Dry at room temperature on paper towels for 24 hours.

Melt chocolate in double boiler or in microwave until smooth. Dip eggs in chocolate. Once dipped cool at room temperature. Refrigerate after cool.

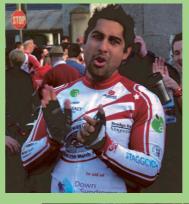
When sliced these eggs will have a white cream filling with a yellow filling that appears to be the yolk. They look nice sitting in an Easter basket.



A great reception awaited the arrival of our brave students who with great stamina and endurance arrived in brilliant sunshine at the square in Maynooth on Sunday 25th March. A buzzing crowd were entertained with music from St Marys Brass Band, Rossa from Naas and of course face painting and clowns all basking in the sunshine. What an effort by everyone involved, the cyclists, the collectors, and the medical team who looked after them so well. The best news of all is that € 122,000 was raised overall with Brady's pub collecting € 2,826 in buckets at the door by students. Well done to everyone involved.













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Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group Exhibition a resounding success

The Castle Keep Art Group Maynooth celebrated its 14th year in existence with its annual art exhibition in the Post Primary School on Friday 13th April at 8pm.

The exhibition "rocked" as one viewer put it. Sixty-nine paintings were on display which represented the work of 14 local artists from Maynooth, Celbridge and Kilcock areas. The exhibition contained local scenes such as Ladychapel, St. Patrick's College Campus and Carton. Still life, landscapes, seascapes, abstract and figurative works were represented. Oils, acrylics, watercolours, pencil and prints and other media made for a wide variety of styles in the exhibition. The prices ranged from €50 to €480 which suited all purses.

Deaglán Ó Ceallaigh, chairman, opened the proceedings on the night and thanked all our supporters including the Maynooth Post Primary School and Mr. Tom Ashe, patron of the Group. He introduced Paul Croghan to open the exhibition. Paul gave due credit to the group for its survival over the years. He also highlighted our participation in the recent twinning event between Maynooth and Canet-en-Rousillion as one of our members was commissioned to do a painting for the visiting Lord Mayor of Canet. It was a beautiful and impressive painting of a Maynooth Street scene by Emma Boyce. Our thanks and appreciation to Paul for opening the exhibition.

It was with great delight that three new members who exhibited with us this year sold their first pieces of art. Congratulations to Lorna O'Connell, Martin Nugent and Paul Byrne. Indeed the sales were excellent considering the recessionary times we

Points drop fears in 2012 competition as Tidy Towns reduced to just six regular volunteers

Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee is preparing the application for the National Tidy Towns Competition 2012 which must be submitted by May 25th but there is a major concern that they may have to abandon some of their projects for this year's competition. Paul Croghan, Vice-chairperson of the committee explained that a town has to deliver on the projects that are outlined in our application otherwise points awarded by the judges are reduced.

Our problem this year is because of personal circumstances some of our key volunteers are unavailable for the three month campaign and despite appeals no new volunteers have come forward. With just a small pool of people it makes it very difficult to manage the workload and even a few more people for a couple of hours each week would make a big difference to us. We are grateful for the once off voluntary support that we receive but to mount a credible campaign for Maynooth we need volunteers to commit for the summer.

We have clean-ups and enhancement projects and we work on Wednesday evenings, Saturday and Sunday mornings. We had considered withdrawing from the competition but our members are motivated to do the work anyway because of their civic spirit. We are concerned about the condition of our town because the town we present to visitors in particular can have a lasting impact on the businesses in town and lost tourism potential. Maynooth has the potential to win the National Tidy Towns Competition but with few volunteers and a reduced service from Kildare County Council such an outcome is unlikely.

Maynooth Tidy Towns can be contacted on 087 3153189

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Emma Boyce

are in. There was much discussion about the art works and it was great to hear comments and observations as one went about the room. Above all it was a wonderful social gathering for people in the community who have shown us great commitment and support over the years. Congratulations and thanks to all involved.

The exhibition which continued on Saturday and Sunday proved to be a haven of visual enjoyment for individuals and families to while away an hour as they were out and about in Maynooth over the weekend. Sunday was especially busy.

We will be taking part in an open air art exhibition at Maynooth Castle on June 14th, weather permitting. We will also be taking part in the Maynooth Harvest Festival in the autumn.

We would encourage anyone who would like to join our group. We meet on Wednesday nights in the Post Primary School 7.30-9pm. Our year goes from September to May. There is a fee of €30 per term which covers our insurance and exhibition costs. Beginners welcome. We do not have formal tuition at present but we happily share our knowledge, expertise and ideas in an informal and fun way.

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Letters to the Editor

A Eagarthóir, a chara

Tá feachtas láidir ar siúl anseo i Maigh Nuad leis na blianta chun Gaelcholáiste a bhunadh. Le 1.600 dálta ag freastal ar Gaelscoileanna sa cheantar tá éileamh thar na bearta ar Gaelcholáiste. D'fhógair an tAire Oideachais anuraidh go raibh méanscoil úrnua le oscailt i Maigh nUAD I 2014. Dúirt sé gurbh é mian na dtuistí áitiúla an slatthomhais a bheas aige maidir le léirshamhail na scoile. Faoi láthair tá 572 dalta cláirithe do Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad, ach fós tá an Roinn Oideachais & Scileanna ag brú scoil Béarla ar phobal Mhaigh Nuad. Táimid ag áiteamh ar an tAire Oideachais treoir a thabhairt dá Roinn aird a thabhairt ar cearta thuismitheoirí agus Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad a fhógairt gan mhoill.

The latest news on the Maynooth Gaelcholáiste is that the Department of Education and Skills are still saying that the second secondary school for Maynooth in 2014 will be a second medium English school. Minister Ruairí Quinn in announcing the new school last year stated that parental choice and diversity would be at the heart of the decisiion on the model type for the school. There are currently 574 students resistered for Gaelcholaiste Mhaigh Nuad in 2014. The Coiste Bunaithe are appealing directly to the Minister to direct his Department to accept the wishes of the Parents and to announce the opening of Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad in 2014. Please find below a copy of the letter sent by the committe eto the Minister.

A Ruairí, a chara, Beatha agus Sláinte chugat!

In aineoinn cearta ár thuismitheoirí, atá tar éis 572 dá bpaistí a chlarú i Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad, tá andíomá orainn go bhfuil an Roinn Oideachais & Scileanna fós a rá gur scoil Béarla seachas Gaelcholáiste a bheidh sa scoil nua atá le bhunadh i Maigh Nuad i 2014.

Is é an chúis a thugann an Roinn don chlaonadh seo ná nach bhfuil Maigh Nuad aitheanta mar cheantar do Gaelcholáiste. Ní ritheann an chúis sin le chiall ná le reasún nuair atá sé chruthaithe ag na dtuistí gur Gaelcholáiste atá ag teastáil uatha dá bpaistí.

Faraor ghéar, tá follús daonlathas agus easpa thuisceana taobh thiar den claonadh frith Ghaelach seo. Dúirt tú in agallamh ar 'morning Ireland' clár raidio RTÉ ar an 11ú Aibreáin 2012 ' It is through dialogue that progress is made in education rather than by dictate '.

Iarrimid ort, más ea, mar Aire Oideachais, treoir a thabhairt don Roinn an 'dictate' seo a tarraint síor agus eirí as an polasaí eagóireach mí –dhaonlathach seo agus aitheantas a thabhairt do Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad.

Téann feachtas Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad siar go dtí na seachtoidí sa ré chomhaimsirthe, toisc go bhfuil an teanga agus an chultúr Ghaelach seanfhréamhaithe sa cheantar seo.

Tá meadú an t-am ar fad ar na huimhreacha agus suim ag meadú lá in aghaidh lae i measc an phobal san eagóir mí dhaonlathach seo. Leanfar leis an bhfeachtas I Maigh Nuad, Léim an Bhradáin, Chill Choca agus Dún Bóinne. Leanaimid ag obair i chomhphairtíocht le na heagraíochtaí Ghaelach go náisiúnta chun cothrom na féinne a bhaint amach dár phaistí.

Tá na tuistmitheoiri thumanta don chuspóir agus táid dionbháilte Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad a bhunadh ar léas a phaistí.

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Work commenced on converting the newsletters to PDF format. We also created a web page which is still a work in progress.

The newsletters can be viewed and searched in a pdf environment but please be aware the single files associated with the year are larger and will take a little longer to load. However the advantages are being able to search the entire year. A PDF reader is required to view. This can be downloaded free from adobe at the following site. http://get.adobe.com/reader/ We hope you enjoy using this archive and that it brings back some memories.

A link can be found from the Maynooth Community Council web site. http://www.maynooth.com/ and also from the Maynooth Information Portal web site. http://www.maynooth.info/.

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PARVO VIRUS IN DOGS

In Maynooth Veterinary Clinic, Newtown Grove, we have recently encountered an unusually high number of cases of Canine Parvovirus. This has prompted us to discuss this very serious and often fatal disease in this month's article. Canine parvovirus is a very infectious condition of dogs and is associated with a high mortality rate. The virus is very stable and can persist in the environment for up to three months. CPV is resistant to heat, detergents and most household disinfectants.

The disease is easily prevented by proper vaccination – pups should receive two vaccinations between 6-10 weeks and an annual booster vaccination. Please note that when you are buying a pup it is quite common to be told that the pup is fully vaccinated at 6 weeks of age; this cannot be the case. We always advise that you should not buy a pup unless you are given a veterinary vaccination certificate. What signs will you see and how does it occur?



Usually there is severe vomiting and diarrhoea (this may or may not contain blood). These are the most common signs but there may also be loss of appetite, dullness and a high temperature. CPV can occur at any age but is most frequent in dogs less than one year old.

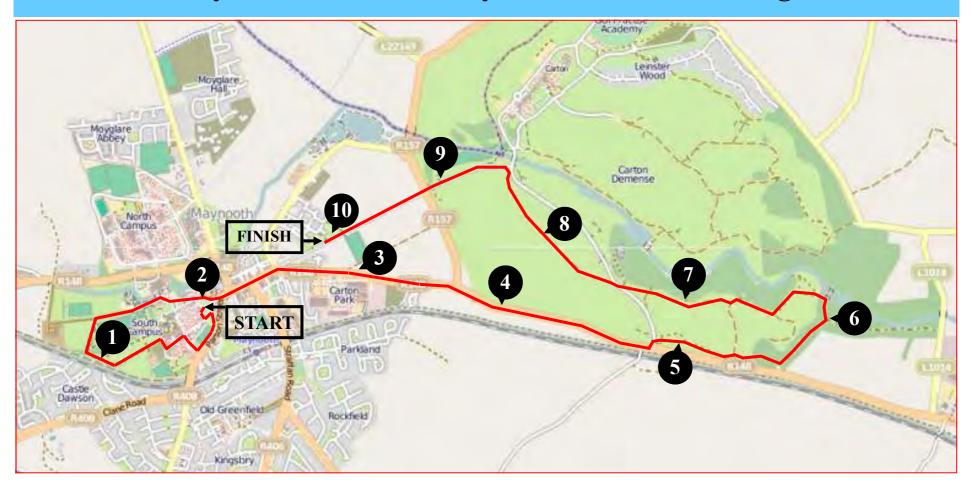
The virus exists in the faeces of infected dogs and so can get on to coat hair, paws etc. When ingested the virus causes inflammation of the intestinal wall resulting in the lining of the intestine coming away. This causes bleeding and extreme dehydration. The damaged intestinal wall also allows the bacteria that normally inhabit the intestine to cross the intestinal barrier and enter the bloodstream resulting in a septicaemia. This causes a very serious condition which is often fatal. Diagnosis and Treatment:

The diagnosis is based on clinical signs in conjunction with laboratory tests. Fortunately at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic we have the necessary laboratory blood testing equipment and we also use the very latest in CPV faeces testing kits. These allow us to arrive at a very rapid and accurate diagnosis while always considering the other causes of similar clinical signs.

Treatment is based on a rapid diagnosis in tandem with early presentation of an affected dog. The first priority is to correct the fluid and electrolyte loss. This is done by means of continuous intravenous drips. The parvovirus is not directly responsible for death – this is caused by rapid fluid/ blood loss and septicaemia. The fluid loss is corrected by the drips. Antibiotics are used to fight the septicaemia in conjunction with anti-inflammatory drugs and antispasmodics to reduce fluid loss from diarrhoea. Survival depends on early presentation and aggressive therapy which can continue for several days. However rapid death in young puppies often does occur. It is thought that the endocardium i.e. the lining of the heart can sometimes be affected.

This is by far the best means of addressing CPV. As stated vaccination is the method of choice to prevent your dog from CPV infection – pups must receive two Parvo injections as part of their overall puppy vaccination programme. We recommend that these shots are given between six and ten weeks of age. We consider it prudent that when this course is complete that the puppy remains at home for a further week to allow the vaccinations to "take" before he is brought out in public. Adult dogs should receive a Parvo shot as part of their annual vaccination programme. Please contact us on 01-6289467, maynoothvet@gmail.com, to arrange the proper vaccination schedule for your dog.

Maynooth Post Primary School 10k Challenge



Maynooth Post Primary School 10k Challenge

To facilitate the event a one way traffic system (East to West) will be in place on Sunday morning 20th May effecting; Main Street, Back Lane, Coates Lane, Pound Lane, Mill Street, Parsons Street, Dunboyne Road, Dublin rd, (10.15am to 11.15am) and for the duration of the event, from McDonalds roundabout to Pikes Bridge (10.15am to 12.15pm). Please follow diversion signs and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES.

From Straffan Road area:

- **To access** Tesco, Dublin Road, Carton House, Leixlip, Dunboyne, *please use* Celbridge road.
- **To access** Saint Patricks College, Saint Mary's Church (C of I), *please use* Meadowbrook Link Road, Meadowbank Road, Bond Bridge.
- To access Manor Mills, Saint Mary's Church (Catholic), Kilcock, Dunboyne, NUIM, Maynooth Post Primary School, please use Meadowbank Link Road, Meadowbank Road, Bond Bridge, Newtown Road, Crinstown Cross, Jackson's Bridge, Kilcock Road.

From all other areas:

- **To access** Straffan Road/M4 from Moyglare Road, Mill Street, Back Lane area *please use* Kilcock Road, Jackson's Bridge, Crinstown Cross, Newtown Road, Bond Bridge, Meadowbrook Road, Meadowbrook Link Road.
- **To access** Straffan Road/M4 from the Dunboyne road area, via Kilcock Road etc, *please use* Back Lane, Mill Street.
- **To access** Straffan Road/M4 from the Dublin Road area *please use* Doctor's Lane.
- To access Straffan Road/M4 from the Newtown Road, Meadowbrook Road area *please use* Meadowbrook Link Road.

Please note: The M4 Motor way is not affected by the diversions.

Your co-operation with An Garda Siochana and the stewards would be appreciated.

The professionally measured course which starts in St. Patrick's College grounds and runs through Carton Estate is one of the most historic and scenic routes in Ireland. The Maynooth Post Primary 10k Challenge will commence at 10.30 sharp from the front of The Long Hall in the shadow of the Yew tree that Silken Thomas sat under playing his lute in by gone days. The competitors will proceed straight ahead through a gateway into Riverstown car park. They will then proceed left around the pitch before turning right at Logic House: they will pass under the archway and will take a left at the Power House. Pass the museum on the right and the junior gardens/orchard on their left. Turn right at Loftus Hall and then left towards the graveyard and onto the 1k marker. Continue on this path around the playing fields and follow the directional signs towards the church spire. Follow the path past the Columbus Centre and veer left at the Aula Maxima. Pass by the computer centre and St. Joseph's Oratory and the 2k marker. Exit St. Patrick's College through the main gates.

The athletes will progress up the main street, passing The Roost on their right ,O'Neill's on their left with Brady's Clockhouse on the right. Follow the course up past McDonald's roundabout on the Dublin road. Athletes will pass the 3k marker here, and will progress towards Leixlip. Participants will pass the Dunboyne road junction on their left the location of the first water station and will continue parallel to the Royal Canal, onto the 4k marker. Continuing this course competitors will arrive at Pike's bridge. Veer left after the bridge into Carton Estate and take a sharp right off the driveway, through a gateway and onto a grass trail. Almost immediately athletes will pass the 5k-halfway-mark. Continue along the boundary wall and follow the directional arrows through the forest where the 6k marker is positioned. Follow this pathway to the left and up a grassy hill to join a pathway at the top following around the edge of the golf course. The athletes are now heading back towards the main driveway of Carton House passing the 7k marker and on to the next water station at the junction with the main driveway and turn right. Pass the 8k mark on the approach to Coach Bridge (built in 1739 for James Fitzgerald, the Duke of Leinster) with Carton House and Rye river in view: veer to the left to follow the pathway heading towards the gate at the Dunboyne road. The 9k marker is positioned just before the exit. Cross the Dunboyne road onto Carton Avenue for the home stretch of the challenge. The finishing line 10k is at the town end of the avenue.

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Editorial

As this edition goes to print we will be coming to another of our four pre-Christian festivals, Beltene in Old Irish, Bealtaine (Mayday) in Modern Irish. There is not as much information on this feast as there is about others such as Samhain (Hallowe'en). The meaning of the word is not quite clear but it may mean 'the fire of Bel' and there was a god in ancient Gaul called Belenus. The word tene/taine may come from tene (fire). It was a very important date for the farming community, the cattle went out again and people were advised against certain activities such as whitewashing their houses. They brought the May bush into the house and it seems that fires were lit as they were for other festivals. It was thought that the dew of a Mayday could cure certain illnesses and all sorts of magic could happen. It was also a time of sexual permissiveness where the normal rules no longer applied and it may have been the time that marriages were contracted in medieval Ireland. The festival became associated with other European flower festivals and in England the maypole appeared. In the Christian period, the month is dedicated to Mary mother of Jesus when parades are held. Mary's statue is crowned and flowers are placed at her feet. In certain parades the figure of the female was taken by a cross-dressing man!

The past month has seen an increase in protests against the various charges and taxes being brought in by the Government. The handling of the household tax and the announcement of the water rates and the installation of water meters was ham fisted to say the least and has caused a lot of trouble for the coalition parties. Some of video footage of the lockdown at the Labour Party Conference in Galway was quite upsetting and shows a new level of anger at the state of the country.

The new opinion polls also show a huge decrease in the support for the Government parties and a move to Sinn Féin. This may be partly as a result of the various reports on corruption and the Mahon and Moriarty tribunals have both shone lights in dark corners of our behaviour and even of our psyche. Unfortunately, this has affected the reputation of all our politicians and much of the public seems to have lost faith in the entire political system. By the end of May, the next referendum will have taken place as well. There are indications that people do not understand the issues involved and that there is a danger that it will not be passed. But Ireland's destiny does not lie in domestic hands any more and it has as much to do with the election of a French president as with the decisions made by our own Government. How things can change.

The AGM of the Community Council took place on the 16th April and there are some new and younger faces on the Executive. This is a hopeful sign for the future of the Council that has a big birthday coming up in 2015. The Community Employment project has been central to the continuation of the Council itself as it carries out all the background work for the members of the Executive and for the sub-committees and affiliates.

Congratulations are in order for the latest achievement of the office staff and the FÁS project. Over the past year, they have been developing a website for the Community Council and it can be found here: http://

www.maynoothcc.com. Not only that, but they have been involved in archiving the old copies of this publication, the Newsletter, through the decades. The archive begins with 1975 and they have found copies all the way up until the present day. This is an extraordinary achievement, the history of Maynooth in the magazine that charted the events of the past nearly forty years. The website can also be found at http://www.maynooth.info/. The archive is here: http://www.maynoothcc.com/Archives/javadropdown/ Archivepage2.html. And while we discuss the web, the Newsletter is also on Facebook so befriend and like us there. Share the information with your friends, colleagues, family abroad. It a good way to keep in touch with what is happening at home at a time when so many are emigrating again. Let us hope that both the project and the Council have a bright and successful future. There will be new plans and arrangements to be made in the near future.

The Council is always looking for new representatives from the various areas around the town and from the clubs and societies. To volunteer can be a very rewarding activity and it gives one an input into

Maynooth Community Council AGM

Chairpersons' Report:

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2012 AGM. I take pleasure in expressing my thanks to the others on the executive as without them nothing would be done. Muireann for her ongoing dedication to the MCC and her consistent and expert work as secretary. I do not know what we would do without her. Deirdre for her work as P.R.O. and also for the other tasks she undertook especially her development plan. Paul for his expertise in working on the office and community space, his knowledge and dedication in getting jobs done cannot be overemphasised. Andrew, for his continued work in trying to keep the festival going and as treasurer. I must implore people in all parts of the town and businesses to give input into this. Colm for his continued help and back up in lots of tasks undertaken over the last year, without these people I would be lost and so would the whole community. It is with people like these that have dedicated a lot of their time and effort to ensure the entire scheme is able to provide a service to the whole of Maynooth. I must pay special thanks to Paul, Eddie and Colm for all time they put in to bringing from start to finish the twinning with Canet en Roussillon, their dedication to the subject was fantastic. It is now up and running but it is up to the whole town to make it a great success, this can be done by having a holiday there or by going on to Canet facebook and sending them information and trying to make the residents there feel Maynooth would be a great place for them to come and visit us to encourage tourism. Also they must be thanked for all the work done in the

Also they must be thanked for all the work done in the community space especially Eddie who was down there day in and day out getting volunteer workers in to do the jobs that needed to be done to make it suitable for general use. It is also incumbent on me to give special mention to Brian and all the staff working in the office as without them there would be no Community Council, a lot of people here would not know the amount of work these people do so I think we should all give them a lot of thanks. Again my sincere thanks to those and my thanks to a lot of people who have helped the Council in their time of need.

Secretary's Report:

M. Ní Bhrolcháin read out a letter from Chief Superintendent in Naas.

One of the main items this year was the successful twinning with Canet and the related events such as the signing of the Charter in both Canet and in Maynooth. Congratulations are due to all those who worked so hard to achieve this. The charter was signed in 4 languages.

Another major topic discussed during the year was the matter of the two new post-primary schools. The minister has announced that there will be two new schools in the town and that both will be English speaking. There were a number of meetings, both public and private on this topic during the year.

Another major achievement this year was the opening of the Community Space in the Manor Mills Shopping Centre. It is a multi-use facility and we (MCC) are looking after the administration. It is being used day and night; being the first of this model it is important that it works out well. Again, congratulations to all those involved in bringing this about. Kildare County Council were also involved. Our community employment project continues to work in the MCC office with the supervisor and the maximum 15

the community and the development of our town. If you want to get involved, get in touch with the office by phone, in person or through the email address.

San Ollscoil, tá na mic léinn ag tosú ar na scrúdaithe i lár mí Bealtaine and tá súil again go n-éireóidh go geal leo. Níl an saol amuigh ansin easca dóibh faoi láthair agus tá oideachas níos tábhachtaí anois ná riamh.

The Community Council would like to pass on our condolences to the family of Gerard Howard-Williams who died this month. He was very involved with the Maynooth community and particularly the Castle committee.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

workers - when they are allowed. I would like to thank Brian Curtis and the workers for all the quiet work that they do. Particularly the Newsletter. I would like to congratulate the Editorial Board of the Newsletter, again who work quietly without looking for recognition. The new format is very successful as is the new distribution, it is again the main fundraiser for the Council. There is a need for greater participation by the public submitting material. The position of these projects was a matter for concern as they were taken into the care of the Dept of Social Protection and letters were sent and received on this topic; our greatest expense is rent for the office-based schemes. There will be major developments in this area before September. The Pay-Parking for the town was discussed at great length and the Lyreen Residents Association expressed their concerns in particular.

The sub-committees and affiliates reported to the Council each month: the twinning committee, the Newsletter, the festival, tidy towns, senior citizens, scouts, local history, educate together, St Patrick's day parade. The parade was probably the best yet and congratulations to the committer and all participants. It has been agreed to change the dates of the festival this year, last year was not well attended and much needs to be done to involve people. The Tidy Towns saw an improvement of 4 marks and the Scouts saw a successful planning application for the Geraldine Hall. Other topics and issues raised: parking in Moyglare Village and Kilcock Road, policing in the context of a rise in burglaries in Maynooth and surrounding areas, lights not working, flag poles needed in the Square, the Post-Primary school's 40th anniversary and the visit of President, M. McAleese celebrate, the Christmas lights, the future of Community Care in Maynooth, policing during the replacement Rag Week. We made a submission to the OPW on guiding and the use of existing built heritage for

I would like to thank all the other members of the Executive for their help and support. Let us remind ourselves and others that all the work that we do is voluntary and for the good of the community.

Treasurer's Report:

Dear colleagues, First of all I would like to thank the executive for their support throughout the year, the office staff especially Brian and Vera whom without them would make my job a lot more hectic than it is. I look forward to a very challenging year ahead if

re-elected. The Community Council has come along way this year, with the twinning of Maynooth and Canet, it was a very expensive project for MCC but in my eyes it was worth every penny and I'm sure you will all agree. The opening of the Community Space in Manor Mills was also very expensive but worthwhile project and to see it's been used by groups around the town. It shows a great achievement by and for MCC. This brings me to say that since the government's tough budget of 2011 we in the Community Council have a very tough financial year ahead of us and I'm asking all groups that are financially dependent on MCC to try and curb their spending. Lastly I'm asking you the members of MCC for fundraising ideas to help with the financial burden for the coming year ahead. (T. McMullon added that E. Tobin had reported that students have been to Canet, NUIM swimmers have been over, students have been over from Canet. Band may visit, U3A also interested.

Election of Officers

Chairperson: P. Croghan proposed, C. Ó Cearúil seconded T. McMullon, elected.

Vice-chairperson: P. Croghan not seeking re-election.

P. Croghan proposed. A. Ó Maolóin seconded.

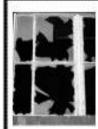
P. Croghan proposed, A. Ó Maoláin seconded A. Flynn, elected.

Secretary: T. McMullon proposed, A. McMullon seconded M. Ni Bhrolcháin, elected.

Treasurer: C. Ó Cearúil proposed, P. Croghan seconded A. McMullon, elected.

P.R.O.: W. Saults proposed, A. McMullon seconded A. Ó Maoláin, elected.

P.D.O.: A. McMullon proposed, M. Ní Bhrolcháin seconded P. Croghan, elected. (All elected unopposed)



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Know Your Rights

Custody of children and Rent Supplement Question

I am separated from my partner. Our 2 children come and stay with me one night a week. I am getting Rent Supplement since I am currently unemployed. I'd like to rent a larger apartment to accommodate them and so I can work towards having them to stay for more time in the future. Can I qualify for a higher Rent Supplement payment?

Answer

The Department of Social Protection deals with the accommodation needs of children who do not live full-time with their parents on a case-by-case basis. You should check what the provisions are with your local Department's representative (formerly known as the Community Welfare Officer or CWO).

When you apply for Rent Supplement the Department must be satisfied that the apartment or house is reasonably suited to your residential and other needs.

In general, if parents have joint custody of a child, the needs of both parents to have adequate accommodation to look after the child are taken into account when assessing an application for Rent Supplement. Joint custody generally means that children spend an equal amount of time with each parent. If this is the case the Department will usually look for documentation showing that a joint custody arrangement is in place and in operation before a decision can be made.

If you do not have joint custody but have access to your children for a certain amount of time each week then the Department of Social Protection will examine your case with regard to all of the circumstances of the case. It may be the case that they will decide that you have a housing need but that your children are adequately housed with their primary carer. However you should always discuss your situation with the Department's representative.

If you are not happy with the decision made in your case you can appeal the decision to the Social Welfare Appeals Office.

Pay for public holidays Question

I work part-time from Wednesday to Friday each week. I was off work sick over the Easter period. My employer does not pay any sick pay for employees who are ill. However in my pay packet I was paid for Easter Monday but not for Good Friday. I never work on Mondays so I don't understand why I got this extra pay. Is this correct?

Answei

Easter Monday is always a public holiday but Good Friday is not. All workers are entitled either to paid time off or pay for a public holiday. (Part-time workers must have worked for the employer for at least 40 hours in the previous five-week period to be entitled to pay for a public holiday).

Generally you are entitled to one of the following:

- A paid day off on the public holiday
- An additional day of annual leave
- An additional day's pay
- A paid day off within a month of the public holiday

Your employer can decide which of these options you get. As a part-time worker, if you do not normally work on that particular day, you should receive one-fifth of your normal weekly pay.

In your case, even though you were on sick leave over Easter you were still entitled to paid time off work or to be paid for the public holiday. Therefore your employer paid you for Easter Monday. However since Good Friday is not a public holiday and you were not in work on that day (because of your illness) you did not receive pay for that day.

Retention of medical cards Question

I am going back to work after a period of unemployment. Can I keep my medical card?

Answer

If you are receiving a social welfare payment and return to work (either full- or part-time) you may retain your medical card for up to 3 years even if your income is above the limits. You must have been getting one of the following payments for 12 months or more:

- Jobseeker's Benefit
- Jobseeker's Allowance
- One-Parent Family Payment
- Illness Benefit
- Disability Allowance
- Blind Pension
- Or have been on an employment incentive scheme or educational opportunity scheme
 If you take up full-time employment you will retain your medical card for 3 years from the date you start work. If you take up part-time employment the 3-year period starts from the date your income exceeds the relevant medical card guideline.

This provision also applies to people who are involved in Government-sponsored schemes including the Back to Education Allowance, Back to Work Enterprise Allowance, JobBridge (the national internship scheme) the Rural Social Scheme, Tús and Community Employment schemes.

Finding a lost dog **Question**

My children found a dog in our local park last week. It had no collar or identification. We'd like to keep the dog. What should we do?

Answei

If you have found a dog and are willing to keep the dog in your home (rather than bring it to the dog warden or to a pound) you must report your find to your local dog warden or your local Garda Station. You can find contact details for dog wardens on the website of the Irish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ispca.ie). Many dogs have had microchips inserted which carry details of their owner. Your local dog warden or vet can check whether the dog is microchipped.

If the owner cannot be found and you decide to keep the dog, you do not own it until a year and a day have passed from the date you found it.

If you take a lost dog in you can keep it for 28 days without a licence but you must then get a licence for it. You must be over 16 to get a dog licence. You can get a standard annual licence (€20 a year) from your local post office or a 'lifetime of dog licence' (€140) from your local authority.

If you decide to keep the dog, you should consider carefully the commitment required. You must be able to provide proper care, accommodation, food and veterinary care for the rest of its life. You are also legally required to ensure that your dog wears a collar with your name and address inscribed on it or on a plate, badge or disc. Dog wardens can issue on-the-spot fines if a dog does not carry identification. Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public. Tel: 0761078100 Address: Dublin Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare Information is also available online at citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, 0761 07 4000.

Maynooth Senior Citizens

Our club has now settled back in to the ICA hall having spent the winter months in the Community Unit. Many thanks to the ICA for the continued use of their hall and to Margaret Merrick and staff of the HSE for all their kindness during the past few months.

Our Easter Parade was an enjoyable event and we thank the young people from the scout movement who came along and joined in the spirit of the occasion. Their efforts were rewarded as they won the top prize for their creation. Well done to all who took part. The rest of the evening was spent dancing in the company of Brian Mc. Dermott, who as usual provided excellent music. It was great to see so many people attend, not only from Maynooth but from all the surrounding areas.

Our next event will be our Bealtaine Festival which will take place on May 20th. This is an opportunity for all our older people to show their talent in whatever art form they choose. As we are continuing to celebrate "European Year of Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations" we hope to have some young people display their particular form of art. The music for the evening will be provided by "Footsteps." All Senior Citizens are welcome.

Transport continues as usual to all events.

Josephine Moore.



MEN'S SHEDS

It is proposed to start a branch of Men's Sheds in Maynooth.

This is a community based non commercial organisation which is open to all men. The primary activity is the provision of a relaxed friendly environment where men can chill out over a cuppa, exchange stories, play cards or identify a project that will benefit the local community.

The uniting bond is, that all members have time on their hands and are looking for something to occupy that time.

If you have a skill or are handy in any way, you will have the opportunity to share this with others.

The motto of Men's Sheds is: Men don't talk face to face. They talk shoulder to shoulder.

As a rule men don't talk about feelings and emotions. They are not encouraged to take an interest in their health. As a result problems are swept under the carpet. Men's Sheds aim to change those attitudes.

If you would like to be part of this organisation why not contact me at: johnpfleming@hotmail.com You can also contact me through the Maynooth Community Office at 01 6285922. Please pass this message onto your friends.

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Maynooth Golf Society

Results Sheet 2012

Results of Outing To: Date
Knockanally Golf Club 14th April 2012

1st Prize	Eamon Murphy	35pts		
2 nd Prize	Pascal Dunne	34pts		
3 rd Prize	Niall Farrell	30pts B9		
4 th Prize	Robert Tobin	30pts		
5 th Prize	Brendan Leigh	28pts B9		
6 th Prize	Marty Maguire	28pts		
7 th Prize	Paul Farrell	27pts		
Front 9	Dave Weafer	18pts		
Back 9	Gerry Smith 15pts B9			
Nearest the Pin	Tom Coffey	•		
2's Club Ollie Bright, Eamon Murphy, Pascal Dunne				
N	to Baltinglass GC 12th /eekend away to Wext field/Rosslare) 25/26th	ford		

Maynooth Golf Society's outing to Knockanally Golf Club on 14th April saw the biggest attendance the year to date, 43 members and visitors played in windy but dry weather conditions. The course looked fantastic and was in excellent playing condition, but it was set out with very challenging pin positions for the next day's monthly medal competition. In first place with a score of 35 points was Eamon Murphy playing on his home course, second place was new member Pascal Dunne with a score of 34 points and third place was Niall Farrell with a score of 30 points. All other prize winners are listed on the results sheet

The prizes were presented in Brady's Bar by our Captain Brendan Leigh to a large attendance of society members and friends. Brendan welcomed the many new members to the society who played on the day. He also thanked all of the committee for their hard work in sorting out the outing and for organising Grand National Sweep for all members playing Knockanally.

The sweep winners were

1st William Farrelly,

2nd Aaron Tobin,

3rd Dave Tobin

Archive Missing Issues

The Newsletter is currently updating our archives, we would be grateful if anyone has the following issues.

- Issue No 10 July 1976.
- Issue No 49 May 1980
- Issue No 136 November 1988.

Help in acquiring these issues would be greatly appreciated.

We will return them in the same condition as soon as they are scanned. You can contact us at: (01)6285922 or: maynoothcc@eircom.net

Maynooth Post Primary School 10k Challenge Sunday 20th May, 10.30am Entry Form

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Last Name: *		
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Gender: *		
Email: *		
Age or D.O.B.: *	(over 16's only)	
Club:	•	
Mobile Number: *		
Other Phone Number:		
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Completed applications to be returned to reception of Maynooth Post Primary School, Moyglare Road, Maynooth, in an envelope marked "Maynooth 10k Challenge", along with cheque or postal order made out to Maynooth 10k Challenge, cash also accepted.

Entry fee €20 on the day €25

Online entries can be made at www.runireland.com at the address:

http://www.runireland.com/events/maynooth-post-primary-10k-challenge Contact details will only be used to forward information about Maynooth Post Primary 10K Challenge

Maynooth Post Primary PTA would like to thank the Maynooth business community, An Garda Siochana, Maynooth GAA,, the people of Maynooth and our one hundred volunteers for their: sponsorship, assistance, support, cooperation and help with last years 10k challenge. Also St Patricks College and Carton House for the use of their grounds, All funds raised are used for the development of multi-purpose playing fields, a walking/running track and changing rooms in association with Maynooth GAA.

Teresa Murray, Chairperson of Maynooth Post Primary PTA



The People's Movement of Kildare North is calling upon the local electorate to reject government attempts to impose the E.U.'s fiscal pact, permanently locking Ireland into an austerity cul-de-sac. We do so at a time when householders of all the towns and districts of Kildare North are reeling from E.U.-I.M.F. imposed property and water charges; and when the prospects for our young people are reduced to a choice between dole queues, low-paid 'training' schemes, or emigration.

Ireland and other peripheral E.U. states are in a grip of sustained crisis. During the 1930s the U.S. cured the Great Depression with policies of investment and job growth, but the prescription from Berlin and Frankfurt is ever more fiscal austerity. Their diktats are not working – look at Spain now teetering on the cliff edge.

The so-called "European Stability Treaty" is a power grab by Germany and the E.U. bureaucrats to permanently vet smaller countries' budgets, and impose punitive fines on those deemed to have broken their rules. Yes, our governments need to conduct prudent financial policies. But, let's remember, we can 'sack' our politicians at the ballot box, but we cannot control the mandarins and bankers at the E.C.B.

During the referendum campaign we intend to expose government falsehoods on this Treaty. With advice from experts on E.U. and Irish law, we will outline responsible alternatives to assertions there is no other way than Frankfurt's way. However, to take on the financial and entrenched political might of the Yes machines, we need help and support from local communities and people. We urgently need volunteers and financial support in our local effort. To join us in this battle to save a vital component of Irish democracy from E.U. domination, please contact the below or visit our website at www.people.ie

Michael Quinn Sec., North Kildare Branch People's Movement quinnutd@eircom.net

Maynooth Tidy Towns

We would like to thank all who sponsored Prizes, gave Donations and participated in our Tidy Towns Table Quiz held in Brady's Clock House on 30th March. An excellent quiz was devised and presented by Gerry Kilmartin, The Coffey Family won after a play off. The evening raised €639.



WEE IRELAND was in Tesco carpark on 24th March the collection yielded 22 tonnes of electrical products. A new collection record for Maynooth. Our thanks to all members of our committee who helped either on the day or leading up to the event.

National Spring Clean up took place on 21st April in various locations in Maynooth. We were very pleased to be assisted by members of the newly formed Kildare North Irish Wildlife Trust. Many bags of rubbish were collected and approximately 20 sacks of cans, bottles and plastic bottles were recycled.

At time of writing a major Spring Clean is being organised for Wednesday 25th April by NUI Maynooth.

Our Annual Collection will take place from 24th May to 27th May at Supervalu, Greenfield Shopping Centre and church gate collection, please support.

We are looking for volunteers to help with our work on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. We meet at the Square @ 7.30pm on Wednesday and on Sunday morning @ 7.45am outside the Garda Station. If you have an hour or two to spare once a month, please contact MTT 0873153189.

National Volunteering Week is being held from 14th May to 20th May This year the emphasis is on co-operation between local Tidy Towns groups and Volunteering Ireland full details are available elsewhere in the newsletter.

Richard Farrell PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns



Maynooth Spring Clean Up Group



WEEE Ireland, the Irish compliance scheme for electrical and battery recycling, held two free recycling events recently in Maynooth and in Celbridge in association with Kildare County Council and Maynooth Tidy Towns.

More than 40 tonnes of electrical waste material was collected in total across both events -22 in Maynooth and 18 in Celbridge. Kildare has always been one of the leaders on electrical recycling in Ireland and the success of this and previous collection days held throughout the county proves that the people of Kildare are doing their part for the environment.

Richard Farrell, PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns said: "One of the roles of our committee is to encourage recycling and we were very happy with the collection. I would like to thank the voluntary committee members who worked tirelessly throughout the day to assist people bringing things to be recycled. In fact, in the weeks leading up to the WEEE collection they accumulated a large amount of dumped electrical goods from the highways and byways around Maynooth to be recycled at the WEEE event."

Leo Donovan, CEO of WEEE Ireland said: "Our free collections with Kildare County Council have been hugely popular with massive tonnage collected last year. We want everyone to come out and help us to recycle even more electrical waste in 2012, and these successful events in Maynooth and Celbridge are a very encouraging start."

Anything in the home with a battery or a plug can be recycled at WEEE collection days. Waste collection specialists from WEEE Ireland are on hand to help you send your toasters, vacuum cleaners, fridges and every other electrical item imaginable to a better place.

As a consumer of electrical items, you are entitled to bring your waste electrical equipment to your electrical retailer when purchasing an item of similar type, i.e. on a one-for-one, like-for-like basis. Waste batteries can be brought back to any battery retailer that sells similar batteries, even if you don't purchase anything. All WEEE and waste batteries can also be brought to your local civic amenity site free of charge.

For further information on all future recycling events in Kildare, or to find your nearest civic amenity site, please log on to WEEE Ireland's website www.recyclefree.ie. You can also like our page on Facebook http://www.facebook.com/WEEEIreland for all updates.

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Maynooth Tidy Towns (L to R) John Kavanagh, Ross Kavanagh & Liz Callaghan

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I now accept you as my Lord God and Saviour. Jesus I Make you the Lord of my life, Lord of my family and Lord of my home and my possessions. Thank you Jesus for Saving me, Amen.

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U3A

Our AGM has been deferred until a later date. Every member will be informed of new date when arranged. Please note change of venue until further notice.

Meetings and activities will take place in Glenroyal Hotel on Tuesdays and Fridays. Crafts every Tuesday at 12 Midday and group meeting every Friday at 11am.

We wish to thank Paul Croghan for organising alternative venue for us. U3A Maynooth offers our condolences to Maeve Moloney, our founder and member---- on the recent death of her brother Donal Mulryan RIP.

Forthcoming Events.

Memoir Writing to continue.

Wednesday May 9th
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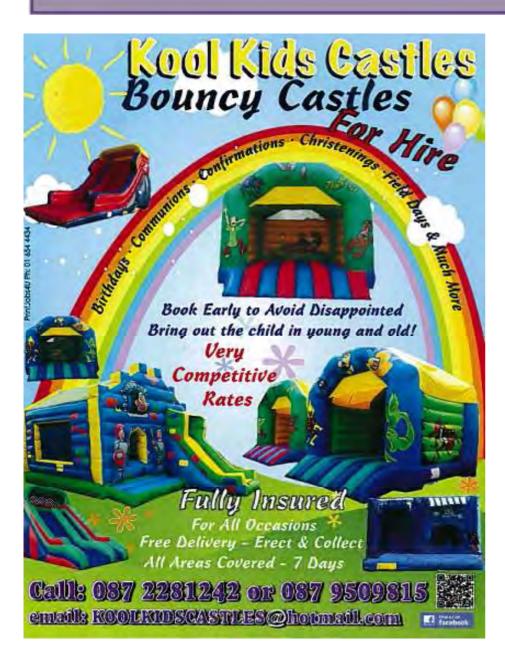
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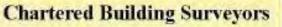


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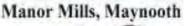
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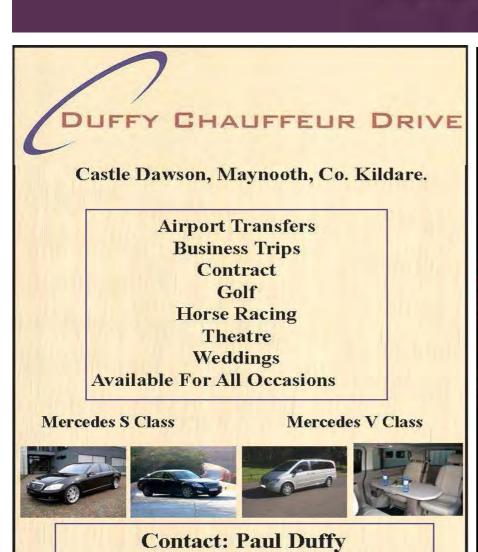
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Immram Brain ocus a Echtra (The voyage of Bran son of Febal and his adventure)

1 The woman from lands unknown sang 50 verses on the floor of the house of Bran son of Febal. The royal house was full of kings but they did not know where the woman came from – the enclosure was shut.

2 This is where the story begins: one day Bran was alone at his dwelling when he heard music behind him. But when he looked behind him, the music was still behind him. Eventually, he fell asleep because the music was so sweet. When he awoke from his sleep, he saw the silver branch with bright flowers beside him. It was difficult to tell the flower from the branch and Bran took it and brought it to his royal house. The people had gathered in the house and then they saw a woman in strange clothes on the floor of the house. She sang 50 verses to Bran while they listened and saw the woman. She

A branch of the apple-tree of Emain, Like those that are known, I bring, White and silver twigs on it, Crystal brows with blooms.

There is an island far away, Sea horses shimmer around it.

A fair course against the bright-sided surge Four feet hold it up.

A wonderful range, delights of the eye,

On the plain where the people play their games, The currach against the chariot

In the southern Mag Finnargat.

Under it there are feet of white bronze And they shine through beautiful times, The lovely land through ages of the world, The many blooms that drop upon it.

There is a tree with many flowers, On which the birds call the canonical Hours, Normally they sing in harmony And together call each Hour.

All over the gentle-voiced plains Splendours of every colour sparkle, Joy is normal, placed around the music, In the south, in Mag Argatnél.

Crying and treachery as not known In this familiar cultivated land, Here there is nothing rough or harsh, But sweet music that strikes the ear.

Without sorrow, sadness or death, Without illness or weakness,

This is the knowledge of Emain -

An unusual wonder.

The beauty of a wonderful land With beautiful features.

Views of a fine country,

The mist is incomparable.

If Aircthech is seen afterwards Where dragon stones and crystals drip, The sea washes waves to the land With crystal ringlets from its hair.

Wealth and treasure of every colour In Ciúin, fresh beauty,

Listening to music that is the sweetest And drinking wine that is the best.

Gold chariots at Mag Réin Rise to the sun with the tide, Silver and bronze chariots Without a stain at Mag Mon.

There on the grass - gold-yellow horses And more horses of purple colours. More horses again with wool on their backs Others with a heavenly green-blue colour.

There comes, with the rising of the sun,

A fair man lighting up the smooth lands, He rides the fair, sea-beaten plain And stirs the sea until it is blood.

A crowd comes across the clear sea, They show their rowing to the land; They row to a striking stone

From which comes hundreds of melodies.

It sings music to the people Through the ages, that is not sad, The music expands, choirs of hundreds, They do not look for decay or death.

Multi-shaped Emain by the sea,

Whether is be close or whether it be far,

In which there are many thousands of speckled women,

The clear sea surrounds them.

If he has heard the voice of the music. The choir of the birds of Imchiúin,

From a height will approach a small band of women

To where he is at Cluichemag.

Happiness comes with health In the land where laughter pours, In each season at Imchiúin Comes never-ending joy.

It is a day of everlasting weather Silver showers on the lands

A pure-white cliff on the range of the sea From which the sun receives its heat.

At Mag Mon the crowds race along,

A beautiful game, not weak,

In the multi-coloured place above great beauty,

They do not search for death or decay.

At night, listening to music, And going to Illdathach,

A multi-coloured land, lustre above a beautiful crown, From this shines the bright cloud.

On the ocean to the west of us There are 150 islands in the distance, Each of them larger than Éire By two or even by three.

After the ages there will come a great birth, That will not be in a high place,

The son of a woman whose spouse is unknown,

He will rule over many thousands.

A Rule without beginning or end,

He created a perfect world,

He who earns his displeasure will be in despair

His are the land and the sea.

It was He who made Heaven He who has a pure heart is lucky, He will purify people under clear water It is He who will heal your illness.

My speech is not for all of you, Although it's great wonder is made known, Let Bran hear from people of the world The wisdom that he has been told about.

Do not fall and lie down in laziness And do not let drunkenness overcome you,

Start the journey across the clean sea To see if you can reach Tír na mBan.

31 With that the woman left them and they did not know where she went. She took the branch with her: it jumped from Bran's hand into her hand and Bran did not have the strength to hold onto the branch

32 The following day, Bran went on the sea and the he had 3 nines of men with him. One of his foster-brothers and their companions was put in charge of the each of the 3 companies. They had been at sea for 2 days and 2 nights when he saw coming towards him – a man in a chariot on the sea. That man sang to him another 30 verses and introduced himself he said that he was Manannán mac Lir. He said that he had to go to Ireland after a long time and that a son would be born to

him and that he would be called Mongán son of Fiachna. Manannán sang the following 30 verses to him:

Bran sees a wonderful beauty Over the crystal sea in his boat, I see him riding a flowery plain In my chariot far away.

What is a crystal sea

From the peaked boat where Bran is; To me, in my two-wheeled chariot, Is a happy plain with lots of flowers.

Bran sees

Many waves beating the clear sea;

I see Mag Mon

With red-headed, faultless flowers.

As far as Bran has spread his vision Sea horses sparkle in summer; In the land of Manannán mac Lir The tides pour a stream of honey.

The colour of the sea where you are, The bright colour of the ocean where you row;

Yellow and green spread out.

It is land and not uneven.

From the womb jumps a speckled salmon On the fair sea that you look at. They are calves, they are coloured lambs With friendship, without mutual killing.

Although only one chariot-rider is visible In Mag Mell of countless blossoms, On the surface there are many horses Although you may not see them.

The size of the land, the number of the crowd, Colours gleams with sheer glory, Bright stream of silver, stairs of gold Produce a welcome with every plenty.

A wonderful game, enjoyable, They celebrate with wine, Men and tender women under a bush, Without sin, without crime.

42.

Your boat swims over the edges Over the tops of the wood, Under the prow of your little boat There is a wood full of wonderful fruit.

A wood with flowers and fruit. And on it a true-smelling vine. A wood without fault or flaw,

On which there are leaves of a gold colour.

We come from the beginning of the universe, Without old age, without ancient people,

We do not expect to be weak As sin has not reached us

A bad omen when the snake went To the father in his dwelling, In this world time is twisted, Decay came, not original.

He has killed us with gluttony and with desire, He has destroyed his noble family, The wasted body found a prison of pain And a perpetual place of punishment.

It is a rule of arrogance in this world To believe in the worldliness, to forget God, Overthrown by illness and age The soul destroyed by deception.

A splendid salvation will arrive From the King who created us, Across the sea will come a fair law, He will be man besides being God. (To be continued next month)

Maynooth Labour News

Draft Parking By-Laws for Maynooth

The Managers Report on the submissions by the public will be considered at a Special Meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee on 8th May.

Proposed Property Tax:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion to Kildare County Council on behalf of his Labour Party colleagues:

"That the following submission be sent to the Phil Hogan, Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government:

This Council acknowledges that some form of property tax forms at least part of the basis for funding of Local Government in many countries. We also acknowledge that a commitment to introduce same to Ireland is part of the Programme for Government and the agreement entered into with the Troika by the Government of Ireland.

Learning from the administrative problems experienced in relation to the Household Charge Kildare County Council calls for the simplest and most transparent possible system for assessment and payment.

When introducing a Property Tax to Ireland this Council suggests that the following principles apply:

- 1) Property Tax raised locally should be collected and retained by the relevant Local Authority in which the money is raised.
- 2) That recognition of the difference in purchase costs in some areas be recognized with appropriate banding for setting the rate to be established. The charge would also reflect the size and value of the property.
- 3) That an ability to pay clause be an essential element of any new Property Tax.
- 4) Recognizing the need for Equalisation Measures, but also the often higher costs associated with higher population areas that a maximum of 10% be taken from the sum collected as a contribution to an Equalisation Fund. Central Government should contribute any sums necessary to ensure adequate finance for the overall scheme
- 5) That Local Councils be allowed to vary the nationally set rate by a maximum of 5%.
- 6) That given the enormous sums expended in Stamp Duty that for the first five years following the introduction of a Property Tax that the following sliding scale would apply to cover the years 2008 to 1998:

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50% abatement for First House bought in 2003 and 2002

40% abatement for First House bought in 2001 and 2000

30% abatement for First House bought in 1999 and 1998

- 7) That given the normal high costs incurred with the purchase of a first house that an abatement sliding from 70% to 20% be applied for the first five years of such purchase in future
- 8) Provision be made for costs incurred in protecting and upgrading Heritage and Cultural properties that are open to the public.
- 9 That a penalty would be applied for any deliberate dereliction of property in an attempt to avoid payment. In short that there be no reward for dereliction of property."

Funding Approved for Safety Projects in Maynooth

The National Transport Authority (NTA) through Minister of State, Alan Kelly, T.D. has announced the following Grants for a variety of footpath, cycle path and other safety measures in Maynooth:

	F	KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL	
	Project Name	Project Description	2012 Allocation €
1.	Entrance to Maynooth College from Parson's Street	Rationalise pedestrian movements at the Maynooth College Entrance	75,000
2.	Kilcock Road Scheme - Maynooth	Appoint consultant to complete design of primary cycle route alignments in Maynooth	40,000
3.	Convent Lane - Girls' School Entrance - Maynooth	Footpath, accessibility and public lighting improvements for approximately 230m along Convent Lane to the school entrance	60,000
4.	Vulnerable Road User Improvements on R148 - Maynooth	Appoint consultant to undertake Road Safety Audit on R148 Kilcock Road and identify any safety improvements	5,000
5.	R408 Castledawson to Football Club - Maynooth	Design of approximately 800m of footpath/cycle track and public lighting (includes crossing M4)	15,000
6.	Vulnerable Road User - Maynooth	Appoint consultant to do a review to identify linkage improvements, prepare preliminary approvals and seek statutory consents for pedestrian, cyclists and traffic from the Moyglare Road/Mill Street/Leinster Street to Railway Station. To include for a new Pedestrian bridge adjacent to Mill Street.	100,000
7.	Cycle Parking Facilities	Cycle Parking Facilities at the following locations: 1. Maynooth/Celbridge/Leixlip Towns 2. and 8 other towns	125,000

Cllr John McGinley very much welcomes most of these projects as he has been looking for work to be carried out on them for some time.

However, John would question the need for a new pedestrian bridge at Mill Street and the overuse of Consultants when Kildare County Council have engineers who could do the work.

The Council officials are meeting with the National Transport Authority on 25 April to discuss the Projects and they will also be considered in detail at the Special Area Committee on 8th May.

Safety on Moyglare Road

Cllr. McGinley's motion to reduce traffic speed and improve public safety along the Moyglare Road as far as Moyglare Hall will also be discussed at the Special Area Committee on 8 May

Dangerous Tree Planting at new NUIM Roundabout on Kilcock Road

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

"That the council arrange for the removal of the trees planted at the new roundabout on the Kilcock Road, at the entrance to NUI, Maynooth as they are a hazard to motorists."

Council Officials gave the following reply:

"The trees are planted in the middle of the roundabout and are considered appropriate for the location and are not considered a hazard. Therefore it is not proposed to seek their removal."

John disagreed completely with the officials and stated that the Leylandii type trees should be removed now as it will be much costlier when they get taller.

Approval to Seek Tenders for Final Phase of Lower Liffey Valley Sewerage Scheme Issues - Stagg

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the decision by the Minister for Environment to give approval to Kildare Co. Council to seek Tenders for the final phase of the Lower Liffey Valley Sewerage Scheme.

The Final phase given the go ahead for tenders today stated Deputy Stagg will involve the upgrade and expansion of the actual Waste Water Treatment Plant at Leixlip at an estimated cost of €22 Million. The Plant is currently operating at 80,000 population equivalent capacity and when the upgrade is completed will cater for 150,000 population equivalent. Previous work under the Scheme included New Pumping Stations and Network improvements at a cost of €10.4 Million.

Deputy Stagg stated that the work when completed will cater for predicted increases in wastewater flows from an expanding domestic, industrial and commercial population and he looked forward to the Council seeking the tenders as soon as possible.

Stagg Welcomes €30 Million Sports Capital Programme

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the allocation of €30 million in the Sports Capital Programme launched by Minister for Sports Michael Ring TD today (Wednesday 28th March). Any club in Kildare can apply for this funding to develop facilities and provide equipment.

This stated Deputy Stagg is the first round of sports capital funding for four years and demonstrates the Government's commitment to encourage more people to take part in sport. The Sports Capital Programme is the main channel of Government support for developing sports facilities and purchasing sports equipment for sports clubs and organisations across Ireland.

The deadline for applications made online and those made in Irish (and hard copy of the signed application form and all supporting documentation) must reach the Department by 5pm on Friday 1st June 2012. Paper based applications (and all supporting documentation) must reach the Department by 5pm on Friday 11th May 2012."

The scheme will also be open to far more clubs and groups than ever before, because a strict requirement on landownership has been relaxed. In the past, all applicants had to own their land or have it on a long lease stated Deputy Stagg.

"I am delighted the Minister has allocated this funding for sporting projects. This demonstrates the Government's commitment to the sporting organisations that play such a vital role in our communities. The funding will also have a positive impact on job creation in the local areas.

"It is important to note that the level of funding sporting clubs and organisations will have to match has been halved from previous programmes. Sporting Clubs and Organisations in Kildare will only have to raise 15% of the project cost instead of 30% previously. This will further reduce the financial burden on sporting organisations.

"I would urge any clubs in Kildare interested in applying for funding to do so. Application forms and information about how to apply is available on the website

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John is also on Facebook

The F Word – Feedback

Giving feedback can be about as popular as opening your email inbox after a 2-week holiday. Receiving it isn't always that popular either. Responses to the phrase 'can I just give you some feedback...' may vary from 'uh oh, what have I done wrong?' to 'here we go again'. Neither response sets the person up to be receptive to what we have to say – resulting in feedback falling on deaf ears (ever wonder why you have to ask a partner for the umpteenth time to put wet towels in the laundry basket?)

Where does it all go wrong?

Often, the reason that feedback goes wrong, or doesn't work is that we haven't been specific enough, or we've blurted out an accusation without really considering the impact our words might have e.g. 'you're aggressive' or 'you're lazy'. This can cause the person to become defensive or upset, and doesn't inspire them to change their behaviour. Instead of getting frustrated with the other person for not changing – we need to look at how we deliver the message.

Two simple questions

The only way we can get results is to give specific feedback based on behaviour. Whilst this is common sense its not always common practice. Asking two questions can help us be more specific – 'what did I see this person do?' and 'what

did I hear this person say?' If we can't answer one or both of those questions we're not in a good position to even consider giving feedback.

"You're aggressive"

becomes...... "I noticed that you stood really close to me, pointed your finger in my face and raised your voice"

A simple structure

The good news is that there's a simple 4-step framework that can help us give constructive feedback that actually gets results. Let's imagine that a colleague frequently talks over you at work and it's really starting to get you down. Instead of getting upset, ignoring it, or flying off the handle let's look at how we could handle this situation:

Step 1 – Set the scene

This is important so that the feedback doesn't come as a surprise or they think 'uh oh' e.g. 'I'd like to talk to you about what happens when we're in meetings together.....

Step 2 – Give specifics

The more specific we can be the better as this makes the feedback harder to deny. Report what you've observed. e.g. 'I've noticed that on the last 3 occasions that we've been in a

meeting together you've interrupted me and talked over me. It happened at that meeting last

week to discuss budget cuts, on Monday when I was outlining our new client proposal and yesterday when I was presenting our end of month report'.

Step 3 – Describe the impact

This is an important step as it provides the bigger picture and helps people see the consequences of their actions e.g. 'The impact that this has on me is that I get very frustrated and upset that you don't seem interested in what I have to say. It makes me feel that my views aren't important'.

Step 4 – Discuss what needs to change

Most of us don't like being told what to do, so it's important to get the other person's perspective e.g. 'how do you think we can prevent this happening again...?' or 'how do you suggest we resolve this...' We may be able to reach a resolution there and then, or both parties may need some time to reflect. Only after we have given the other person an opportunity to share their ideas should we offer our solutions.

Feedback should be a two-way process. It's important to give the other person the chance to share their thoughts. The 4-step framework can be used to get our thoughts clear and make sure we handle the conversation constructively.

Why bother?

A study involving 19,000 employees by the Corporate Leadership Council found that giving fair and accurate feedback in this way could increase someone's performance by up to 39%. Imagine your partner doing 39% more housework, or an employee working 39% harder!

Of course, it's not always about telling people about what they've done wrong. Research shows that acknowledging when people have done something well is just as, if not more, important than pointing out their flaws.

When was the last time you gave someone some pure, unadulterated praise? Rather than give a generic 'well done' or 'you did that well...but...' – use the 4-step process to let someone know what it is that they do so well and chances are you'll see even more of this behaviour.

Conversely, if we're on the receiving end of feedback – be sure to ask for specific examples and the impact that your behaviour is having. Without it the feedback is of little value to you

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Clues Across

- 1. Powerful dog (7)
- 4. Paving substance (7)
- 8. Superb (11)
- 12. Increase in size (4)
- 13. Yellow metallic element (4)
- 14. Toss (5)
- 15. Bequest (6)
- 17. Purchaser (5)
- 22. State in the central United States (4)
- 23. Make amends (5)
- 24. Canines (4)
- 25. Seraglio (5)
- 28. Minister (6)
- 30. Men (5)
- 32. Apparatus for weaving (4)
- 34. House rodents (4)
- 35. Using obscene language (4-7)
- 38. Sunset (7)
- 39. Opposes (7)

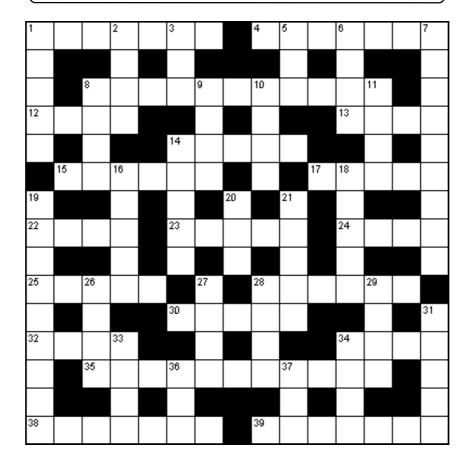
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Answers to Crossword 401

Clues Down

- 1. Margarine (5)
- 2. Melt (4)
- 3. Amusement (3)
- 5. Not sweet (3)
- 6. Suspended (4)
- 7. Most tender (9)
- 8. Additional (4)
- 9. Indolently (4)
- 10. Charged particles (4)
- 11. Member of the Conservative Party (4)
- 14. Fragment (5)
- 16. Wine fruit (5)
- 18. Unwarranted (5)
- 19. Blind (9)
- 20. Leap on one foot (3)
- 21. Fruit (5)
- 26. Upper covering of a house (4)
- 27. Injury (4)
- 28. Republic in W South America (4)
- 29. Stated (4)
- 31. Trials (5)
- 33. Emotional state (4)
- 34. Lake or pond (4)
- 36. Not high (3)
- 37. Label (3)

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MURPHY CONDEMNS GOVERNMENT OVER 'GROSSLY UNFAIR' HOUSEHOLD CHARGE; SAYS THE MILLION HOUSEHOLDS WHO WON'T PAY DEMONSTRATE THAT "PEOPLE ARE TAKING BACK POWER"

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Independent – Kildare North) today criticised the Minister for the Environment Phil Hogan over the "debacle" that has been the introduction of the Household Charge. To date just over 420,000 households have paid the charge, approximately one quarter of the 1.8 million households in the State.

"The failure to comply with the Household Charge has been characterised by some in Government as irresponsible. It's clear to me that the numbers who are not going to pay – more than a million households across all spectrums of Irish society – demonstrate that opposition to the charge is rooted in a principled objection to both the ill designed and terribly regressive nature of the charge and the notion that closing the budget deficit overrides all concerns of fairness and equity in our taxation system. It also has given voice to the strong feeling amongst people that there is no end to the amounts they are being asked to pay while many of the architects of our economic collapse have received unlimited state assistance.

"For me, all direct taxation must be as fair and progressive as possible in its design. The Household Charge takes no account of ability to pay, contains very restrictive exemption clauses, and fails to adequately address the fact that very many people paid large sums in stamp duty in recent years.

"To implement a voluntary regressive charge on a population who have already borne four years of austerity shows a particularly profound lack of political judgement on the part of the Government. Minister Hogan and Fine Gael say that the EU/IMF are insisting upon a property tax – yet campaigned in the 2011 election, after the EU/IMF deal had been agreed, clearly stating that an annual, recurring residential property tax would be "unfair". It's clear that in the face of this dishonesty, people are taking back power en mass. I hope that the Government will listen to the people on this and fulfil the pledges they gave to the electorate at the last election."

MURPHY WELCOMES ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE CLAMPING REPORT; CALLS ON GOVERNMENT TO REGULATE PRIVATE CLAMPING AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY

Speaking after the launch today of a paper on the regulation of vehicle clamping by the Joint Committee on the Environment, Transport, Culture and the Gaeltacht, Deputy Catherine Murphy called on the Minister for Transport to move forward with legislation to regulate clamping in Ireland at first opportunity, in particular to address clamping on private land. Deputy Murphy, who sits on the Joint Committee and was also a member of the Working Group which helped draft the report, broadly welcomed the recommendations.

"The regulation of both public and private clamping is long overdue. The report published today addresses a number of issues in the area which have become problematic for many residents in the country, particularly in high density population areas and areas with poor public transport.

"The report recommends the introduction of a new regime of regulation for the clamping of vehicles on private property, which up to now has been an area of very poor consumer protection. The report also recommends a new regulatory role in the area for the National Transport Authority (NTA) and a coordinated approach to public and private clamping regulation.

"The standardisation of penalties and signage, mandatory vetting and training of clamping staff, the introduction of a licence requirement for clamping operators (managed by the NTA) and the development of strict guidelines to allow clamping only in cases of genuine traffic disruption are all sensible measures which will provide certainty for both operators and vehicle owners alike.

"In addition, the recommendation that fines be set by Local Authority Councillors within a fixed scale and the introduction of a standardised appeals process brings needed elements of democratic control and accountability.

Minister Varadkar has been very supportive of the process we have undertaken and I welcome the opportunity to make these recommendations in advance of the drafting of the new bill. The recommendations I mentioned, amongst the several others included in the report, will I hope be taken on board by him when legislation is being drafted.

Deputy Catherine Murphy, Independent TD for Kildare North today confirmed that she has invited senior members of An Garda Síochána to Leinster House to discuss her concerns over the levels of Garda resources in Co Kildare. CSO figures show that Kildare is now the fourth most populous county in the country, yet figures obtained by the Deputy on Garda resources show that Kildare suffers most in terms of Garda deployment out of all other counties when population size is taken into account.

"The most recent figures show us that 316 Gardaí are stationed in Kildare. Per head of population, that works out at 663 people per Garda. This compares significantly less favourably to areas such as Roscommon/Longford and Sligo/Leitrim where the figures are 371 persons per Garda and 318 persons per Garda respectively. Kildare is also at almost twice the national average figure of 390 persons per Garda. Even allowing for differences in crime rates across regions, clearly the rapid expansion of population in Kildare has not been met with a commensurate increase in Garda resources for the county.

"The situation whereby area with less than half the population of Kildare retain virtually the same number of Gardaí must be re-examined. I'll be raising these issues and associated policing matters with the Gardaí in the hope of seeking a broad re-assessment of how staff are deployed around the country."

Deputy Murphy also indicated that she had invited all of the TDs from Kildare North and Kildare South to the meeting.

CATHERINE MURPHY ADDRESSES OIREACHTAS COMMITTEE ON THE FISCAL COMPACT TREATY; OUTLINES CONCERNS ABOUT LACK OF DEBT WRITE-DOWN AND ONEROUS AMENDMENT WORDING

Speaking today at the Oireachtas Subcommittee on the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the EMU, Deputy Catherine Murphy (Independent – Kildare North) outlined in detail her concerns about the provisions of the Treaty, stating clearly that if any realistic plan to deal with the European debt crisis is going to succeed, it must specifically include proposals to write-down the unsustainable debt of peripheral countries. The Deputy also raised her concerns about the excessively onerous wording of the proposed constitutional amendment, which appears to place this treaty at a level equal in status to EU foundation agreements, but without the weight of the EU's democratic oversight function.

Deputy Murphy heavily criticised the "practical effect" that the treaty will have, saying that Ireland is "locked into a fiscal adjustment plan that strips Government of any means of stimulating the domestic economy" and that "the fiscal compact treaty will extend this handicap well into the next decade."

"If we are to reach the 3% deficit target and we don't have the capacity to grow the domestic economy then the options will be down to a choice of two - cuts in services and new taxes. Under this treaty, I have to question if we will in fact have any money to spend within the domestic economy or indeed on essential public services."

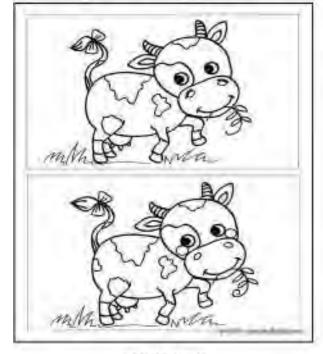
Deputy Murphy was invited to address the Subcommittee as whip of the Technical Group, though she stated at the outset that she did not represent the diverse opinions within the Group on the Treaty. The Subcommittee heard from Opposition deputies throughout the day.

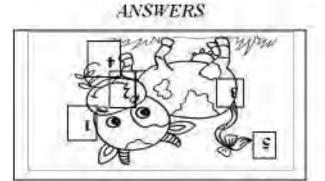
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THE RADHARC TRUST RECENTLY PRESENTED THREE SHORT FILMS TO MAYNOOTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Maynooth Historical Society recently hosted a very special night in the Clifden Suite of the Glenroyal Hotel, which featured films from the well-known and award-winning RTE Radharc series. There were over 400 Radharc films made by Fr. Joe Dunn and Fr. Des Forristal in 75 countries world-wide. These films were a challenge to the moral conscience of the audience and kept viewers abreast with new thinking and practices in the world of faith and spirituality. It was Fr. Dunn's brother Peter Dunn who brought these films to Maynooth, Peter is now the Director of the Radharc Trust which works to restore and maintain these historical documents. The first film shown was "The Late Dr Plunkett", a docudrama about the life and death of Irelands newest saint Oliver Plunkett. The script was written by Des Forristal and became a play. In 1975 Oliver Plunkett was canonized and in 1997 he became Ireland's patron saint for peace and reconciliation, he has done a lot of work for us all!

The second film "The Year of the Congress", featured the footage taken of the 31st Eucharist Congress which was held in Dublin in 1932 to commemorate the death of St. Patrick. This was a huge gathering of Catholics from all over the world, over 350,000 people visited Dublin for this unique religious event. In fact, work on Ireland's first radio transmitter in Athlone was rushed so that the masses could be broadcast all over the world. Count John McCormack who sang at the masses might attribute his world-wide success to these transmissions! The film was accompanied by the voices of Dublin people reflecting on their memories of "The Congress". The film was discovered in the basement of the VERITAS shop in Abbey Street, Dublin and contains fantastic footage of all the events. Infact, the altar that was specially made for the procession can still be seen in the grounds of Cappagh Hospital.

The final film "Goodbye to Glocamorra", was filmed in 1968 in Inwood, a suburb of New York, which was described as an Irish/Jewish ghetto. The community was very closely linked to Ireland, almost all of its inhabitants came from directly from Ireland. The film showed how after mass on Sunday the people would go to Gaelic Park for both football and hurling matches,. There were up to 14 masses said on these Sundays!! The most famous Inwood residents were Isador and Ida Strauss, the owners of Macy's Department Store, who later died on board the Titanic. The film showed how the local people were afraid of immigrants coming to live in Inwood, which is now mainly inhabited by people of Dominican Republic heritage. Mr. Dunn informed us that this film is shown very regularly in New York still.

Each film was a fascinating look into how Irish people were dealing with issues of justice and peace in the world and they showed how much life has changed for us all. Peter Dunn and the Radharc Trust have now made a short clip from each film can be available on the radharcfilms.com website. They may also be purchased on the website too.

The next talk will take place on 24th May 2012 with Ida Milne from Celbridge, featuring the 1918 Flu, if you have any family memories or stories about this time why not come along and share them with us.



Peter Dunn from the Radharc Trust with Committee members—Peter Nevin, Bernie O'Connor, Declan O'Connor, Rita Edwards, Caoilfhionn Quinlan, Mary Cullen and Hilda Dunne.



Paddy and Mary Heneghan from Ladychapel enjoyed the Radharc Films in the Glenroyal.



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GARDENING IN MAY



Trees, Shrubs and Roses

Continue to spray rose bushes against blackspot disease, especially before and after wet weather.

All young trees should be checked for water shortage, which can occur even with plenty of rain as it does not always reach the roots. Signs are listless small leaves and slow growth.

Control weeds and grass at the base of young trees to remove competition, young trees need weed-free conditions for about five years. Ensure a weed-free circle of at least one metre diameter. This can be achieved with old carpet, plastic or suitable weedkillers.

Flowers

Do not cut away the foliage of spring bulbs, such as daffodils and snowdrops, it is important that the leaves be allowed to die back naturally to feed the bulb for next year's flowers.

Spring bulbs can be lifted and moved while the green foliage is present. Perennial flowers can be planted from pots.

If there is no choice, most perennial flowers survive being moved at any time if well watered afterwards.

Stake perennial flowers that need it, well in advance of when they need it, especially in a windy garden.

Sow seeds of hardy annual flowers - candytuft, calendula, Californian poppy and nemophila are pretty, also nasturtiums.

Lawn

Regular mowing should be kept up and increased in frequency in the coming weeks to keep pace with the increasing surge of grass growth. Most lawns grow strongly during these weeks but very hungry grass will only grow poorly. The removal of grass clippings removes nutrients. Mulch mowing returns the nutrients to the soil.

Feeding with lawn fertilizer or high-nitrogen fertiliser will bring the grass on but be careful not to put on too much - little and often is best.

Lawn weedkillers can be used to control broad-leaved lawn weeds in warm, fine weather when the soil is moist.

Use no fertilizer or weedkiller on wildflower lawn areas.

Fruit, Vegetables and Herbs

Vegetables sown in recent weeks are likely to need thinning now. Early thinning is a great help to young vegetable plants because they can benefit from the lack of competition right away.

Weeds among vegetables should be removed now while they are still small and before they get a chance to develop. The first flush of weeds is always the worst but if it is controlled, it will be easy to stay ahead.

Herbs seeds can be sown in warm soil.

If codling moth was a problem on apple trees last year, a spray of systemic insecticide should be applied at petal fall and two weeks later. The hormone traps do not work so well in a domestic garden.

The normal sprays for apple scab should be kept up, especially following wet weather.

Greenhouse and House Plants



Feed all bedding plants and tender vegetables for planting out at the end of May and keep them growing well. Space the pots adequately to ensure proper development.

If possible, plant out tomatoes now in the greenhouse.

Check for greenflies which can build up rapidly.

Remove excess shoots of a grapevine every couple of weeks to keep it under control and tie in new shoots that are needed for extension growth. Continue to feed and water generously to push growth on.

If tomato plants planted out earlier are flowering, ease off watering and feeding until the first truss of fruit is set.

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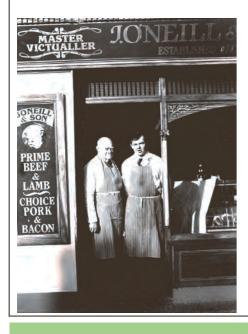
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We are now so used to going to O'Neill's Bar on the Main Street and thinking how new this place seems, but did you know the O'Neill family have been serving the people of Maynooth since 1912. Denis O'Neill opened his first butchers shop across from Kavanagh's Mill, which is now better known as Manor Mills Shopping Centre, with his wife Jane. It was widely regarded as the best butchers shop in Kildare. They reared and slaughtered their own cattle, they epitomised "farm to fork"!

After learning his trade throughout Leinster, Denis's son James O'Neill came back to Maynooth to take over and run the shop with his wife Nora. In 1958 they bought Mackins Butchers Shop on the Main Street and this is where O'Neill's Bar and Steakhouse is today, and continued the fine tradition of serving the best beef in Kildare. O'Neill's butchers was one of the last family butchers shop with its own abattoir in Kildare. Talk about "hands on "!!

In December 2007, James's son Dermot O'Neill who served his time as a butcher with his father, along with his wife Helene and family decided to open their premises as a Public Bar and Steakhouse. So now you know why O'Neill's Steakhouse has the tradition of serving the best steak and meats in North Kildare and beyond, it didn't happen over night!! Did you know that O'Neill Park, the housing estate across from Tesco, was named after Dermot's grandfather, Dennis O'Neill? He was a County Councillor for many years. So for a good night out or a good steak meal, call into O'Neill's on the Main Street. If sport is your thing check out the newly refurbished Bubble Lounge which is perfect for the Euro's - all matches will be shown on our new 60" TV and also the large projector screen. Live music every Saturday night in the Bubble Lounge.

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Left: Dermot O'Neill and his father James outside their butchers shop

Above: Nora, Dermot and James O'Neill

Above Right: The original O'Neill's Butchers Shop **Far Right:** Smoking area, previously the abattoir **Lower Right:** New upstairs Function Room in O'Neill's

Maynooth Kilcock Lions Club

The Maynooth Kilcock Lions Club was formed as the 77th Lions Club in Ireland, and Lions International presented the Charter to the then President Jack McIlhenney in Newbridge in 1981.

You are welcome to our website. We do hope you will return to peruse it on an ongoing basis as we will continually populate our Internet presence with news, photographs and all sorts of relevant information. The Maynooth Kilcock Lions Club website is a valuable asset and resource for ours and indeed fellow Lions Clubs throughout the world. We are proud to provide this service to you. The decision to launch our Lions Club website is testament to the hard work and dedication of the Maynooth Lions Club in 2009.

The members of Lions Clubs are women and men who endeavour to create a difference in their local, national and international communities universally.

Why should you become a Lion?

As a Lions club member, you can do any or all of the following:-

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•grow individually and efficiently by taking an active part in relative programs, community services projects and events

•play a role so as to have an impact on local and international humanitarian issues

•build up interaction with both local and worldwide

Sport in Maynooth

community and business executives and leaders

•gain access to membership discounts and services
Interested in becoming a member of a Lions Club?

Membership in a Lions club is by invitation from a local club. If you are interested in membership, use the national club locator to contact a local Lions club. Tell the local club you are interested in learning more about

U14 Camogie Champs

Sunday, 27 May 2012 20:43

On a scorching hot day our u14 camogie girls travelled to Eire Og to play in the division 1 league decider. Donning their usual attire along with some sun cream the Maynooth girls took on Clane. Maynooth who lost the feile final in early April knew what the taste of defeat was like and were determined not to have to encounter it for a second time in seven weeks.

Maynooth started the game exceptionally well and lead from the off. Clane fought hard but Maynooth kept digging deep and all players gave it one hundred percent especially in the second half. This win is a well deserved and overdue after the disappointment of the Feile final and also last year's u13 final where they were narrowly beaten. The final score was Maynooth 4-07 clane 1-02.

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Saturday 9th June @ Rathcoffey

- > Maynooth Town Soccer Blitz for Academy, U8s, U9s, U10s & U11s
- > We need U12s to U15s to volunteer to manage younger teams

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At Maynooth Veterinary Clinic we have found that fleas are the parasites responsible for the commonest cause of concern amongst pet owners. The reasons for this are that the fleas often cause your pet to suffer from an intense dermatitis and that the flea is often found in the pet's coat and therefore the pet owner immediately knows and identifies the problem. As the warm summer months approach (hopefully!!), flea activity increases but with our homes being centrally heated flea activity is now an all year round problem for indoor pets. In this month's article we will look at flea control but first we need to understand a little about the lifecycle of the flea: There are four stages in the development of the flea – egg, larva, pupa and adult. In optimum warm moist conditions the entire lifecycle can be completed in 21 days. The eggs are passed by the adult flea two days after she has first sucked blood from her host i.e. your dog or cat. During her three weeks of life the adult female flea can produce up to 800 eggs. The eggs fall off your pet and develop into larvae which hate light and will move deep into bedding, carpets etc. The larvae develop into pupae which will emerge as adults in 5-10 days but only if there is proper heat and carbon dioxide available, as provided by your pet. Otherwise they will remain as preemerged adults within the larval cocoon and can survive for at least 4 months. The important point here is that they are resistant to environmental insecticides at this stage and so they may emerge into the pet's environment long after the administration of insecticides in your home. Accordingly vigilance and a plan of action are required.

How do fleas affect my pet?

Some points worth noting concerning the affect of fleas on your pet are that they do suck blood – an adult flea can take up to 15 times her own bodyweight in blood

during her life. Fleas act as vectors in the spread of the very common tapeworm of dogs and cats -Dipylidium caninum; when we find fleas on pets we always recommend concurrent tapeworm treatment. Fleas can cause an intense dermatitis which is characterised by severe itchiness and reddening of the skin often with hair loss and pruritis. Historically fleas carried the bacteria Yersinia which was responsible for the Plague.

Flea Control:

There are many ways of treating and preventing flea infestations on your pet. Many years ago powders, shampoos and flea collars were all that we had in our armoury. Today we tend to use the many varieties of pour-on treatments and environmental sprays that are available. Recently a tablet that was first used in the USA has now been made available to us. We have found this to be particularly good in cases where there is a major infestation. Many treatments are now sold in retail outlets but many of these products have no residual action on the flea and so if the pet's environment is heavily contaminated with fleas your pet will soon become reinfected by them. As always at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic, Newtown Grove,

<u>www.maynoothvets.com</u> we are very happy to provide you with professional advice on flea control and all other pet care matters. If you are concerned that your pet may have fleas please call in and we will take a look at him for you. 01- 6289467.



Maynooth Post Primary 2012 10k Challenge



The Starting Line-up



They're Off!!!

Maynooth 10k Raises 30k

The Maynooth 10k which was run on Sunday the 20th May exceeded the expectations of the organising committee, Maynooth Post Primary PTA. It attracted nearly 1,000 entries between the senior and junior (under 16) events and raised almost €30,000 said Mr Gerry Quinn, PTA spokesperson. The committee were overwhelmed by the support given by the local community, the advertisements, the sponsorship, the donation of prizes, goods and services from the business and professional sector. The support and advice of Sgt Gavin Dunphy of Maynooth Garda, Maynooth Newsletter, the help from Maynooth GAA, Scouting Ireland, staff and pupils from Maynooth PP school and our 120 volunteers, the cooperation of the people of Maynooth and surrounding areas which was essential for the smooth running of the 10k. He added it was great to see previous PTA committee's stalwarts Mary Molloy and John Flynn back doing Trojan work for the event.

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Editorial

The voting on the new "stability" treaty will be over by the time we go to print so there is no point in addressing that issue much further, but, regardless of the outcome, there is still a very difficult time ahead for Ireland and for the rest of Europe. It is unclear what will happen in the new election in Greece and the position of Spain remains dangerous and unstable. Ba mhaith linn gach rath a ghuí ar na mic léinn ar fad atá ag tosú ar a gcuid scrúdaithe an mhí seo, go n-éirí go geal leo go léir. We would like to wish the secondary school students the best of luck in their examinations in June. It is a stressful time for both young people and their families and the economic circumstances have added an extra worry. It is more and more expensive to go to third-level education and that is no guarantee that the graduates will get a job when they finish their degrees. We are back to the eighties when the universities are educating our young people for emigration. Many of them are going directly abroad and do not even attempt to find a job here or even sign on. There is a long history of emigration in Ireland and the fact that we have access to three large English-speaking countries makes it easier for our offspring to leave and to settle in England, America and Australia in particular. This is not necessarily as easy an option in other European countries where unemployment is rising at an equally frightening rate and large numbers of young people with time on their hands and nothing to do spells nothing but trouble and possible violence. This has already broken out in places like Greece. There is also the danger of the rise in hard right parties as can be seen in Greece as well. We are on a new learning curve now watching the politics and elections in all of Europe. The election of Francois Hollande is a very important development for the future as he puts his emphasis on growth and employment. There will be elections shortly in Germany as well and this may change some of the attitude in that country. The power struggles on the Continent and indeed in England are now directly related to our future prospects.

The Eurovision did not fulfil our expectations but it could be a lesson on politics and Europe will be central to our TV viewing for the next two months as well, firstly the European Cup could lift the spirits this summer as our soccer successes have done in the past. This will be followed by the Olympics and again we have some great athletes performing and the wonderful performances of our boxers, particularly of Katie Taylor, promises some thrilling moments. We have qualifiers in sailing with Ger Owens and Scott Flanigan and in canoeing Jenny Egan from the Salmon Leap will compete as well as a Polish competitor, Andrej Jezierski, a former world champion who declared for Ireland this time. In such dark times, it is really important that the country has positive events on which to focus. The fact that Ulster played Leinster in the Heineken Rugby Final during May shows the strengths of this quite tiny country. The numbers of golfers that we produce is also quite astounding for our small population, maybe our history of hurling that stretches right back to Cú Chulainn travelling to Ulster to train at Eamhain Mhacha (Navan Fort) has something to do with this! We may not be good with spatial planning or with money but we have great strengths and we should concentrate on these. Sport can be a huge money spinner and Dublin will make millions next summer when both the Heineken Cup and Amlin Challenge Cup finals will be held at the Aviva stadium. If these events are as well organized as the Volvo events in Galway a few years ago, it will ensure a return visit as is happening this year in Galway.

Our university town will quieten over the next couple of months as the student population returns home or travels abroad. We will return to a small midland town but what keeps Maynooth alive and vibrant in contrast with many other towns of its size. This and the

Community Council Notes

Notes from the Community Council meeting 14 May 2012

The Office of Public Works is looking for volunteers to help with guiding their heritage sites – it might be possible to get the new project involved.

The sub-committees and the groups who were present all reported their own news and ongoing events. The dates of the festival, that was to take place in October, were discussed again because the Royal Canal Amenity Group had written to the Council to tell them of a possible festival in September, built around the arrival of a waterbus belonging to Waterways Ireland. The dates for the waterbus are not negotiable so it might be possible to change the dates of the Council's festival.

Two events were planned for 20th May, the Educate Together School will be running the Maynooth 10k and the Senior Citizens will have a dance on the same day. The run happens in the morning and the dance is in the afternoon. The U3A are preparing for the event in the Castle on the 12th June – they will be presenting arts, crafts as well as singing.

The Youth Café has been very busy with many young people attending – they even had to turn people away because they are only insured for 30 people. They will be organizing more packing nights in Dunnes in June and they are looking for volunteers. The Teen Space is also doing well in the Community Space.

The History group are organizing a talk on the Black 'Flu of 1918 for 24th May in the Glenroyal Hotel

It was reported that the St Patrick's Day Parade went very well and that the Gardaí and extra stewards were excellent. There was sponsorship from Thorntons who contributed €00 as well as the stand. Derrinstown Stud also gave €00 and Kildare County Council gave €2,000. The Scouts completed the Everest climb with a half hour to spare and two 14 year-old boys climbed the wall 120 times. The group camp had to be abandoned due to a flooded site and they will be going to Scotland for 7 days in July.

There were concerns expressed about the fact that the planned second secondary school will be an English rather than Irish language school. There are nearly 600 children registered in the area looking for secondary education in Irish from all the Gaelscoileanna in the vicinity. There is a total of 1,200 children attending Irish language primary schools in the catchment area.

The twinning project is going very well, and there have been visits from French and Spanish students. Among the activities that they enjoyed were talks from M. O'Dwyer, who used to work in the College, and a tour of St Patrick's College.

A document was circulated by the Student's Union proposing a Forum for the Student's Union and for the Council; we present a resumé here.

The divide between town and University is noted in the document and that a primary goal would be to get involved more closely in activities. Some of the aspects that were mentioned were: 'the NUIM GAA club coaching in Maynooth GAA, Saint Vincent de Paul Society helping with the local SVP and also regular

presence of HP and Intel ensures that Maynooth can be quite a different place to live. The number of organisations and the activities are well represented at the Community Council and some will be showcased in an Autumn Harvest Festival, but more on that next month. If you want to be involved in any way please get in touch with the office, by email, by phone or just drop in and see our premises.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

visits to Moyglare Nursing home and TLC on the Rathcoffey Road. Tidy Towns would also be a very important aspect'. NUIM GAA club consists of the Hurling, football, ladies football and Camogie and some athletes could help the Maynooth GAA club players. The Soccer Club NUIM club could team up with the Maynooth Football Club. The Vincent de Paul societies in the College should engage with the local branch and with the Senior Citizens. The representation is outlined in the proposal. The importance of the Tidy Towns was emphasized and that the SU engage directly with them to establish a committee. Another proposal was that the students would organize free grinds for post-primary students and a committee to organize this. It was also proposed that the SU would provide a representative to the St Patrick's Day Parade committee and to the Festival committee and welcome the change in the dates.

The proposed committees would be finalized by the 30th September.

'This forum is in no way mandating of the Community Council or of the Students' Union. It is meant as a forum by which the Community Council and indeed the entire Maynooth Community can engage more with the student population and Vice Versa. The propositions and recommendations are in no way binding, they are meant as guidelines in expressing the methods in which parties can work together. Any aspect of the forum can be changed by the Community Council and by Union Council of Maynooth Students' Union at any of it's sittings as long as it does not take away from the intent of the forum.'

Naturally, the proposed committees and indeed the actions to come out of this forum would need the agreement of the parties involved. Work on different initiatives can commence once agreement has been made.'

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- Issue No 10 July 1976.
- Issue No 49 May 1980
- Issue No 136 November 1988.

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Claiming Child Benefit Question

How do I apply for Child Benefit for my new baby and when will it be paid?

Answei

When you register a birth in Ireland, the baby is allocated a Personal Public Service (PPS) Number. The Department of Social Protection automatically starts a claim for Child Benefit if the birth is registered within three months:

• If you are not already getting Child Benefit for another child, the Department creates a new claim and sends you a partially completed claim form for your signature and payment details. This form also tells you how to claim for your new baby online.

(Please note that you can only claim online if the Department invites you to do so.)

• If you are already getting Child Benefit, your new baby is automatically added to your existing claim and payment begins from the month after the birth. The Department will send you a letter confirming payment. If your child is not born in Ireland, or the birth is not registered within three months, you must fill in a Child Benefit form (CB1). Send the completed form by FREEPOST to the Child Benefit Section, Social Welfare Services, Department of Social Protection, St Oliver Plunkett Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. Locall: 1890 400 400.

Child Benefit is paid from the month following your baby's birth. It is paid on the first Tuesday of every month.

If there is any delay in processing your application the payment will be backdated to when you first applied. If you apply more than a year after your baby's birth the payment may be backdated if you have a good reason for the late application.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Living with your landlord Question

I am about to rent a room in an apartment and I will be living with my landlord. What do I need to know?

Answer

As you are living in your landlord's home, you do not have a standard tenancy agreement. Instead, you have a 'Licensee Agreement' with your landlord (this also applies if you are living with the spouse, child or parent of a landlord and you do not have a tenancy agreement or written lease). This means you are in the property by the landlord's consent or invitation and you are not protected under the Residential Tenancies Act 2004. Your landlord is not obliged to register with the Private Residential Tenancies Board (PRTB) and you cannot use the dispute resolution service of the PRTB if a disagreement arises between you and your landlord. You should also be aware of the following:

- Your landlord is not obliged to provide you with a rent book or a statement of rent paid
- Your accommodation does not have to meet any minimum physical standards
- Any notice you may get of the termination of the tenancy is at your landlord's discretion (although they are obliged to give reasonable notice, the specifics of this notice may vary)
- You are not protected by equality legislation which prohibits discrimination on 9 grounds, including age, sex, religion, race and disability

If you are sharing accommodation with your landlord and are unhappy with the way you are being treated, you could try discussing the situation with him and attempt to resolve any issues between you. If this is not possible you may be able to take your case to the Small Claims Court. This is really the only legal recourse you

have as a tenant sharing accommodation with your landlord.

Threshold (threshold.ie) runs a free advisory and mediation service which may help in resolving issues that arise between landlords and tenants. Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Penalty points Question

How do I find out if I have penalty points on my driving licence?

Answer

Penalty points are not physically recorded on your licence. They are recorded on your driving licence record, which is held on the National Vehicle and Driver File operated by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.

If you have committed a driving offence that incurs penalty points you will get a written notice from the Road Safety Authority (RSA) telling you that penalty points are being added to your driving licence. This notice will include your name, address, date, time and location of the driving offence concerned and confirmation of the fact that you either paid the fixed charge for the offence or were convicted in the court of such an offence. The notice will also contain the date on which the notice was issued to you. This is important as the points will only be added to your licence 28 days after this date.

Penalty points have a three-year lifespan. That means they will remain on your current driving licence for a period of 3 years from the start date (effective date). Any period where your licence is out of date won't count as part of the 3 years. If you accumulate 12 points and are disqualified for a period of 6 months, the points which led to the disqualification are removed at the end of the 6 months.

To find out how many penalty points are on your driving licence record, contact the Road Safety Authority at 1890 41 61 41 and quote your driving licence number.

All penalty points added to your driving licence are also recorded on the Garda Pulse computer system so the Gardaí know how many penalty points you have on your driving licence.

Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance Question

What is the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance?

Answer

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BTSCFA) helps you to meet the cost of uniforms and footwear for children going to school or college. In 2012 the age limits changed, and BTSCFA is now paid to children aged from 4 to 22. They must be aged between 4 and 22 on or before 30 September of the year that you apply for the payment. Children aged between 18 and 22 must be in full-time education in a recognised school or college.

The rates have also changed in 2012. The allowance paid for each eligible child aged between 4 and 11 on or before 30 September 2012 is €150. The allowance paid for children aged 12-22 on or before 30 September 2012 is €250.

You (the parent or guardian) must be getting certain social welfare payments or payments for training, employment schemes or adult education for at least 6 weeks between 1 June and 30 September. The scheme operates from June to September each year. The start date for the 2012 scheme is 1 June 2012. In 2012 the Department of Social Protection will pay BTSCFA automatically to a large number of qualified people. This means that many families do not have to

apply for the payment. However, if you do not receive an automatic payment you must apply for the Allowance. Application forms will be available in all social welfare offices and on the Department's website welfare.ie.

The Department will examine all applications received and will post updates on welfare.ie on the progress being made in processing them. You will get a letter informing you of the decision on your application and, if it is approved, when and where you can collect your payment.

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Meetings held 1st Thursday each month at 8 o'clock in the ICA Hall, The Harbour. Weekly craft nights each Monday at 8 o'clock. New members always welcome. Just drop down to the hall any Monday night or talk to any of our members.

Some members enjoyed a great day out at Punchestown recently and we are looking forward to the Garden Party at An Grianan in July. Hope for great weather. The ICA Bootcamp was a real success and was great fun with all the girls who took part having a real go at all DIFFICULT tasks set by the three "mentors". The ICA College at AnGrianan, Termonfecin, Co Louth offers lots of different courses and is available to members and non ICA members. The company is great, and the food is delicious. Courses available include; Arts, Crafts, Cookery. Dancing, Singing, Digital Photography, Beading, Modern Technology, Effective Speaking & much, much more. Details from any member.

Congratulations to Secretary Norah McDermott recently elected Regional Vice-President.

Well done to President Margaret Houlihan who represented Kildare in the final of "Volunteer-of-the-Year" Congrats to Mary O'Gorman winner of recent National Craft Competition.

Badminton ladies are on a break until September. We are always happy to welcome new players, have a bit of fun & a bit of exercise. Just ask Madeleine or any member.

Winners of May Guild competition: 1st Mary McMahon, 2nd Rosemary Hanley, 3rd Eilis O'Malley Guild competition for June is "Something made from dried spaghetti"

Good luck with that.

Next meeting June 7th at 8 o'clock

A Night in the Geraldine Castle



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Tuesday 12th June at 7.00pm

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Letters to the Editor

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Ar lean

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Irish medium Education in Maynooth. The interim period

The seizure of Maynooth Castle heralded a relapse of the Gaelic order and the advance of Anglicisation in Maynooth. Henry VIII imposed constraints on those practicing the Catholic religion and he dissolved the Irish monasteries. Those who were prepared to accept the new order, after taking an oath of allegiance to the new King of England and his religion were given their lands back under the agreement of surrender and regrant. English was now to become the language of government, religion, commerce and law.

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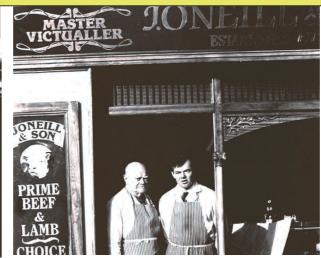
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Reception for Foreign Students in Maynooth Post Primary School



Presentation of a Hurley to Spanish Teachers

Maynooth Post Primary School enjoyed a day with students from Canet in France and students from Spain. They were introduced to Irish Dancing and Hurling with the foreign students taking part and having a really great time.

The students arrived at the weekend and got to know their host families before going to school on Tuesday morning where they took classes and got to know the students from Maynooth. They made new friends and got to renew friendships they formed when the Maynooth students went to Canet last year.

Maynooth Post Primary School have a policy of foreign student exchange and they hope to go to Estonia next year with this in mind they have classes in French, Spanish, German and now Japanese.

Tom McMullon from the Maynooth Community Council who was involved in the Twining with Canet France welcomed the students to Maynooth said that his time in Canet was exciting and added that it was a very clean and friendly town and he would encourage others to visit also, as we can learn a lot from their culture. He encouraged the students to be ambassadors for their countries as the exchange of cultures and languages could only enhance their outlook.

This year **Maynooth Post Primary School** won "best overall school" in the High School Musical section of the Waterford International Music Festival. They also won Best Singer for Jessica Hackett and Best Male Performance for Paul Mescal. Jessica played the role of Christine and Paul played the role of Phantom in our production of *Phantom of the Opera*.

The school are very proud of this great achievement and feel all the years of great musicals in Maynooth Post Primary School have at last been recognised outside Maynooth. This makes us very proud, especially in our 40th Year!



Tony Finnegan (adjudicator), Philip Blythe (Producer), Paul Mescal (Phantom) Sinead O'Connell (Director), Jessica Hackett (Christine), Anne-Marie Lawlor (Musical Director), Vicki Grahame (Festival Organiser).

Bienvenue, Bienvenidos, Cead Míle Fáilte and welcome to our French and Spanish Exchange students was how Principal Mr Johnny Nevin welcomed the visitors. There was a special welcome to their teachers Jose Miguel and Sonia (Spain/Madrid), Isabelle and Jean Jacques (France/Canet).

He acknowledged the sterling efforts of Ms Miot and Ms Merrigan (French) and Ms NíDhomhnaill and Ms Donnelly (Spanish) in their meticulous preparation, planning and co-ordination of the school TY student exchange programme.

Languages at MPPS include French, Spanish, German and Japanese, and they are actively preparing for the introduction of Chinese into the curriculum in the next two years.

He also thanked Ms English, TESL and German teacher for her participation on behalf of the school in the European wide Leargás project twinning with a school in Leipzig, Germany and for her work with our international students of 35 nationalities in their e-twinning project with school in Estonia.

Aims of the Transition Year student exchange in MPPS:

To provide an opportunity for learning outside the classroom.

To provide opportunities for students to practise their language proficiency skills and develop their communication skills

To establish and forge friendships, which hopefully will be long lasting.

Mr Nevin gave a big 'Cead Míle Fáilte'! to the Spanish and French visitors and hoped that their visit will be enjoyable and they have an educational experience.

Newly appointed Deputy Principal Ms McCauley was thanked for arranging teacher cover and liaising re-activities with our French/Spanish exchange teachers (including trips to Causey Farm, Glendalough, Dáil Eireánn, National Museum and Croke Park.)



Presentation of a Hurley to the French
Teachers

A big thank you to Rita Doyle and teacher Aisling Dunne for Irish dance lessons today for all the students, and to Mr Dalton for taking the hurling skills coaching session.

Mr Nevin acknowledged the ongoing support from Maynooth Community Council in the French exchange, especially Tom McMullan and Eddie Tobin.

The support also from Chairperson of our Board of Management Councillor Brendan Weld is also most welcome as is that of Sean Ashe CEO, County Kildare VEC.



Presentation of Books to Principal Mr Johnny Nevin







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A holistic view on.....

Hiatal Hernia the Great Mimic

Hiatal Hernia has been called the "great mimic" as it mimics many symptoms. A person with this problem can get such severe chest pain and pain down the left arm that they think they are having a heart attack. They can have serious heartburn because they will regurgitate stomach acid after they eat, or their stomach may hurt so badly they will think they have an ulcer. They also could have shortness of breath, tightness within the chest cavity, hiccups after eating, pain/difficulty swallowing tablets and food and/or excessive belching and flatulence. One or more of these symptoms could indicate a hiatal hernia.

A hiatal hernia occurs when the top of the stomach rolls or slides up into the opening in the diaphragm which the oesophagus passes through, into the chest area and becomes stuck there. 95% are described as sliding hernias and 5% are rolling hernias.

Described as a mechanical problem, there are many reasons why the hernia occurs and can affect anyone. The over 50s, farmers, block layers, smokers, overweight and obese people, bulimics and anorexics are seen as the traditional sufferers. But more often the hernia can be simply happen by straining while constipated, frequent and hard coughing or sneezing and heavy lifting. Most people that present with the hernia in clinic can remember a time when they 'lifted outside themselves', like moving a wardrobe on their own and then the symptoms appeared. To diagnose a hernia, most GP's normally have to send you for x-rays and ct scans or sends you to have a scope put down the throat. The normal solution then is to prescribe a tablet, sometimes for life, to neutralise the excess acid with recommended lifestyle changes to avoid certain foods and drinks that may exacerbate the 'over-acid'. In severe cases, an operation maybe required correcting the offending hernia, but it can come with complications, like muscle weakness, lifetime tablet taking and a possibility of having to redo the operation if the first fails. There is a lot of time, energy and money spent here. After all this, the symptoms may still remain as the hernia has not been corrected. Fortunately, a lot of kinesiologists, chiropractors and massage therapists have been trained in alternate techniques that can greatly reduce or even fix the hernia for good in a practical and non-invasive way. These corrections normally take one or two sessions to complete.

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At last summer is here and it is time to make sure all flowering plants are well fed for the season. A dusting of a balanced plant food or a diluted liquid feed in the watering can will only do the plants and flowers good.

Sow your summer bedding plants such as Busy Lizzies, Marigolds, Pansies and Lobelia. To add fragrance to your garden, plant some Stock in your hanging baskets and window boxes, that way not only will your garden smell lovely but the scent will drift into your house. Try night stock, it only comes out at night and the scent is divine.





To add even more fragrance to your garden, why not try Pelargonium "Mozzie Buster" which produces the smell of citronella oil, excellent for repelling mosquitoes. They thrive in sun and are semi-hard. Some Lilies are highly fragrant and give weeks of flowers. "Casablanca" has open white flowers with a cool hint of green. For a taller plant choose "Black Beauty", it has green-throated claret

flowers. Not forgetting the ever popular roses, jasmine and honeysuckle. The easiest summer flowering jasmine is the blush-white Jasminum Officinale. Roses such as "The Generous Gardener" (peach cream) and "Gertrude Jekyll" (striking pink) are also good choices.

Now is a great time to sow annual flowers and biennials. Plant up your hanging baskets with half-hardy annuals and tender perennials such as asters, hostas, lavender and violas. Work some seaweed-based water saving granules into the compost as we all know baskets dry out quickly when the weather is warm. Sow some biennials for next year such as Iceland Poppies and Wallflowers.





Those pesky aphids are common this time of year so control them with a soap based insecticide and try growing garlic bulbs near your roses to

reduce aphid attack. A tip to combat slugs is to surround the plant with copper bands 🎑



or beakers of beer. By planting Delphiniums and Foxgloves next to fresh foliages will encourage the bugs that feed on these bugs. Don't forget to trim your hedges

and keep weeding. Tall plants will need to be supported. Remember to dead-head to encourage new growth. Pick off leaves that are affected by black spot as soon as you see them.

Not forgetting fruit and vegetables, it is a good time of year to sow vegetable seeds directly into your garden. Why not try Beetroot, Courgettes, Lettuce, Runner Beans and Turnip to name but a few.

Young Tomatoes should be planted outside. Pinch out side shoots



and tie loosely to canes. Keep Red Currants, Blueberries, Gooseberries, Raspberries and Strawberries safe from birds and squirrels by placing netting over them. In the age of recycling why not use old net curtains. Don't forget to peg down the Strawberry runners for more Strawberries next year.

Salad crops can continue to be grown throughout the summer months. So once an area is empty plant some more. Holland Late Winter - is a white ballhead cabbage which is good for coleslaw. Sow May/June. Little Marvel a type of pea is also sown in June.



As we all have to be mindful of the amount of water that we use, why not put a barrel, an old plastic bin or an old tank under the gutter to catch rain water. Not only are you recycling but you wont be using water from the mains saving you a few euros especially when the water meters are installed. You can use this water on your plants, flowers and lawn etc. If you want you can go to your local diy store and buy a proper rainwater harvesting system.

Animals are an integral part of gardening so don't forget during the summer months. Put out a little extra food for birds and hedgehogs because if the summer is really hot, there's a lot less natural food available. Warning! Hedgehogs don't like bread and milk. So feed them some cat food or dog food.

Remember gardening is cheaper than therapy and you get tomatoes! **HAPPY GARDENING!**

Summer Apple Salad

(Serves 4)

Ingredients

- 2 shallots, finely sliced
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 3 Granny Smiths & 3 Cripps Pink apples cored
- & cut into slices
- 1 tbsp lime juice
- 6 cherry tomatoes, cut into quarters 2 tbsp any roasted peanuts, crushed
- Handfuls of coriander leaves chopped

For the Dressing

- 1 clove of garlic, finely chopped
- 1 red chilli, deseeded & finely chopped
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 tbsp fish sauce
- 1 lime, juice only

Method

Make the dressing by blending together the garlic, chilli & sugar in a food processor to make a rough paste. Then add the fish sauce & lime juice & season to taste.

For the salad, fry the shallots in the oil for 5 mins or until crispy and golden brown. Remove with a slotted spoon & drain on kitchen paper.

Toss the apple in the lime juice, then mix with the tomatoes & dressing. Serve topped with the peanuts, crisp shallots & coriander. *******

Hot Cheddar Kebabs

(Serves 4)

Ingredients

225g cheddar cheese, cut into 16 cubes

1/2 loaf of ciabatta bread with sundried tomatoes or olives, cut into 16 chunks

1 green & 1 red pepper, deseeded & cut into chunks

Rosemary sprigs or fresh bay leaves

For the base

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp lemon juice

Thread the cubes of cheddar onto 8 skewers with the chunks of ciabatta bread, tomatoes and peppers, alternating the pieces & adding a couple of rosemary or bay leaves to each one.

Make the paste by mixing together olive oil, lemon juice & a little salt & black pepper.

Preheat the barbeque. Brush the kebabs with the lemon juice paste - stirring it first to make sure the ingredients are mixed together. Cook the brochettes for about 2-3 mins, turning often, until the cheese just begins to melt & the bread begins to toast. Serve at ******

Barbequed Apples

(Serves 4)

Ingredients

- 4 apples
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 lemons use zest only
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon

Ice Cream to serve

Method

Slice the apples into 3cm thick discs, removing any core. Brush with olive oil. Mix together lemon zest, sugar & cinnamon.

Grill the apple slices on the barbeque for 2 mins. Turn the apple slices over & sprinkle with the lemon zest mixture. Cook for a further 2-3 mins & serve with ice cream.









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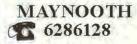
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Masterson's Fruit and Veg

Masterson's Fruit and Veg shop is a family run business, which has been supplying fresh produce to the people of Maynooth for the last twenty years. The owner of the shop, Kieran Masters who's father also named Kieran ran the shop for many years, endeavours to source as much of the stock they provide from local farmers and producers of commodities such as



home-made
jams and breads,
which are on
offer in many
varieties. While
sourcing locally
grown produce
such as potatoes,
carrots, cabbage

and many other varieties of vegetables supports the local community and economy, it also ensures that all of these are as fresh as possible, while also supporting small businesses that produce the home-made jams and breads and other such products. The shop itself is located next to Tesco's car-park and so there are excellent parking facilities available adjacent to the premises that reduces the need for the customer to search for a parking space or to carry their shopping over a long distance. They also have a facility for customers to place specialist

orders for produce that is not as readily available as the regular produce and they will cater for a variety of the



customer's particular orders and requirements. While there is an ATM next to the shop, there is also a Laser card facility available for those who prefer to purchase items without relying on actual money, which is also very handy for anyone who has just forgotten to bring money with them. There are many bargains to be had at Masterson's, whereby the prices are kept as low as possible so that everything on offer is available at very affordable prices while maintaining and ensuring the high quality of all produce. Also on offer at the moment are locally



grown Kildare strawberries and New Irish Potatoes.

So if you are looking for freshness and value in your fruit and vegetables and

home-made jams and breads, while supporting local businesses and entrepreneurs, then why not think of Masterson's Fruit and Veg. You can place your specialist order for that favourite item of produce that is not as readily available as you would like it to be while you will not need to roam around for a long time trying to find an available parking space so that you can do your shopping.

Brian O'Neill

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Former GAA players Davy Dalton, Paul Flood, Eddie McCormack and Ronan Quinn arrived in Tesco Extra Maynooth on Saturday 19th May to support Race the Rás. Race the Rás is the charity cycle linked with the An Post Rás, Ireland's most prominent cycling event. The charity element sees amateur cyclists and former and current GAA and sports stars cycle across Ireland at the same time as the professional cyclists.



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A special thank you to Mr. Philip Blyth and the students from Maynooth Post Primary who proudly displayed their winning trophy and for their support of this very worthy cause. Also a big thank you to all our customers for their donations on the day.

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Canet Associations would be very interested in any groups or Youth and Sports associations (also NUIM) to see if some of them should be interested in exchange and twinning with their clubs.

If any clubs or groups are interested they can take advantage of the up-coming one year celebration of the Twinning with Maynooth on June 22nd to 25th

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Friday 22nd

12h30 Arrival in Carcassonne

13h30 Arrival in Canet

13h45 Lunch at Beach-Club

17h00 Visit of the City

Seminary on the Story of Roussillon by Robert Saut (Catalan Historian) and on History of French-Irish

Relations by Michael O'Dwyer at Jean Piat Theater

19h30 Aperitif

20h30 Lunch at Restaurant

Saturday 23th

9h00 Meeting at Hotel

10h00 Visit of Canet Market

Wine tasting at Esparrou Estate 11h00

11h30 Visit and Lunch of Esparrou Vineyards

14h00 Back to Hotel

16h00 Official Ceremony

Official representatives will arrive on Ceremony site by Catalan traditional boats

Welcome Speech by Emmanuelle Garbani de Lacvivier, Councilor delegated to Twinnings

Speech of Bernard Dupont, Mayor of Canet

Speech of Maynooth representatives

Speech of Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, European Deputy

Show and Aperitif (with Catalan Buffet, fishes and meats specialities...)

o Show of Sardane Traditional Dances

Traditional Songs

o Old Lamparo Boat Fish Show in the Harbor

o Songs and Evening

Back to Hotel

Sunday 24th

9h00 Meeting at Hotel

10h00 Visit of Natural Arboretum

Lunch at Beach-Club 11h30

Visit of Collioure, Banyuls or Paulilles

20h00 Diner at Restaurant

Monday 25th

9h00 Meeting at Hotel

11h30 Departure for Carcassonne

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Maynooth Parking By Laws

Most of the Parking By-Laws were agreed at a Special Area Committee on the 8 May. The Council's Technician is checking out a number of proposals to see if they are feasible and it is hoped to have the revised report and drawings ready for the June Committee Meeting.

Cllr. McGinley Again Calls for the Illegal Parking at Parson Street to be Stopped:

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

"That the Garda at senior level be written to again asking them to enforce parking regulations at Parson Street, Maynooth and that the road be resurfaced and double yellow lines painted on the Joan Slade side, as soon as possible."

John was given the following reply:

"If it is the wish of the committee I can write to the Gardai regarding enforcement. This section of road is due for resurfacing later in the year under the road restoration programme, lining will take place afterwards"

John also asked that the Council's Traffic Warden visits Parson Street once a week to ensure enforcement of the law

Cllr. McGinley Seeks a Yellow Box at the Junction at the Square, Maynooth

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

"That a yellow box junction be painted at the Main Street/ Straffan Road junction in order to reduce the possibility of traffic illegally blocking the junction."

John was given the following reply:

"The main street is due for resurfacing later in the year. Road markings will be renewed after resurfacing."

John asked that all of the junctions with Main Street be painted with yellow boxes after the resurfacing.

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Potholes to be Repaired;

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

"When will the numerous potholes on the roads in Maynooth be looked after?"

John was given the following highly unsatisfactory reply:

"The area office is keeping this situation under review. It is not possible to progress these works at the moment due to financial and human resource constraints. However, every effort will be made to carry out the necessary repairs in the near future."

John stated it would not cost a fortune to repair the potholes and that it would be money well spent.

Cllr. McGinley Asks for The Harbour Field Wall to be Repaired

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

"That repairs to the boundary wall at the Harbour Field, Maynooth be carried out as a matter of urgency in order to avoid serious injury to children and adults using the playgrounds."

John was given the following worrying reply:

"The condition of the wall does not present any danger to the users of the playgrounds. The loose stone is as a result of ongoing antisocial behaviour involving knocking stone out of the wall. The loose stone will be removed and quotations will be sought for the repair of the wall. Any repairs will be dependent on the resources available to carry this out.

Maynooth Labour News

Maynooth playground was one of the easiest and low cost playgrounds to maintain however ongoing damage to the playground in Maynooth as a result of antisocial behaviour over the last year has resulted in the cost of maintenance of this play facility increasing at a time of diminishing resources. In the last year youth shelters have been damaged, a swing unit stolen, legs to the air walker stolen, hammock burned, basket swing damaged, rope bridge cut and broken glass is an ongoing problem also.

Unless the community of Maynooth are willing to respect the facilities provided it may be necessary to remove or close parts of the playground as the resources will not be available or allocated to continually repair and replace items."

John pointed out that the reply was very alarmist and that it did not give a true picture of the success of the Maynooth Playground. It is the envy of other towns throughout the county. The anti-social behaviour outlined has taken place over a number of years and while it is totally unacceptable it does not warrant the closure or removal of parts of the Playground. John was fully supported by all of the other Councillors

Cllr. McGinley Asks When Castle Dawson will be Taken in Charge

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

"What is holding up the taking in charge of Castle Dawson housing estate, Maynooth?"

John was given the following reply:

"As previously advised, Castledawson estate cannot be taken in charge until the pump station located in Newtown Hall is taken in charge. Building Control Section contacted the developers of Newtown Hall with a view to taking the pump station and the section of the main access road from Castledawson to the pump station in charge. The developer indicated that he had no objection to the county council taking the pump station in charge but that he did not own the road from the pump station to Castledawson. We then contacted the owner of the road who indicated that he had no objection to the county council taking the road in charge. The developers of Newtown Hall have recently returned to the site to carry out a clean-up of the undeveloped part of the site. A meeting has been arranged for early June (developer is not available until then) to identify works required to enable Castledawson to be taken in charge."

Cllr. McGinley Seeks Clarification on Beaufield Gardens

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

"Why has Beaufield Gardens in Beaufield estate, Maynooth not been taken in charge by the council?"

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John was given the following reply:

"Beaufield Gardens was built as part of Meadowbrook Estate, not Beaufield Estate. 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."

Update on Public Lighting Contract:

Cllr. McGinley got the following Update at the Area Meeting on 18 May;

"Airtricity has repaired a total of 1,457 faults since the beginning of the year, this include 461 repairs since the maintenance contract began on the 1 April 2012. There are currently 400 faults outstanding on the system, 80% of these are on ESB Network poles. Work ceased on ESB network poles between 1 April and 3rd May 2012 as ESB Approval to work on network poles expired. Approvals are now in place and work is ongoing to repair the lights on ESB network poles."

Open Gully at Perimeter of Leinster Street, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion:
"Roads Design has carried out an inspection of the site.
This refers to a large open drain on private land that was left following the construction of the car park. This matter has been referred to planning to follow up on."

Public light be installed at Doctors Lane

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"A meeting with Airtricity on site is being organised to assess the options for diverting the existing light or supplementing existing car park lights in order to cover Doctors Lane."

Deterioration of the ramp/pedestrian crossing at the boys school Moyglare Road

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"When the roads restoration programme is completed the area office undertake ramp maintenance. The repairs will be prioritised based on the conditions of each ramp. It should be noted that there is only a €10,000 budget for 2012 for such repairs."

Keeping Main Street, Maynooth Clean

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"The area office will endeavour to keep the street swept on a regular basis.

Maynooth businesses have been written to in relation to Litter Pollution Act.

The town will be monitored on an ongoing basis to ensure compliance with the litter Act."

Update on 66 Bus Extension to Newtown, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley has asked that Dublin Bus Representatives
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be asked to attend the June meeting of the Area Committee in order to address the conflicting views coming from Dublin Bus Officials on the extension of the

Removal of trees at the new roundabout on the Kilcock Road.

The Council Officials have now agreed to Cllr. McGinley's motion and a letter will be issued to NUI Maynooth requesting the removal of the trees.

Cllr. McGinley Asks that the Paint Colours of Main **Street Shops be Controlled**

John raised this issue at the Celbridge Area Committee on 18 May, particularly the very loud colours that some new shops in Maynooth have decided to use.

He has asked that the Planning Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) of the Council discuss formulating a Policy on appropriate colour schemes for shop fronts on Main Streets at its meeting on 7 June

STAGG CALLS FOR APPEALS PROCEDURE ON **REZONINGS**

Deputy Emmet Stagg who raised in a speech in the Dáil in 1997 the issue of excessive zoning in County Kildare urged the then Fianna Fail Minister, Noel Dempsey, to consider introducing legislation that would allow interested parties to appeal to An Bord Pleanála against decisions to rezone land for development.

I have now raised this matter again with the present Minister responsible for planning, Deputy Jan O'Sullivan.

A decision to zone for development has far reaching effects on many citizens outside of those directly concerned and it is unique in so far as there is no appeal system for those who disagree with the decision or are adversely affected by it.

While there is provision for appeals to An Bord Pleanála when detailed planning occurs the dye is then cast and effectively all that can be influenced is the type or mass of development.

This contrasts with the situation where appeals can be made against minor developments such as window sizes or front porches but cannot be made against proposals to zone land for hundreds of houses.

Court decisions can be appealed, planning decisions can be appealed but decisions on rezoning cannot and are unique in that regard.

I will urge the Minister to consider this anomaly with a view to introducing legislation to allow appeals to an outside independent agency thereby empowering citizens beyond the present 'consultation' process that can be noted and ignored.

STAGG WELCOMES COMMITMENT ON PUBLIC ACCESS CONTINUING BUT WILL PURSUE TRANSFER OF DONADEA FOREST PARK FROM COILLTE TO OPW

Given the recent announcement by Government, that consideration was been given to the possible sale of some of Coillte's assets, excluding the sale of land, Deputy Emmet Stagg has called for the Transfer of ownership of Donadea Forest Park from Coillte to the OPW.

Deputy Stagg has been in contact with Minister of State Shane McEntee T.D., Minister with responsibility for Forestry, and Minister of State Brian Hayes T.D., Minister with responsibility for the OPW. Outlining the case for the transfer of ownership Deputy Stagg pointed out with the sale of some of Coillte's assets being considered that now was the time to transfer Donadea Forest Park in its totality to the OPW who would maintain its historical buildings and amenity value for the people of the State. Deputy Stagg stated that the Park comprised 640 acres and included nature trails, forest walks and a lake. Historical features included the remains of Donadea Castle, Walled Gardens, a church, Tower, Ice House, Boat House and a fine Lime Tree Avenue. Deputy Stagg stated that the Park was widely used by members of the Public, not just from Co. Kildare but the wider Greater Dublin Area.

Minister of State McEntee has responded to Deputy Stagg stating that a valuation of Coillte Assets is currently being undertaken by the National Treasury Management Agency in conjunction with his Department and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. The Minister pointed out that no decision on the possible sale of State Assets will be taken until the valuation is completed. Specifically in relation to Coillte Recreational facilities the Minister stated that Coillte currently manages 11 Forest Parks and over 150 Recreational Facilities and that these sites provide a range of recreational opportunities for the general public. The Minister also stated that the facilities were also a valuable tourist resource and in view of the importance of such recreational opportunities for citizens for ongoing recreation and for visitors during their stay in Ireland, any sale will take account of public access to recreational land.

Whilst welcoming the Minister's statement of intent on continuing public access to recreational land such as Donadea Forest Park, Deputy Stagg stated that he would continue to pursue the outright transfer of the lands to the

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Maynooth Musical Society and An Nuadha Players

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Immram Brain ocus a Echtra (The voyage of Bran son of Febal and his adventure)

(Some of the following poem might be a bit confusing as it refers to an episode in another story so I have some notes at the end)

49

This form, this man you are looking at, Will come to where you are, I will travel to her house -To the woman who lives at Linemag.

It is Manannán mac Lir

Who is in a human shape from the chariot, In a short time, from his offspring, There will be a beautiful man with a body of white clay.

51

Manannán mac Lir will sleep Eagerly with Caintigern, He will be called to his son in the glorious world, Fiachna will recognize him as his son.

He will enjoy the company of every fairy-mound, He will be the darling of every good land, He will reveal mysteries, course of learning, In the world without fear.

He will appear in the shape of every animal On the grey sea and on land, He will be a dragon first before the people, He will be a wild dog of every great forest.

He will be a stag with silver horns In the land where chariots are driven, He will be a speckled salmon in a full pool, He will be a seal, he will be a white swan.

Throughout the ages he will be In the fair kingship for a hundred years, He will destroy battlefields, an eternal grave, He will redden fields, a wheel around the track.

It will be about kings with a warrior And he will be known as a brave hero, Into fortresses of a high land I will send the end from Islay.

I will place him on a height with princes, He will be overcome by a son of mistake, Manannán mac Lir

Will be his father, his instructor.

His time will be short -Fifty years in this world, A dragon stone from the sea will kill him

In the conflict at Senlabor.

He will request a drink from Loch Ló While he looks at the gush of blood, The fair crowd will place him under a wheel of clouds To the assembly where there is no sorrow.

Let Bran row steadily It is not far to Tír na mBan, Emne with it many colours of generosity, You will reach it before the setting of the sun.

61 Bran left him and then he saw an island. He rows around it and a great crowd was watching and laughing. They were all staring at Bran and his people. They would not stay to talk to them. They carry on with blasts of laughter at them. Bran sent one of his people to the island. He joined the others and he was staring at them just like the other people on the island. He continued to row around the island. When their

companion went past Bran, his companions spoke to him. But he would not answer them; he looked at them and stared at them. The name of this island was Inis Subai. Eventually they left him there.

62 It was not long after that until he reached Tír na mBan. They saw the leader of the women at the harbour. The leader of the women said:

'Come here to land, Bran mac Febail. Your arrival is welcome.



Bran did not dare to go to land. The woman throws a ball to Bran directly past his face. Bran put his hand to the ball and it stuck to his palm. There were threads of the ball in the woman's hand and she dragged the boat to the harbour. They went to a large house. There was a bed for every couple there, 3 by 9 beds. The food that was brought on every dish did not disappear. It seemed to them that they were there for a year. But it was really many years. There was no taste missing for them. 63 Home-sickness seized one of the men, Nechtan mac Collbrain. His people asking Bran to return to Éire with him. The woman said that they would be sorry if they went back. They did go however. The woman said that none of them should touch the land and that they should return to the Inis Subai to pick up the man that

64 They travelled until they reached at a gathering at Srub Brain. The people asked them where they came from, from over the sea. The man replied:

'I am Bran mac Febail.'

'We do not know you,' the said, 'but the Voyage of Bran is part of our traditional learning.' 65 The man jumped from the boat. As soon as he touched the land of Éire he became ashes immediately – just as if he had been in the ground of many hundreds of years. Then Bran sang this verse:

It was very foolish for the son of Collbran To lift his hand against age, Without anyone throwing a wave of pure water Over Nechtan, Collbran's son.

Bran told the people who had gathered about his adventures from the very beginning until that time. He wrote the verses in Ogam and then he said goodbye. No one has heard of his adventures since then.



The fact that this story consists mainly of poetry makes it relatively unusual as the sagas are usually prose or different combinations of prose and poetry. But we will see otherworldly stories that are entirely in verse as well. Although it says in the beginning that the woman will recite 50 stanzas there are only 28 and the use of the verb sings for reciting poetry is very common in this period. It is unlikely that they actually sang their poetry but there may have been accompanying music, or they may have used some kind of chant. Mannanán mac Lir is regarded as the god of the sea and his name is remembered in the Isle of Man. The story of his relationship with a woman called Caintigern (fair sovereignty) at the beginning of this section is celebrated in other stories that will be appear in next month's Newsletter. Using tricks, he manages to persuade this wife of a mortal, king from Ulster to sleep with him and they produce a son called Mongán -

an actual real life king. Bran whose name means raven, a bird sometimes associated with slaughter, is called the son of Febal (Lough Foyle) where Srub Brain is said to be. The man who is homesick is called Nechtan son of Collbran and the word bran appears again. The name Nechtan is also connected with water - he is supposedly the husband of the river Boyne (An Bhóinn) who is imagined as a woman in the literature. She was turned into a river because of her arrogance; she looked into a forbidden well and the river is formed as she tries to escape from the injuries that she suffers to her eye, her arm and her leg. The water follows her to the sea and forms the river.

The man who turns to ashes on his return to Ireland reminds us of characters like Rip van Winkle and of Oisín coming back from Tír na nÓg (The land of

There are references in verses 54-55 to the king shapeshifting and changing to different animals. This is a common motif in these stories; the ability of certain key figures to live in different shapes for hundreds of years and to carry knowledge from one age to another. There are different points of view about this story and it has excited a lot of heated debates among scholars. Some people think that the story contains remnants of pre-Christian beliefs and maybe a journey to the Otherworld (death) and others strongly disagree. The early Irish may have seen similarities between their own beliefs and the new religion, in this case between the birth of Christ and the unusual birth of the Mongán character in our story. There are lots of interesting names and descriptions of the Otherworld here like Mag Mell (Plain of delights), Tír na mBan (The land of women) and Cluichemag (Plain of games). We know now that most, if not all, of our early manuscripts and writing were produced by monks in monasteries. Therefore, there is a distinctly Christian flavour to all the writings. But they hardly appeared fully formed from nowhere and must have been influenced to a greater or lesser extent by the native, pre-Christian oral tradition. So Bran, Manannán, Nechtan etc. must be characters from these pre-Christian times and their stories must have some roots in that tradition. Our ancestors seem to have no problem in combining their native tradition, of which they were very proud, with their new Christian tradition to produce stories like this. In verse 41 in the previous piece, there are references for example to love-making under bushes without sin and this was a custom particularly associated with the month of Bealtaine (May). With the restrictions of the early Church on sexual activity, this does not seem very Christian!

Here two worlds merge and there is room for boat and chariot, wave and flowers, fish and calves and lambs. It has been likened to the two sides of the one coin, flipping back and forth: Manannán in his chariot, and Bran in his boat. The unseen wonder about us. Next month we will look at other stories about Bran, Mongán and others. These are quite short, relatively unknown and quite magical and mysterious stories of druids, prophets, wells, visions, hidden knowledge and an out of body experience.



Clues Across

- 1. Official sitting (7)
- 5. Saloon (3,4)
- 9. Tool for chipping ice (7)
- 10. Many times (5)
- 11. Living in a city (5)
- 12. Russian secret police (3)
- 13. With ease (6)
- 14. Complete (6)
- 15. Strike lightly (3)
- 17. Six (4-5)
- 21. Used for resting (3)
- 23. Make possible (6)
- 24. Russian sleigh (6)
- 27. Extinct flightless bird (3)
- 28. Son of Abraham (5)
- 29. Inanimate object (5)
- 30. Exterior (7)
- 31. Knitted jacket (7)
- 32. Burst violently (7)

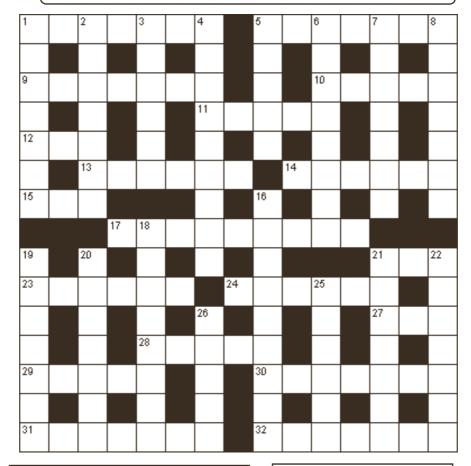
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- 1. Holdup (5-2)
- 2. Fruit-flavoured sweet powder (7)
- 3. Foolish persons (6)
- 4. Capital of Tonga (9)
- 5. Sphere (5)
- 6. Midday (8)
- 7. Meantime (7)
- 8. Very long (7)
- 16. Eighty (9)
- 18. Yes (3,5)
- 19. Governing bodies (7)
- 20. Prisoner (7)
- 21. Baby (7)
- 22. Expert marksman (4-3)
- 25. Part of the foot (6)
- 26. Coming after (5)

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Catherine Murphy TD • Independent • Kildare North

Murphy warns on continued reliance on tiger-era planning strategies as Minister Hogan publishes updated Retail Planning Guidelines.

The publication of new Retail Planning Guidelines in Ireland is a cause for concern to those who value local, independent retailers as a vital part of a town's economy and community life, says Independent TD for Kildare North Catherine Murphy. The growth of lage-scale retail outlets and retail parks across the country has had a devastating effect on traditional town centres throughout Ireland, particularly in medium sized towns, and the failure of the new guidelines to reduce limits on the size of these developments in areas like Kildare continues to undermine the viability of the Main Street as a focal point for communities, according to the Deputy.

"Towns like Naas have seen huge retail developments spring up at the expense of long serving, local retailers. Naas, with a population of just over 20,000, now hosts Ireland's largest Tesco store as well as two of the large DIY retailers, and many other chain retailers. Whilst many argue that these large developments create jobs, the reality is often different. The resultant closure of local retail outlets simply means job displacement rather than creation in many cases.

"The updated guidelines do not significantly address this problem. In fact, the very weak role that regional-level planning is given means that the enormous Hypermarkets will now be allowed to develop along areas like the M50 and greater Dublin hinterland, very close to medium sized towns like Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth. Existing small local retailers are already losing the footfall needed to remain above water, while new ventures cannot get enough business to get off the ground. Many community cores now have several vacant shops – this makes no sense for prime retail spaces located in the heart of towns.

"Given that we have 88 planning authorities in Ireland at the moment, I have to cast doubt on our ability to restore a town-centre planning focus to the heart of our development guidelines. To achieve a real level of sustainable development I would encourage the Minister to develop a greatly expanded role for regional planning so we can take a wider, consolidated view of how we develop our communities – particularly in relation to retail planning."

MURPHY BLASTS GOVERNMENT DITHERING ON INDEPENDENT PLANNING INQUIRIES

Speaking after questioning Minister Jan O'Sullivan in the Dáil today, Deputy Catherine Murphy demanded the immediate reinstatement of the independent planning inquiries scrapped by this Government. She stated that "the Minister's assertion that the previous Government had not commenced planning investigations is simply untrue". Independent planning investigations were commenced by Minister John Gormley in June 2010 following the review of an Internal Departmental Report detailing complaints received from the Ombudsman, An Taisce and members of the public regarding planning irregularities in six local authorities including Carlow County Council.

The Local Authorities concerned were asked to formally respond to the issues raised and responses were received in July 2010. In September 2010 an invitation to tender was issued inviting planning consultants to tender for a panel of planning consultants charged with independently reviewing the complaints. The tenders were reviewed and planning consultants were ready to be appointed when the previous Government fell. However, on assuming office Minister Penrose scrapped the Independent Inquiries.

The Deputy stated that the Dublin planning problems detailed in the Mahon Report are "by no means an isolated issue". This is evidenced by a letter in February 2010 from the Ombudsman to the person who made a compliant regarding planning practice in Cork City Council. The Ombudsman referred to planning "difficulties of a systemic nature which may need to be dealt with on a systematic basis".

Deputy Murphy continued "to restore credibility in our fractured planning system we need the Internal Departmental Report to be published and the external Independent Planning Investigations to be reinstated.

"The outrage felt after the findings of the Mahon Tribunal cannot be allowed to be temporary."

Technical Group Schedules Dáil Debate on Shocking Refusal and Appeal Rate of Domiciliary Care Allowance Applications

The Dáil's Technical Group, which is made up of 12 Independent TDs and 5 United Left Alliance TDs, will next week table a Dáil motion calling on the government to radically reform the system of payment known as the Domiciliary Care Allowance which has seen some of the most vulnerable people in Irish society forced to, as the group puts it,

"exhaust the precious time and resources at their disposal in lengthy application, review and appeals processes"

The group of 16 TDs has scheduled three hours of debate time between Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th during which the motion will be discussed by

representatives of the opposition and government alike. In the motion the Independent group highlights the fact that vulnerable families have encountered significant problems in accessing and retaining this vital support since the role of administering the DCA was transferred from the HSE to the Department of Social Protection in 2009

While welcoming the original motivation for transferring this function, which was to ensure consistency and transparency in the way that applicants were assessed throughout the country through the institution of a centralised application facility, the lack of appropriate levels of expertise in the relevant fields of disability among those assessing the eligibility of claimants is problematic, to name but one area of concern.

The decision to schedule time for the discussion of this very emotive topic was made by the group in response to ongoing and escalating appeals among constituents and representative organisations of children with special needs to pursue the government in the aim of addressing the worrying escalation in application refusals, rulings of ineligibility for the allowance among those who have come to depend on the payment and the excessive lengths of time that appeals are taking to be heard and adjudicated upon.

MURPHY WELCOMES MOVE TO END "SHAMEFUL" PRACTICE OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS REFUSING TREATMENT TO PATIENTS LIVING OUTSIDE CATCHMENT AREAS

Following the tabling of a Parliamentary Question on the topic, Deputy Catherine Murphy (Independent – Kildare North) today broadly welcomed the Minister for Health, Dr James Reilly's confirmation that the practice of refusing in-patient and outpatient treatment services to individuals purely based on their address is to be immediately addressed. In some cases, said the Deputy, essential treatment had been refused "even where it was unavailable at any other location in the State."

In a parliamentary reply issued today, Minister Reilly said that the practice is "unacceptable" and confirmed that a letter has been issued from the National Directors of the HSE and the Chief Operating Officer of the Special Delivery Unit (SDU) to all public hospitals in the country requesting that, with immediate effect, all hospitals should refrain from any further limiting of historic catchment areas. The Minister also stated that the requirement will be retrospective to the start of 2012 in most cases, and will apply to new referrals and existing patients receiving long term treatments.

"This move comes not a moment too soon. Recent figures show that almost 170,000 people are on waiting lists for outpatient services around the country, so it's very important that we guard against the practice of refusing patients from becoming an acceptable means to reduce these lists. I applaud the healthcare workers operating under extremely difficult circumstances, particularly with the moratorium on recruitment. I call on the Minister to ensure that they are adequately resourced to tackle our waiting lists while ensuring access to treatment is based on need, and not address."

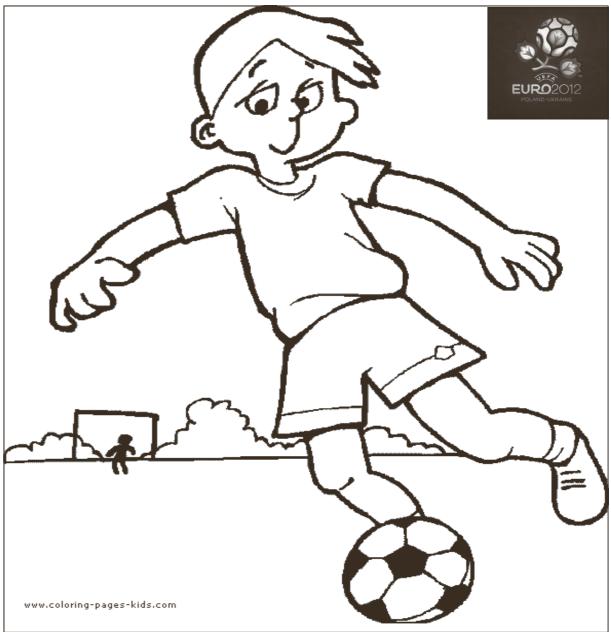
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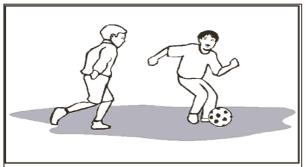
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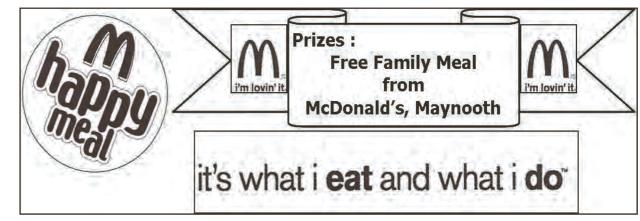




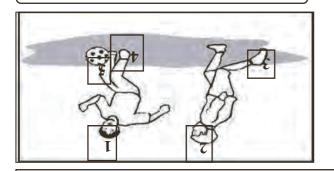
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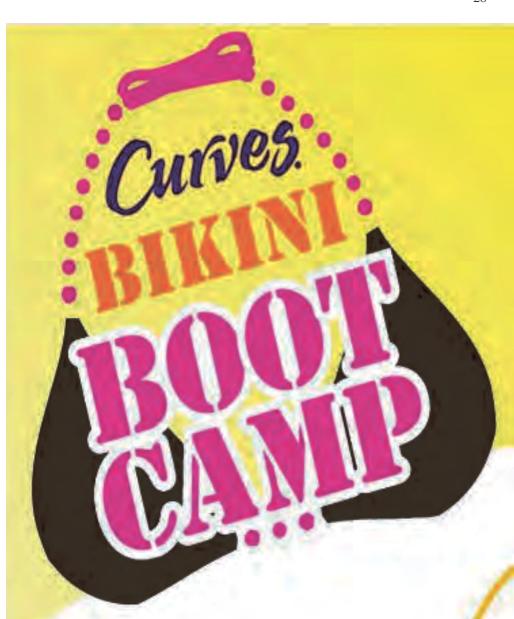
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Age: 8 & Over: Conor Van Duyverwoorde,

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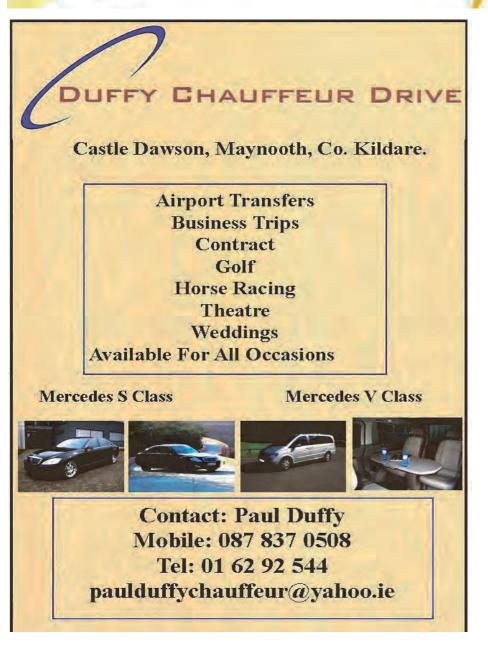
With summer on its way, many women worry about getting back into a bikini or swimsuit and want to lose a few of those extra pounds put on during the winter. Of course, we always get asked if they can lose weight in time for their summer beach holiday. At Curves, our new five-week Bikini Bootcamp now means you can look and feel great in no time, and wear your swimwear with confidence.

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We thank all who answered our appeal for volunteers this has enabled us to undertake revamping various flower beds, weed removal and litter picking around the town and indeed enter the National Tidy Towns competition once again.

On Wednesday nights we meet at The Square @ 7.30pm and also on Saturday mornings at The Square @ 10am.

Sunday morning clean ups have restarted and will continue until end August.

If you wish to join us on Sunday mornings we meet at The Garda Station @ 7.45am.

Please keep Maynooth tidy as our Judges will be with us anytime from 1st June to 31 August.

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BEFOREPlanting shrubs outside St. Mary's BNS



AFTERPlanter outside St. Mary's BNS

MAYNOOTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOST A TALK BY IDA MILNE ON THE INFLUENZA PANDEMIC OF 1918-1919

On Thursday May 24th the Maynooth Historical Society held a very informative and sometimes sombre talk on the effects of the world-wide Flu Pandemic of 1918. Ida Milne a Celbridge local, who has completed a PHD in Trinity College on the subject, gave us an insight into the causes, treatment and the huge effect the Flu had on Kildare. The 1918 Flu was one of three world-wide pandemics that were regarded as a "natural disaster" along with the Plague and the Black Death. It is thought that up to 100 million people world-wide died from the Flu, in Ireland it is thought that up to 900,000 people caught the Flu. The Flu hit Ireland in 3 different waves during the 2 year period, which crippled the country. Libraries and schools were closed, the All-Ireland finals were postponed, priests advised the banning of wakes, funerals were shortened and fasting before mass not encouraged, all to try to stop infection.

There was also a coal shortage, this meant that the power supply was limited, the water supply was turned off at night, even recovery was made harder.

A Community Kitchen was set-up in Naas, local farmers and landlords donated food and the soup was delivered to the sick. Lady Barton from Straffan House was said to have delivered food to her sick staff around the estate in her carriage.

The Flu devastated many families, in Celbridge the Gogarty family lost 5 members in 3 different countries within 5 months. Local newspapers listed the numbers of sick and the number of deaths that had occurred from the Flu on a daily or weekly basis.

Our own College was also affected. In October of 1918 the College had to close, 60 sick people stayed in the College, none died, but 11 students that left became ill and died.

The Flu started with sudden pains and aches with a very sore throat, bad cough and a fever. It caused the lungs to fill with blood which gave the skin a purple colour. Cyanosis then occurred which meant the victim literally died suffocating in their own blood. The advice given to stave it off or for helping to deal with it was to keep warm, keep your feet dry, eat warm meals, complete bed rest and drink plenty of liquids. The treatments given were Calamel (mercury chloride) which had a laxative effect, Quinine for a fever, a Linseed Poultice for the chest, a Creosote gargle for the throat but the best treatment seems to have been

Ida Milne is a member of the Oral History Network of Ireland, which is looking for more stories on the Flu, if you have any family history of the Flu, you can contact them at: www.ohni.ie

whiskey, it really does cure all ills! Even though aspirin had been invented by Bayer, it wasn't widely

available.

The next event the Historical Society is hosting will be the Geraldine Night of music and dance in Maynooth Castle on June 12th, all are welcome, also new members are most welcome to join the Society, we meet on the last Thursday of each month at 8pm in the Newsletter Office beside the Post Office.



Ida Milne with Rita Edwards



Maura Grogan, Ida Milne and Peter Corry with the Historical Society Members in the Glen royal Hotel

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Those entertained by Patrick Collins include Maureen O'Hara, Martin Scorsese, Gregory Peck, Bill Clinton, Alison Doody, Kate Blanchette, Noel Pearson, Jim Sheridan, U.2., Neil Jordan, Brad Pitt, Meryl Streep, Tom Courtney, Colm Farrell, Daniel Day Lewis & John Rocha & much much More!!

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Geraldine Festival in Maynooth Castle

Maynooth Historical Society held a fabulous night of music and dance to celebrate their Geraldine Festival Week. The wealth of artistic talent that is the Castle Keep Art Group exhibited their beautiful paintings in the Castle to much admiration, while Rita Doyle's Dance School - Scoil Rince Ui Dhuibhaill and The Catherine Maher School of Dancing performed with great expertise many jigs and reels and a special Jedward inspired dance too.

We also had the St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band to entertain us, which they certainly did!! Under the baton of Aine Doyle they filled the Castle with their fabulous renditions of Lord of the Dance, Shostakovich's jazzy 2nd Waltz to Michael Bublé! One lucky boy, Sean Leahy, won the chance to conduct the band and he made a fine job of it! The Band were due to play at the Eucharistic Congress the next night, I'm sure they found they had another very appreciative audience in the RDS too. This summer the Band will be taking part in the South of Ireland Band Championships in Clonakilty, we wish them every success.

The night was organised to honour Gerald and Joan Howard-Williams, it was through their hard work and persistence with the OPW that we have the wonderful facilities in the Castle available to us. Mary Cullen gave us a brief history of the Castle and its owners and then Colm Ó Cearúil gave a speech on the adventures of Silken Thomas whose connection to Maynooth has yet to be really acknowledged.

Barry Smith performed various Frank Sinatra numbers, he not only sounded the part he dressed the part too, very smooth! Our evening rounded off with the traditional music group Push for Porter. They invited us to join in with the chorus of "Go Lassie Go" and we lifted the rafters. It was a truly wonderful night which showcased the many talented musicians, dancers and artists of Maynooth in the wonderful setting of our own Castle. A true Geraldine Evening.

(more pictures page 3)



St. Mary's Band with guest conductor Sean Leahy



The Art Exhibition held by the Castle Keep Art Group



Theatre in the Castle

Cast members of An Nuadha Players Community Theatre Group on the 1st night of Same old Moon by Geraldine Aron at Maynooth Castle . The Castle was packed for 3 nights to watch the ups and downs of the Family life of Brenda Barnes and the audience loved every minute.

With a large cast of people of all ages, this was a great success for An Nuadha Players and the Community of Maynooth.

Sorry for the large number of people we had to turn away, and a big thank you to the OPW for the use of the Castle and the Maynooth Community Council for the use of the Community Space.

Terry Nealon: An Nuadha Players.

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St. Mary's Band



Conductor Aine Doyle wows the audience!



Push for Porter Traditional Group



Barry "Frank Sinatra" Smith

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The Benefits of **Annual Pet Vaccination**

At Maynooth Veterinary Clinic we are often asked is it necessary to vaccinate a pet every year? This month's article addresses that

Because your pet is out and about in the environment he is constantly being challenged by infectious microorganisms. In the unvaccinated pet the veterinary treatment for some of these diseases merely supports your pet in the hope that his immune system can fight the disease e.g. Parvovirus. Your pet's immunity after vaccination will start to decrease over time and therefore it is good practice to ensure that he receives an annual vaccination. Then as your pet encounters these diseases his immune system has been primed to recognise and fight them.

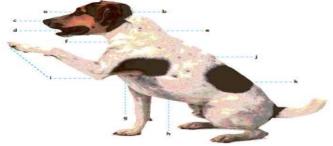
The vaccination contains harmless versions of bacteria and viruses from all of the major infectious diseases that occur in Ireland. The vaccine triggers the formation and production of antibodies to these diseases. Following vaccination your pet's immune system is activated to fight these infections.

At Maynooth Veterinary Clinic (www.maynoothvets.com) we conduct a full health check at the time of annual vaccination. It can be quite surprising what is discovered from these examinations heart problems, early arthritis, allergies, eye conditions - to name but a few. We also use this visit to discuss your pet's health needs for the year ahead and to inform you of things to look out for as he

The chart right gives you an insight into the comprehensive health check that your pet receives as part of his annual booster vaccination visit at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic, Newtown Grove:

Thank you for bringing your dog in for an annual health check & vaccination

To maximise the benefit to you and your dog, your vet will perform a nose-to-tail check and ask v important questions so your dog's health status can be thoroughly assessed.



What will your vet be looking for during the physical health check?

- Examine eyes for discharge or inflammation.
- b. Examine ears for ear mites, odour, infection or inflammation
- Evaluate nose and nasal passages for signs of upper respiratory disease or allergies.
 Evaluate mouth for teeth, ulcers, adour, colour and condition of gums.
- e. Gently 'lift and twist' scruff to evaluate hydration level. f. Feel thyroid and lymph nodes for signs of tumours or infections
- Listen to chest for heart murmurs, irregular heartbeat and abnormal lung sounds.
- Feel tummy for lumps or tenderness.
- Assess condition of legs, joints, spine, paws and claws.
 Assess coat and skin condition for parasites, grooming, nutrients, allergies and infection.
- k. Assess body condition to ensure not over- or under-weight.



July Diary Planner

I.C.A.

There will be no meetings in July & August. Monthly meeting for September is 6th at 8.00 pm in the harbour. Crafts return on Monday 10th. New members welcome.

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

Flower & Garden

There will be no club for July and August. Will resume in September. Have a lovely summer's break.

Maureen Fagan PRO

Parent & Toddler Group

Every Tuesday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth.

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Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm
& 2pm to 5pm
Saturday 9.30am to 1pm

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Bridge Club

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Contact Katherine Cooney
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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

Maynooth Youth Café

Games, Music, Snacks and Chat. You decide, It's Your Caf. Thursdays 8 - 10pm Community Space Manor Mills

History Group

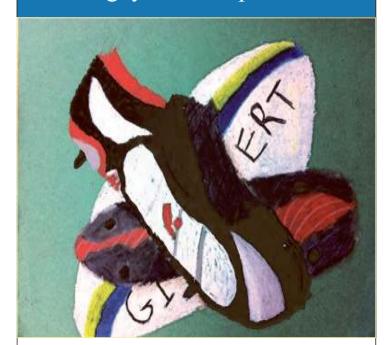
Meetings every last Thursday of the month in Maynooth Community Council Office at 8.00pm. All Welcome

University of Third Age (U3A)

AGM will be held at 11.00am on Friday 8th June, 2012. Weekly meetings on Tuesday & Friday in Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth New Members Welcome Enquiries: Bernadette Phone: 6289131

If you would like Your event for August put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter Phone 01 6585922/6285053

Maynooth Girl wins Leinster Rugby Art Competition



Congratulations to **Sinead Crowley**, Presentation Girl's School, Maynooth who recently won the Under 12 section of the inaugural Leinster Rugby Art Competition.

There were 3 different categories Under 12, Under 15 and Under 19 with over 1,000 entries from all over Ireland

Her prize consists of an All 4 One Voucher from Bank of Ireland and she along with the other winners will attend the opening of the new Leinster Rugby Offices. All the winning art work will feature on the walls of these new offices. The winners will also attend a Leinster match in the RDS. Sinead will also be invited to a Leinster match next season, where her painting along with the top 10 of each category will be displayed in a "pop-up" gallery for the day. Congratulations and well done!!



Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

Congratulations to all the team who participated in the A.O.I.F.A exhibit in Bloom, we were over the moon, at winning a gold medal. Our exhibit was titled "A Celebration of 350 Years in the Phoenix Park". The team included our President Felicity Satchwell, our chairwoman Rosemary Smyth, Noeleen O'Brien, Mary Cleary, Moira Baxter, Maureen Fagan, Lila Flynn, Kathleen Harper, Janet McCann and Ann O'Dowd. The club would like to thank all the members who supplied foliage from their gardens and the club members who looked after the stewarding in Blooms.





The exhibit was highly admired by specators at Blooms and it showed off the wealth of talent in the club.

We are always looking for new members so why not come along to our club night, we meet on the third of each month in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth.

There will be no club night in July or August as we breal for the summer and resume in September

Maureen Fagan PRO





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Gael-Choláiste Mhaigh Nuad

Is anseo i Maigh Nuad a scríobh an tAth. Eoghan Ó Gramhnaigh alt san Irish Ecclesiastical Record i Samhain 1890 inar mhol sé go mbunófaí eagraíocht dheonach nua chun an teanga a shabháil. Spreag an talt sin Eoin Mac Néil agus Dubhlás de hIde chun Conradh na Gaeilge a bhunadh. D'éirigh le Conradh na Gaeilge mheon na tíre a athrú go dtí gur bhaineamar neamhspleáchas amach mar Phoblacht na hÉireann.

The story of the Irish language is interwoven with the story of Ireland. With the fall of Maynooth Castle the way was paved for the advance of Colonisation in Ireland.

It was here in Maynooth that an tAth Eoghan Ó Gramhnaigh wrote an article in the Irish Ecclesiastical Record suggesting that a voluntary organisation should be founded to arrest the decay of the language. This article motivated Eoin Mac Néil and Doughlas Hyde to establish Conradh na Gaeilge. The Conradh succedded in instilling a pride of language and identity in the Irish people. This pride and sense of self worth would eventually lead to independence and the formation of the Irish Republic.

Successive Irish Governments attempted to restore the language through promotional policies, in the main through its Education department. These policies which mostly consisted of a form of compulsion did not succeed, e.g if a student failed Irish in their Leaving Certificate, they failed the entire examination.

In the 1970's Parents began to realise that government A class schools, i.e. those teaching all subjects through the medium of Irish were producing students whose achievements were outranking those in the private fee paying sector schools. This realistation was one of the reasons that motivated parents to found the Gaelscoileanna organisation.

At secondary level there are c.750 secondary schools in the State. To date 574 students are enrolled to attend Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad.

History shows us that government does not always get it right. They are currently ignoring the wishes of the parents and insisting that the new school for Maynooth to be opened in 2014 will be another English medium school.

The Parents of the children are committed that their children will continue their education through the medium of Irish. Please support our campaign by lobbying local and national politicians by asking them

- 1. Why is the government opposed to Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad?
- 2. Why will the new school not be sited on the south side of the town?
 As was originally planned and where the majority of the school going population reside. (Castlebridge, Parklands, Rail Park, Rockfield, Griffen Rath, Maynooth Park, Greenfield, Straffan Wood, Kingsbry, Old Greenfield, Silken Vale, Cluain Aoibhinn, College Green, Meadowbrook, Beaufield, Woodslands, Castle Dawson srl.)
- 3. Why do they want to build a superschool of 2,000 students in Maynooth?

Is mise, le meas, Colm Ó Cearúil Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad,

Editorial

Europe has been at the centre of Irish affairs this month. Firstly, the future of the Euro and of the whole EU project was in doubt as the Greeks voted again and our future is now inextricably linked with that of countries whose politics we knew very little about until recently. Our referendum and its result have become nearly irrelevant and even forgotten already. Tourists are deserting Greece and their beautiful islands, adding even more stress to this once great nation and country. The other European involvement was the European Championships where our appearance was relatively short-lived. In the background the latest Eucharistic Congress took place but this showed what a changed place Ireland is from the 1930s with the event somewhat relegated to the background. But the most recent report, that on the 196 children who died while in the "care" of the HSE, shows no change in this country's attitude to children; this neglect happened in the times of the Celtic Tiger. This is no great little country but a place seemingly inhabited by an uncaring population. Those responsible are not aliens, they are not "they", they are us. Contrast this with the wonderful welcome given to Burmese heroine Aung San Suu Kyi; perhaps we are better with strangers than with our own.

The History Group are to be congratulated on their wonderful event in the Castle recently. Hopefully, it will be possible to facilitate the opening of this great castle to the public for longer than at present. The Office of Public Works has asked voluntary groups to get involved in their heritage sites and the Community Council and the History Group will be cooperating with them on these developments. This is to be welcomed as cultural tourism is so important to Ireland but it also means that the Government is not prepared to spend money on paid employees at sites all around the country. This deprives some of our young, and not so young people of future employment in this industry. The Geraldine Castle in Maynooth is an example of how such a site can be restored and utilized by a community that cares about its heritage. But the attack on the Lia Fáil on the Hill of Tara has shocked the heritage community. This mindless attack with a hammer will beg questions about the future of many monuments that have been left in the open for people to enjoy. The Lia Fáil has an uncertain past; it was mentioned in the early literature as being a type of coronation stone. It now stands upright on top of the hill but it used to lie prone outside the Mound of the Hostages a bit like the stone that now lies outside Newgrange. It was said to cry out when the rightful king was in place and it was supposedly accompanied by two more stones, called Bloc and Bluigne, that opened out to receive the king. The OPW may have to review the future of many open air monuments nowfor example high crosses are left out in the open on sites all over the country. But they are being damaged by our modern weather, acid rain, and fumes from the traffic on our roads. Parents and teachers will have to instil a greater respect for property in our youth and there is not great indication that this is taking place. (We welcome your comments and letters on any topic, if you want your letter published, please make this clear when you contact us. We would appreciate your feedback.)

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our readers of the upcoming Festival. It will be launched on Thursday 13th September to continue until the following Sunday, (the 16th September). We would like to draw your attention in particular to events to take place

Community Council Notes

There was further news about the Office of Public Works and the Castle. They were in touch with the secretary about extending the opening hours. The History Group have been in contact with the OPW already and they hope to progress the extension of the opening hours by September. There will have to be two guides together at the site and an arrangement for key holders.

A number of issues were raised in the correspondence that the Council received this month and that were aired at the meeting. The first of these was the dangerous parking at Parson Street. It was pointed out that cars were now parked on both sides of the street and that this was posing a danger for pedestrians in particular. The meeting was told that the gardaí did not appear to take this illegal parking seriously. Hopefully, the pay parking will get rid of this problem and when the roads are resurfaced, the double yellow lines will be more visible. It is possible that it was the pay parking in the College in the past year that led to the increase in this illegal parking. It was pointed out that there will be no clamping in operation, there will only be parking tickets.

The second issue that was raised by correspondence was the increase in theft at Laraghbryan Cemetery. This is happening because the gates to the cemetery have been closed and there is no vehicular access anymore. This was a decision of the committee and was supported by Kildare County Council. The closure was suggested to protect graves and grass verges from cars parking on them. The cars are then in danger of break-ins. This was linked to lawlessness in general. It was agreed to reply to the correspondence that Cllr McGinley was dealing with the issue. CCTV could be a deterrent. There is space for parking outside the cemetery.

The Community Council received \$1,800 from Intel at the Community Awards that are held every year. A total of \$384,000 was granted to groups throughout the country. The awards are based on the number of community hours that Intel employees give to a given group; one of their employees visits the office every week to help with IT issues.

The issue of home help was raised by both the Senior Citizens and the U3A. The authorities were blamed for not trying to keep older people in their own homes, it is cheaper, it is healthier and better for people to stay at home. The fact that the home help is being cut back makes this more expensive in the long run. There is very little support to keep people at home or from the public health nurses.

The various sub-committees and affiliates also reported on their activities to the meeting as is normal. The Educate Together School had representatives who ran the Maynooth 10k and their Summer Fair will be held 24th June. Both the Youth Café and the Teen Space were represented; they use the Community

on Saturday 15th; the committee want the shopkeepers to dress for the 1910-30 period and to try to dress their shops in this fashion. We are looking for old photographs to put on display. It would be fun if the pubs ran a happy hour where drink would cost what it did a hundred years ago and if some produce in the shops could be reduced to this price however briefly. We would like to have stalls in the square, there are those who sell there already but we would welcome many more of them. If you as an individual or as a group have any ideas or anything to contribute or to donate or to put on display please get in touch with the Community Council office.

Space in Manor Mill. Both groups are going well; Cllr McGinley urged them to apply for the KCC grants of €54,000 that are devoted to youth affairs. The Community Space is completely booked up for the moment and P. Croghan thanked the U3A and the toddlers group for accommodating the necessary changes.

The Tidy Town collection was reported to have increased by 15% and the U3A were thanked for their help. There are now a total of 59 people on the text message list when the group are looking for help cleaning up. A number of other issues were raised as well; for example some of the back lanes are full of potholes; but €100,000 was spent on the new road at Blacklion. Some of the graffiti was cleaned up by the Council but the defaced signage has still not been cleaned up - they were defaced a year ago during the election. The flower baskets will not be done this year as it was very expensive. The award ceremony for best estates or shop fronts did not take place last year; only the winners were attending and the committee are keeping the issue under review. KCC will have a 'best practice' document on the suitable colours on shop fronts etc but owners cannot be forced to use certain colours. The unacceptable positioning of bins on the Main Street was also mentioned. It was pointed out that railings at Carton Avenue were no longer and that there is a danger to cyclists and pedestrians. It was agreed to write to KCC to restore this railing.

The Twinning Committee reported that the Council have been invited to Canet for the 22nd June but it was hoped to celebrate the event in October instead The issue of education was again raised by C. Ó Cearúil. Despite the fact that the second secondary school was originally planned for the Straffan Road as of January 2011, it had been decided that 2 postprimary schools would be placed on the north side of the town on the Moyglare Road. This would mean that there would be 2,000 students in one location, 2 schools but still on the same site - the biggest school in Ireland. It was agreed to write to the Minister again about our concerns regarding the location and the size of the schools. It was pointed out that this had all been done before. The patronage will be decided this month and the planning application has not been lodged yet. It was also noted that the Dept of Education does not have any land on the Celbridge Road. (There is a page of relevant letters etc. further in the publication.) Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

MEN'S SHEDS

Further to the previous bulletin in the Maynooth Newsletter there's some good news on the Men's Shed project. A "shed" premises has been sourced. It will take some work to get it fit for purpose but with the combined skills of members it should pose no problem. We hope to be up and running towards the end of Summer.

Men's Sheds is a community based organisation for men who have time on their hands to get together, talk with other men shoulder to shoulder and share their skills.

If you are interested in getting involved I can be contacted via the Maynooth Newsletter at phone no. 6285922 or email maynoothec@eircom.net I can also be contacted at johnpfleming@hotmail.com Please leave your contact details and I'll get in touch shortly. Thanks to all who have expressed an interest so far.

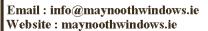
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EXTRAS NEEDED For SHORT FILM IN MAYNOOTH

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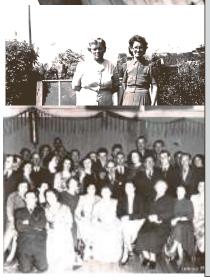
Ciarán Hickey a film student at the Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design & Technology is directing a 40 minute short film with a dedicated crew of other student filmakers and is looking for budding extras, filming is due to start in July. Sadly, all cast and crew will not be paid, but the film, upon its completion, will be submitted to a number of Ireland's choice film festivals for reviewing.

The extras that he is looking for are:

- Elena Aged "40, thin bodied and pale, long dark hair"
- Peter Aged 42, unshaven and greying"
- Two actors (One male, One female, early 20's to play a young couple
- Ticket Lady "Aged 38, bored and uninspired in her job"
- Five Actors (Two Male, Three Female, Age 20's/30's, to play ticket customers.

See a part you think youself suitable for? Maybe even know somebody perfect who might be interested? You can give Ciarán a call on 086 3106157, or e– mail at iamdisappearedfilm@hotmail.co.uk to arrange an audition.





UPCOMING MAYNOOTH FESTIVAL
13th to 16th September 2012

SEEKING PHOTOGRAPHS/NEGATIVES OF MAYNOOTH AND ITS PEOPLE

ONE OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE AN EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE FIRST HALF OF THE 1900s

If anyone in Maynooth has old photographs/ negatives and would like to have them shown in an exhibition please leave them into the Maynooth Community Office.

The greatest care will be taken of the photographs which will be copied and originals returned to owners within a few days. The copies will go on display.

Please submit some information about the photographs

- year, people, places, events etc.

Please contact the Maynooth Community Office for more information.
(01) 6285922







Gearoid - Keeper of the Castle

Gerard Howard Williams, who died recently, was a familiar figure in Maynooth. He was usually to be seen on his bicycle as he pursued his many interests in developing community life. Gerard was born in Liverpool in 1925, the second son in a family of six sisters and three brothers. His father died at the early age of forty. When World War 11 began in 1939, the family home was requisitioned by the British military and the family came to Ireland where they stayed for a while in Loughrea, and then settled in Glasson near Athlone. Here they developed a love of the Shannon river and waterways. When developments at the Ardnacrusha hydroelectric power station threathened the livelihood of local fishermen, Gerard and his brother John became involved in a campaign which succeeded in getting the flow of water regulated to accommodate the eel fishing. They were also active in the foundation of the Inland Waterways Association in 1954, and the Shannon Boat Rally in 1961.

Gerard came to Dublin where he studied for an Arts degree in Trinity College. Then, with his brother-in-law, he started a self-service supermarket on Upper Merrion Street which they later converted to the Inca Coffee House. In 1964 he married Joan Gilligan of Dublin and they had six children, two boys and four girls. In 1969 Gerard and Joan sold the coffee shop and house in Dublin and, on the invitation of David Nall Cain, came to Maynooth where they moved into a wing of Carton House.

Gerard had developed an interest in wood work and cabinet-making as a boy in Loughrea, where he learned his skill from the local farrier who also made coffins. He had maintained a workshop in a basement room at the Inca Coffee House and later in a nearby mews. While living at Carton he started a furniture factory, Williams Contracts, at Ballymount Road in Dublin, where 79 people were employed. The factory supplied furniture to Arnotts, Clerys and apartment buildings. When the factory closed in 1974 Gerard set up a workshop at Carton where the family had moved into the former head gamekeeper's house. Here he made and sold furniture and was an innovator in the use of solid pine in kitchen furniture. His skill was in wide demand. When the Irish College at Salamanca in Spain closed in 1951 its archives had come to St Patrick's College Maynooth, and Gerard's expertise was called on to restore a desk from Salamanca which is now in the Russell Library in the College.

He and Joan became interested in Maynooth Castle in the 1970s, when, dressed in appropriate costume, they took part in the 'medieval banquets' organised by Maynooth Development Association at the Castle. Joan, while studying environmental and community development at the College, took part in a social audit of Maynooth. This increased their joint determination to make the Castle part of community life on an ongoing basis. It became clear that the best way to secure the future of the Castle and its restoration was to have its ownership vested in the state. This would bring it into the care of the Office of Public Works. For this to happen it was necessary to show that there was sufficient local support for the project. To achieve this they worked through 1988 and 1989 to organise the Maynooth Castle Committee.

The committee held its first meeting in December 1989. It was composed of representatives from all organisations in the town and members of Maynooth College staff. Meetings were held in the College and its president, Monsignor Micheál Ledwith, acted as chairperson. Gerard was elected as administrator and Joan as secretary.

After tireless lobbying by Gerard the Committee's objective was achieved. At a ceremony held at the Castle on 20th October 1991, David Nall Cain, the then owner, transferred his interest to the Minister of State with responsibility for Public Works, in the presence of Denis FitzGerald of the Leinster family who represented the Kildare Geraldines, the original builders and owners of the Castle. Since then the Office of Public Works has carried out considerable restoration work. The Castle is open to the public during the summer months and free guided tours are provided. Illustrated panels telling its history have been installed in the keep. The Castle is also made available for community events.

Gerard is survived by his wife Joan, sons Gearóid and Paul, daughters Siobhán, Rowena, Kathryn and Emma, sons-in-law Gareth, Mark and Marshall, and nine grandchildren; sisters Marie O'Reilly Hyland in Dublin, Gladys Oldenholmin in Ibiza, Doris Hapsburg-Lothreigen in Vienna, Kathleen Callan Williams in Wicklow, and Monica Santoni-y-Williams in the Dominican Republic; sister-in-law Mary in Wicklow, 16 nephews and 15 nieces and a wide circle of friends.

The people of Maynooth have been given an invaluable legacy by Gerard and Joan Howard Williams. We can best repay them by making the Castle as fully part of community life as they both hoped it would become.

Mediation

The purpose of this article is to introduce Mediation as an alternative dispute resolution and to give readers an insight as to how it operates and the benefits of same.

WHAT IS MEDIATION.

Mediation is a form of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). It is a process that helps parties reach a solution to their problem and to arrive at an outcome that both parties are happy to accept. The mediation process is private and confidential and parties coming to mediation do so voluntarily. The beauty of Mediation is that it is a successful, cost effective, efficient and satisfying way of resolving disputes used by parties as an alternative to going to Court. It is fast becoming the desired route in dispute resolution and this can be seen from the increasing number of Acts that facilitate or compel mediation before litigation. Mediation does not infringe on your rights to go to Court, it is alternative to going to Court.

Mediation is available to everyone whether it be a family law dispute, a commercial dispute, a workplace dispute, a community dispute, or even a neighbour dispute. In other words, any dispute can be mediated. Mediation is voluntary, in other words you can leave at any time.

The purpose of mediation is to get parties in conflict to come together to try and settle disputes among themselves rather than going to Court. It gives people a chance to talk to one another and try and see the other person's view on things that might not have been noticed before. It's gives people a chance to listen and be heard and to discuss whatever problems might be niggling away in the background which might not have been discussed before. Mediation will help you come to

an agreement that works best for you because it will be your agreement and nobody elses whereas if you go to Court, the decision is left in the hand of the Judge. The mediation process is private and completely confidential between you and the mediator. The mediator is there only to help you try and reach a satisfactory outcome and will not make or offer suggestions to try and solve your dispute. The mediator acts neutral at all times. Depending on the nature of the dispute, mediators can work in pairs and sometimes on their own.

There are times however when mediation might not be successful but the experience of having attending mediation may prove invaluable because the information that is gleaned during negotiations might make the parties decide to take a new approach to their dispute.

It is estimated that approximately 80% of the disputes that choose the Mediation route are resolved, with an agreement being made between the parties.

See next edition for more information on Mediation or if there is anything you would like to know, please contact the Maynooth Newsletter.

Ger Corscadden



engAGE KILDARE

The Kildare Age Friendly Strategy and Programme aims to recognise the diversity of people in the county as they age from those who are healthy and active to those who are frail and in need of a wide range of services and supports.

The Programme encourages healthy active ageing, supports the contributions of people as they age and promotes inclusion and participation of older people in all aspects of their community.

One of the developments of the Programme has been the establishment in conjunction with Older Voices Kildare of the Kildare Older Persons Forum called engAGE Kildare.

engAGE Kildare is primarily a representative and information sharing forum for all older people in Kildare.

The next meeting of engAGE Kildare will take place in the Clanard Hotel, Athy on Tuesday 26th June from 2-4pm.

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Letters to the MCC Secretary regarding educational matters in Maynooth

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

13th June, 2011

Dear Secretary,

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

Please be advised as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I would welcome views and observations on these proposals.

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Sean Ashe Chief Executive Officer. 1st March 2011

Dear Ms Ní Bhrolchain

I have been requested by Ms. Brigid McManus,

Secretary General to respond to your letter of 20th January, 2011 concerning the purchase by Co. Kildare VEC of 40 acres of land at Moyglare Hall, Maynooth.

The Forward Planning Section of the Department has carried out a study of the country to identify the areas where, due to demographic changes, there may be a requirement for significant additional school provision at both primary and post-primary levels over the coming years. This study has been conducted using data from the Central Statistics Office, the General Register Office and the Department of Social

Protection and with reference to recent schools'

enrolment data. School accommodation requirements in the Maynooth area have been considered as part of this detailed study and the Forward Planning

post-primary reports forecast that a <u>new post-primary entity</u> will be required for Maynooth town and environs in the next 3 to 4 years.

At second level Maynooth is a single provider school with an enrolment of 934 in 2009/2010. At an intake rate of 100% this will grow by 224 by September 2017 and the current intake rate is 100%. In addition the existing post-primary school is currently housed on a 5 acres site with no room for further expansion and a current enrolment of circa 1,1000 pupils.

Consequently, Co. Kildare VEC, following consultations with Kildare County Council, was

approved by this Department to acquire additional lands in order to future proof for school provision in the Maynooth area.

Yours sincerely

Jason Kearney Principal Officer.

22nd March 2011

Dear Ms Ní Bhrolchain,

I refer to your further letter dated 11th March regarding the purchase by Kildare VEC of 40 acres of land at Moyglare Hall, Maynooth.

It is the Department's preferred option to develop multi-campus school arrangements where this can be master planned satisfactorily.

The Department notes the concerns raised regarding the Maynooth proposals. However, I feel it would be more appropriate for such matters to be raised as part of the planning process, which as you are aware reserves the right of third parties to make objections to the planning authority and ultimately provides the

recourse to An Bord Pleanala by way of an appeals mechanism.

Yours sincerely,

Jason Kearney Principal Officer

Site Acquisition & Property Management Section

A Dáil Question

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for the new post primary school in Maynooth, County Kildare; if there are to be two separate schools covering the junior and senior cycle or one building; the stage of planning for the school; if it would be more cost beneficial to build the schools on same campus;

Ruairi Quinn (Minister, Department of Education and Skills; Dublin South East, Labour)

A replacement school building for the existing VEC post-primary school in Maynooth has been approved. Earlier this year I also published details of new procedures and criteria for the establishment of new second level schools and of the process for determining the patronage of such new schools. I also announced details of 20 new second level schools that would need to be established between 2012 and 2017 to meet our increasing demographics. As the Deputy will be aware, Maynooth is one of the areas where a new 1,000 pupil second level school is to be established. Applications for patronage of any of the new second level schools, including the new school in Maynooth, would need to relate to the provision of a full curriculum through from first year to sixth year. This is one of the key requirements of the process. In the case of the Maynooth school the main medium of instruction will be English. The closing date for receipt of applications for patronage of the new second level schools is Friday, 13th January 2012.

Both new school buildings will be located on one campus and responsibility for the delivery of the buildings has been devolved to County Kildare Vocational Education Committee. I understand the VEC is in the process of appointing a Design Team.



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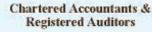
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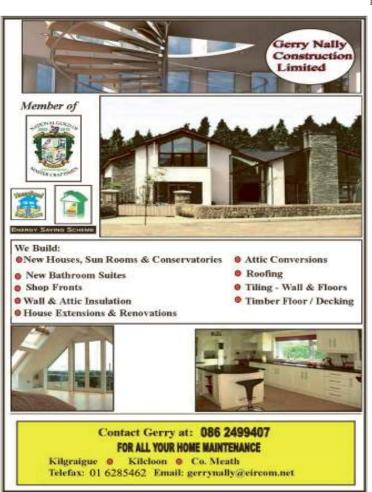
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As part of a support to Tidy Towns groups Kildare Co.Co. environmental section have provided a number of Hi-Viz Jackets.

Kildare Co.Co. have also promised two new litter bins. One at the Pound and one at the entrance to Carton Avenue which will be in place soon.

We thank all businesses for the lovely floral displays outside their premises.

We thank Hewlett Packard volunteer team for the work in painting the benches in the Square and the bollards outside the Castle and the Moyglare road.

On Wednesday nights we meet at The Square @ 7.30pm and also on Saturday mornings at The Square @ 10am.

Sunday morning clean ups have restarted and will continue until end August.

If you wish to join us on Sunday mornings we meet at The Garda Station @ 7.45am.

Please keep Maynooth tidy as our Judges will be with us anytime from 1st June to 31 August.

If you require any further information or wish to join our volunteering team please contact 087 3153189.

Richard Farrell PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns



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Friday July 27th---Memoir writing. History

We were lucky to have been selected by CIE in their" Journeys on Us" draw for Community groups for a days free rail travel, and we plan to go to Galway on Wednesday July 4th to sample a taste of "festival time" in the City of the Tribes. We shall duly report our findings back to you.! Many groups cut back on activities during the summer months----we are still waiting for Summer!----however we have a very full schedule and shall keep you updated monthly. Our book club continues monthly in Community Library and Mary Murphy is our very capable

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Barnados Fundraising Manager Orla Tighe said "Each and every step taken by one of Ireland's toddlers paves the way to creating a better start for a child their own age. We would like to say a huge thank you too the groups and toddlers all over Ireland who have joined us to help reach our target of 25,000 miles! You can organise your own toddle any time anywhere by visiting www.barnados.ie/bigtoddle or talk to our team on 1 850 222 300"



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Neighbours, friends and families can continue to support Barnados work by sponsoring the Toddle Teams on www.barnados.ie/bigtoddle. The website also provides information on how to organise a Toddle - there still time to register and host a Toddle throughout the summer. Visit www.barnados.ie/ bigtoddle or phone 1 850 222 300 for more information.

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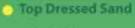




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It has been a great source of interest to the local community, as they can look back and see how things have changed since September 1975, fashion, cars, houses and huge changes to our Town. You can find the archive link on the following sites.

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There had been three missing issues, we placed an inquiry in the June Newsletter for the following.

- Issue No 10 July 1976
- Issue No 49 May 1980
- Issue No 136 November 1988.

To our surprise a lady called Maureen (Gill) Cummins, originally from Maynooth now living in Clane contacted the office to let us know she had been on the website and realised she had a copy of the missing 1980 issue No 49. Maureen called to the office to lend us her copy to scan into our archive. If you have any of the above issues we could complete the whole archive.



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Maynooth Band Bulletin

St. Mary's Band Maynooth is having one of it's busiest years ever with a host of engagements happening at many new locations at lots of different levels.

The year began with the annual St. Patrick's Day Parades in Maynooth and Kilcock quickly followed by a return visit after many years to the Naas Easter Parade all of which were relatively rain free. This was quickly followed by a visit to Farmleigh House in the Phoenix Park for an Easter Monday recital which was very well received and may result in a return visit later in the year. May events included a recital in Manor Mills Maynooth and our first ever visit to Stewart's Hospital Open Day in Palmerstown with again an invitation to return there in 2013. The Band's annual recital in the Maynooth Castle unfortunately moved indoors due to bad weather but this was a positive as it lent a more intimate feeling to the evening and the recital was really enjoyed by a very appreciative crowd.

However the highlight of the Band's year was the invitation to play at the Eucharistic Congress in the RDS on Wednesday 13th June which bridged a gap of 80 years from the time that St. Mary's Band played at the last Eucharistic Congress in Dublin in 1932. The Band had the distinction of being the only civilian band to play at the 2012 International Congress, no mean feat for a small town band and something that the people of Maynooth should feel very proud of indeed.

The Band has very little time to rest on their laurels as they will be paying their annual visit to Laraghbryan Cemetery on Sunday 24th June for Cemetery Sunday and on Saturday 7th July they travel to Clonakilty in West Cork for the South of Ireland Band

Championships where they have been prize winners on a number of occasions.

Sadly the Band suffered a huge loss with the recent sad passing of their Secretary John Curran. It came as a huge shock to everyone who knew him and he will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Catherine Heslin kindly agreed to take on the position of Secretary and she can be contacted at 087 9008554 if you are looking to book the band for an engagement.

Finally the Band is always on the lookout for musicians who live in Maynooth and the surrounding areas and have already recruited new members from Germany, Belgium and the United States and on a national level from Drogheda. Rehearsals take place in the Bandhall on Pound Lane at the back of the Main Street every Monday night, excluding Bank Holidays, from 7.45 to 9.15 and you will be made very welcome. As far as beginners are concerned the band has finished music classes for the Summer but and hope to recommence them in the Autumn so if you want to be included in the waiting list please contact Catherine: at 087.9008554 and she will be in contact with starting dates, etc. in due course.

Pat Boyd

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee.

Our Final tea-dance before the summer recess will take place on Sunday July 15th with music by Brian Mc. Dermott. Our morning club will close on Tues. July 31st and will reopen on Tues. Sept. 4th. Our Senior Citizens will take off to Kerdiffstown for a week from Aug. 26th while the rest of us recharge our batteries and prepare for the busy Autumn / Winter. Our transport to Saturday evening Mass however will continue throughout the Summer. In the meantime may I thank all the organisations, businesses and the general public for all your support throughout the year and wish you all a very pleasant holiday wherever you are.

Finally, there has been much talk and controversy surrounding the happenings in Laraghbryan Cemetery and the safety of people visiting there. Should the gate be left open or not? I suppose there are arguments for both points of view. Perhaps it might work if the gate was open at one or two designated times. Not only would the graves be tended to but there would be safety in numbers as a lot of people would be there at the same time. Perhaps we could even set up a cemetery watch at such designated times so that our people and property are safe. We have an excellent community spirit in Maynooth, why not extend this to our

Josephine Moore



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Maynooth Community Library presents the Summer Reading Challenge commencing in July 2012. This summer children aged 4 to 11 are invited to read 6 books over the course of the summer holiday period. They can join at their local library to get their summer reading challenge pack which gets them started. There are loads of stickers and rewards to collect along the way.

The Summer Reading Challenge is designed for children of all reading abilities. They can read any books they like kids fiction or non-fiction and audio books. DVDs will not count. All books must be borrowed from the library. Further details at the library desk. Phone Maynooth Library 01-6285530.

Women's Group commencing in Maynooth Community Library.

Are you interested in joining a women's group? The first meeting will take place here in Maynooth Community Library on Saturday June 30th from 10.30 am to 12.30pm. We will meet every second Saturday morning. The aim of the group is to offer support to share information and to have fun in a safe and creative

Further details are available at the library desk. 01-6285530 email maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie.

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Catherine Murphy

Internal planning review is a smokescreen says Deputy Catherine Murphy

On Tuesday the Minister for Housing & Planning Jan O'Sullivan, TD published the findings of the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government second Internal Planning Review; investigating planning irregularities in Carlow, Dublin, Cork City, Cork County, Galway and Meath. The report concluded that it found no evidence of planning corruption and proposed 12 recommendations to address deficiencies in the planning system.

This is in sharp contrast to Minister John Gormley's announcement, precisely two years ago, that an independent external planning review was warranted following his review of his Department's Internal Planning Review in respect of the same supposedly planning irregularities.

Deputy Murphy stated that "the findings of the latest internal planning review are a complete whitewash and do nothing to restore confidence in an already tainted planning system. The report is not impartial, as the Department officials merely spoke to the Local Authorities concerned and did not speak to the complainants. The findings are all the more alarming in light of the Mahon Tribunal findings, which indicated that the Irish planning system was systematically corrupt and indeed the An Taisce State of the Nation Report which highlighted the poor performance of planning authorities nationwide".

Deputy Murphy stated that "this would appear to be a classic case of the Government having to be seen to act after the publication of the findings of the Mahon Tribunal, especially as this Government had axed the external planning review embarked upon by former Minister Gormley".

Deputy Murphy called upon the Minister to "restore confidence in the Irish planning system and ensure a proper external planning inquiry is undertaken". She also requested that "the Government act on the findings and Mahon Tribunal and immediately appoint an Independent Planning Regulator".

Catherine Murphy joins with Stephen Donnelly; Industry & Legal Experts to crowdsource their Copyright Review Submission (30th May)

Independent TDs Catherine Murphy (Kildare North) and Stephen Donnelly (Wicklow) on

Wednesday morning launched an online crowdsourcing process as part of their response to the Copyright Review Committee, which is tasked with overhauling Ireland's copyright regime.

Murphy and Donnelly have prepared their draft report in collaboration with a group of industry experts: Digital Rights Ireland director Antoin O Lachtnain, Boards.ie co-founder Tom Murphy, and internet law expert and solicitor Simon McGarr.

The draft version of that report has been published online at a dedicated site: copyrightreform.ie. Using an innovative application called Digress.it, they are seeking feedback from the public. Digress.it allows people to comment on individual sections of the submission. People will also be able to add their signature to it.

They are also making the submission available in editable format to the public under the Irish Creative Commons Attribution licence. This means that anybody can take any part of the submission with which they agree and use that as the basis of their own submission to the Copyright Review Committee. In other words, the submission will be a model of a



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Advice Service:

Advice Centres will take place on the last Friday of every calendar month at the following locations:

2pm: The Turn Inn, Derrinturn 4pm: Keogh's The Corner House, Clane 6pm: The Monread Lodge, Naas



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crowd-sourced and open-source policy document, setting an example for how the policy process can be made collaborative and can encourage participation, in the public interest.

"Ireland's copyright regime is archaic and excessive, with barely any recognition in it of the public interest," said Catherine Murphy TD. "We've decided to make a submission to the Copyright Review Committee in order to ensure that the public interest is fully represented in this process. And we thought the best way to do that would be to open our draft submission to the public for comment, in order to crowdsource the final report."

"Copyright exists to protect intellectual property – but a healthy copyright regime also fosters innovation and serves the public interest," said Stephen Donnelly TD. "We believe the current law is imbalanced. Particularly following the Statutory Instrument brought in without consultation by Sean Sherlock earlier this year, there are a lot of concerns amongst the tech community and start-up sector that our copyright regime could be inhibiting innovation. Our submission, I hope, will help rebalance that," he said.

The crowdsourcing element of the submission will continue until Friday, June 15th.

Their draft recommendations are as follows.

The Government should:

- 1. Ensure the right of free speech is a central element of the new copyright regime, including in the areas of parody and satire;
- Legalise legitimate forms of copying by introducing an explicit and broadly defined "Fair Use" policy;
- 3. Ensure the extent of copyright ownership is balanced against the public good;
- 4. Design a system which is clear to all parties, including end users;
- 5. Design an enforcement mechanism which is easy to understand, transparent and accessible to all parties:
- 6. Target penalties at those who infringe on copyright rather than on third parties such as intermediaries;
- 7. Future-proof the new regime by basing it on applicable principles rather than rules relevant to today's technology only;
- 8. Make it easy for end-users to identify and engage with owners of copyright material.

Catherine Murphy Publishes Energy Security And Climate Change Bill; says Bill Forms 'Essential Part' of Ireland's Growth and Recovery Strategy (22nd May)

The Kildare North Deputy criticises delay in promised Government legislation, blaming Labour's "absolute

failure" to prioritise Green recovery models since entering Government.

Catherine Murphy (Independent – Kildare North) today published her own Energy Security & Climate Change Bill, which she says "is badly overdue" legislation that "equips the State with the necessary tools to make Ireland far less dependent on expensive imported fossil fuels and helps encourage the development of our massive renewable energy potential."

The Deputy expressed her hope to have the legislation tabled as soon as possible.

"In the midst of the current economic uncertainty, we can be reasonably sure of one thing - fuel costs are going to remain high for the foreseeable future. Ireland currently spends approximately €6bn importing fossil fuels. Such a spend makes little economic sense when we can generate that energy at home, from clean, dependable sources. Developing our enormous renewable potential would create a permanent indigenous industry, thousands of jobs, a product to export to large population centres in Britain and the Continent who are turning away from fossil fuel and nuclear, and ensure Ireland achieves its critical greenhouse gas reduction targets. Crucially, the bill requires Government to establish recurring national and sectoral plans aimed at achieving the targets specified in the bill, and sets up an independent Commission on Energy Security and Climate Change to monitor this progress.

"The current Government talks a lot about job-creation; and I support efforts to do so – yet it has consistently ignored one of the most promising areas for growth. Minister Phil Hogan, despite inheriting comprehensive legislation, thought it better to delay and redo consultations on climate law which have already been undertaken to some considerable degree. Renewable energy companies are increasingly looking to other countries for the kind of innovation and support they need to get started. We run a serious risk of losing our competitiveness in the area unless Government provides a clear framework for Ireland's transition to a more energy-efficient, low carbon economy. This clarity is needed now.

"It's due to these delays that I feel it my duty to provide that legislative framework in a constructive attempt to make serious progress. I call on all parties in the Dáil and outside to support this legislation and I welcome their input."

Catherine Murphy, TD KILDARE NORTH

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Know Your Rights

Free Travel Scheme

Question

My widowed brother has just turned 66. He wants to travel all over Ireland, including Northern Ireland. How does he get his Free Travel Pass and can I travel with him for free as well (I am not 66 yet)?

Answer

Everyone aged 66 and over living permanently in the State is entitled to a Free Travel Pass, under the Free Travel Scheme. Free travel is available on all State public transport (bus, rail and Dublin's LUAS service) and also on a limited number of services that are operated by private bus transport companies. If your brother is getting a social welfare pension, the Free Travel Pass will issue automatically. Otherwise he must apply by completing a Free Travel application form FT1. He can get this form and other additional information from his local social welfare office or online from the Department of Social Protection website — welfare.ie.

He will only be eligible for a Companion Free Travel Pass (which allows a named companion to travel with him free of charge) if he is unable to travel on his own. Unless you are his named companion, you will have to wait until you are 66 to obtain your own Free Travel

To travel in Northern Ireland free of charge on all bus and rail services he will need a Senior SmartPass card which he can get by filling in application form FTNI1. This form is available from his local social welfare office. It is not available online.

If he is eligible for a Companion Free Travel Pass, then that person may continue to travel with him for free on cross-border journeys but is not eligible for free travel on public transport within Northern Ireland.

PPS Number for Grant of Probate Question

My friend is a US citizen who lives in Chicago, Illinois. Her uncle died in Ireland last month and left her some money in his will. How does she claim her inheritance? Can I get a PPS Number for her?

Answer

In order to claim an inheritance, a Grant of Probate is needed. Taking out probate means having the Probate Office or the appropriate District Probate Registry certify that the will is valid and that all legal, financial and tax matters are in order so that the executor can distribute the estate.

The Department of Social Protection's Client Identity Services (CIS) provide a registration service for nonresident applicants who need a PPS Number for a transaction with a specified body, such as the Probate Office.

To get a PPS Number, your friend should contact Client Identity Services in the Department of Social Protection. She can contact Client Identity Services using the secure online request form or by phone at Locall: 1890 927 999 (within Ireland) or +353 71 967 2616 (from outside Ireland). The postal address is Client Identity Services, Department of Social and Family Affairs, Social Welfare Services, Shannon Lodge, Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim. She will need to produce the following documents:

- · Passport or national identity card and
- Evidence of her address, such as a household bill (electricity, telephone, gas, etc.) in her name It is not possible for you to get a PPS Number on her behalf. She has to apply for it herself.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Applying for a student grant Question

I'm leaving school and hope to go to college this autumn. How do I apply for a student grant?

Answer

Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) is the single awarding authority for all new grant applications for the 2012/13 academic year. Up to now, all students applied to their local authority or VEC for their grants (and continuing students will still apply to these bodies.) For students starting their course of study in 2012/3, SUSI provides a centralised, easy to use, online system of application.

You should apply online through studentfinance.ie soon as you can. You will need your Personal Public Service Number (PPS Number) to apply. However, you do not need to know the exact course you will be attending. Do not wait to apply until you receive an offer of a place or enrol in college.

When your application has been submitted online, your eligibility will be determined. If you are eligible, SUSI will post out a provisional grant approval and a personalised list of the supporting documents you must return in order to complete your application. Only submit photocopies of supporting documentation, not originals.

When you return all the necessary supporting documentation and confirm your acceptance of a place on an approved course, your student grant will be awarded. Your grant will be paid on a monthly basis (subject to confirmation of attendance) directly into your designated Irish bank account.

If you have any queries about the application process or the Student Grant Scheme in general, you can contact the SUSI Support Desk, which operates from 9am to 10pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 6pm on Saturdays. Tel: 0761 08 7874

Email: support@susi.cdvec.ie

The European Health Insurance Card Question

We are planning a family holiday in Norway and Sweden. What happens if one of us becomes ill? Are we covered for any medical costs incurred?

Answer

Each family member travelling will need an individual European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). This card allows you to access public healthcare services if you become ill or get injured when visiting most European countries. If you fall ill while on holiday, you should go to the nearest public system doctor, public hospital, or other public treatment centre and present your EHIC. The countries covered by the card are the 27 member states of the EU, the three other members of the EEA (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) and Switzerland. You can apply for the card online at ehic.ie if you already have a medical card, GP Visit Card or Drugs Payment Scheme card. Your EHIC will then be posted out to you. Otherwise, you can download an application form from ehic.ie or get a form from your Local Health Office. You will need to provide your name, address, date of birth and Personal Public Service (PPS) Number. There is no charge for the EHIC. Any family member who already has an EHIC card should check its expiry date. If your card has expired, you can apply online at ehic.ie to renew it. You will

need the number of the current card and your PPS Number. If a family member has changed name or address, they will need to contact their Local Health Office.

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

You may also wish to think about private travel insurance for expenses that are not covered by the European Health Insurance Card. It doesn't cover private treatment, for example, or the cost of repatriation to Ireland, if one of you becomes very ill.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Information is also available online at citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, 0761 07 4000.

Annual Cemetery Mass at Donaghmore (Grangewilliam) Saturday June 30th at 5 p.m.

The annual cemetery Mass at Donaghmore (Grangewilliam) will take place on Saturday June 30th at 5 p.m. The celebrant will be:

Fr. John Nevin MHM

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

Your support in attending would be greatly appreciated.

Grangewilliam Maintenance Committee

Clues Across

- 1. Treat by psychoanalysis (13)
- 8. Capital of Georgia (7)
- 10. Cavalry soldier (7)
- 12. Remember (6)
- 13. Rain containing industrial pollution (4,4)
- 15. Something obscene (9)
- 18. Burning gas (5)
- 21. Domesticates (5)
- 22. Loss of a ship (9)
- 27. Uneasy (8)
- 29. Experts (6)
- 30. Adhesive label (7)
- 31. Protection (7)
- 33. Donkey (5,2,6)

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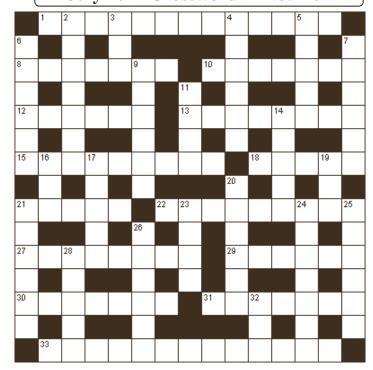
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Answers to Crossword 403

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- 2. Chooses (7)
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- 4. Apprehensive (6)
- 5. Above (5)
- 6. Coiffure (6)
- 7. Son of the sovereign (6)
- 9. Tiles collectively (6)
- 11. Diplomacy (4)
- 14. Sovereign (5)
- 16. Fur scarf (3)
- 17. Defraud (5)
- 19. Family name prefix (3)
- 20. Bring up to date (6)
- 21. Shove (6)
- 23. Silence (4)
- 24. Expenditure (7)
- 25. Person who kisses (6)
- 26. Respectable (6)
- 28. Steeple (5)
- 32. In place of (3)

Winner of Crossword No. 403 June

Kevin McGovern Old Greenfield Maynooth

Prize winners will have 30 days to claim their prize from the time the results are made public.

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Congratulations to June Winner:

Brenda Boylan Parklands Square Maynooth

Prize winners will have 30 days to claim their prize from the time the results are made public.

Maynooth Labour News

Laraghbryan Cemetery:

Cllr. John McGinley got the following response to his Question at the meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council on 15 June:

"Why will the council not agree with the wishes of the Maynooth community and leave the gates of Laraghbryan Cemetery open?

Report: The cemetery gates are closed to protect the property inside from a risk of damage by vehicles attempting turning movements. This risk applies to the surrounds of graves as well as headstones. In fact most cemeteries run by Kildare Co Council do not permit vehicular access for these very reasons. I can confirm that Kildare Co Council is working with the local cemetery committee to install cctv outside the gates. This is being done in order to assist with the concerns regarding safety of cars parked outside. The gates will remain closed except in the week leading up to the cemetery Mass when people can avail of the opportunity to attend to their relatives graves."

During the discussion that followed John asked that the Council consider creating alternative parking on the Kilcock Road as it would be much safer as cars would be in view.

The Cemetery Committee have erected signs at the two entrances stating" Security Notice, Do not leave any belongings in your car or boot". This should alert car owners of the danger of robberies taking place.

Another point that could be considered would be to ask Undertakers to get one of their staff to keep an eye on cars while a funeral is taking place.

Maynooth Parking By-Laws

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply at the June Area Meeting:

"The Roads and Transport Department is not in a position to bring the finalised report to the June meeting. Current work loads are such that the earliest this could be ready is the July Meeting."

Draft Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP)

The existing Maynooth Development Plan was approved in 2002 and a new Plan is now being drafted.

Pre Draft submissions were sought from the public in 2008 and again in 2011. A total of 23 submission were received from residents living in the area, from other landowners, from service providers, and from local stakeholders (eg Maynooth Community Council).

A working draft will be presented to the Celbridge Area Committee in July with the intention of going to the full Council at the end of July to get approval for public display of the Draft LAP. The public display period will begin in early September and last for six weeks. The maximum length of time from public display to approval is 35 weeks. The Plan must be in line with Regional Planning Guidelines and with the Kildare County Development Plan.

Cllr. McGinley Asks for the Footpath at the Boys School to be Repaired:

John got the following reply to his motion:

"That the contractor who built the extension to the boys school, Maynooth, be asked to repair the damage that he caused to 30m of public footpath outside the extension.

Report: It would be difficult at this late stage to prove that this damage was caused by the contractor as it would have to be pointed out at the time of construction. However, this footpath is on a list for urgent attention."

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Pedestrian Controlled Traffic Signals at Educate Together School:

John got the following reply to his motion:

"That the pelican crossing at the North Kildare Educate Together School, Celbridge Road, Maynooth, be replaced with pedestrian controlled traffic signals, funded under the Sustainable Transport Grants, in the interest of public safety.

Report: There is no grant allocation for this location in 2012. However, the issue can be added to projects which have not been discussed with the NTA to date. It is important to note that a feasibility examination of the signals is required in order to determine if the change is in accordance with best practice."

John pointed out that pedestrian controlled traffic signals is in accordance with best practice and that an application should be made to the NTA for funding without delay

Cllr. McGinley Asks for a Cycle Path to the Gael Scoil/Educate Together and for a Footpath on the East Side of Celbridge Road:

John got the following reply to his motion:

"Can the council investigate the possibility of providing a cycle path to the Gael Scoil/Educate Together School on Celbridge Road, Maynooth and why has the Department of Education not provided a footpath on the east side of the Celbridge Road, as conditioned in the planning permission granted for the Educate Together School?

Report: The National Transport Authority is appointing consultants to undertake strategic cycle network planning for the Greater Dublin Area.

A hierarchy of schemes will be determined as part of this process and when the recommendations from the report are available they will be brought to the attention of the elected members. Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council has recently

advertised the public consultation period for its study. The provision of the footpath as part of the planning process is being investigated."

Cllr. McGinley Demands Answers on Proposed Kilcock Road Pedestrian Crossing:

John got the following reply to his motion:

"Why was the pedestrian crossing at NUI, Maynooth on the Kilcock Road not designed to accommodate the known number of users when it was constructed last year?

Report: The proposed widening of the crossing on Kilcock Road is one of a number of schemes in the area. The NUIM planning permission for the construction of the roundabout entrance and changes to the width of the carriageway along Kilcock Road has been completed. The NTA funded extension of the narrowing of the carriageway is being processed to tender stage. The widened crossing will complement the other two schemes and could not proceed in the absence of approvals for the other schemes. This has been demonstrated with the delay to the NTA funded

scheme, however, the Council believes that it is an appropriate time to bring the proposal through a formal consultation process."

John pointed out that as the number of students using the crossing was known in the survey conducted in 2009 that it is an incredible waste of money dismantling a crossing which was put in place less than a year ago.

The proposal now is for the provision of a 30m wide pedestrian/cycle crossing located on a 40m long raised table on the Kilcock Road.

Cllr. McGinley Again Asks the Area Engineer to Repair the Potholes on Roads Throughout Maynooth;

At the Area Committee Meeting on 15 June Cllr. McGinley again asked the Area Engineer to attend to the potholes/craters on roads throughout Maynooth. John stated that it was extraordinary the a relatively new road completely free of potholes, the Blacklion Road, could be resurfaced at enormous cost when potholes/craters are left for months on end.

Roads Restoration Programme 2012

The Celbridge Area Committee were advised of the following Road Works for 2012 at their Meeting on 15 June:.

- (i) R405 Maynooth Road Celbridge at Crodaun Work Completed
- (ii) R148 Main Street Leixlip Work Completed
- (iii) L1013 Blacklion Road, Maynooth Work Completed
- (iv) R408 Newtown/Rathcoffey Road, Maynooth
- (v) R408 Parson's Street, Maynooth
- (vi) R148 Main Street, Maynooth (From Avenue Restaurant towards Square)
- (vii) R148 at Moyvalley
- (viii) Captain's Hill Leixlip.

The following roads will be surface dressed under the 2012 Programme:

- (i) L5057 Kilmacreddock Road
- (ii) L5061 Loughlinstown Road
- (iii) L5063 Lord's Road
- (iv) L6018 Oughterard

Cllr. McGinley stated that the Road Works Programme should have been approved by the Area Committee and if that had happened the Blacklion Road would not have been a priority for resurfacing. John also pointed out that the Area Committee was advised at the previous meeting that Main Street was going to be resurfaced and now the Area Engineers has stated that it will only be resurfaced from the Avenue restaurant to the Square. John stated that all of the Main Street needed to be surfaced and that it was particularly bad at the Roost junction.

Cllr. McGinley Asks the Pound Park Wall at the Band Hall to be Repaired:

John got the following reply to his motion:

"That the &80,000 allocated under the Capital Programme for the repair of Pound Park wall at the Band Hall, Maynooth, be used for this purpose without any further delay.

Report: It will not be possible to allocate this funding in the current year as other capital projects have been committed to under the funding available in the current

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committed to under the funding available in the current year. The project can be considered for inclusion in the 2013 programme. "

John pointed out that he got €80,000 allocated in the Capital Programme for 2010 and that it is extraordinary that the Council have yet to repair this dangerous Council owned wall. He further stated that it will be too late to take action if the wall falls on children going to the Band Hall.

Update on Extension of Dublin Busses in Maynooth Dublin Bus were invited to the June meeting but could not attend. They have confirmed that they will attend the July meeting.

Beaufield Gardens in Beaufield estate, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley got the following update at the June Area Meeting of the Council:

"Building Control staff has issued an advice note to the residents of Beaufield Gardens regarding the implications of proceeding with the taking in charge of Beaufield Gardens at the request of the residents in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 rather than at the request of the developer. The taking in charge of Beaufield Gardens can then be considered if the residents wish to pursue this course of action."

Taking in charge of Castle Dawson housing estate, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley got the following update at the June Area Meeting of the Council:

"As previously advised, Castledawson estate cannot be taken in charge until the pump station located in Newtown Hall is taken in charge. Building Control Section contacted the developers of Newtown Hall with a view to taking the pump station and the section of the main access road from Castledawson to the pump station in charge. The developer indicated that he had no objection to the county council taking the pump station in charge but that he did not own the road from the pump station to Castledawson. We then contacted the owner of the road who indicated that he had no objection to the county council taking the road in charge. The developers of Newtown Hall have recently returned to the site to carry out a clean-up of the undeveloped part of the site. A meeting has been arranged for early June (developer is not available until then) to identify works required to enable Castledawson to be taken in charge. The meeting has not taken place to date as the developer has not been available."

Maynooth Businesses to be Written to in Relation to **Litter Pollution Act**

Cllr. McGinley got the following update at the June Area Meeting of the Council:

"Maynooth Town will be monitored on an ongoing basis. Enforcement action will follow if issues of non compliance are encountered."

Stagg Welcomes NAMA Announcement - Potential for 9,000 Jobs Per Annum

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement yesterday by the Chairman of NAMA, Mr. Frank Daly of their plans to invest at least €2 Billion in supporting and developing projects between now and 2016, which has the potential to create 9,000 additional jobs per

The Capital Investment stated Deputy Stagg will give an injection to Construction Industry Workers with about 6,500 additional jobs per annum. This has to be seen in the context of the collapse in Construction Employment which stood at 270,000 in mid 2007 to

Maynooth Golf Society

Result Sheet 2012

Away Weekend to Wexford

25-26 / 5 / 2012

Christy Kenny Cup Sponsored By: Tess Kenny and Family Playing Seafield and Rosslare

1st Prize	Liam Farrelly	61pts B18
2nd Prize	Brendan Leigh	61pts
3rd Prize	Brendan Bean	60pts
4 th Prize	Michael Flynn jnr	59pts
5 th Prize	Dave Weafer	56pts B18
6 th Prize	Mick Fahey	56pts
Nearest the Pin	Michael Flynn jnr	Seafield
Nearest the Pin	Michael Flynn jnr	Rosslare
Front 9	Paul Farrelly	Seafield
Back 9	Joey O'Riordan	Seafield
Front 9	Mick Flynn snr	Rosslare
Back 9	Declan Byrne	Rosslare
2's Club	Mick Fahey	
Visitor	Cha Farrelly	

just over 100,000 in late 2011. In addition the Investment will see an additional 2,500 jobs created in the wider economy.

The work which will be undertaken by NAMA will include the completion of projects currently under development and the development of land in anticipation of future supply shortages. Nearly 90% of NAMA's property assets in Ireland are located in Dublin and neighbouring counties such as Kildare, Cork, Limerick and Galway, so this investment will give hope to the many Kildare Construction workers who are unemployed at present.

In relation to Unfinished Estates, NAMA through their debtors and receivers only control 180 or 10% of estates which fall into the most seriously affected categories designated by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government. Deputy Stagg welcomed the commitment from Mr. Daly that the Board of NAMA is committed to resolving these estates and that they would not be found wanting.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg looked forward to NAMA's Capital Investment Programme commencing with the prospect of 9,000 additional jobs per annum.

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

John is also on Facebook







Maynooth Golf Society's annual weekend away to Wexford playing Seafield Golf Club on Friday 25th May and Rosslare Golf Club on 26th May was a memorable weekend for those who played for the Christy Kenny Cup. The weekend was tinged with sadness due to the death of society member Jimmy O'Keeffe after a long illness and the sudden death of fellow golfer Trevor Cassidy in a tragic road accident. May they Rest in Peace.

The sun shone for the weekend with temperatures rising to 25/27 degrees for the golf at Rosslare. Both courses were in excellent condition, a good test of stamina and golfing skills were needed to win this coveted prize. Liam Farrelly played both courses with skill and stamina to achieve a score of 61 points to pip Brendan Leigh our captain also on 61 points but Liam had a better score at Rosslare to win the cup on the back 18, in third place was Brendan Bean with 60 points. 27 members played on the weekend away. All other prize winners are listed on the results sheet.

The prizes were presented by Captain Brendan Leigh at our Saturday evening dinner at the Talbot Hotel in Wexford and our sponsors Tess Kenny and her family were thanked for their continued support of the golf

Result Sheet 2012

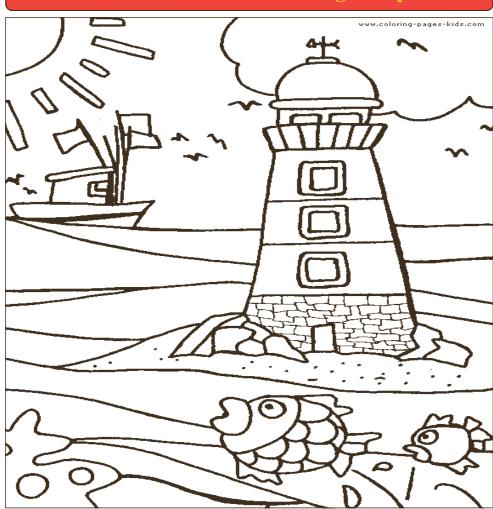
Woodlands Golf Club Date 15 / 6 / 2012

1st Prize	John Carroll	37pts B6		
2nd Prize	Sean Farrelly	37pts		
3rd Prize	Darren Moran	36pts B9		
4 th Prize	Martin Deveney	36pts		
5 th Prize	Brendan Leigh	35pts		
6 th Prize	Joey Edwards	34pts		
7th Prize	Barry Farrell	33pts		
Front 9	Mick Flynn snr	20pts		
Back 9	Francis Reilly	18pts		
Nearest the Pin	Norman Kavanagh			
2's Club	John Carroll			
Visitor	Barry Desmond			
Next outing Captain Brendan Leigh's Prize To Glasson Golf Club Saturday 7th July				

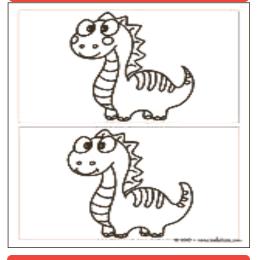


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McDonalds Children's Colouring Competition

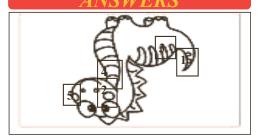


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June Winners:

David Eustace - Silken Vale

Cathal Crowley - Moyglare Abbey

Viktoria Krakowczgk - Carton Square

Prizes for Colouring Competition can be collected at:

Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre. Entries must arrive before: 24th July 2012

JULY GARDENING

Check all plants, especially newly planted ones for water on a regular basis. Spruce up your summer landscape with beautiful colour in containers and hanging baskets. Be sure to use potting mix when planting.





Clear water ponds can be achieved with proper plant balance. If the pond is in full sun, 50-70% of its surface must be covered with foliage such as floating heart, water lily or lotus.

Underwater grasses are essential to maintaining water clarity as they utilize the oxygen in the water which helps prevent algae from accumulating in the pond. If you have fish, it is now time to switch from spring fish food since water temperatures have risen above 70 degrees.

Fertilize fruits and vegetables with a good quality, slow-release vegetable food. Start planting seeds for autumn vegetables this month, such as broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, Brusselsprouts sprouts.

Don't forget to feed your houseplants and if necessary to move them to bigger pots, using potting compost. Wipe all foliage down with lukewarm water and a sponge. Loosen the compost with a fork every now and then.



Harvest your lettuce, peas, carrots, radishes and onions now. Plant another quick maturing vegetable or plant more of these varieties for continuous growth. Lift early potatoes now. To avoid damaging them use a fork.



July is the best time to trim hedges. If you cut them to early you will need to them again, cut them too late and the growth will be very tough and hard to cut. Continue to deadhead your annual plants to encourage continued blooming.

Summer blooming shrubs should be pruned for shape after they have finished flowering. Raise the cutting height of the mower. Taller grass cools the roots and helps to keep the moisture in the soil longer. Tall flowers should be staked to prevent damage by wind.

Change the water in your bird bath regularly, and keep it filled. Standing water may become a breeding ground for mosquito larvae.



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Decking maintenance – check for any loose boards that need repair. Clear the deck of everything. Sweep the surface thoroughly and blast out any debris from the cracks with a garden hose or a low powered pressure hose. After the area is dry, apply the sealant making sure to follow the instructions. Preferably an oil-based

sealant. Your decking will look like brand new in no time.

BLAZING BARBEQUE BANQUET

Chilli & Lime Tiger Prawns

Serves 4

Ingredients

8 extra large raw prawns shells on, heads removed

1 clove of garlic (crushed)

Juice of 1 lime

Juice of 1/2 lemon

2 mild red chillies, deseeded & finely chopped

1 tbsp olive oil

tbsp honey

Black pepper

Method

- In a shallow dish mix together the garlic, lime & lemon juices, chillies, olive oil and honey.
- 2 Add the prawns, season with black pepper and marinade in the fridge for 30 mins.
- 3 Place the prawns on a barbeque or hot griddle pan until pink and cooked, basting with any leftover marinade.
- 4 To serve, pile up the prawns & serve with salsa verde & garlic bread.

Chunky Vegetable Barbeque Kebab

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Ingredients

1 red, 1 yellow & 1 green pepper deseeded 1 small onion

8 cherry tomatoes

100g wild or button mushrooms

Seasoned Oil

6 tbsp olive oil 1/2tsp mix dried herbs



Method

1 Cut the peppers into 1 inch thick pieces.

Peel the onion & cut into wedges, leaving the root end just intact to keep the wedges together.

- Thread the peppers, onion wedges, tomatoes and mushrooms through the skewers. Don't forget if you are using wooden skewers to soak them in water first
- 3 To make the seasoned oil, mix together the oil, garlic & herbs together in a bowl. Then brush the mixture over the kebabs.
- 4 Barbeque for 10-15 mins, brushing with more of the seasoned oil and turning the skewers frequently.

Sausage & Pepper Sandwich

Serves 6

Ingredients

3 tbsp Heinz tomato ketchup

3 tbsp olive oil

2 cloves of garlic (minced)

2 onions (thickly sliced)

1 red & 1 green pepper 2 tsp dried oregano leaves

Salt & pepper

6 sausages & 6 hot dog styled buns (toasted)

Method

- Heat the oil in a large frying pan over a medium-high heat. Sauté the garlic, onions & peppers until tender 5 8 mins.
- 2 Add Heinz tomato ketchup & oregano. Reduce heat to low & simmer, stirring occasionally for 10 - 15 mins. Add salt & pepper if necessary.
- 3 Barbeque the sausages until fully cooked. Slice the buns and fill with sausages. Top evenly with onions & peppers sauce.

Homemade Lemonade

Makes 3 pints (1.75 litres)

Ingredients: 6 large le

6 large lemons & 5 oz (150g) granulated sugar



Method: Scrub the lemons in warm water. Thinly pare the zest off from 3 lemons, using a potato peeler or a zester. Slice off any white peel off the zest as this makes the lemonade bitter. Put into a large bowl & add the squeezed juice of all the lemons & the sugar. Pour in 21/2 pints (1.4 litres) of boiling water, then stir well, cover & leave overnight in a cool place. Next day stir again & taste to check the sweetness, adding a little sugar if needed. Now strain through a sieve. Then chill thoroughly.



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Those entertained by Patrick Collins include Maureen O'Hara, Martin Scorsese, Gregory Peck, Bill Clinton, Alison Doody, Kate Blanchette, Noel Pearson, Jim Sheridan, U.2., Neil Jordan, Brad Pitt, Meryl Streep, Tom Courtney, Colm Farrell, Daniel Day Lewis & John Rocha & much much More!

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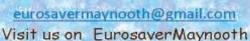
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Bus Fire on Straffan Rd MEP Visits Maynooth



The bus, which was carrying a number of students, caught fire at around 12.30pm on Sunday 22nd July last.

It happened near the Glenroyal Hotel on the Straffan Road in Maynooth. It is thought to have been caused by a mechanical fault.

Thankfully all the passengers were evacuated and there were no injuries. The road was blocked for a time while several units of the fire brigade including Maynooth brought the fire under control. Gardai also attended the scene.

An investigation is continuing to find out the exact cause of the fire. It is unclear what company owns the bus.





MEP NESSA CHILDERS SPENDS AN AFTERNOON IN MAYNOOTH MEETING COMMUNITY GROUPS

During her meeting with Maynooth Community Council, the Tidy Towns Committee and Town Twinning representative, Ms Childers provided information on EU funding opportunities. She also told the meeting that in the early autumn she intended to organise an information seminar on European funding for Twinning activities. Ms Childers also expressed her concern about proposals for Local Government reform being suggested by Minister for Environment Phil Hogan TD, "While it is important that we modernise our local government system, I believe that strong Town Councils provide better service for communities. Both in targeting spending on infrastructure but also as a focal point for cultural and civic activities. In my opinion Maynooth is an example of a town that should be designated a Town Council district".

Since being elected in 2009, Nessa Childers has been an independent voice for the people of Leinster. She has always worked on behalf of citizens, focusing on their concerns and not been afraid to speak up for more integrity and transparency in political life. With a background of twenty five years as a mental health professional, Nessa has focused a lot on the public health issues that affect our own lives and that of our families. She sits on the powerful Committee for Environment & Public Health. Nessa is co-chair of the Interest Group on Mental Health in the EP, and vice chair of MEPs against Cancer.

Each month Nessa visits towns and villages throughout her European Parliament constituency of Ireland East. The meetings provide an opportunity to consult local people, and inform her work in the European Parliament.



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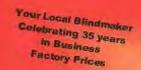
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An afternoon of entertainment in the Castle (song, music and readings)
Photographic exhibition of Maynooth in the early 20th century

Historical tours of Maynooth heritage town

Launch of the Maynooth Newsletter Online Archive

GAA Games

Pub Quiz

Other events and entertainment are still in the planning

The September issue of the Newsletter will feature the full programme

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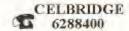
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At the launch Jim McCabe said; "We compiled a bucket list over the last few months on The Brighter Breakfast and a parachute jump was top of our listeners' list. Listeners to the show have signed up, it's exciting – but a bit nerve wrecking too but Make-A-Wish is such a worthy cause, it outweighs any nervousness'. Speaking at the launch Roz Purcell who will also 'Jump with Jim' said; "It's something on my bucket list but heights are a fear of mine - I'm sure illness is for a lot of children, so it's a small jump for a big cause."

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On July 4th 21 members enjoyed a trip to Galway courtesy of CIE "Journeys on Us".

We absorbed the amazing atmosphere in The City of the Tribes following the completion of the Ocean Race and some made plans for a longer visit. On Friday 13th a group travelled to Bray. An energetic section walked from Bray to Greystones and back, enjoying the scenery and sea air, despite the inclement weather. Another section of our group went to

weather. Another section of our group went to Kilmacanogue and passed a pleasant couple of hours in the Avoca centre, whilst a solitary straggler wandered around Bray in the rain, meeting some interesting characters along the way.!

Our August diary includes monthly meeting Friday 6th in Glenroyal Hotel.

August 10th--a visit to Botanic Gardens is planned and August 24th we hope to go to Carrick-on-Shannon.

Our book club is deferred until September as is our Thursday morning activities in the Community Library.

Editorial

Although it is a good sign that Ireland returned to the bond market this month, the future of Europe and the euro is facing a summer of uncertainty and discontent. It is difficult to see an equitable solution to the problems that we all face. The situation in Spain and Italy put us in the ha'penny place but doesn't diminish the bleak few years that are ahead of us too. There will be a full page on the festival further on in this month's publication and I would like everyone to note the dates and the events and to ask that we all get involved, if only to dress up in the appropriate clothes for the period of the Heritage Day. The Harvest Festival is a new innovation for the committee and it is hoped that the town and the students will join together to enjoy the few days. They will be utilizing the best features of the town, the great Main Street and the Castle that will host events as it has done so successfully in the past. Maynooth has a lot of possibilities for tourism and the numbers arriving seem to be increasing. If the opening hours for the Castle can be increased by the OPW's new initiative then this be a very positive development in the future and will make our greatest asset available to winter tourists. They are increasing also as the visiting students continue to come to the College and are visited by their friends and relatives during their stay in Ireland.

There is a piece on the return of the students just following this editorial but it must be said that it is not always the students who cause the noise and trouble in Maynooth and that during the summer months, when the students are away, there have been reports of violent and noisy behaviour on the Main Street so much so that it was commented upon in the media. As we go to print the students will be sitting the repeat examinations and we wish them the best of luck. The future expansion of the post-primary education was confirmed by the minister of Education as he gave the patronage of the new school to the VEC. This was part of a large list of future developments announced by the minister recently. There has been a lot of controversy, debate and disputes about the decision to move the schools further out the Moyglare Road and the new decision will not be popular with everyone especially those who wanted a Gael-Choláiste in Maynooth.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

The right to live in peace

As we are about to restart the academic year and there will be an influx of students returning to the college here in Maynooth to continue their education. Our thoughts must turn once again how best to ensure respect and understanding of the rights to live in peace. We have also had comments from people who have been particularly affected by abusive behaviour and a total lack of respect generally fuelled by alcohol. This is a problem that occurs every year and does not appear to be dealt with in any constructive way.

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Community Council Notes

Maynooth to become an Age Friendly Town

Bridget Butler from Age Friendly County Dublin / Mid-Leinster, a World Health Organisation initiative, gave a comprehensive and intriguing presentation to the Community Council on the initiative to make Maynooth the urban pilot programme for Kildare's Ageing Well programme.

The context for the idea is that as demographics change, the cohort of citizens nationally and locally over the age of 80 is likely to increase significantly in the coming years. This is often a very active, and very engaged age group who contribute greatly to their community, as we know very well in Maynooth. The strategy for the process is well tried on the county level, as a large network has come together to make Kildare an excellent place to age including Kildare County Council, An Garda Síochána, NUI Maynooth and many others.

From 2010, consultations took place with older people in order to identify the key strategies and priorities for the programme within the established WHO guidelines. One key development was the creation of a countywide 'older person's forum' of some 300 members from the age of 55 and up. This forum meets quarterly in various venues around the county, sets its own agenda and that of the alliance of partners.

For Maynooth to be an Age Friendly Town, an effective miniaturisation of the county process will happen in the coming years, seeking to create an atmosphere of intergenerational respect and solidarity across headings such as equal access to services and opportunities. In action, key stake-holders will be identified shortly within the key elements of Maynooth as a community, and an older person's forum will be established in the town focusing on the age friendliness of the environment, business, employment and community.

The Council warmly received the presentation, several inputs highlighting the uniquely intergenerational prospect of the project in Maynooth, as it has a distinctly large young population and a long and strong tradition of intergenerational solidarity. The example of the relationship between the Senior Citizens and the Scouts was highlighted and the Council looks forward to contributing to and assisting the project's next phases.

Ordinary Business

During the meeting, Colm Ó Cearúil, of Gaelcholáiste Maigh Nuad thanked the council for its support during the year during the ongoing concern regarding the patronage of the forthcoming second secondary school in the town. The secretary has, meanwhile, again written to the Minister and published all correspondence in the last issue of the newsletter.

The financial report itself highlighted the rude good health of the newsletter's account, and all were thanked for continuing to support the new format, and encouraged to help us improve not only the newsletter but all MCC's ongoing projects which assist the entire community.

Subcommittees and Affiliates

The Council's subcommittees and affiliates have been exceptionally busy over the months of May and June!

Educate Together's summer fair was very successful and rain free, thankfully this year. Senior Citizens are looking forward to their summer tea dance shortly and a trip to Kerdiffstown for some members towards the end of August. The twinning sub-committee highlighted the wonderful work being done in Canet, and are looking forward to our commemoration here in October. Gaelcholáiste Maigh Nuad have held meetings in both Maynooth and Kilcock before the end of the primary school term and are planning to hold a joint event in Maynooth in September for children from all four Gaelscoileanna in the area.

Plans for the Community Festival are progressing extremely well, with many events planned and underway. The festival takes place from the 13th to the 16th of September and the full plan of events will be published in the newsletter next month.

Both the U3A (University of the Third Age) and the Scouts have recently travelled to Galway for the Volvo Ocean Race, for which U3A benefited from free travel tickets. U3A are looking forward to two outings per month throughout the summer. The scouts themselves have been exceptionally busy as always. Beavers and Cubs suffered a rain washed camp at Ardgillan castle in early June, but made up for it with a wonderful special camp in Bray, while 11 Cubs attended Jam Óige in Galway. The Scouts and Adventure Scouts are currently camping in Edinburgh and Benbulben respectively and will be taking part in the National Phoenix event in early August.

The Community Council will be on summer vacation for the month of August, while the Executive will continue to meet through the summer.

Research in Psychology

The Psychology Department in NUI Maynooth are conducting research into two areas that greatly affect the elderly; memory and fall-risk. The ageing process leads to a natural decline in memory and changes in walking gait, which can leave people vulnerable to scams, accidents, falls and injuries. These risks can compromise the ability to live independently for many elderly adults. Research gives us valuable information to help those at risk of memory problems and falls. If you are aged 55 and over and are interested in participating in either of these research areas, contact

Noeleen Brady at 0863522517 or NOELEEN.BRADY@nuim.ie for the memory research or

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Appealing your Leaving Certificate results

Question

If I am not happy with my Leaving Certificate results, can I appeal the grades?

Answer

If you are not satisfied with the marks you got in one or more of your Leaving Certificate exams you can appeal those results to the State Examinations Commission. Before you make the decision to appeal your result(s), you may view your examination script. Only the scripts from the written examinations can be viewed. You cannot view the results of oral exams or the marks for practical exams.

Viewing your papers: If you decide you would like to view a particular paper, you should use the personalised form that your school received with your examination results. You must return the completed form to your school by 21 August 2012.

The Organising Superintendent appointed by the State Examinations Commission will assign you to one of the viewing sessions in schools on 31 August and 1 September 2012. You can be accompanied by one other person when viewing a script. However you cannot get someone else to view it for you in your absence. You can find information about viewing marked examination papers on the State Examinations Commission website examinations.ie. Appealing your results: The State Examinations Commission will provide your school with a personalised appeal application form. (For external candidates, this form will be enclosed with your examination results.) You indicate the subjects you wish to appeal on the appeal form. A result may be upgraded or downgraded as a result of an appeal. The appeal fee is €40 per subject for the standard Leaving Certificate and €15.50 for the Applied Leaving Certificate and must be paid in advance. Your application to appeal your 2012 examination results must be received by 5 September 2012. Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Community Employment rates

Question

I am getting a reduced rate of Jobseeker's Allowance as my wife is working. I am thinking of applying for a Community Employment scheme. As the work on the scheme is only part-time how much will I get?

Answer

Participants in a Community Employment (CE) scheme are paid a wage based on 19.5 hours a week or 39 hours a fortnight. Since 16 January 2012 new participants on Community Employment (CE) schemes cannot claim another social welfare payment at the same time. Your CE payment is based on the rate of the social welfare payment you were getting before you started the CE scheme plus €20. However you cannot be paid less than €208 a week.

So if your reduced rate of Jobseeker's Allowance (JA) is €188 a week or less, you will get the minimum weekly rate of €208 when you are working on a Community Employment scheme.

If your JA payment is more than €188 a week then your CE payment will be the same rate as your JA payment plus €20. For example, if your JA payment is €233 a

week, you will get a CE payment of €253 a week.

Changes in pension payments

Ouestion

I will be 66 in October and retiring from work. I will be applying for a State Pension based on my PRSI contributions. I heard that the rates of payment have been reduced. Will I get less than my husband is getting at the moment on his State Pension?

Answer

At the moment you get the full rate of pension if you have a yearly average of 48 or more PRSI contributions. However, people with a reduced average of 20-47 PRSI contributions per year over their working life receive a weekly State Pension of only €4.50 less.

From September 2012 a lower pension will be payable to new applicants who have a yearly average of less than 48 PRSI contributions. The new rates are in the following table:

New State Pension (Contributory) rates from September 2012

Yearly average contributions	Personal rate per week, €	Increase for a quali- fied adult* (under 66)	Increase for a qual- fied adult (66 and over)
48 or over	230.30	153.50	206.30
40-47	225.80	146.00	196.00
30-39	207.00	139.00	186.00
20-29	196.00	130.00	175.00
15-19	150.00	100.00	134.00
10-14	92.00	61.00	83.00

*Increases for qualified adults are means-tested payments.

The new rates will not affect anyone who, like your husband, is already receiving the State Pension. You can read Frequently Asked Questions about the changes on welfare.ie.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Lost passport

Question

My son is going abroad for the first time. What would happen if he lost his passport while he was travelling?

Answer

If you are an Irish citizen currently living abroad, travelling or on holiday abroad and your Irish passport is lost, stolen or misplaced, you must contact your nearest Irish embassy or consulate immediately. You will be asked to confirm the loss in writing or, if you are applying for a new passport, to include the details in your passport application.

You must also get in touch with the local police and request a written statement that you have reported the loss of your passport. A member of the police authority in the country in which you are staying must witness this statement.

Maynooth Scouts

Here's our story of 12 trains, 6 buses, 2 boats, 1 taxi & 1 Tesco delivery van from Maynooth to Edinburgh. On the 4th of July, the Scouts went to Edinburgh, Scotland. We left on Wednesday morning from Dublin Ferry Port to Holyhead. When we arrived we got 3 trains and after a long day of travelling we arrived in Edinburgh. The final leg of our journey was hampered with flooded tracks but we eventually made it to Fordell Firs Campsite. There was a quick stop off in KFC for our dinner before arriving to the campsite after a long day travelling.

Our first night camping was indoors after a late arrival on site due to a cancelled train. Tents went up first thing the next morning and we started exploring. There was a climbing wall, caving, zip line & bungee trampoline to name but a few. We found the vending machine & discovered Iron Bru which we all fell in love with.

We met other Scottish Scout Troops from Aberdeen and we were challenged to an international football match. We'll leave details about the score line a secret but the teams were a little bit unfair given that we had 11 players against their 30. Needless to say we all came out filthy due to the rain but smiles all round. We had some free time in Edinburgh where we saw the Olympic Rings, kilts & black Cabs. And of course most of us tasted deep fried Mars bars. Yum Yum. We introduced the local Scouts to a Ceili at the camp fire they had organised.

On the way home we bumped into a South African Scout Troop on route to the Scottish Jamboree. We've been invited to visit them in South Africa. Not a bad offer. And that's the short version of our annual camp to Edinburgh with 12 trains, 6 buses, 2 boats, 1 taxi & 1 Tesco delivery van.

Maria Cleary, Scout

You will need this statement to get an Emergency Travel Certificate (valid for one journey) or an Emergency Passport (valid for a restricted amount of time) from an Irish embassy or consulate.

If you are travelling on a multi-stop journey, where you will pass through more than one jurisdiction, you will need a new Irish passport. Again, you must report the loss of your passport immediately to your nearest Irish embassy or consulate.

If there is no Irish embassy or consulate in the country where you are, contact an embassy of another EU member state that will get in touch with the nearest Irish embassy on your behalf. An embassy of another EU member state cannot issue you with a new Irish passport, but can issue an Emergency Travel Document.

It may be useful to carry a photocopy of the personal data page of your passport with you when travelling or scan an image of that page and email it to yourself. Any passport reported as lost or stolen is no longer a valid travel document and you should not try to travel on a passport which has been reported as lost or stolen. Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Know Your Rights has been compiled by: Maynooth Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public.

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Some advice on handling anti-social behaviour

Excerpt from a letter we received recently.

"Since the start of the of the college year last September I have been deliberately and systematically subjected to an escalating regime of abuse by three first year NUI Maynooth college students. They rented the house next door to me from an absentee landlord. All was fine at first. They were full of assurances of their good behaviour and of applying themselves to their studies. They insisted they were aware that this is a residential area. It is not rocket science even for them to see that their new neighbours were the usual cross section of people in a settled community, ranging from the elderly, through to families with babies and school going children and a lot of people who have to be up early for work.

Unfortunately, these good intentions did not last long. The late night noise levels from next door soon started to increase in both volume and frequency. Their "few friends" as they termed their late night visitors and fellow noise makers began to swell in numbers, with the resultant noise pollution and disruption to the peace and quiet of our terrace of houses. This included the littering of the cul-de-sac we are in with their discarded food and drink containers, cigarette ends, the occasional broken bottle or stolen glass and the used condom (I was told these condoms were just party balloons). I spoke to the three lads about their behaviour on several occasions. But to no avail. I just got their sullen apologies and assurances of their future co-operation each time.

These promises were quickly broken. Despite my protestations the number and duration of their drunken parties began to increase, very often going on from 11pm until around 5:30am the following morning. They did this knowingly and deliberately with clear knowledge of the disruptive effects they were having on those of us living on either side of them and of the upset and offence they were causing.

Despite the intervention of the College Authorities and the Gardaí their bad behaviour continued right up until the end of term."

The above extract was sent to us from a person who has to live with this abuse.

This person is by no means isolated in this opinion as I am sure most people know someone who has had the same problem. At this point we should all be active in trying to sort this out. In an effort to try to get some action to solve this problem we have outlined the key players that could make the biggest impact in helping with this matter. We will also be keeping this matter

highlighted with the help of the public who will register bad behaviour on an ongoing document that will be updated and sent to the relevant people and intuitions Let us hope that this could be the start of a community effort involving everyone focused on solving this.

College:

The college may or may not have a legal responsibility but it certainly has a moral one as it is the main reason for huge increase in young people coming to

Maynooth. What action is taken against continuous bad behaviour by the college?

Where are the rules and regulations set out by the college accessible to students and the community regarding bad behaviour?

Has there ever been any enforcing of these if they exist?

Landlords:

As they provide the homes in the community for tenants from all aspects of life they could have a great impact on how their tenants behave. Contracts with tenants should have clauses that would deal with anti social behaviour and this should be strongly pointed out to them before they agree terms. I also think that a landlord that does not care or has no control over this situation should not be allowed to let his/her property. Let me point out at this stage that I am sure most landlords are responsible people and that it is generally the few that cause problems.

Local Representatives:

These are the people that could help out considerably as they have connections and access to information that local people would not have.

But there appears to be very little will to confront these issues, if this is not the case they need to make people much more aware of just what they are doing regarding bad behaviour property and garden maintenance.

Garda:

We all respect the Garda for the great job they do maintaining law and order but at times they seem to be powerless in the face of unsociable behaviour even though this causes great stress to the very fabric of a law abiding community.

Community:

On going monitoring, It could be worth having a central base in Maynooth for people to register the problems they are having regarding the above issues this is of course after they have gone through the normal channels. This could allow us to draft a monthly

letter to all the people and institutions responsible for the quality of life in Maynooth.

There is also a need in some cases to remind landlords of their obligations regarding the behaviour of their tenants and the maintenance of the property including gardens

As far as the maintenance of property and gardens is concerned please read

The Housing (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 2009 section 18a the Private Sector:

This update makes it clear that they are obliged to keep their properties in good order

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http://www.neighbours.ie/forums/archive/index.php/t-15661.html

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It is our intention to create a web page on our Portal web site to allow people to record anti social behaviour as mentioned above this could be passed on to the relevant people to keep them aware of what is going on. More information will be available as this project is worked on.

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VEC to get patronage of two Kildare schools

KILDARE VEC has been awarded patronage of two new schools in the county.

Minister for Education and Skills, Ruairí Quinn, announced his decisions on 14 new schools across the country and has awarded the patronage of new schools in Naas and Maynooth to Kildare VEC. These will be built in 2013 and 2014 respectively.

In the Maynooth case, the Loretto sisters and the gaelcholaiste movement initially sought patronage but from an early stage, the gaelcholaiste were ruled out by the Department.

However, making the announcement on Wednesday, 25 July, Minister Quinn said: "In the case of both Maynooth, Co. Kildare and Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, the Department noted the high level of parental demand identified as part of this process for alternative language provision in these areas. In light of this, the Department will be making provision to cater for this alternative demand in both of these areas in the medium term."

In a statement, Teresa Murray, chairperson of the Maynooth Post Primary Parent-Teacher Association welcomed the decision of the Minister for Education and Skills, Ruairi Quinn, to award patronage of the second post-primary school in Maynooth to Kildare VEC. She said the Minister had made the right decision for the future of second level education in the Maynooth area. She congratulated the VEC on their comprehensive application for patronage and also the parents and staff of Maynooth Post Primary who had campaigned for this successful outcome. While this is welcome news, there is much work to be done in upgrading local road and transport facilities to adequately service the two schools on the Maynooth education campus. She concluded that the future of Maynooth as an excellent centre of education has been secured by this decision and she thanked all the local TDs and councillors who whole-heartedly supported County Kildare VEC's application for patronage.

Maynooth Post Primary School Parent Teacher Association, who had campaigned for over four months for Kildare VEC patronage of the second Post Primary School to be built in Maynooth have in a statement welcomed the decision of the Minister of Education and Skills Ruairi Quinn to appoint Kildare VEC as Patron of the new school.

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Gerry Quinn, spokesperson for Maynooth Post Primary PTA also welcomed the decision by Minister for Education and Skills Ruairi Quinn to appoint Kildare VEC as patron of the second Secondary school to be built in Maynooth. He said it is a pragmatic decision

Mediation

What is a Mediator

A Mediator is a trained independent and neutral person who helps parties to resolve their dispute. The reason that it is a successful process is that the Mediator does not take sides and is free to help the parties without any loyalties to either party. A Mediator provides an alternative to the courts system and litigation in order to help parties sort out their disagreements. A Mediator can help parties in a number of different situations for example in business or civil disputes and family disputes if parties are married or not married but have assets together for example, a house or children of their relationship. Although the details may differ, the overall process is the same.

How can a Mediator help Me?

A pre-mediation meeting can be arranged whereby the Mediator will meet each party separately and listen to their side of the storey. Both parties will then meet the Mediator who will listen to their issues and, matters that are important to you both will be discussed. The Mediator will then use their expertise to help you identify your issues and discuss what needs to happen in order to move forward. A number of meetings may need be held to find a common ground in other words, something that both parties have an interest in. For example access for children can be a huge issue or in neighbour dispute issues such music being played too loud or too late at night, etc. Any issue can be mediated. The parties then discuss what they feel is the desired end result for both sides, and try and reach a mutual agreement.

What should I expect from a mediation session?

Each party will need to be willing to work to resolve issues and to work through their difficulties to achieve same. Parties should expect to discuss their position and try to listen to the other party too. Each individual will have an opportunity to voice concerns and to speak without interruption. The mediator will ask the parties to share information (confidentially if appropriate) with them focusing on their needs and interests and to work to resolve matters.

Usually two or three meetings will be enough or in a complex family case it could be six or seven sessions with the Mediator to thoroughly resolve all issues. As the mediation session is voluntary, each party or indeed the mediator at any stage can decide the mediation is not productive and stop the process.

What if mediation does not resolve the matter?

If the matter is not resolved through mediation the parties can still use the court system to resolve their dispute. Mediation is simply an alternative designed to help individuals resolve disputes in their own time in a way that ensures they themselves decide the outcome. Even if part of the case has been heard or court documents have been filed the Judge will accept the parties want to attempt mediation and may even encourage mediation.

Next edition: How to decide if mediation might work rather than court?

For more information please contact: Ger Corscadden 0871312223.

Free breast checks available in Maynooth.

BreastCheck, The National Breast Screening Programme is currently inviting women aged 50 to 64 from the wider Maynooth area to attend for their free breast mammogram (x-ray).

Women are being invited to the Maynooth mobile digital screening unit which is located at Tesco Car Park (opposite Mc Donalds, the catchment area includes Celbridge, Clane, Kilcock, Leixlip, Maynooth and Straffan and is available for the coming months. If the appointment time or date doesn't suit a woman can easily change it by calling Breast Check on: (01) 223 5800. The aim of screening is to detect early breast cancer. The vast majority of women screened are found to be perfectly healthy, with less than 1% diagnosed with breast cancer..

Breast Check encourages all women aged 50 to 64 living in Maynooth and outlying areas to check that they are on the BreastCheck register by calling Freephone 1800 45 45 55 or checking online at www.breastcheck.ie.

based on reality and will bring an end to overcrowding at second level in Maynooth. Kildare VEC, who are in charge of developing the site for the new schools at Mariavilla on the Moyglare Road, has already appointed a design team. They concluded the statement by thanking the families of the Maynooth area, the majority of which - [80%] supported the VEC application.



Maynooth GAA Club hosted a table quiz ran by Ladies Football on 20th July, with all the proceeds going into the running of the club. The night was well supported and everyone had a good time. The Maynooth Ladies Team would like to thank Twist, Je'meils and Becks Beauty Salon for donating vouchers for the raffle. Also a huge thanks to Geraldine Breslin of Jee Jewellery for donating 2 pieces from her collection. We would like to encourage the community to support these local businesses. The club also sponsored a 4 ball for the Club Kildare Golf Event in the Curragh Golf Club as another raffle prize. The Ladies intend to run another quiz in October (watch the club website for details) and hope that you can join us for a good night.

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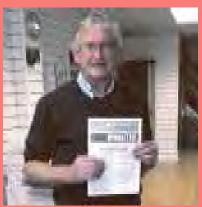
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Last two old Newsletters complete the Online Archive

We at the Community Council/Newsletter are very happy to have received the last two missing Newsletters from July 1976 issue 10 and November 1988 issue 136. Peter Curran from Moneycooley had the 1976 issue and Mattie Callaghan from Straffan Way had the 1988 issue. We can now finish the full archive and put it all online. There will be a full exhibition of photos taken over all the years of issue in September for the Festival, it will be held in the Community Space at Manor Mills



Peter Curran with his 1976 issue



Mattie Callaghan with his 1988 issue

BENEFITS OF EATING FRUIT

We all think eating fruits means just buying fruits, cutting it and just popping it into our mouths. It's not as easy as you think. It's important to know how and when to eat.

What is the correct way of eating fruits?

IT MEANS NOT EATING FRUITS AFTER YOUR MEALS! FRUITS SHOULD BE EATEN ON AN EMPTY STOMACH.

If you eat fruit like that, it will play a major role to detoxify your system, supplying you with a great deal of energy for weight loss and other life activities.

FRUIT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT FOOD.

Let's say you eat two slices of bread and then a slice of fruit. The slice of fruit is ready to go straight through the stomach into the intestines, but it is prevented from doing so.

In the meantime the whole meal rots and ferments and turns to acid. The minute the fruit comes into contact with the food in the stomach and digestive juices, the entire mass of food begins to spoil.

So please eat your fruits on an empty stomach or before your meals! You have heard people complaining - every time I eat watermelon I burp, when I eat durian my stomach bloats up, when I eat a banana I feel like running to the toilet etc - actually all this will not arise if you eat the fruit on an empty stomach. The fruit mixes with the putrifying other food and produces gas and hence you will bloat!

Graying hair, balding, nervous outburst, and dark circles under the eyes all these will not happen if you take fruits on an empty stomach.

There is no such thing as some fruits, like orange and lemon are acidic, because all fruits become alkaline in our body, according to Dr. Herbert Shelton who did research on this matter. If you have mastered the correct way of eating fruits, you have the Secret of beauty, longevity, health, energy, happiness and normal weight.

When you need to drink fruit juice - drink only fresh fruit juice, NOT from the cans. Don't even drink juice that has been heated up. Don't eat cooked fruits because you don't get the nutrients at all. You only get to taste. Cooking destroys all the vitamins.

Eating a whole fruit is better than drinking the juice. If you should drink the juice, drink it mouthful by mouthful slowly, because you must let it mix with your saliva before swallowing it. You can go on a 3-day fruit fast to cleanse your body. Just eat fruits and drink fruit juice throughout the 3

days and you will be surprised when your friends tell you how radiant you look!.

KIWI: Tiny but mighty. This is a good source of potassium, magnesium, vitamin E & fibre. Its vitamin C content is twice that of an orange.

APPLE: An apple a day keeps the doctor away? Although an apple has a low vitamin C content, it has antioxidants & flavonoids which enhances the activity of vitamin C thereby helping to lower the risks of colon cancer, heart attack & stroke.

STRAWBERRY: Protective Fruit. Strawberries have the highest total antioxidant power among major fruits & protect the body from cancer-causing, blood vessel-clogging free radicals.

ORANGE: Sweetest medicine. Taking 2-4 oranges a day may help keep colds away, lower cholesterol, prevent & dissolve kidney stones as well as lessens the risk of colon cancer.

LEMON: You might only use the juice from the lemon while the lemon peel is thrown away. ? Many professionals in restaurants and eateries are using or consuming the entire lemon so nothing is wasted. How can you use the whole lemon without waste? Simple, place the lemon in the freezer section of your refrigerator. Once the lemon is frozen, get your grater, and shred the whole lemon (no need to peel it) and sprinkle it on top of your foods. Sprinkle it in your whisky, wine, vegetable salad, ice cream, vegetable soup, chicken soup, curry soup, noodles, spaghetti sauce, rice, sushi, meat loaf, sausage, fish dishes, etc. It doesn't matter whether it's a Chinese dish, Italian dish, French dish, African, Indian, Japanese, All of these foods will unexpectedly have wonderful taste. The major advantage of using the whole lemon other than preventing waste is adding new taste to your dishes. Lemon peels contain as much as 5 to 10 time more vitamins than the lemon juice itself. Instead of wasting your lemon peel and following this simple procedure of freezing the whole lemon, then grating it on top of your dishes, you can consume all of those nutrients and get even healthier. Lemon peels are health rejuvenators in eradicating toxic elements in the body.





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- Evedropper

To make coloured water use 5 crops of food colouring per tablespoon of water.

instructions

- Set the card on the baking sheet and use the give to clraw, a design on the pa-
- Sprinkle the webglue with sail until its completely. covered, then tap off any excess
- Use the evedropper to drip coloured water, one drop at it time, onto the salt. As the salt absorbs the liquid, the water will move along the glue lines, resulting in a Web of colour.

GOOEY GREEN SLIME

Total time needed: 30 mirs or less

Materials

- 3/4 cup of warm water
- Treen food colouring
 I cup of white glue
- Borax (Washing Soda)

- Mis together 3/4 cup of warm water, T cup of white glue and a lew drops of green food colouring
- In another bowl, combine four teaspoons of boraic (Washing Soda) and $1.1/3\,$ cups of warm water.
- Pour the contents of the first bowl into the second one and let it sit for 1 min.
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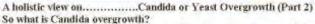
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Candida albicans form a necessary part of our bacterial gut balance. When our immune system is suppressed and/or our intestinal gut bacteria are out of balance, this creates a perfect environment for the candida albicans to grow rapidly and invade the digestive system. Thus causing the symptoms described in Part 1 of this article. So how is this Candida or Yeast over growth triggered?

The usual suspects for this overgrowth are antibiotic use, incorrect diet, sugar and refined foods. Other less known triggers but probable causes are emotional stress, caffeine drinks, antacids and acid blockers, food intolerances, mercury amalgams, sexual transmission, worms and parasites, diabetes, AIDS, arthritis and so on So how can you test to see if you have Candida Overgrowth?

There a few choices

- You can get costly blood, urine and stool tests done, assuming your GP is open minded enough to the notion of Candida.
- 2) You can test your self by spitting into a glass of clean water first thing in the morning, before eating or drinking anything. Leave the glass sitting for up to an hour then inspect the spit. If it floats on top with white wispy streaks/tentacles reaching down into the water or the spit sinks surrounded with white spots, this is a good indication of Candida / Yeast / Fungal overgrowth.
- You can be muscle tested by an experienced therapist, like a kinesiologist or naturopath to confirm if you
 have candida and the level of overgrowth.

In the next issue, I will explain how to put a stop to this tricky condition and reclaim your optimum health!

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All too often owners come in to us with their dog for Kennel Cough vaccination the day before they are going on holidays. The vaccine takes 3 to 5 days to work and therefore you should plan this into your schedule before kennelling, training classes etc.

As the health status of our patients varies greatly we will assess each patient individually and there are circumstances when we may advise against vaccination: If your dog is already on antibiotics these may interfere with the vaccine. If your dog has a known respiratory condition and is coughing when presented at

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Kennel Cough is a problem but not just in kennels!!

Kennel Cough is an infectious disease which affects dogs resulting in a harsh cough that can be quite distressing. It is a disease which we in Maynooth Veterinary Clinic are seeing much more frequently. We always advise that dogs should be vaccinated against it. Most cases will resolve in a few days with treatment. It is important to understand that the name of the disease is misleading as Kennel Cough is not only found in boarding kennels but is now distributed wherever dogs are in proximity to each other. For example parks, boarding kennels, grooming parlours, vets waiting rooms and street pavements have all to be included as points of possible infection. There is a proposed change in the disease name to Contagious Canine Cough and this is a more accurate description of the disease.



How is Kennel Cough spread?

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Our floral displays in the square and the re-vamped flower beds have received particular favourable comment. (all plants supplied by Larine Court Garden Centre open to the public Mon -Thur 9am to 4:30 Fri 9 to 3:30)

A number of Residents Associations and groups have offered to adopt a public area near them and this is much appreciated .

This month we ask the residents groups to advise us of any new features in your estate or area, please let us know so that it can be recorded for inclusion in next years tidy towns application.

The Tidy Towns Judges when they visit an area look out for care and maintenance of boundary walls, fences, gardens and communal areas, appropriate planting, estate signage and good planning and absence of litter.

Once again thank you to our Tidy Towns Volunteers for the work they are doing on behalf of the Community of Maynooth.

If you wish to contact us, please telephone

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Please make a special effort to keep Maynooth Tidy in the coming weeks.

Regards and thanks,

Richard Farrell, Maynooth Tidy Towns,



View of the Island in the Canal Harbour



Flower container at St. Mary's Church



Re-vamped bedding display outside the Boy's National School



Grass strimming on Old Straffan Road



St. Mary's Band Eucharistic Congress Success

St. Mary's Band, Maynooth made a historic visit to the RDS in Dublin on the evening of 13th June last to participate in one of the events taking place during the International Eucharistic Congress 2012. The Band played some religious music in the Main Arena as part of the preparations for the Corpus Christi Procession which made it's way around the roads surrounding the RDS Grounds.

The event was particularly significant in so far as Maynooth Band played a part in the proceedings when the Eucharistic Congress was held in Dublin in 1932 and St. Mary's Band was the only civilian band taking part in this year's Congress. It was an honour for the Band to represent the town on this very special occasion and they would hope that in turn the people of Maynooth recognise the importance of the Band to the town. Apart from the Congress they played a very important part in the Canet Twinning Ceremony earlier this year, were called on when the King and Queen of Spain visited Maynooth College some years ago and of course are an ever present and important part of the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Annual Community Festival.

The Band hope that all of the above will translate financially when they hold their Annual Flag Collection on 31st August and 1st and 2nd September next when all monies collected will be going towards the cost of their new uniform which hopefully, depending on finance, should be unveiled some time next December.

Maynooth Labour News

STAGG WELCOMES FAST TRACKING OF NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR MAYNOOTH AND VEC PATRONAGE FOR NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL IN MAYNOOTH

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement by the Minister for Education that New Secondary School at Maynooth is to be fast tracked and that the Patrons of the New Secondary School in Maynooth will be Co. Kildare VEC.

The New Secondary School for Maynooth which is to be built by Co. Kildare VEC will cater for 1,000 students, and is being brought forward by a year with completion now set for September 2014.

Deputy Stagg stated that he was particularly pleased that the Minister had awarded Patronage of the New Secondary School for Maynooth to Co. Kildare VEC. Co. Kildare VEC at present opperate successfully 9 Second Level Schools in Kildare with the existing Post Primary in Maynooth being one of their most successful schools. For over 40 years Maynooth Post Primary has operated in the Community and has a proven track record in its achievements of excellence on a national level in academics, sports, arts and science. VEC policy is to provide a multi-belief, non-selective, co-educational, child centred enrolment policy. The policy in the existing School in Maynooth is one of working in partnership between Teachers, Students and Parents.

Deputy Stagg also welcomed the announcement by Minister Quinn that his Department had noted the high level of parental demand for secondary school instruction through the medium of Irish in Maynooth and that in light of this the Department will be making provision to cater for this alternative demand in the Medium Term.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he looked forward to work commencing on the schools with the attendant jobs they will create.

Maynooth Parking By-Laws

Council Officials have advised Cllr. John McGinley that the final Report on the Submissions received from the public will not now be presented to Councillors until the September Area Meeting on 21st. Their explanation for the delay is as follows:

"Since the last meeting regarding the above, most of the submission report has been updated. However, due to the workload and available resources in the Transportation Department, we have not been able to carry out the site inspections in Maynooth to-date. These will be carried out as soon as possible. We apologise for any delay and inconvenience caused to the elected members."

Main Street Resurfaced

As residents will know Maynooth Main Street from The Avenue Restaurant to the Square has been resurfaced. It has a black surface instead of the previous red. Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply from the Area Engineer on the change of colour and on the completion of the bottom half of Main Street:

"The cost of the red surface would be prohibitive and the remainder of the Main Street is on the schedule of works for next year."

Dublin Bus Extensions Update

At the request of Cllr. McGinley a Dublin Bus representative (Gareth Quinn) attended the Celbridge Area Committee on 20 July to discuss the status of Route 66 to Newtown/Rathcoffey Road and the 67 to Moyglare Hall. He was very positive on the 66 extension to Newtown and said that they were awaiting sanction from the National Transport Authority (NTA) to proceed. County Officials confirmed that they had the design for a signalised junction at Straffan Road/Meadowbrook Link Road and a design for the new terminus was also ready.

The Dublin Bus representative again confirmed that they were not going ahead with the 67 extension to Moyglare Hall in the current climate. Cllr. McGinley asked him to reconsider their decision in the light of the Department of Education approving two new secondary schools at Moyglare Hall to accommodate 1,000 students each. Mr Quinn said that they would do so when the Planning Application was lodged. Cllr. McGinley advised him to get the plans from the CEO now so that bus turning points would be included.

Newtown Road from Bond Bridge to Cluain Aoibhinn is Resurfaced

Cllr. McGinley has welcomed the much needed resurfacing of the Newtown Road from Bond Bridge to the traffic lights at Cluain Aoibhinn.

Potholes and Some Ramps Repaired

As residents will know the potholes around Maynooth have been repaired at long last and the ramps on Moyglare Road have also been repaired.

Cllr. McGinley has asked the Area Engineer to repair the two ramps on Dunboyne Road as they are in a very bad state. The Area Engineer stated that she had no money to repair them now but that they were her Number 1 on the list.

Safey Measures at Presentation Girls School

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised that €0,00 has been allocated by the National Transport Authority (NTA) for "Footpath, accessability and public lighting improvements for approximately 230m along Convent Lane to the school entrance.

Safety Measures at NUIM Entrance at Parson Street

As residents will be aware NUIM are carrying out safety improvements at present.

When they are completed the Council will begin work on their NTA allocation of €75,000. This will include the construction of a footpath on the College side from the Church of Ireland to the Castle.

Vehicular Access to Laraghbryan Cemetery

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update at the Area:

"There are 27 active cemeteries under the control of Kildare County Council, 4 of these cemeteries allow vehicular access at all times. These are at Celbridge (Donacumper), Derrinturn, Kilcock and Newbridge. It should be noted that Newbridge has a full time caretaker. The proposal to place a parking area on the Kilcock road has been referred to our roads design section for consideration and attention. A report on their findings will be issued at next meeting."

Control of Litter on Main Street, Maynooth

As a result of Cllr. McGinley's motion all businesses in Maynooth were issued with a letter outlining the requirements of the litter pollution act. These notices were hand delivered by the litter warden who also spoke with the proprietors where possible. The area

will be monitored to ensure compliance with the litter pollution act.

Shop Fronts in Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"The Kildare County Development Plan 2011-2017 includes a section on 'shopfront design' which promotes a dual approach to shopfront design in terms of;

- protecting traditional and original shopfronts and

encouraging good contemporary shopfront design.

It is Council policy to encourage shopfront designs that reflect the scale and proportions of the existing streetscape while retaining the remaining traditional shopfronts of townscape importance. Our policy also states that colour schemes should co-ordinate with adjoining buildings and shopfronts and should be chosen to enhance the proportions and detailing of the whole building. The replacement of an existing shopfront, or the insertion of a new shopfront requires planning permission."

Cllr. McGinley asked the Council to contact Westport Town Council where the Council offer an Advice Service on colour schemes.

Cllr. McGinley has Again Asked for the public Lights at Parson Street to be Repaired

Cllr. McGinley has sent the following letter to the Council:

"There are two lights not working in Parson Street, Maynooth.

Pole No. 2 where a new pole has been erected and the light fitting has not been put on it.

Pole No. 3 the light has been out for seven months.

As this is a highly pedestrianised area at the exit/ entrance to NUIM South Campus I would appreciate if action was taken without any further delay."

Cllr. McGinley calls for Repairs to the Cycle Path from Kingsbry to the Train Station:

John got the following reply to his motion:

"That the cycle path from the bus stop at Kingsbry to the train station on the north side of the Straffan Road, Maynooth, be repaired, as it has deteriorated so much that it is unsafe for cyclists to use it at present."

"A Consultant was appointed by the Council during the week to draw up plans for a safe continuous cycle path from the M4 roundabout to Moyglare Hall."

Cllr. McGinley said that the existing cycle path needed to repaired as a matter of urgency as it was in a very bad state.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for the Long Grass at Kilcock Road to be Cut:

John got the following reply to his motion:

"That NUI, Maynooth be asked to cut the long grass on (Continued on page 23)

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the new verge and roundabout at Kilcock Road, Maynooth"

"If it is the committee's wish the roads and transport department can write to the University on their behalf."

Cllr. McGinley stated that NUIM should be asked to sponsor the maintenance of the roundabout and the grass verge along the Kilcock Road.

Cllr. McGinley Seeks an Explanation on the Non Filling of Potholes in Maynooth

John got the following reply to his motion:

"That the Area Committee be advised why it is necessary to hire contractors to fill pot holes in Maynooth"

"As the members are probably aware a systemic review of all aspects of the roads engineering areas / roads maintenance is currently being undertaken to ensure that the council can make optimum use of the decreasing resources available to it. There is a particular issue in the Maynooth Area which management in the roads department are attempting to address at the moment. As this is a human resources / industrial relations issue it is not possible to expand on the matter in the context of the area committee meeting, however, a briefing can be provided to the members in camera to ensure that they are kept informed of all pertinent issues."

Cllr. McGinley stated that he could not stand over contractors being used for such work when Council staff were idle. He also stated that this crisis has existed since February when the overseer retired and that it is a bit late in the day for Council Management now offering to discuss the problem with Councillors. It was agreed that a meeting would be held with the County Manager on 30 July to discuss this very serious problem.

Cllr. McGinley Seeks Action on Large Business Bins on Footpaths and Other Public Areas:

Cllr. John McGinley got the following response to his Question at the meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council on 20 July:

"What powers does the council have in getting businesses to stop using public space to store their large rubbish bins?"

"Section 19.8 of the county development plan sets out the council's policy for storage and disposal of waste and generally a planning permission will contain conditions for same. If a business is in breach of a planning permission relating to storage of bins, this can be pursued by the Enforcement Section.

Refuse or recycling bins should only be placed in a public area for collection purposes only. Bins should otherwise be stored either within the curtilage of the business premises or at another suitable location .The storage of bins in a public area can impact on the safe access of pedestrians and is not recommended. The environment section will write to the owners of the bins regarding the matter."

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Cycle Paths to be Repainted:

Cllr. John McGinley got the following response to his Question at the meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council on 20 July:

" When will the cycle lanes on Mill Street and Main Street, Maynooth, be re-painted?"

"The Council will do so as soon as funding becomes available."

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Restoration of "No Entry" Signs Mill Street/Pound Street Junction:

"When will the 'No Entry' signs from Mill Street to Pound Street, Maynooth, be put back in place?"

"This work has not been carried out due to the non availability of an Overseer."

With Leaving Certificate results expected to be available on August 15th, it is useful to know that Students can apply for third level grants early and that you do not need to know the

exact course you will be attending in order to make an application.

Grant applications for 2012/2013 are available at: http://

www.studentfinance.ie/mp9540/newgrant-applications-for-2012-13/ index.html

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he vast majority of people buy a PC to browse the Web, check and send e-mail, and perform word processing or spreadsheet work. Today, even the least-expensive, lowest-of-the-low-end PC can perform

any of those jobs admirably. You'll want a little extra performance if you use peripherals such as a printer or scanner. You'll want even more performance if you're a gamer, if you're interested in digital video, if you perform other processorintensive tasks, or if you simply need to have the latest and greatest. Below is a rough breakdown of some of your options.



A Dual Core Processor (AMD® or Intel®) over 2 GHz speed. For everyday work, word processing, spreadsheets, and e-mail, you don't need the latest, greatest, and most expensive processor.

At least 4GB memory. Anything less will slow your work. Buy as much as you can afford, up to 8GB.

Be careful when you buy integrated graphics. If you buy a computer with integrated graphics, ask if it has a PCI Express slot. If it doesn't, you won't be able to upgrade your graphics chip.

Sound card. Today, the standard sound cards that are included with a computer are sufficient for almost all computer users. However, if you plan on doing sound editing or mixing make sure to look at the sound cards capabilities.

Subwoofers improve sound. Adding a sound system with a subwoofer (a large speaker that produces very low bass tones) can dramatically improve the sound quality of a home system. But think of the neighbours!

A 17-inch flat-panel LCD monitor. Unless you're really pinching pennies, a 17-inch LCD will let you see your documents with greater definition than smaller displays would.

A rewritable DVD drive. Floppy drives have faded away. CD-R-only drives are on the way out. Though your computer might still include a CD-RW drive, many users find the USB flash drive, (a small stick-like drive, very useful for backing up or transferring data) a better option for data storage and transfer. CD-RW/DVD-ROM combination drives, and recordable DVD drives are good way to store your backups safely.

A 500GB or larger hard drive. A 40GB hard drive is fine for simple word processing or Web browsing tasks, but you'll likely fill that hard drive pretty quickly.

Connectivity up front. Most PCs now offer a pair of USB ports on the front of the case, so you can connect multiple peripherals such as digital cameras or MP3 players without having to fumble around in back.

Memory card reader. It comes as standard hardware on most personal computers as of 2010. A memory card reader is used to transfer files (images, songs, videos) from a memory card to your computer.

Graphics cards for novice gamers. If you want to do some gaming and you're keeping an eye on the future, get a mainstream graphics board. You'll need a card with a built-in TV tuner if you plan to record video from your TV.

Network card. Almost all computers today have a network card or network option on the motherboard. The network card is what will allow you to share files between computers in your home and connect to a broadband Internet connection.

Webcam. It is a little camera attached to your computer to transmit video over the Internet. With this simple inexpensive device you can easily turn your PC into a video phone. And how about setting up a camera to monitor your home while you're away? All these things are possible.

Other Shopping Tips

In addition to choosing a PC with the above specifications, you can save money and avoid unnecessary hassle by following these tips:

Don't buy additional software unless you really need it.

Purchase an operating system, an office suite, and an antivirus package. But if you need more, look for vendors' software bundles to upgrade your software. Also students are entitled to buy Microsoft software at discounted prices. Ask about this if you are upgrading.

Upgrade at the time of purchase. Often, you can get a better deal on a larger hard drive or a better monitor when you first order your computer. Even doubling the size of a hard drive may add very little to the cost, and upgrading to a higher-quality monitor may add only €50.

When buying a printer, ask about cartridge costs—often a printer sells cheaply but the

manufacturers make their money on print cartridges. A printer may cost only €50 but replacement cartridges may cost €40!

Get the lowdown on the store before you buy. Word of mouth can often give you the best info on who provide the best (and worst) value, technical support and warranty service.

And finally—good luck!

A few questions to ask yourself before you go shopping:

What are you going to do with your PC?

Consider whether this computer is for surfing the internet, email, word processing/spreadsheets, art/graphic design, music/movie production, or playing games at maximum graphics settings.

A desktop or a laptop?

Are you a student or professional that needs to take your computer with you? Are you more concerned with performance for the least amount of money, a computer that will never leave your desk? Both desktops and laptops have their benefits and draw backs.

What is your price range?

Try and set a financial limit before you start shopping for a computer. Keep in mind everything that you will need, including a monitor/keyboard/mouse/speakers/USB-refrigerator.

What happens when it breaks? Warranties & Repairs?

It's not a matter of if your computer will break, but when. Think about warranties on the parts/system, and the availability of service and help if you need it.

Clues Across

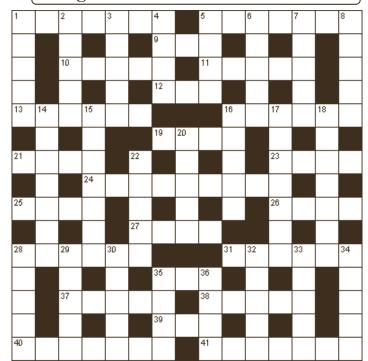
- 1. Comes back (7)
- 5. Person who takes care of horses (7)
- 9. Bashful (3)
- 10. Cowboy display (5)
- 11. Damp (5)
- 12. Large cask (3)
- 13. Showy and cheap (6)
- 16. Round body (6)
- 19. Atop (2,2)
- 21. Chief god of ancient Greece (4)
- 23. Deep affection (4)
- 24. Roll forward end over end (9)
- 25. Money paid for work (4)
- 26. Roofing item (4)
- 27. Vehicles (4)
- 28. Hawk (6)
- 31. Metallic element (6)
- 35. Having a high temperature (3)
- 37. Form of oxygen (5)
- 38. Mountain range (5)
- 39. Long-sleeved linen vestment (3)
- 40. Place in a bank account (7)
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- 1. Automaton (5)
- 2. Hurl (5)
- 3. Person who rides (5)
- 4. Native of Scotland (4)
- 5. Song in praise of God (4)
- 6. Scrimp (5)
- 7. Supple (5)
- 8. Scoundrel (5)
- 14. Typical (7)
- 15. Move down (7)
- 16. Scoff (5)
- 17. Summit of a hill (7)
- 18. Rotate (7)
- 20. Strength (5)
- 22. Elegance (5)
- 28. Beg (5)
- 29. Sag (5)
- 30. Weaving machines (5)
- 32. City in Nebraska (5)
- 33. Dough (5)
- 34. Rough and disorderly (5)
- 35. Warmth (4)
- 36. Brass wind instrument (4)

Winner of Crossword No. 404 July

Yvonne O'Shea 18 Brookfield Avenue Maynooth

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Catherine Murphy

CATHERINE MURPHY SEEKS DÁIL MOTION REVERSING MORTGAGE INTEREST SUPPLEMENT CHANGES; ALSO HIGHLIGHTS PROBLEMS WITH RENT SUPPLEMENT

Contact: Catherine Murphy 087 269 6450

Deputy Catherine Murphy today called on the Government to immediately suspend enforcement of Section 12 of the new Social Welfare and Pensions Act which imposes strict new conditions on new applicants for Mortgage Interest Supplement. The Kildare North Deputy has placed a motion on the Dáil Order Paper for today (Tuesday, July 3rd) seeking the annulment of the measure. Although the Government are certain to schedule no time to debate the motion, Deputy Murphy has nevertheless sought to highlight the changes to the supplement in an attempt to force the issue back onto the national agenda.

"Of the many changes in this year's Social Welfare Act, the changes to Mortgage Interest Supplement are amongst the most worrying. As of June 18th last, when the changes were signed into effect by Minister Joan Burton, new applicants for the supplement will have to demonstrate that they have abided by the terms of an alternative payment arrangement with their bank or building society for a minimum of a year. This measure forces people, who in many cases might otherwise get the breathing space they need to get back on their feet without needing to approach their lenders, into a humbling situation whereby lenders have a direct say over a lot of their day-to-day spending. It also forces people to take on the possibility of negative credit ratings which they might have avoided.

"Added to the current problems with the onerous limits placed on Rent Supplement in certain parts of the country, particularly in my own constituency of North Kildare; it's clear that Minister Burton has adopted a very blunt, blanket approach to a very fundamental element in people's lives, that of housing. I accept that savings must be made in the Social Protection budget, but clearly a much greater level of nuance is needed when seeking to make cost adjustments so that effect on people is far more limited and graduated."

CATHERINE MURPHY SEEKS TO STRENGTHEN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PROPOSALS; SAYS 'GENUINE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEANINGFUL REFORM CANNOT BE ACHIEVED BY HALF MEASURES'

Independent TD for Kildare North Catherine Murphy today submitted an alternative proposal to the Government's Dáil resolution establishing the Constitutional Convention. While welcoming the establishment of the Convention, the Deputy's amendment seeks to address several key flaws which have been identified and is designed to enhance the ability of the Convention to make necessary, durable and democratically-sourced proposals for reform, developed with the "essential" input of civil society organisations. "I welcome the move towards making real constitutional reform proposals, especially considering that several serious investigations into the prospect of constitutional reform have been made by the Oireachtas since 1960s and all have been effectively ignored. However, the approach adopted by Government to the overall design of the Constitutional Convention, and the piecemeal 'box-ticking' remit which will be assigned to it, puts the whole endeavour at serious risk of the same fate as its predecessors.

Today I'm proposing that the balance of the Convention delegates be weighted further in favour of citizens over Oireachtas and Assembly members and that these



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delegates are selected with specific regard to the socioeconomic, cultural, ethnic, gender and age profiles of Irish society. Experience from around the world shows that reforms stand a much better chance of success when developed with the engagement of the public in an appropriately-designed forum.

"I'm also proposing that a dedicated avenue be given to civil society organisations to participate fully in the Convention's deliberations and that a mandate be given to the Convention to report on its entire proposed work programme within two months of its first public hearing.

"In terms of remit, I'm proposing further specific consideration for Ireland's obligations under the UN's International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and, crucially I believe, also propose to give the Convention the ability to deliberate and make recommendations on any area of the Constitution it sees fit to be considered for reform. This would take away the barrier to holistic and meaningful reform posed by the very limited remit under current proposals.

"Our constitution deserves the utmost diligence when considering reform. Any changes to our basic law must be rock-solid and well considered. The changes I'm proposing today would, I feel, greatly enhance the ability of the Constitutional Convention to avoid the repeated mistakes we've made in the past and achieve genuine, legitimately sourced reform proposals which will stand the test of time."

MURPHY'S ATTEMPTS TO REDUCE AND REFORM EXPENSES REGIME AND INTRODUCE FULL VOUCHING ARE AGAIN REJECTED

Annual exchequer savings in excess of €800,000 could have been made if amendments had been accepted. Independent TD for Kildare North Catherine Murphy today expressed her extreme disappointment that amendments she tabled to reform political funding and TDs allowances were rejected by Government. Deputy Murphy's amendments, if enacted, would have addressed the anomaly in State funding to political parties whereby at present parties representing 83% of the first preference vote cast at the last general election get 100% of the available direct funding. Her amendment would have ensured that the extra money would be returned to the State.

"The Deputy also sought to reduce the amounts paid under the 'Leaders Allowance' to a standard rate for each TD and Senator from the present differentiated rate and to introduce a comprehensive vouching system for every deputy, including Independent TDs. These amendments were ruled out of order, so were could not be debated in the chamber. Collectively, the measures would have resulted in substantial annual savings in excess of €00,000 for the exchequer.

"Today's decisions of the House are both surprising and disappointing. The amendments submitted by me were attempting to get to grips with an expenses regime which contains some major flaws and which the public reasonably expected to be reformed comprehensively by the incoming Government last year. The stream of funding paid to political parties known as 'Electoral Acts Funding' involves a fund of €4.89 million per year being divided between political parties who, at the preceding general election, received at least 2% of firstpreference votes. However, the way this substantial fund is divided up means the four parties that currently receive funding under this stream (Fianna Fáil, Sinn Féin, Labour and Fine Gael), although having between them received 83% of first-preference votes in the 2011 General Election, take 100% of the fund. I'm seeking to have this excess 17% returned to the State.

"In failing to change payments under the Electoral Acts, we are missing a great opportunity for the State to make savings. I cannot understand how the four big political parties simply take the excess money that they should not strictly be entitled to, particularly the Government parties who preach the need for savings at virtually every opportunity. It's also extremely frustrating that proposals to introduce comprehensive vouching for all TDs, including Independent deputies, was ruled out of order. "

"I hope in the future to find alternative routes to having these measures dehated."

CATHERINE MURPHY WELCOMES SCHOOL PATRONAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR KILDARE

Catherine Murphy has welcomed the announcement that Kildare VEC is to be awarded patronage of two new schools in Maynooth and Naas. Calling the decision "the right one for parents", the Independent deputy said that she was "very pleased at the outcome, and the degree of certainty the decisions will bring to Kildare parents and children" about their future schooling.

"Parents have been very pro-active and engaged about these future schools and I'm delighted that their wishes have been respected, particularly given that these schools have been promised for so long. Now that the decision has been made about patronage, which I very much welcome, we must be sure that the new schools will make it from inception to completion in a timely manner so that we can give the greatest certainty to families in the areas."



SACRVIEW IRELAND'S FREE DIGITAL - TAKE ACTION NOW

Saorview is Ireland's Free Digital Television Service. It is only a few months away, so how does it affect you? On October 24th next the analogue service will be switched off so anyone who has an aerial to receive their television service will need to take action now. Anyone who has a subscription service such a Sky or UPC will not be affected.

Saorview is the new digital television service that will allow you to watch & listen to their favourite channels for free. TV Channels that are available on Saorview are RTE ONE, RTE TWO HD, TV3, TG4, RTE NEWS NOW, 3E, RTEJR, RTE ONE +1. All 10 of the RTE digital radio stations are also available. There is also a 7 day on-screen tv guide and a faster version of Aertel. The new digital service also offers better quality sound & picture. All of this is available with no monthly charge or subscription.



There is no advantage in waiting until the last minute to go and get Saorview as there might be shortages and there could be a delay in getting the product. You can get a Saorview Approved set-top-box to work with your existing tv or you can get a Saorview Approved tv. If you have Sky or UPC, you need to check each tv to see if they are dependent on the aerial service as each tv will need to be enabled to receive the digital signal. Saorview Approved tvs already have the receiver built in.

A basic Saorview Approved box should cost between €60-€100 for Irish channels only. To get all the rest of the UK & International stations you will need to get a Saorview Approved "combi" box which will cost between €180-€200. To avail of this option you will

need to get a satellite dish. For both options the charges are one-off payments. Be careful it is important to note that Saorview nor RTE are sending anyone door to door to check your television or your aerial.



MEN'S SHEDS

Further to the previous bulletin in the Maynooth Newsletter there's some good news on the Men's Shed project. A "shed" premises has been sourced. It will take some work to get it fit for purpose but with the combined skills of members it should pose no problem. We hope to be up and running towards the end of

Men's Sheds is a community based organisation for men who have time on their hands to get together, talk with other men shoulder to shoulder and share their

If you are interested in getting involved I can be contacted via the Maynooth Newsletter at phone no. 6285922 or email maynoothcc@eircom.net. I can also be contacted at phone no. 0872041334 or email johnpfleming@hotmail.com

Please leave your contact details and I'll get in touch shortly. Thanks to all who have expressed an interest so

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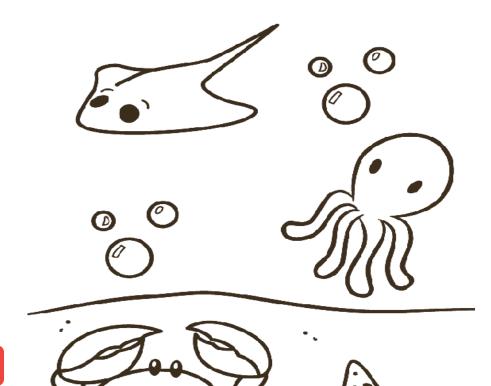
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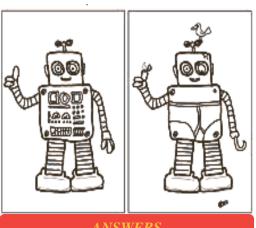
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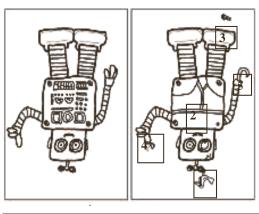


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GARDENING JOBS IN AUGUST

In this summer month, the garden is full of festive colours & scents. Your garden or patio serves as a summer lounge where you can enjoy the long warm summer evenings to the full. Days that are overcast are perfect days to get on top of little chores that will prolong the abundance of flowers.





At this time of the year there isn't too many jobs to do, just a few little things to keep everything in check & tidy. Continue to water all the containers and hanging baskets every day and feed regularly - as if you weren't doing that already!

Don't forget to mow the lawn and do the weeding before you go away on holidays, that way its hard to tell if you are away or not. Move pot plants into the shade & put in shallow trays that can be filled up with water before you go. Also harvest as much as you can from the vegetable garden so there is plenty to eat on your return.





It is the perfect time to prune raspberries & gooseberries. Weeding now prevents seedlings later. Clear the dead shoots from your roses to encourage new growth. Clean up fallen rose & peony leaves. Prune hybrid roses late in the month. Remove old plants which have stopped producing to eliminate shelter for insects & disease organisms over the winter if allowed to stay in the ground.



Colourful plastic golf tees can be stuck in the ground to mark the location of dormant plants such as spring bulbs or perennials. Remember to feed & fertilise daffodil & tulip bulbs in early to mid August.

Plant crocus bulbs for delicate splashes of autumn colour. Here is a list of bulbs that should be planted this month daffodils, alliums, iris, snowdrops & hyacinths. Sow wallflower & forget-me-not seeds in seed compost & cover with a thin layer of vermiculite. You can never have too much colour in the garden.





Shrubs & trees that are approaching dormancy should not be pruned except in mild climates. Early apples should be ready to pick this month. Apply lawn feed to promote strong root growth & prepare the grass for winter. Sow hardy annuals, like poached egg plant, for early flowers next year. Collect seeds from border perennials & store them in a sealed container in a cool place.

Top up water levels in ponds & aquatic features. Scoop water weed from ponds with a small net. Spread netting over ponds to stop autumn leaves falling in. Place a rock on the sunny side of the pond. Frogs like to sit & sunbathe in such places. Butterflies too would appreciate a warm spot like that.





Early this month, plants seeds in the ground for autumn & winter vegetables such as spinach, radishes, scallions, carrots & lettuces. Plant out rooted strawberry runners into new beds & trim leaves that have finished fruiting. Sow parsley in pots for winter & spring use. Also plant garlic cloves outside & spring cabbages.



Gardens are to be enjoyed whatever the weather.

COMFORT FOOD



VEGGIE COBBLER

SERVES 8

Ingredients

FOR THE FILLING

1 large baking potato, peeled and cut into a 3/4-inch dice

1 1/2 cups each of peeled and thinly sliced carrots, frozen peas, sliced mushrooms

1/2 cup each of broccoli florets, frozen corn kernels, diced butternut squash

3 1/2 tablespoons unsalted butter

1 large onion, quartered and thinly sliced

3 tablespoons flour

2 1/2 vegetable bouillon cubes dissolved in 1 1/4 cups hot water

1 cup milk

1/2 teaspoon each of salt, celery seed

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1 teaspoon thyme

1/3 cup grated Parmesan

FOR THE TOPPING

3/4 cup yellow cornmeal

1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon sugar

1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 cup milk

1 large egg, lightly beaten

1 tablespoon oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt



Instructions

- Heat the oven to 400°. Place the potato, carrots, peas, broccoli, corn, and squash in a medium-size pot and fill it with enough water to cover the vegetables plus one inch. Lightly salt the water, bring it to a boil, then allow the vegetables to continue boiling for 4 minutes. Drain and rinse the vegetables with cold water and set them aside.
- Melt the butter over medium heat in a large, deep skillet or Dutch oven. Add the onion and mushrooms and sauté them, stirring often, until they're soft, about 4 minutes. Stir in the flour and cook the mixture, stirring nonstop, another 30 seconds. Add the vegetable broth, milk, salt, pepper, thyme, and celery seed and continue to stir until the sauce thickens, about 4 minutes.
- 4 Add the vegetables to the sauce and stir well. Add more salt and pepper, if desired, then stir in the Parmesan and bring the filling to a simmer. Thin it with water if its consistency is thicker than potato soup. Transfer the filling to a casserole dish.
- Make the corn bread topping. In a medium-size bowl, whisk together the cornmeal, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Add the milk, egg, and oil and stir until evenly blended. Spread the batter over the filling. Bake the cobbler until the top is golden brown and the sides are bubbly, about 25 minutes. Allow it to cool slightly before serving.

Best-ever Beef Stew

Ingredients

1 large onion, halved and thinly sliced

2 medium carrots, peeled and thinly sliced

2 large potatoes, cut into 1/2-inch chunks 1 to 1 1/2 cups peeled and diced turnip

1 cup fresh green beans, in bite-size pieces

1 pound beef stew-meat chunks

1 bay leaf

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme

1 clove garlic, crushed

3 cups low-sodium beef stock

2 tablespoons light brown sugar

3/4 teaspoon salt

2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

Pepper to taste

3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons tomato paste

SERVES 6 - 8

Instructions

- Put everything but the flour and the tomato paste in a slow cooker; stir to combine. Cover and cook on the low setting for 8 to 9 hours or on high for 4 to 5, until the beef is tender and the potatoes are just fork tender.
- 2 Stir the stew once or twice as it cooks, if possible. About 30 minutes before serving, transfer a ladleful of the broth to a small mixing bowl. Add the flour and tomato paste and whisk until smooth. Stir the mixture into the stew and cook for the remaining half hour.

August Diary Planner

I.C.A.

There will be no
meeting in August.
Monthly meeting for
September is 6th at
8.00 pm in the harbour.
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Taekwon-Do

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Flower & Garden Club

There will be no club for

August. Will resume in
September.
Teaching Demonstration in the
Glenroyal Hotel on Tuesday 18th
September at 8 o'clock
Demonstrator: Marie O'Leary
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Maureen Fagan PRO

Parent & Toddler Group

Every Tuesday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth.

University of Third Age (U3A)

Details of Summer Schedule from: Bernadette Phone: 6289131

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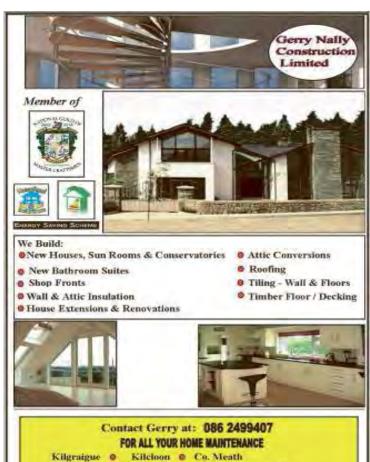
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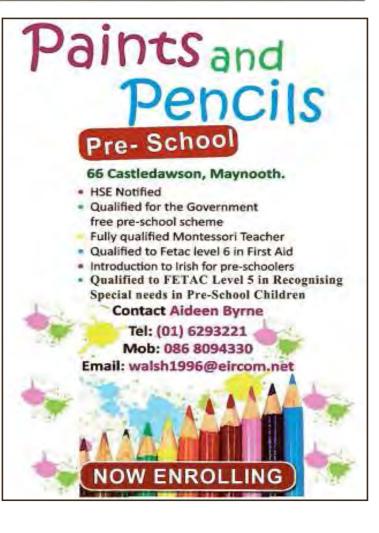
History Group

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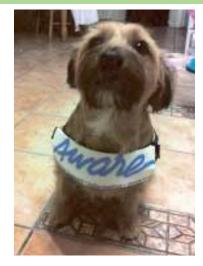
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my mammy Tanya and her colleagues raise funds for the charity sky dive taking place on the 30th September 2012. You can come and meet me at the Woofs Dog Show taking place 15th September 2012 from 1pm til 4pm in Tesco Maynooth Car Park. I am looking forward to meeting you all and hope you will all support me and my friends in my new role.

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NEW POST PRIMARY SCHOOL MAYNOOTH

The Minister for Education and Skills, Ruari Quinn TD, said that he was particularly conscious of taking into account the clear parental demand for plurality and diversity, when announcing his decision to appoint Kildare VEC as patron of the new school to open in 2014.

PARENTAL PREFERENCE

In its report to the Minister, The forward Planning section of The Department of Education and Skills stated that it was clearly evident from the parental preference forms which were viewed from the 5 Maynooth feeder schools (4 primary schools in Maynooth and Scoil Oileabhear Naofe Kilcloon) that there is a strong demand for the school model proposed by Co. Kildare VEC; An English Medium, Co-Educational, Multi-Denominational Ethos, (non designated Community College).

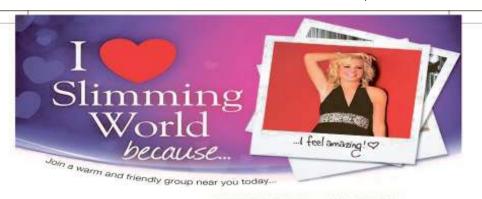
They also reported that Kildare VEC "is willing to share school buildings with other schools as may be determined by the Department should the school building not be at capacity. At present Maynooth Post Primary School is catering for 1175 students in a school built for 800. The only solution to the obvious problem of overcrowding is to have both schools on the new campus managed by a single patron who is willing to share classroom facilities and resources".

AONAD APPLICATION

To meet demand for Irish medium education it is planned that an Aonad will be established in Maynooth. If the Aonad is enrolling in the region of 70 pupils per year by the fourth year of operation, consideration will be given to its establishment as an independent Gaelcholaiste.

THANK YOU

Kildare VEC thank those who supported the VEC application and invite ALL students from the Maynooth area primary schools to enrol



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Any of us who have pets that we have cared for and enjoyed will experience a great sense of loss when our pet dies. It is quite normal for pet owners to grieve after the death of their pet and there should be no feeling of embarrassment or being ashamed at feeling this emotion — it is only natural. The stages of grief in people are well recognised and can involve: denial, sadness, depression, guilt, anger and recovery.

Denial:

Sometimes pet owners are reluctant to bring their pet to the vet for examination for fear of being told the worst prognosis. As vets we experience this quite often and always treat such people with compassion while keeping the welfare of their pet as a primary concern.

Sadness:

A well loved pet is very much a family member and it is only normal that he will be missed after his death. This can be especially true for children who often have no experience of death and who cannot understand why their lifelong pet is no longer with them. We are often are asked to help parents to deal with this situation and we can give advice on this matter.

Depression:

When this occurs it can be the longest part of the grieving process and is often associated with feelings of regret. Sometimes owners withdraw into themselves and can feel isolated and unable or embarrassed to speak about their loss. It is important to recognise this and to talk to close friends and relatives—" a trouble shared..."

Guilt and Anger:

These two emotions often go together and owners can feel angry with themselves that they didn't act sooner or that the vet was not doing his best or even sometimes at the animal who is the subject of their grief. In the present economy we are witnessing a new type of emotion in that owners can feel guilty or angry that they do

not have the resources to pay for treatment when this may be available or that they did not take out insurance for their pet. We are very sympathetic to these emotions but we often have to explain that they can be misplaced if the prognosis is fundamentally very grim. **Recovery:**

At this stage owners are able to talk more freely about their pet and will often mention a funny anecdote. They have come to terms with their loss and are able to view it in a compassionate but objective way.



At Maynooth Veterinary Clinic we

experience these situations very frequently. As the vets in Maynooth who are on 24 hour call we get to know our patients and their owners very well and it can be very difficult to have to put a patient to sleep when you have known and treated him for a long time. However we will always have the welfare and dignity of our patients as our primary concern and if we are certain that there is no more that can be done then we will discuss this with the owner in a compassionate and caring manner.



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Ground-breaking Poetry Therapy Convention in Maynooth

12 -16 September 2012

'Wells and Staircases, Bridges and Doors: Exploring Poetry through Therapeutic Writing,' is the first poetry therapy convention to be held in Ireland. Presented by PoetryReach (Ireland) and International Academy of Poetry Therapy (iaPoetry USA), the convention is an exciting series of workshops and seminars led by leading lights in the poetry therapy field, from both the USA and UK.

Poetry Therapy helps personal development by enhancing creativity and self-expression. Although poetry has been acknowledged as a healing tool in the USA for over 40 years and, since the 1990s, in the British healthcare system, poetry therapy in Ireland is very much in its pioneering stages – following in the footsteps of art, dance, drama and music therapy.

Dr. Niall Hickey heads up PoetryReach, an organisation based in Maynooth which provides training in the use of poetry therapy. 'We feel that this convention will help raise awareness of the importance of poetry therapy,' says Dr. Hickey, the only qualified poetry therapist working in Ireland, 'and we hope it will be the first of many such events.'

Speakers at this ground-breaking event include Lila Weisberger (US), founder of iaPoetry and past president of National Association Poetry Therapists, Nessa McCasey (US), Director of iaPoetry, Vicky Field (UK) experienced workshop facilitator and past chair of Lapidus (Association for Literary Arts in Personal Development), and Jill Teague, a Welsh poet awarded for her pioneering work in the field of poetry therapy.

The event will be held at Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth where discussions and workshops include: A deep drop into the wells of our being, using the poems of Seamus Heaney; Feeding the Well - Sourcing Our Creativity; Crossing Bridges - Defense Mechanisms; and The Open/Closed Door of Innerness.

Five days of workshops and seminars is €300, or you may book on a per day basis at €90 per day. Accommodation must be arranged directly with the hotel. For further information and bookings, contact Dr. Niall Hickey on 016291066. Check out http://poetryreach.wordpress.com for programme details.

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Editorial

As we go to print the arrangements for the new Festival are coming to completion organised as usual by a sub-committee of Maynooth Community Council. The date and emphasis of the event have been changed and we hope that everyone enjoys it and has a good time. The committee has been given a great reception by the community, even more than in the past. Perhaps there is an upside to the recession after all. There is a full programme of events inside this issue.

September is also the month when the students return to the town and we would like to welcome the new first years and hope that they have an enjoyable time as well as studying hard. The new library in the College will be open shortly as well to the relief of both staff and students. We would also ask that the student population respect the residents of the town and to try not to make too much noise at night in particular. Ba mhaith linn fäilte ó chroí a chuir roimh na mic léinn nua a bhéas ag freastal ar an Ollscoil i mbliana, thart ar 2,000 acu. Tá tóir níos mó gach bliain ar áiteacha san Ollscoil anseo. Beir bua.

What a wonderful performance Katie Taylor and the other Olympic champions gave - she and the boxers in particular. They are such healthy, positive role models for young people. The supporters in the Excel stadium were a credit to the country again and made those of us at home and our emigrants abroad so proud. It will be one of those moments to remember – where were you when Katie won the gold medal?

But this also goes to show that we are still good at what we were famous for a thousand years ago; horses, sailing and fighting! (And drinking others would add) There should a serious rethink as to where the funding might be directed in the future and the minister certainly spoke out in this regard. The successful sports should be funded rather than a scattergun approach. Five medals was an excellent performance but in comparison with other countries of our size our total count is not great. But Irish sportsmen and women have a wide range of games in which to become involved, rather than concentrating on soccer or rugby as might happen elsewhere, they also have the choice of all the Gaelic games as well. This means that the talents and the available resources are further stretched in this country.

Will we learn any lessons from the supposed 'Celtic Tiger' years? That is a timely question. This was a time when building anything was most important and constructing the country on a ponzi scheme seemed like a good idea. Land is a finite resource and the subsequent flooding is partly due to all this concrete and not simply excessive rainfall. But what about the proposal to build a casino in Tipperary – is that not a return to the same concept of covering the country in concrete?

After decades of destroying historical and archaeological sites, one of the popular proposed avenues out of the recession is to use culture and heritage to attract tourists to the country. About 60% of tourists say that this is why they come here but why should we ask them to respect our past when we only see it as a means to an end and not worth protecting in its own right? Indeed, looking at the way the British regard their culture and their countryside and villages why would anyone want to come to Ireland? The attitude to old buildings, Georgian Dublin and great houses here was to knock them down, demolish them and burn them out. The shells of old abandoned dwellings, mills and barns litter the Irish countryside alongside the 'bungalow blitz' so reviled by Frank McDonald. The one-off housing in the countryside, the lack of listing buildings, tacky apartment blocks, badly build houses, pyrite, bad planning and the ruination of our seaside towns combine to blight the entire country. Repeated ignorance and arrogance in some Irish people

Maynooth Community Council

There was no Council meeting in August so there is some space to take a look at where the Council came from and what it has achieved. In post-'Celtic Tiger' Ireland Maynooth is not covered in unfinished apartments and unsustainable development. It is one of the best places in Kildare to live and the public transport services are good if not excellent. The town has developed in a doughnut rather than a linear style. Much of this is due to the establishment of the Community Council in June 1984 and it will be 30 years old in 2014 to coincide with the celebrations of the Battle of Clontarf. (How fitting, as Gormlaith, wife of Brian Boru, came from this very part of Kildare. More of that at the time perhaps.) The Council also formed a Limited Company in 2001 at the insistence of the then FÁS organisation.

I did not become involved until 1987 and the Council I joined has a constitution that declared that it was 'non-political, non-denominational'. The representatives were elected from outlying areas and the town itself every three years and the executive members are elected at the AGM. All the work that is carried out by these officers is voluntary – no-one is paid for any of the work that is done. No expenses are paid to officers. Our local councillors have been entitled to be members of the Council during this period.

The same constitution has 4 aims: promote the well being of the community: secure the facilities that the Council considers lacking in the area, assist the local authority in exercising its offices in Maynooth and to provide, or to help to provide, employment in the Maynooth area. Much of the work is carried out by the sub-committees or affiliates such as the Tidy Towns, the Parade and Festival committees and the Newsletter editorial board.

Since 1985 the Council has sponsored FÁS projects, first there were the Social Employment and Teamwork Schemes. At the moment there are 15 employees and a supervisor on the Community Employment Project. Hundreds of people have worked in various locations in the town and at present we are situated in the shopping centre at Tesco. They are the people to carry out the work for the Council, from the basic secretarial work to the production of the Maynooth Newsletter every month. It now appears in the form of a free paper delivered to each door instead of a magazine. The Council also produced Cannonballs and Crosiers written by John Drennan, a history of Maynooth as well as the Maynooth Information Directory 1986, 1990, 1994, 1997. The Anniversary Newsletter was published in 2004. The voluntary members of the Council with the workers also organise the St Patrick's Day Parade and the yearly Festival. Fundraising is necessary to

threaten to sink us in the mire again in the future. We have learned to be ashamed of our language, our names, our surnames and our place-names but that is a topic for another editorial or article. The anti-intellectual view of many Irish people is at odds with the election of our most admirable intellectual Michael D. Higgins to the presidency and it is hoped that people will listen to his opinions and views as he tries to direct us to another future, one based on sustainability, equality, debate and discussion about what it means to be Irish. Those responsible for our downfall have not gone away — in fact many of then are being well rewarded despite their actions. This does not bode well for the future.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

It is the local work and cooperation with other bodies that is the most important work of the Council. This includes petitioning Kildare County Council on planning, roads building, establishing a halting site for local travelling families, lighting, maintenance of public areas, knocking the "Thing" in the Square, the handover of the Castle to the OPW, choosing a crest for the town and erecting beautiful bi-lingual street names throughout the town. This ensures that KCC are aware of the wishes of the people of Maynooth and the objections to planning permissions in particular has made sure that the town developed in a sustainable way. We have made representations to all sorts of bodies such as Gardaí Jarnród Éireann, the Universities and Government Departments. We helped to the Citizen's Information Centre. We were the central force in establishing the twinning of Maynooth with Canet in France. The good transport is also due to lobbying the relevant bodies and ministers.

fund the office and various activities.

There are those who wonder what the Council do and can be quite dismissive of their activities but I firmly believe that Maynooth would have less public transport, would be over-developed and a much poorer place without it. The next couple of years will be even more challenging as we face more recession and a new configuration of the FÁS/Department of Social Protection projects in the town. Let us hope that we are all up to this challenge.

Thanks to everyone who has been involved over the nearly 30 years. Well done, most Councils do not survive that long. No names, there would be too many. Ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a chuir in iúil dóibh siúd uile a thug cúnamh don Chomhairle le beagnach 30 bliain. Ní fhéadfainn ainmneacha a luadh anseo – tá i bhfad an iomarca acu ann. Is mór an onóir dhúinn seirbhís a thabhairt dá'r mbaile Maigh Nuad. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, (Secretary of MCC at present)

Men's Shed's

An initial meeting has been arranged for 6.30 pm on Wednesday 12th September 2012 in the Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills.

The good news is that we have secured a 'shed' and a preliminary clean-up was carried out last week. Further improvements will be necessary and these will be discussed at the meeting.

Men's Sheds is a community based organisation for men who have time on their hands. It offers an opportunity for men to get together, share their skills and talk shoulder to shoulder.

If you are interested in getting involved or would just like information on the concept of Men's sheds please come along on Wednesday the 12th. Men's sheds is a world- wide organisation and its introduction to Maynooth will be exciting and challenging.

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Tax relief on tuition fees

Ouestion

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Answer

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- Approved undergraduate courses that are either full or part-time and in either private or publicly funded third-level colleges. Students can study in approved colleges in Ireland or in any EU member state. The course must be of at least two years' duration.
- Postgraduate courses in private and publicly funded colleges in Ireland as well as universities and publicly funded colleges in other countries (EU and non-EU). Postgraduate courses must be between one and four years in duration and students must already have a primary degree or equivalent.
- Foreign language and IT courses that are less than two years' duration, approved by FÁS, and result in the award of a certificate of competence. The net tuition fees for these must be more than €315 and there is an upper limit of €1,270 per course.

In the case of undergraduate and postgraduate courses, the maximum amount of qualifying fees allowable per student per course is €7,000 for the 2012 tax year.

You may claim relief if you pay tuition fees for yourself or on behalf of anybody else. This relief is given at the standard rate of tax (20%) and applies to one course per individual in a tax year.

For the academic year 2012/2013 the first \in 2,250 of each claim is disregarded for relief, where any one of the students in respect of whom you are claiming is a full-time student. Where all the students concerned are studying part-time, the first \in 1,125 is disregarded.

To obtain a claim form for this relief, you can request leaflet IT31 from Revenue at Lo-call: 1890 306 706 or download it from www.revenue.ie. You should request leaflet IT31A for IT and foreign language courses.

Further information is available from your tax office and from the Citizens Information Centre below.

National Fuel Scheme

Ouestion

What social welfare support is there to help with heating costs in the winter?

Answer

The National Fuel Scheme, operated by the Department of Social Protection, is intended to help people who are dependent on long-term social welfare payments as their sole income and who are unable to meet their heating needs.

Under the scheme a Fuel Allowance of €20 per week is paid during the fuel season. The fuel season for 2012/2013 starts on Monday, 8 October 2012 and finishes on Friday, 5 April 2013.

The Fuel Allowance is a means-tested payment. If you are only getting a non-contributory payment you are accepted as satisfying the means test.

The Fuel Allowance means test is linked to the maximum rate of the State Pension (Contributory). You can have a combined weekly income of €100 above the maximum State Pension (Contributory) for your situation and still be eligible for a Fuel Allowance. This means that you can have capital/savings, providing they are less than €58,000, and be eligible for a Fuel

Allowance. (€58,000 is equivalent to just over €100 a week under the capital means assessment rules.) For example, someone without any savings, but working part-time, who is receiving a Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension of €193.50 per week should qualify if his/her weekly income does not exceed €330.30 (State Pension maximum rate €230.30 plus €100).

Where two or more people living in the same household qualify for the allowance, only one allowance is paid.

If you think you are eligible, you should apply immediately as the allowance will not be backdated. Application forms (NFS1) are available at your post office or your local social welfare office, or on the Department's website, www.welfare.ie.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Registering your septic tank

Question

How do I register my septic tank?

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The new registration and inspection regime for septic tanks and similar systems was introduced in June 2012. The new regime aims to protect ground and surface water quality from the risks posed by malfunctioning systems.

You must register the details of your septic tank with your local authority by 1 February 2013 and pay a registration fee. The registration fee will be $\[\epsilon \]$ 50 up to 28 September 2012 and $\[\epsilon \]$ 50 after that.

There are 3 ways to register your septic tank:

- Online at www.protectourwater.ie
- By post: forms are available in city/county councils, libraries and Citizens Information Centres or by calling LoCall 1890 800 800 for information.
 Cheques should be made payable to 'Protect Our Water' and posted to Protect our Water, PO Box 12204, Dublin 7.
- At your local authority office (there is no administration fee)

The local authorities will compile a register, which will be publicly available.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is developing a national inspection plan and the local authorities will arrange for inspections to be carried out. There will be no inspection charge.

You will have to re-register after 5 years but you will not have to pay a fee for the second or subsequent registrations.

Further information is available from your local authority, the Environmental Protection Agency or from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Domestic violence

Question

My partner has been violent towards me and my children. What can I do to stop him and protect my family?

Answer

If you are concerned about violence in your home, you can contact the Gardaí, who are specially trained to deal with these situations and can offer advice and information. Under the Domestic Violence Act 1996, where there is an order in place, Gardaí have the power to arrest and prosecute a violent family member. Under the law there are two main kinds of protection avail

able, a safety order and a barring order.

A safety order is an order of the court which prohibits the violent person with whom you are living from further violence or threats of violence. It does not oblige the person to leave the family home. You can also get a safety order against a person with whom you have had a child even if you are no longer living with or have never lived with the person. It prohibits them from watching or being near your home. A safety order can last up to 5 years.

A barring order is an order which requires the person to leave the family home. If you are not married or in a civil partnership, you can get a barring order against a violent partner if you have been living together in an intimate and committed relationship for 6 out of the previous 9 months and your partner does not own most or all of the house you are living in. A barring order can last up to 3 years.

Both types of order can be renewed by applying for a further order before the previous one has expired.

Others living together can also apply for protection. For example, a parent can apply for protection against domestic violence by their own child if the child is over 18

To get a barring order or a safety order you must apply to the District Court. While you are waiting for the court to hear your application, the court can give you an immediate order, called a protection order. The protection order has the same effect as a safety order. In exceptional circumstances the court can grant an interim barring order. This is an immediate order, requiring the violent person to leave the family home.

Further information, including information on support groups, is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Know Your Rights has been compiled by: Maynooth Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public.

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Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann.



The organisation which promotes the traditional arts of music, song, dance and language, will open a branch in Maynooth in September 2012.



Classes will be available in Whistle, Fiddle, Flute, Button Accordion, Bodhrán, Guitar and Banjo.



The first A.G.M. of the new branch Craobh Maigh Nuad, will take place on Wednesday 5th September 2012 at



8.30 p.m. in Maynooth Post Primary School.

Registration and grading for classes is on Wednesday 12th September from 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. in Maynooth Post Primary School, and classes will begin on Wednesday 19th September 2012.

HERITAGE WEEK 2012 IN MAYNOOTH

On Sunday the 19th August 2012 Declan O'Connor, a Member of Maynooth Local History Group (MLHG) led a "Walk and Talk" to an intact surviving example of a traditional three-wall Handball Alley in the grounds of St. Patrick's College Maynooth. Maynooth, being an Estate Town, was mapped in the 18th and 19th Centuries. The 1781 and 1821 maps showed the existence of a Handball Court in Maynooth Castle, where the Castle Wall provided the single wall that was then used. This Handball Alley had disappeared when the 1837 map was prepared, but this map showed Handball Courts on the exact same site at today in the then Royal College of St. Patrick (RCSP). Latterly, there was a Handball Alley in the corner of the Harbour Field which used the wall structure of Mullen Bridge as the "front wall". This Alley had fallen into disuse by the 1970's and disappeared entirely when the Bridge and overhead road system were realigned in the 1990's.

Moving from the Castle the "Walk and Talk" proceeded by the window of the so-called "Ghost Room" to the location of the three-wall Handball Alley. This was constructed of mass concrete, probably in the 1920's, and had the traditional dimensions of 60ft by 30ft. Aine Ryan, an Architect, has been commissioned by the Heritage Council to do an Inventory of Handball Alley's in Ireland, surviving or otherwise. A figure of 650 examples has been recorded to date. The traditional Irish Handball Alley is unique to Ireland and is as iconic as an Irish Round Tower or an Irish Spirits-Store (where hardware and/or food was also sold along-side the Publican's business, like some in Dingle).

The traditional three-wall Handball Alley began to be constructed in the latter part of the 19th Century and by the mid-20th Century a fourth or back-wall was added, sometimes with a viewing gallery. From the 1960's onwards, many such Alleys were "internalised" by having a roof built on. In about 1969 the first Americanstyle Alley was built in Ireland which measures 40ft x 20ft. That is the norm now for international competition.

Traditionally a Handball Alley served as a Community Centre of sorts where dances were held, romances conducted, cards played and where hiring fairs and bonfires took place. There was also a political dimension in that prior to 1798 and from 1919-1921 the United Irishmen and the Volunteers respectively often drilled and trained in Handball Alleys. The traditional Alley was often built on common or community ground and it provided a place where people could meet without direct supervision at a time when they only met at weekly Church Services.

Institutions like Seminaries, Schools, Police Stations, Fire Stations, Hospitals nearly always had a purposebuilt Handball Alley, and many examples can still be seen.

Declan told the story of how a notorious 18th Century Dublin Character called "Buck Whaley" won a £25,000 bet from the Duke of Leinster by riding his horse to Jerusalem and back inside of a year. On his return, Whaley boasted of having played Handball against the Walls of the Temple in Jerusalem. Many people are familiar with the phrase "right up your alley" and there are the particularly Irish insults, like "you have a head on you like a Handball Alley" and the one used in the "Cyclops" Chapter of James Joyce's "Ulysses" – "she had a back like a Ball Alley".

Handball was adopted in the 1884 GAA Charter and formalised by it in 1923.

It is fair to say that the Maynooth example is a "hidden gem" of vernacular architecture.

The "Walk and Talk" concluded with a short visit to the College Cemetery to view the unique "Celtic Church" Mausoleum of Fr. Eoghan O'Growney.

MLHG wish to acknowledge the kind assistance of Monsignor Connolly, President of St. Patrick's College Maynooth in granting permission for this Heritage Week event.

These "Hidden Gems" are in every locality and need to be reported. It is worthwhile checking out this site www.hidden-gems.eu which is a terrific project.

MLHG holds it's monthly meeting on the last Thursday of each month at the Maynooth Community Council Offices beside Maynooth Post Office.

To celebrate National Heritage Week, the staff of Maynooth Community Library

organised a night of traditional Irish music and song, with poetry reading, story telling and recitation on Thursday 23rd August.

Local band Cairde commenced with chamber Irish music and continued to support the U3A Maynooth singers, with solo performances by Angela Dennehy, throughout the evening.

M.C. for the night was Maeve Maloney, who also read an essay from a Maynooth scholar written in 1912. Colm O Cearuil gave the history -As Gaeilge- of 800 years of education in Maynooth, from the founding of St. Marys University until the present day Miceal OMuineog from Kilcock read a poem on Thomas Moore, written by Teresa Brayton. He also read from "Cathal Bhaile Orbhid,

1798"commerating the Battle of Ovidstown by the same esteemed author.

Brid Rogers from Kilcock Comhaltas gave a beautiful rendering of "Down by the Green Bushes" whilst Nancy Darcy from Summerhill performed in her own inimitable style.

Unfortunately, space does not allow me to mention all who contributed to this very successful function, but a special appreciation is accorded to Sr. Fintan from Presentation Convent, Kilcock, who recited "The Racing of Finn MacCool" By Teresa Brayton. Sr.Fintan is a noted Irish Scholar, who has published several books as Gaeilge.

Her fourth book is called "Damhsa" and is being launched in Presentation Convent, Kilcock, on Friday September 21st.

At evenings end Maeve Maloney presented a letter - sent from Buckingham Palace to U3A Maynooth- to John Duggan and Bernadette Gilligan, who facilitated the event.

Cairde finished the very successful night with a selection of O'Carolan airs.--enjoyed by all.

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How to deal With Noisy Neighbours

Noisy neighbours can have a major impact on your life, as it can develop into a major problem. Excessive noise can affect your quality of life, it can make you jumpy, irritable, it can prevent you from sleeping and cause many stressful side effects.

Noise has many forms – for most people who are living next door to a neighbour from hell, it'll be the boom boom boom of the heavy stereo music, the shouting and conversations they can maybe hear from their neighbours, the banging, crashing, DIY noise, car noise, car/house alarms, noise from parties and other gatherings, wooden floors, the list can go on and on.

Even houses and homes that have good insulating are often affected by modern noise - modern sound making equipment such as amplifiers and DVD surround-sound systems often cut right through good insulation that would normally stop normal every day sounds. Night time noise making and nuisance is a whole different ball game - it echoes, carries more and can keep you or others in your area awake.

Many people are unaware of the steps that should be taken to deal with this nuisance in an effective manner.

What action can I take: 1). Talk to your neighbour.

It may be an obvious starting point but it is recommended that you first try to solve the problem with your neighbour. It may be sufficient to explain to whomever is causing the noise that it is a nuisance and so come to some mutually acceptable understanding. If the noise is emanating from multiple occupancy rented accommodation, the landlord (or the relevant Council in the case of local authority housing) should be contacted to determine if breaches of the tenancy agreement have occurred.

Plan what you need to say - take some written notes and examples of the noise nuisance with you when you call on your neighbour so you don't forget what you want to say. Be courteous and be polite even if you're very angry that you've been kept awake for the 5th night running or your enjoyment of your home is being regularly spoilt by the noise from next door.

Try to avoid going round to your neighbour to complain about the noise when it's actually happening. Chances are if someone has been drinking or partying heavily, they're not going to want to talk to you. You may be seen by your neighbour as simply trying to stop their enjoyment, when in reality that certainly isn't the case. So go around when you know they are home, when it's quiet and always plan your approach beforehand.

More often than not, your neighbours won't know they are causing a nuisance and by taking this first step, it may solve the problem and prevent it from spiraling out of control. Your neighbour could feel extremely guilty about their noise making and genuinely not have realised what they were doing has been causing you disturbance.

2) Mediation.

If you have tried to speak to your neighbour about noise and it does not solve the problem then, you might want to consider mediation. This is where a neutral person will meet with both neighbours and help them to reach an agreement. Some local authorities will be able to provide a free mediation service between yourself and your neighbour.

3). Local authority

If this does not resolve the matter you may wish to consider contacting your local authority to ascertain whether it is in a position to take action. While the Local Authority is unlikely to become involved in disputes between neighbours, it may consider servicing a notice in respect of noise from industrial or commercial sources.

4) Use the law

You may exercise your right to make a formal compliant to the District Court seeking an Order to deal with the nuisance.

Will the District Court solve my problem?

The task of the District Court is to hear both sides of the case.

Where it finds in your favour it can order the person or body making the noise to reduce it to a specified level, to limit it to specified times or to cease altogether.

Legal conditions of going to court Certain conditions must be met that amount to a good defence in Court for the person allegedly causing the nuisance.

They are:

The person concerned may prove they took all reasonable care to prevent or limit the noise. That the noise is in accordance with a licence issued under the Environment Protection Agency Act 1992 (Noise) Regulations 1994.

How do I complain to the District Court?

a). Consult with the Clerk of your local District Court about a date for the hearing of your case. When consulting the Court Clerk you should refer precisely to the law relating your case, i.e. Section 108 of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 and the Environmental Protection Agency Act, 1992 (Noise) Regulation 1994 (S.I. No. 179 of 1994).

> Section 108 of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 allows individuals to take private action through the District Court should they find the noise to be "so loud, so continuous, so repeated, of such duration or pitch or occurring at such times that it gives you reasonable cause for annoyance".

- o. Once a time has been set for your Court hearing, you must inform the person concerned at least seven days before the date of the hearing. You have to fill out a form and present your case in court. It is important to have a record of the times and dates when the noise nuisance occurred.
- The District Court will provide you with the form to be used for making the complaint.
 You must attend at the Court at the arranged time and present your complaint.

Must I consent a Solicitor if I wish to complain to the Court?

No, nor is there a requirement to be represented in Court by a Solicitor. However, you may wish to take professional legal advice but this is a matter of personal choice

What is the cost of taking this action?

The District Court charges a nominal fee for processing the action.

Taking a Section 108 action

In order to attempt to prove the noise caused by your neighbour causes you a nuisance, you should do the following;

Keep written records of the noise nuisance as it occurs, detailing the date and time of the noise nuisance, the nature of the noise nuisance (e.g. music audible / DIY works etc.) and the effect that this has had on you as the injured party (e.g. an inability to sleep, moving to a different room in order to avoid the noise etc.).

Keep copies of any correspondence you have sent to your neighbours in an attempt to rectify the problem.

Take note of any verbal discussions / agreements you have had with your neighbour with regard to the noise.

You are not required to provide any noise readings to the court to support your case, however, you may wish to do so.

Before you go to court you should do the following:

If you are taking a court action regarding neighbour noise nuisance, you will be required to explain to the court exactly what the noise nuisance is.

Your evidence should be clear and relevant.

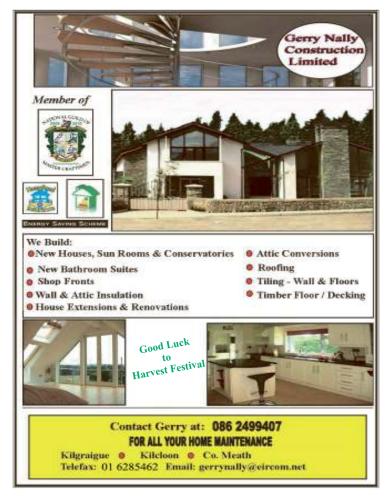
Make a sequential 'timeline' of events relating to this complaint and make notes detailing measures, if any, that you have taken to attempt to resolve the matter prior to court.

You should have any supporting material e.g. letters, with you in court in case the judge wishes to see it.

The aim of the court action is to abate the noise nuisance.

You should consider, in advance of the case, what you would like the outcome of the case to be, bearing in mind that in some cases, the noise nuisance cannot be fully eliminated, but restrictions may be imposed to reduce the impact of the noise upon you e.g. restricting the times of day that certain activities are carried out.

Before proceeding with a complaint, you are advised, to consult your local authority or seek legal advice.









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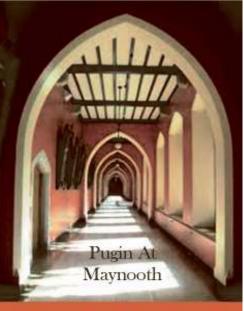
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The Green, (Pound Park). Maynooth

Saturday 15th September 3pm til 9pm





Sessions





No Alcohol Permitted At Event

Free Community Event

Festival Timetable

Maynooth Harvest Festival

Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th September

Maynooth in the early 20th century

Participants and visitors are encouraged to dress in the styles from 1900-1940s

A slideshow exhibition of photographs of Old Maynooth will run in the Maynooth Community Library from Monday 10th to Friday 14th September and will then be shown in Tesco's on Saturday and Sunday.

Thursday 13th September

6.30pm - Performance by U3A at the Pound (opp. Manor Mills) weather permitting, alternative venue Maynooth Community Library

8.00pm - Maynooth Community Space

Opening of Festival and launch of Maynooth Newsletter Online Archive by Mayor of Kildare, Michael 'Spike' Nolan

Includes an online exhibition of photographs from the Maynooth Newsletter through the years prepared by the Maynooth Community Council Office

Followed by refreshments and music by The Gramercy Riffs in O'Neills at 9pm

Friday 14th September

11.30am - Visit to the Russell Library, St. Patrick's College Maynooth. Places limited, booking essential. Phone 01-7083890, email library.russell@nuim.ie

6.00pm - Children's Quiz, Boys' National School Hall -4th, 5th, 6th classes from all local schools

8.00pm - Community Quiz, Caulfields Lounge- Plenty of spot prizes **10.30pm -** Music by Al Brady, Caulfield's Lounge

Saturday 15th September

Check out picturesque Canet-en-Rousillion, Maynooth's twinning partner.

Film in Maynooth Community Library 10-12.30pm.

Square and Main Street beginning 11 am-throughout the day Buskers and bands, farmers' market, food stalls, cakes and bakes, arts and crafts, jewellery and wood turning stalls, community stands, face painting, children's art tables, National Learning Network (music & crafts), Comhaltas Ceolteoiri Eireann, Supermacs Special, Maynooth Boy Scouts; Bradán Players - Pub theatre ... Lots to see and do.

The Square

1.00pm Traditional Irish Dancing, Rita Doyle School of Dancing, Catherine Maher School of Dancing, Tully School of Dancing

2.00 pm Music by Sonny Blue

4.00pm Maynooth Brass and Reed Band

5.00 pm Music by Ian Tighe

7.00-9.00pm Music - Maynooth welcomes its very own Route 66

Carton Retail Park (Tesco's Car Park)

1.00pm – 4.00pm

Please see advertisement page 16 outlining events

The Geraldine Castle

2.00-5.30pm

An afternoon of music, song, poetry and prose with contributions from Barry Smith, Maynooth History Group, Maynooth Writers Group,

Maynooth Musical Society and newly established Comhaltas Ceolteoirí Éireann Maynooth Branch, Shauna Gilligan will read from her first novel *Happiness comes from Nowhere*.

Manor Mills Shopping Centre, Community Space, the Pound, St. Mary's Church of Ireland

2.00pm – **5.00pm** Manor Mills Shopping Centre - Family Fun Day, live music, children's art table, zumba dancing and more...

2.00pm Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group Art Exhibition – Community Space

2.00-4.00pm - St. Mary's Church of Ireland open to visitors 2.00-4.30pm - Traditional musicians, Push for Porter, at the Pound

Glenroyal Hotel

Music by the Jazz Freaks and plenty to eat with Pig on a spit (afternoon)

The Green, Pound Park

3.00 - 9.00pm Reggae & Alternative Music

Sunday 16th September

10am-6pm Geraldine Castle open for visitors

2.00-4.00pm – ICA Hall – craft mini workshops, craft display and refreshments

3.00- 4.30pm Walk and Talk – Exploring Old Maynooth by Rita Edwards, Maynooth History Group. (Meet at Geraldine Castle at 3.00pm and finish at Nuns' Graveyard, Presentation Convent).

3.00pm - Underage Hurling Match-Maynooth GAA grounds 2.00- 4.00pm Maynooth Gospel Choir – St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church

7.30 - 9.00pm - Poetry Reading by Victoria Field, (prize winner Strokestown Poetry Festival) & Ray Ó' Donnachadha. Kylemore Suite, Glenroyal Hotel. (See newsletter article about Poetry Reach Convention at the Glenroyal Hotel running from Wednesday 12th September at 6pm to Sunday 16th September 6pm. Contact Poetryreach.wordpress.com or tel. 01-6291066 for further information).

8.00pm Kildare Bat Walk Group - Leisurely walk around Maynooth. Meet at College Gates beside the Castle. Wrap up warmly, this event is weather permitting as the bats don't like the rain!

Entertainment in the local pubs & restaurants will include the following

O'Neills

The Gramercy Riffs - Thursday night; The Bang Bang Band –Saturday night

The Roost

Thursday 13th Pugwash; Friday 14th Mixtape; Saturday 15th Gramercy Riffs; Sunday 16th Endeci

Bradys - Live Music throughout the weekend

Caulfield's –Sunday - Sandra Dolan (niece of the great man) singing in the bar from 6.00-8.00pm

Picadero's

Thursday 13th Patrick Collins Friday 14th Pat Coldrick Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th "Paco" Craig Ó Mathúna

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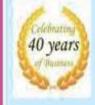
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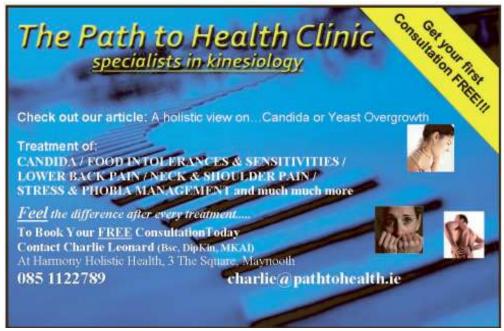




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Front 1 – Diet

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Front 2 - Probiotics

Probiotics is how to get your micro flora and gut bacteria back into balance. As the candida is being starved and dies off on the diet, there is a need to replace them with good bacteria to eliminate any candida re-growth. Front 3 – Liver support

As the candida dies off, toxins and alcohols are released and processed by the liver. People often get a 'healing crisis' reaction in the first week like a horrible hangover. To shorten the hangover effect we need to support the liver during this heavy work. Water and plenty of it is required, (2ltr min everyday). Products like milk thistle or Hepaforte from Biocare would also be very helpful here!

Any queries with regard to Candida or receiving the diet sheet, please contact the clinic on 085 1122789. We are here to help!

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Children's Healthy Lunch Box

This is the time of the year when most parents think of what to put in their children's lunch boxes, and when you're a busy working parent it can be hard to get it right. We all know that lunch should be healthy, but if you have a fussy child it becomes a very big problem. How do you get your child to eat their veggies or sometimes even fruit. You might even find most times they don't like sandwiches? So how do you get over that and still keep a healthy lunch box. The following are some tips on how to get over the problem.



Invest in a juicer and then you can juice carrots and orange for a healthy drink, or if you can get away with it try some other

combinations such as celery and apple or spinach and cucumber with lemon, or you can turn it into a smoothie by adding yogurt, the

sky is the limit when it come to juicing.



To replace sandwiches try wholemeal crackers with peanut butter, Nutella, banana or cream cheese with ham or fruit.

You could also try pitta bread, rice cakes or breadsticks with dips (hummus, avocado or cream cheese). Try carrot

sticks dipped in sesame seeds, a small packet of raisins and Babybel cheese for protein or even cheese cubes with pineapple.

Its important to make sure they have water so always include a small bottle in their lunch.



Maynooth Labour News

Grants for Maynooth Youth Groups Awarded

County Kildare VEC Youth Sub-Committee, of which Cllr. John McGinley, is an active member, awarded grants to the following Maynooth Youth Groups at the Committees Meeting on 27 August:

•	8th Kildare (Maynooth) Scouts	€850
•	Maynooth Brownies Guides	€300
•	Maynooth Girl Guides	€300
•	Maynooth Youth Cafe	€500
•	North Kildare Maths Problem Club	€1,000
•	St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band	€2,000
•	Teen Space Maynooth	€500

Castle Dawson Taking in Charge Update

Cllr. John McGinley got the following update from the Council on 27 August on the taking in charge of Castle Dawson:

"The developer of Castle Dawson was a company called Croftbeam, They built the Castle Dawson estate and provided a foul sewerage pump station to facilitate this development on lands behind the estate. This pump station was constantly breaking down. When planning permission was granted for the Newtown Hall estate, that application proposed to take access over the main access road in Castle Dawson estate. It was a requirement of that planning permission that the existing pump station be upgraded to an acceptable standard.

In order to take Castle Dawson estate in charge we have to take the pump station (which is on lands in the control of the developer of Newtown Hall) in charge. We have met with the developer of Newtown Hall and he has indicated that he will co-operate with the TIC of the pump station that will facilitate the TIC of Castle Dawson. The response given in May/June is in keeping with this. We have learnt in recent weeks that Croftbeam are in liquidation. This will not effect the TIC of Castle Dawson, in fact it adds to the urgency of taking the estate in charge. We will again contact the developer of Newtown Hall to speed up the process."

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Ugly Signs to be Removed

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

"That the two large directional signs at the Barrogstown Road junction with the Maynooth/ Celbridge Road be removed as they serve no purpose and they are an eyesore."

Cllr McGinley Asks that the "Trench" on the Straffan Road Opposite the Glenroyal be Repaired:

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

"That the public light cable trench across the Straffan

Road to the bus terminus, opposite the Glenroyal Hotel, be reinstated before it causes and accident."

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Hedges to be Cut

Cllr. McGinley has asked the Council to cut the following hedges:

- 1. The hedge from Carton Court, to the bus terminus at Straffan Road, Maynooth, needs cutting as it is blocking the public footpath in places.
- 2. The hedge at the back road behind houses 740 to 750 Old Greenfield, Maynooth, needs cutting as it is damaging the wing mirrors of the Bin Lorries at present.

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Maynooth Youth Café Open Night

Maynooth Youth Café is celebrating its first year with an open night on Thursday 20th September in the Community Space at Manor Mills. After a successful first year catering for older teens on Thursday nights, it is hoping to extend the use of the Youth Cafe to younger teens as well. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided on the night with full use of the Youth Café facilities. A recently acquired X-box, provided by Tesco's Maynooth, has proved immensely popular with all, as has music, a pool table and tea and coffee making facilities. Or maybe you are more of a hot chocolate person. Either way all are available at the Youth Café. More importantly it is a place where teens can get together, chill out and decide what they would like the Café to be, under the supervision of trained, vetted adult volunteers. Maynooth Youth Café is eager to get input from all teens and would greatly like to hear their opinions and ideas on the open night. Doors are open from 7-8pm for second and third years (13-15 years) and from 8.30 -10pm for TY and up (15+).

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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee.

By the time you read this article our Senior citizens will have returned from their week in Kerdiffstown and I have no doubt that they will have enjoyed their stay as much as in previous years. Our morning club will reopen on Tuesday Sept. 4th so we will be right back into the swing of things. Don't forget that all senior citizens in the Maynooth/Ladychapel area are welcome to all our activities. Our club is open on Tues. and Thurs. 10.30 am-12.30 in the I.C.A hall and our monthly tea-dances are held in the G.A.A. club on the Moyglare road. There is transport to all events if you should need it.

Our next event will be our Halloween tea-dance on Oct. 21st and the Tony Smith memorial walk will also take place on that afternoon, courtesy of the Labour Party.

Our Annual sale of work will take place this year on Nov. 18th in the Aula Maxima in Maynooth College, so now would be a good time to start your Christmas clear out. Remember what is one person's trash could be another's treasure.

Our next two dates are Dec 5th for our shopping in SuperValu and Dec. 9th when our annual dinner will take place in the Glenroyal Hotel.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the I.C.A the G.A.A. the Labour Party, Maynooth College, SuperValu, Thorntons, Bartons, all the business people and of course the community in general. Without your support our work would be very difficult indeed.

Now that's 2012 done and dusted. what a depressing thought. Josephine Moore. Chairperson.

U3A News.

We are back in Community Space from Friday 7th Sept. when we have our monthly meeting.

Trips

A group from U3A enjoyed a trip to Athlone and a boat trip on the Shannon last Friday 17th --a rare beautiful sunny day!--

Unfortunately, due to inclement weather recently, we were unable to dock at Clonmacnoise, so we look forward to a visit there at a later date.

Glasnevin Cemetery and Museum is next on our to visit list.

Our Monthly book club recommences on Monday Sept.10th in Maynooth Community Library at 10am.

Due to the variety if activities we are now engaged in, we would welcome new members with various interests.

To enable you to decide if U3A is for you, the following is a brief description of what we are about,=

U3A is a learning circle or cooperative, where members learn from each other by sharing knowledge, skills, and experience and engaging in Social Activities. The word university in this context comes from the mediaeval meaning-- a gathering or group where people share a common programme of learning.

It is open to men and women over 55yrs and all one needs is interest and enthusiasm. All activities are organised by the members themselves, and include singing/dancing, Arts/Crafts, Memoir/Creative Writing, Trips, Theatre outings, Book Club. At one meeting monthly a member will give the group a talk on a particular subject in which they have a special skill.

We all have different life experiences and sharing contributes to our vision of life-long learning.

Further information can be obtained from Bernadette Duffy - Chairperson- 016016179 Maeve Moloney- Coordinator--016286616

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Maynooth Golf Society Results Sheet 2012

Mullingar Golf 15/6/2012

1st	Niall Byrne	37pts
Prize	-	
2 nd	Darren Moran	34pts
Prize		B9
3 rd	Mick Fahey	34pts
Prize		
4 th	David Weafer	34pts
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5 th	William Farrelly	32pts
Prize		B9
6 th	Norman	32pts
Prize	Kavanagh	_
7 th	Gerry McTernan	30pts
Prize	-	B 6

Front 9	Declan Byrne	18pts			
Back 9	Sean Farrelly 15pts				
Nearest the pin	Domine Nyland				
2's Club	Damian Daly				
Visitors	1st Dominic Nyland				
	2 nd Robert Moore				
Next Outing John Tiernan Cup					
Portarlington Golf Club on 15 th					
September					

Athlone Golf Club is situated on the shores of Lough Ree in the centre of the country with magnificent views of the lakes was the venue for the Maynooth Golf Society annual Shay Moore Cup on Saturday 26thAugust. This annual event which is in memory of past member of the society Shay Moore has been played at the Athlone Club for a number of years and has been well supported by the Moore family and society members.

31 members competed for the cup in dry and good weather conditions, nothing like the weather in Maynooth on that day. The course was in excellent condition following the rain of the last few weeks.

The winner on the day was Niall Byrne with a score of 37 points, second was Darren Moran 34 points and third Mick Fahey beaten on the back nine 34 points, fourth Dave Weafer also beaten on the back nine on 34 points. All other winners listed above

The prizes were presented by our sponsor's the Moore family to winners of the outing that evening in Brady's Bar to a large crowd of golfers and friends. Our next outing is to Portarlington Golf Club on 15th September visitors and new members are welcome to attend.

Clues Across

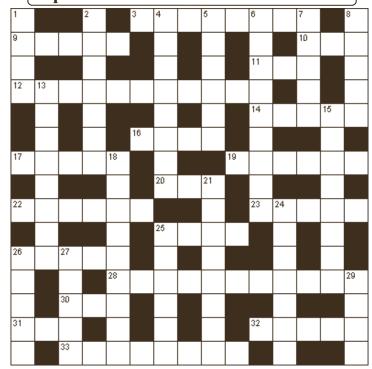
- 3. Extremely hot (5,3)
- 9. Participant (5)
- 10. Large island in the Channel (3)
- 11. Pull laboriously (3)
- 12. Basic (11)
- 14. Paddled (5)
- 16. Back of the neck (4)
- 17. Crawl (5)
- 19. Act properly (6)
- 20. A failure (3)
- 22. Hovers (6)
- 23. Sound (5)
- 25. Speech defect (4)
- 26. Set apart as sacred (5)
- 28. Not qualified (11)
- 30. Impair (3)
- 31. Young bear (3)
- 32. Arranges in groups (5)
- 33. Superficial (4,4)

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Clues Down

- 1. One of two equal parts (4)
- 2. Farewell (4-3)
- 4. One's native land (8)
- 5. Grow teeth (6)
- 6. Evening of Oct. 31 (9)
- 7. Large cat (5)
- 8. Weapon (5)
- 13. Portable weather protection (8)
- 15. Visualise (8)
- 18. Medley (3-6)
- 21. Space between two objects (8)
- 24. Outward movement (7)
- 25. Neither gas nor solid (6)
- 26. Trail (5)
- 27. Explosive weapons (5)
- 29. Partial darkness (4)

Winner of Crossword No. 405 August

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Congratulations to August Winner:

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Catherine Murphy outlines alternative job creation proposals and calls on Government to push a jobfriendly investment policy with the Troika

This morning Independent TD for Kildare North Catherine Murphy, along with several of her Technical Group colleagues, met a delegation from the Troika at Government Buildings in advance of their seventh quarterly review of Ireland's bailout programme. Prior to the meeting Deputy Murphy had circulated a discussion document to the Troika representatives which was commissioned by her and prepared by independent social policy think-thank TASC. The document sets out alternative proposals for a stimulus package for specific, 'productive investment' projects designed to bring a quick, real and durable economic benefit to the country with large positive knock-on effects. Potential funding sources for the projects are identified and discussed in the document.

"Following a previous meeting with Troika officials where it was clear to me that alternative proposals would be considered once they had been prepared rigorously and were evidence-based, I undertook to have well-grounded, realistic job creation alternatives prepared by TASC in order to make maximum use of the chance to speak directly with the organisations which largely dictate our economic policies. Today I outlined those proposals and received positive feedback from Troika representatives.

"Targeted investment projects with a high potential for job-creation have been seen in other small, open economies to have a genuinely durable economic benefit. Because the scope for spending in Ireland is so limited, with high levels of government, private and corporate debt causing significant confidence problems, other sources of capital must be identified to fund these projects.

"From a creditor perspective, the faster GNP grows, the more surety there is that debts can be managed. Unfortunately, our export-led recovery will not materialise quickly. The Government should be exploring all avenues available at this time to encourage real domestic job creation – with this in mind I have circulated the document I had prepared to the Minister for Finance and Finance Committee in the hopes of placing these objectives on the national agenda."

Main points contained in the discussion document

Fiscal adjustment is necessary, but to avoid

severe long-term economic and societal difficulties unemployment must be tackled by direct, targeted State-led investment, in addition to transitioning Ireland to exploiting domestic renewable energy resources. Sources of funding for this investment must be identified and exploited.

- Borrowing to fund current spending in a small trade-dependent economy like Ireland can give an economic benefit, but the effect is likely short-term and can leak out of the economy. More long term economic benefits can come from developing and implementing a concrete plan of 'productive investment' projects. In several cases, funding can be accessed without adding to the State's debt. The Government should prioritise these types of projects with the Troika.
- The economic benefits of borrowing to invest, if done properly and specifically targeted, can more than outweigh the immediate negative economic impact of that borrowing. From Ireland's creditors perspective, real GNP growth is the best way to ensure more rapid, stable return on their loans.
- The Government's heavy emphasis on exportled growth will not significantly tackle unemployment in the short to medium term; particularly in the context of weak global demand. The experience of similar schemes in other open economies shows that even a small level of targeted investment produces tangible benefits. We must invest in projects with the potential to create jobs domestically.

Examples of productive investment projects



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- Retraining/upskilling construction workers.
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- Loan guarantee scheme for SMEs.
- Seed capital for SMEs and Startups.
- Investment in Renewable Energy infrastructure; expanded research & development in the alternative energy sector; Enhancing State supports for offshore and onshore wind.
- Enhancing home retrofitting programmes.
- An Early Childhood Education scheme to help reduce childcare costs and enhance educational environment for pre-school and young primary school children.

Sources of Funding

- National Pension Reserve Fund investing some of the €5.8 billion presently held in the NPRF discretionary fund.
- Several Irish commercial semi-state companies retain good credit ratings, and contain the tools and knowledge to engage in several types of productive investment projects. These companies can borrow more to a certain extent without necessarily adding to the State's sovereign debt.
- Providing direct investment opportunities for holders of private pensions.
- Limited privatisation of State Assets where there is a clear long term economic benefit.
- Accessing support from the European Investment Bank, where lending capacity is set to increase.
- Other proposed sources of funding at European level – project bonds, Eurobonds.

Catherine Murphy seeks to reform party funding and TD allowances, Government refuses to take amendments.

Earlier today Catherine Murphy TD, with the support of her Independent colleague Stephen Donnelly TD, proposed a number of amendments to the Electoral (Amendment)(Political Funding) Bill 2011 aimed at addressing several anomalies in the current system of political funding. Deputy Murphy expressed her disappointment when Minister Hogan, along with support from both government and opposition party TDs, refused to accept the proposed changes.

The stream of funding paid to political parties known as 'Electoral Acts Funding' involves a fund of €4.89 million per year being divided between political parties who, at the preceding general election, received at least 2% of first-preference votes. Interestingly however, the way this substantial fund is divided up means the four parties that currently receive funding under this stream (Fianna Fáil, Sinn Féin, Labour and Fine Gael), although having between them received 83% of first-preference votes in the 2011 General Election, take

100% of the fund.

"I acknowledge the need for party funding and in no circumstances am I advocating for this funding stream to be rolled out to Independent politicians too, so in tabling the amendments I have simply sought to have this system altered so that the four "qualifying parties" receive only 83% of the fund and that the excess 17% be returned to the State. This would result in a net saving of 6831, 287.33 per annum for the Exchequer."

Other amendments submitted to the Bill by the Deputy included a proposal to fully reform the Party Leaders Allowance fund in order to reduce the amount payable to TDs; to introduce a system whereby Independent TDs are required to vouch for spending under the Party Leaders Allowance; and to abolish the Whips and Committee Chairpersons allowances. All of these proposals were ruled out of order. Deputy Murphy expressed her hope to advance the amendments at the next appropriate opportunity.

Pyrite Damaged Homes: Remediation Measures Must be Ready by September

Deputy Catherine Murphy today warned that "clear and specific" measures to enforce the remediation of homes affected by pyrite must be "ready to roll in September" if the problem of pyrite contamination is to be adequately addressed for homeowners. The Deputy, who sits on the Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Environment, was speaking to members of the Pyrite Panel who addressed the committee this afternoon following publication of their detailed report last week. While praising the work of the independent panel, the Deputy said that the Government "has to assume a level of non-compliance" from the industry stakeholders identified in the report.

"There are approximately 1,000 homes which are identified in the 'red' category in today's report. The Government must be focused on bringing swift remedial aid to these people who were so badly let down when buying their homes.

"The Pyrite Panel's report is welcome, but it contains no clear consequences for industry stakeholders if they choose not to present workable solutions by September. The Minister should be explicit in that the result of non-compliance will be worse for the industry than addressing the problem now.

"Indeed, it's almost certain that we have not seen the last of the legacy issues arising from our construction boom. Some of the recommendations in the report will be helpful in addressing these legacy issues, particularly the idea of a builder's registry. Whatever solution the Government chooses in the case of pyrite damage, and in other legacy matters, the primary emphasis absolutely must be that it will be those responsible who must shoulder the cost of remediation, and not homeowners."

Compert Monsáin (The conception of Monsán)

(We learn how Mongán was conceived and born, as the son of Manannán, god of the sea as mentioned in the previous article. There are two different versions of the story, one is longer and somewhat more modern. Apologies for the lack of continuity over the last two months. This is the shorter, earlier one. Mongán has two fathers – one a god and the other is human. The similarity between his life and that of Christ is hardly a coincident and the monks wanted to point to this. Despite this Mongán who died in 625 is an historical character and it is unusual for such a man to have such legends attached to him.)

- 1 Fiachna Lurga was Mongán's father, he was the only king of the province. He had a friend in Scotland, Aedán son of Gabrán. He sent a message to Aedán and Aedán sent a reply to Fiachna saying that he would help him. He was in a battle with the Saxons. A dreadful warrior was brought to kill Aedán in battle. Fiachna travelled across and left his wife at home.
- 2 While they were fighting in Scotland, a handsome man visited (Fiachna's) wife at his home in Ráth Mór in Mag Line. When he arrived there was not a great crowd in the fort at that time and he asked the woman to arrange a place for them to meet. But she said that there were no jewels or wealth in the world that would pay her to be unfaithful to her husband. He asked if she would do it to save her husband's life and she replied that if he were in great danger and distress that she would help him if she could.
- 'You must do this,' he said, 'your husband is in terrible danger. A horrific warrior was brought to him and he will die by him. If we sleep together you will have a son, he will be a wonderful boy and Mongán will be his name. I will go to the battle tomorrow that happens at the third hour and I will save him and kill the warrior in front of the men of Scotland. I will tell your husband what has happened and that you sent me to help him.' 3 This all happened. When the two armies were ranged against one another, the crowd saw some thing - a distinguished man standing before the army of Aedán and Fiachna. He went to Fiachna and told him of the conversation that he had with his wife: that he promised to help him at that time. Then he moved between the armies and killed the soldier. The battle was won by Aedán and Fiachna.
- 4 Fiachna returned to his home his wife was pregnant and she bore a son called Mongán son of Fiachna. Fiachna thanked his wife for helping him and she told him about all that had happened. This Mongán was the son of Manannán son of Lir although he is called Mongán son of Fiachna. When (Manannán) left in the morning he recited a verse to the mother, he said:

As I return home,
The white pure morning begins,
Manannán son of Lir
Is the name of the man who visited you.

Compert Mongáin ocus serc Duibe-Lacha do Mongán (The conception of Mongán and the love of Dub Lacha for Mongán)

(This is the longer version - it gives more detail and follows Mongán into his adult, married life.)

I Once Fiachna Finn son of Baetán son of Muirchertach son of Muiredach son of Eogan son of Niall left Ireland and went to Lochlann (land of the Vikings) where Eolgarg son of Magar was king. He received great honour, love and respect there but he was not there long when the king of Lochlann became ill and he asked his leeches and doctors what would

help him. They said that the only thing in the world that would help him was a red-eared, shining bright cow that would be boiled for him. The people of Lochlann looked for the cow and they found a single cow of the Caillech Dub (Black old woman). They offered her another cow in its place but the Caillech refused. They offered her 4 cows, one for each leg but the only security the Caillech would accept was Fiachna. That was the time that the messengers came to Fiachna Finn son of Baetán – he went with the messengers and took the kingship of Ulster and he was king for a year.

- 2 One day after a year, he heard a crying at the door of the fort and he asked that people look at who made the cries and to invite them into the inside. There was the Caillech of Lochlann looking for security. Fiachna recognized her and welcomed her in and asked her what news she had.
- 'I have news,' she said. 'The king of Lochlann has lied to me about the 4 cows that he promised to me for my cow.'
- 'I will give you the 4 cows,' Fiachna said.
- 'You will not,' she replied.
- 'I will give you 20 cows on his behalf,' Fiachna said. The Caillech refused them again. He offered her 80 cows
- 'By my word,' she said. 'If you gave me all the cows in Ulster I would not take them until you come yourself to fight the king of Lochlann. You will come with me just as I came to you from the east.'
- 3 Fiachna brought together the warriors of Ulster until he had 10 battalions and then he declared war on the king of Lochlann. They spent 3 days preparing until the king of Lochlann attacked the men of Ireland. Fiachna killed 300 warriors, But vicious sheep were released from the king of Lochlann's tent and they killed 300 warriors the first day, another 300 the second day and yet another 300 the third day. That was very difficult for Fiachna and he said: 'This is a sad journey for us that the sheep have killed so many of our people. If they had fallen in battle or in combat with the Lochlann army, it would not be a disgrace and they could avenge themselves. Bring me my arms and my battle dress and I will fight with the sheep myself.'

Please do not say that,' his people said, 'it is not right for you to fight them.'

- 'By my word,' the king said, 'no more of the men of Ireland will fall by them as I will fight the sheep myself. If I am destined to die there then it will happen as I cannot avoid destiny. If not, then the sheep will die by me.'
- 4 As they were speaking, they saw coming towards them a lone, large military warrior coming towards them. He was wearing a green, single-coloured cloak with a bright-silver brooch in the cloak on his breast and a satin shirt near his bright skin. He had a circle of gold around his hair and gold sandals on his feet. The warrior asked: 'What reward would you give to a man who would rid you of the sheep?'
- 'By my word, I would give you whatever I had.'
 'You will have it,' said the warrior, 'and I will name the reward.'
- 'Say the word,' said Fiachna.
- 'I will,' said the warrior, 'give me the gold ring on your finger as a sign to bring to your wife in Ireland when I meet her.'
- 'By my word,' said Fiachna, 'I would not allow a single man in Ireland fall on that condition.'
- 'It will be none the worse for you,' said the warrior, 'as I will father a wonderful son and he will be named for you Mongán son of Fiachna Finn. I will visit your wife in your shape so that she will not be ruined by this. I am Manannán mac Lir and you will have the kingship of Lochlann, the Saxons and the Britons.' Then the warrior took from his cloak a noxious hound with a chain

'By my word,' he said, 'not one sheep will carry its head from her to the king of Lochlann's fort. She will kill 300 of the men of Lochlann and you will have the result of that.'

The warrior went to Ireland and, in Fiachna's shape, slept with his wife and made her pregnant that night. On that day, the sheep and 300 warriors fell by the hound. Fiachna took the kingship of Lochlann, the Saxons and the Britons.'

(To be continued)

Notes (numbers refer to the paragraphs) Story 1

2 Ráth Mór (Rathmore) in Mag Line (Moylinny) – a place-name associated with Mongán and this seems to be the seat of his kingship. Mag Line is near Lough Neagh in Co Antrim. The place-name Lough Neagh comes from the Irish Loch nEchach that means Lake of the Horse (ech). The horse is one of the most important mythological animals of early Ireland and horses are still very important in modern Ireland and England indeed.

Story 2

1 The word Caillech used as the name of a character here is commonly used in the stories and it is usually translated as a 'hag', 'old woman' and the most famous is the Caillech Bérre (of Beara). There are quite a few place-names that contain the word as well and there are places associated with the Caillech Bérre and a wonderful Old Irish poem about old age is attributed to her as well.

The word originally simply meant a woman who wears a veil, the word caille. Interesting how a neutral word comes to have a thoroughly negative meaning. This usually happens with words associated with women and not men.

Lochlann – a name for the Viking countries, used as a general term for places overseas sometimes.

3 Fighting sheep is pretty unusual in these stories! 4 Shape-shifting individuals and killer hounds are pretty common in the sagas.

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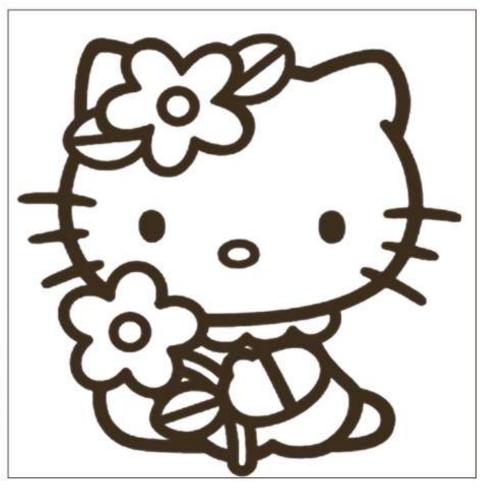
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University of Third Age (U3A)

Details of September Schedule from: Bernadette Phone: 6289131

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If you would like your event for October put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter Phone 01 6585922/6285053

Maynooth Tidy Towns

On behalf of Maynooth Tidy Towns every success to this years festival, we will be doing our part to ensure that Maynooth is looking well for the event.

Sunday Morning clean up since early May we have had a volunteer team out every Sunday morning keeping the town clean and tidy from approximately 7.45 am to 9.15am. this is to make sure that the town looks very well for residents and visitors alike.

As previously advised we have need of all talents in Maynooth Tidy Towns, Sue and Liam Doherty undertook to paint window scenes on wooden panels for Buckleys House across from Maynooth Castle. These panels were put in place in time for heritage week by John Kavanagh, Olive Kerrigan and Aiden O'Rourke thanks all.

We would urge Landlords or their agents to try and brighten up their premises in time for the festival it would make such a big difference.

Our graffiti removal is continuing and our thanks to Dara Wyer in Kildare County Council for his help in this important pilot project in Maynooth.

Another project we have undertaken this year is to cutback brambles on walkways and pathways to ensure safer and easier mobility.

Our Tidy towns results will be with us in early September, once again we thank all who helped us in any way, full report will be published in the October newsletter.

Enjoy the Festival and keep Maynooth Tidy.

Richard Farrell,

PRO, Maynooth Tidy Towns,

087-3153189,



L-R Juliette Sweeney, Pat Bolger and Eamon Cullen



Planter at Flood's House

FOOD FOR COLD DAYS

Curried Chicken Coconut Noodle Soup

Serves: 4-6

Ingredients Vegetable oil

2 tbsp curry powder

1-400ml tin of unsweetened coconut milk

6 thin slices of fresh ginger

1/2 tsp whole black peppercorns

130g medium Asian egg noodles 3 tbsp Thai fish sauce

1 large garlic clove, minced 800ml-1 litre chicken stock 100ml water

1 stalk of lemongrass, minced

2 chicken breasts

3 tbsp lime juice

1 sprig of fresh coriander, chopped

- Heat a saucepan over a moderately low heat. Add some oil and the garlic and stir for 1 minute, until it's fragrant. Add the curry powder and cook for 30 seconds.
- 2. Stir in the stock, coconut milk, water, ginger root, lemongrass and peppercorns. Bring the mixture to a simmer. Add the chicken and poach it for about 20 minutes, or until it's cooked through.
- Transfer the chicken to a plate. Shred the chicken and stir it back 3. into the broth.
- Add the noodles to the soup, stir to soften and simmer for about 3 4. minutes, taking care not to overcook. Add the lime juice and the Thai fish sauce. Taste for seasoning, adding more Thai fish sauce or lime juice as required.
- Using a tongs, divide the noodles among the bowls and ladle the soup over them. Sprinkle with coriander and serve.

Irish Seafood Soup Serves 4

Ingredients

3 tablespoons unsalted butter

1 celery stalk, finely chopped

1 carrot, diced

4 cod fillets, skinned & cut into 1/2 inch pieces 12 shrimp, deveined and cleaned

Salt and pepper

Parsley, chopped for garnish

1 onion, finely chopped

2 large potatoes, diced

3 cups boiling water

2 cups milk

1/2 cups corn

Method

- Melt butter in large pot over low heat, add onion, celery and cook for 6 minutes.
- 2. Add potatoes, carrot, water and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a simmer for 15 minutes.
- 3. Add cod, shrimp and corn to the soup and cook for additional 10
- Add milk and heat for further 3 minutes, season again and taste. 4.
- 5. Garnish with parsley and some crusty sourdough bread.

Easy Vegetable Soup Serves 4

Ingredients

1 tbsp butter

2 cloves garlic 3 sticks celery, sliced

1 parsnip, peeled & diced

2L of vegetable, beef or chicken stock



1 onion, diced

3 carrots, peeled & sliced

1 turnip, peeled & diced

1 courgette, finely sliced

1 tin of chopped tomatoes

Method

- In a large saucepan, melt butter and add onion and garlic. Fry until softened.
- 2. Add the carrots, celery and courgette and fry for 5 minutes.
- 3. Pour in the stock and the tinned tomatoes and bring to the boil.
- Simmer for approximately 10 minutes in a low heat until the 4. vegetables are cooked.
- Add salt and pepper if required

September can be one of the busiest months in the garden.

The pruning & fertilising stops now. Bring all house plants back inside, but make sure you check for any hitchhikers first.

Keep feeding fish in ponds. The most important task in Autumn is to keep the water free from decaying vegetation. To ensure the pond remains ice free by



floating a ball on the pond's surface. This gives just enough heat to maintain a small area of open water.

Start the Autumn season by cleaning up the flower beds, cutting back anything that has finished growing or is diseased. Take cuttings. Watch out for frost & cover tender plants. You can use old net curtains to protect

the plants. Give your compost a last turn & collect seeds for next year. Divide & move perennials. Dig & store tender bulbs like Dahlias, Caladiums, Cannas & Tuberous Begonias. Start planting Spring



bulbs such as Anemone, Dog Tooth's Violet & Trillium as well as the all time favourites Daffodils, Tulips etc. For an abundant display place 10—20 bulbs in a hole 1ft in diameter so the bulbs don't touch.

Harvest remaining vegetables including Green Tomatoes. Wait for a hard freeze before harvesting Brussel Sprouts. Pick herbs for drying or freezing. Dig up remaining potatoes before slug damage spoils them. Clean up fallen



fruit. Now is a great time to put a grease band around any fruit trees to stop pests from crawling up & destroying the fruit.

Plant new trees & shrubs. Keep them well watered if there isn't sufficient rain. Over-ripening is a September hazard so check fruits & vegetables regularly. Restart the vegetable garden — sow direct

into the ground seeds of Lettuce, Greens, Onions, Peas, Beans & Broccoli. If you haven't fertilised your citrus trees during August, do it now! Use Ammonium Sulphate. This last fertilising will help make the fruit larger next year. Lemons can be picked later in September even when they are green. Lemons will not get any sweeter, just juicier.

For swatches of colour in Autumn, why not plant some Mims, Winter Pansies, Flowering Kale & Cabbage. Peonies & Iris can now be planted as well. Autumn is the best time to feed your lawn with a good quality, slow release lawn food. With at least two

feedings between the months of September, October, November & December.



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Maynooth Harvest Festival a resounding success!

One hardly knows where to begin... From our own observations and feedback the Maynooth Harvest Festival improved greatly on festivals of other years and was a big success. Huge thanks must go to the small number of people from Maynooth Community Council who in the past ensured that there was a festival every year and which provided the platform on which to build the Maynooth's first Harvest Festival in modern times. The theme of this year's festival was Maynooth in the early 20th century.

The Maynooth Community Council would like to expresses thanks to Mayor Nolan who opened the exhibition and launched the Maynooth Newsletter Online Archive. The archive contains digital images of the newsletters going back to the midseventies. It is a wonderful resource which traces the development of the community over that time. As Mayor Nolan pointed out, it also provides a good source for local school projects. The participation of Mario Corrigan in Newbridge Library and the Library NUI Maynooth was acknowledged in the project.

Tom McMullon, Chairman of Maynooth Community Council stated that this festival was a preparation and a framework for next year's festival in which we hope to invite our twinning partner neighbours from Canet-en-Rousillion. The festival included a film on Canet in the Community Library on Saturday morning. Andrew McMullon expressed thanks to the festival committee and the Maynooth Community Council office, who worked tirelessly on the festival, archive and photographic exhibition.

The festival began officially on Thursday 13th September, continued until Sunday

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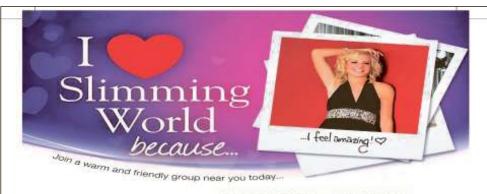
Visit by Minister for Social Protection to the Maynooth Royal Canal Amenity Scheme. In picture left to right are Emmet Stagg TD, Minister Joan Burton, Cllr John McGinley and Matthew Kennedy on Tuesday morning 11th September.



At the Festival Launch L-R Catherine Murphy TD, Cllr. Michael 'Spike' Nolan 'Mayor of Kildare', Emmet Stagg TD and Tom McMullon Chair MCC



The Maher Byrne School of Dancing performing at the Harvest Festival in the Square



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Harvest Festival. Reggae, Rock Dance in the Park (Pound Park)



A great afternoon of fun and entertainment was had by all the young and not so young in the park organised by P, what a great job he did. He would like to thank the following for their time and help to make this event a great success (may we have more like this in the future).

The "POSSE" (They know who they are) CPL Motor Factors, Moulin Rouge, Tattoo Shop, Maynooth Jewellers, Imprinta, She's a Beauty, Jack and Sloyne the DJ's, Brian the Sound Engineer, and Des Verschoyle (Eurosaver) who set up refreshments.



Thanks to all the people who turned up and made it a chilled-out event.

Maynooth History Group

Active Participation in Maynooth Harvest Festival

Maynooth Local History Group again played an active role in a successful Maynooth Harvest Festival on September 15th and 16th, meeting its mission of promoting history, art and culture locally. An afternoon at Maynooth Geraldine Castle. Hilda Dunne, a long serving member of the Group, organised a most entertaining afternoon on Saturday September 15th, in the Castle consisting of;

- a) Jazz and swing session by the old maestro himself Tony Savino (Barry Smith), much to the delight of his fans and audience, settling the mood for relaxation and celebration.
- b) Peter Nevin presented on his favourite County Meath poet, Francis Ledwidge (born Slane 19th Aug 1887 killed WW1 near Ypres 31st July 1917), in particular his popular poem, "Lament for Thomas McDonagh". While Ledwidge is generally known for his pastoral style, Peter showed through this poem, that he was very much a man of his time in terms of closeness to the 1916 leaders, World War 1, and the Gaelic revolutionary and revivalist spirit.
- c) Peter Curran delighted his audience with his passionate poetry reading including Kavanagh's "My Mother", Joseph Campbell's "I will go with my father a ploughing" and many more unusual and all-time greats. (d) Colm O'Ceirúil spoke on the progress of the Gaelic language "An Gaeilge" past and present. In 1851, 23% of the total Irish population spoke Irish, but with emigration and increased Anglicisation, this was reduced to very low levels towards the turn to the 20th century. Work by An tAthair Owen O'Growney (Interred in Maynooth College Cemetery) and the Gaelic league, halted this decline and created interest

and love for the language. Colm mentioned the role of An Gael-Scoil movement and its role in the new second level school in Maynooth being developed.

- e) Kate Dempsey spoke on behalf of the Maynooth Writer's Group and the value it affords members in terms of prose, poetry and letter skills development. Noting some of the faults creeping into modern English i.e. sports commentators referring to "6 minutes of Normal Time remaining". What happens after normal time? The Group meets monthly, usually Carton House. So keep a look out for notices, if you have an interest
- f) Shauna Gilligan spoke about her recent book launch "Happiness comes from nowhere". Shauna read from her book to an enthralled audience, leaving a distinct impression that this book is well worth a read.
- g) Meagan McLoughlin staged a variety of well performed songs with her Maynooth Music Society. The girls and boys on stage showed great music talent, enthusiasm and soul to an engaging audience. Meagan is looking for further volunteers for the Society and plans to stage "Calamity Jane" next March. So contact Meagan if you are interested.
- h) The new Maynooth branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, played the afternoon out with some lively traditional music.

Walking Tour of Maynooth

On Sunday September 16th, Rita Edwards (Secretary of the Maynooth History Group) led a most enjoyable walking tour of Maynooth attracting great interest and even the weather obliged, staying dry for the 2 hour trip. See Rita's article below on this event.

Convent Cemetery

Rita Edwards walk ended at the Convent Cemetery. Hilda Dunne took us around this poignant, sacred and historical plot of land and spoke of her memories. For those older Maynooth people in attendance, many of the memorials to Sisters of the Convent brought memories flooding back. Conversations flowed on stories of early school days, the Cinema on the Convent grounds, the 7 a-side summer football tournaments, the laundry and the part played by those interred in this timeless and sacred spot.

As a community we are eternally grateful for the role these wonderful sisters played in;

- a) Educating our children
- b) Contributing to the community in industry, entertainment and sport.
- c) Dedicating their lives to God.

Many thanks to Hilda for her commitment to this lovely cemetery.

Note the Maynooth History Group meet on the last Thursday of each month, in the Maynooth Community Office next to the Post Office.

Peter Nevin - Chairman



Hilda Dunne (centre) and guests in the Convent Cemetery

WALK AND TALK TOUR OF OLD MAYNOOTH

As part of the Harvest Festival, Maynooth Local History Group organised a 'Walk & Talk' – Tour of Old Maynooth, which was held on the afternoon of Sunday 16th. There was great interest in the event and the weather was kind. The guide on this occasion was member Rita Edwards. The tour commenced at the western end of the town of Maynooth and initially included a short talk on the FitzGeralds, their arrival in Maynooth and their influence on the development of Maynooth through the centuries. This was followed by a brief history of the renovated Gothic-style St Mary's Church of Ireland.

The main purpose of the tour was to view the many developments which were associated with the town in the late 1790s and throughout the nineteenth century. The late eighteenth century developments included Castle view House, Parson Street (c.1717-1735), the former Maynooth Rectory, Parson Street (c. 1726) and Buckely House, Main Street (c. 1750-1790). One of the major developments which took place at the turn of the century was the establishment of the Royal College of St Patrick (1795) which in turn included Stoyte House (c.1790) and Riverstown Lodge (c. 1790). A second development which had a major impact on the village was the construction of William Bridge (c.1795), which opened up the road to the west. The tour continued up Parson Street and then along the Royal Canal to the Duke's Harbour (c. 1796) where following a talk on the development of the canal (1790-1796) a member of the Royal Canal Amenity Group, Matthew Kennedy, (who is also a member of the history group) gave a short talk on the barge which had been moored there for a few days. The railway came to Maynooth in 1847. The group then walked down Leinster St (formally Canal Place) where it viewed the Tudor-style former



Rita with guests at the opening of the tour

Church of Ireland School (1855-1865). The next stop was in front of Harbour House (Bean House) (c. 1760) and this was followed by Maynooth Garda Station. The early development here commenced between 1780 and 1820, and then this was converted to use as a Royal Irish Constabulary Barracks in 1850. The barracks was burnt in 1920 and after extensive renovation it reopened again in 1927 to facilitate the Garda Station. The next stop was The Pound, Pound Lane, Mill Street (1820-1825) from which was viewed The Mill Wine Cellar building and the one beside it – possibly a pair (1750-1770). The next buildings included the former Catholic Church, Pound Lane (c.1755-1777) and the adjacent Schoolhouse (c.1840-1843). The 'new' Saint Mary's Catholic Church, with its Parochial House in Mill Street were developed c. 1834-1845. Unfortunately time did not allow for a talk on the

Market/Courthouse Square, Lyreen House, the Leinster Arms, the development of the Main Street, Carton Avenue or the Gate Lodge. Instead the group walked up to view Leinster Cottages, the development of which commenced c. 1773. This was followed by a short talk on the Charter School, Dillon's Row (c. 1750) and the subsequent development of the Presentation Convent (c. 1823) and National School in the early 1830s. The day concluded with a visit, led by history group member, Hilda Dunne, to the Presentation Sisters' small secluded graveyard, where many tributes were paid to the sisters who had contributed so much to Maynooth and to its people for over 170 years.

(Main Sources: Arnold Horner & the Royal Irish Academy, Irish Historic Towns Atlas No. 7 Maynooth and National Inventory of Architectural Heritage www.buildingsofireland.ie)



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Choosing a Pet: Points to Consider

At Maynooth Veterinary Clinic, Newtown Grove we are often asked to advise on the best type of dog or kitten that a new owner should get. It is when you start to discuss this topic that the complex nature of the question becomes apparent. A new puppy or kitten will bring great joy into a home but it is a big decision to commit to a pet for many years to come. In this months article we will discuss the important points to consider in making the decision to acquire a new pet.

Pedigree or mixed breed?

With a purebred pup you know what size it will grow to, it's other physical characteristics and you will have a good idea of what to expect regarding its temperament and behaviour. A mixed breed pet may avoid some of the genetic problems that can be associated with some purebred dogs but unless the parents are known it may be difficult to accurately predict how it will develop.

Size of dog

A pup may be cute when it is very small but you do have to carefully consider whether you will be able to manage it as it grows and do you have enough space to accommodate it comfortably into family life?

Exercise

Pets, like people need to be exercised. Cats by nature are independent creatures and tend to look after their own exercise by roaming and hunting. Dogs of all breeds are dependent on their owners to exercise them on a daily basis and this is often a responsibility that is ignored. Pets that are not exercised share many of the health problems that sedentary people get: obesity, diabetes, cardiac disease, muscular skeletal problems. Large breeds of dog require a lot of exercise but so do many small breeds: for example Border Terriers (a small breed) were often used to follow hunting horses and can quite easily run or walk for miles, when fit. Exercising your pet is a good way of socialising him and is also an indirect health benefit to the owner. You should consider whether your daily routine allows you to devote the time necessary to exercise/ play with your pet.

Cost of pet ownership

A well cared for pet will provide many years of pleasure and companionship but you must consider whether you are in a position to be able to afford the costs associated with responsible pet ownership. These costs will include good quality petfood, vet-

erinary fees and boarding fees. Insurance cover for your pet is always advisable but you will still have to pay for vaccinations ,neutering and flea and worm prevention. Physical and Behavioural characteristics:

It is important to ensure that you select a pet whose physical characteristics such as adult size, coat type and appearance appeal to you and that you are confident that you can look after this pet in a responsible manner. Behavioural characteristics can be more difficult to assess due to the wide variety of behaviour types within breeds and also due to the difficulty of assessing mixed breeds. Never buy a puppy or kitten if you cannot be shown at least one of its parents and never buy one in a carpark

Research

When you have drawn up a short list of the type of pet you are thinking of getting do some research into it. This can include reading books on the characteristics ,history of the breed and identifying health concerns that may be associated with the breed. When you meet the pet's breeder it is always good to be knowledgeable about the pet you are considering buying as this can help you to identify and be wary of breeders who may appear to be unscrupulous.

Pup or adult?

Most people will opt for a kitten or pup as their new pet. The ideal time to acquire a puppy is between 6-8 weeks of age and 7 weeks for a kitten. This is in order to ensure that they have been well socialised with their litter mates and are ready to be socialised with their new owners in the critical first 14 weeks. However in some circumstances it is worth considering getting an adult pet, possibly from a rescue centre. Adult pets may be more suitable to homes where the time to train a puppy is limited or infrequent. It is important to satisfy yourself that the adult pet is well socialised and trained as behavioural issues may be difficult to resolve.

Will the novelty wear off?

This question can only be answered when you have given the above points serious consideration. It requires objective thought which cannot be influenced by the wish to fulfil the desires of yourself or other family members. An unwanted pet is a very sad sight and should be avoided at all costs.

We at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic are always very happy to talk with you on the above topic or any other matter concerning pet health and wellbeing. Please call into the clinic in Newtown Grove or contact us on 01-6289467, maynoothvet@gmail.com. Visit our website www.maynoothvets.com for full information.



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Maynooth Golf Society

Result Sheet 2012

Portarlington Golf Club Date 15/9/2012

John Ternan Cup Sponsored By: Tom Nolan

1st Prize	Mick Fahey	37pts				
2 nd Prize	Eamon Murphy	36pts B9				
3 rd Prize	Francis Reilly	36pts				
4 th Prize	Terry Moore	34pts B9				
5 th Prize	Norman Kavanagh	34pts B6				
6 th Prize	Joey Edwards	34pts				
Front 9	Niall Byrne	19pts				
Back 9	Dave Weafer	17pts B6				
Nearest the Pin						
2's Club	T.Moore(2), D. Nyland, M.Fahey, F.Reilly, B.Leigh					
Visitor	Dominic Nyland					

Portarlington Golf Club was the venue for the John Tiernan Cup on Saturday 15th September. 36 members and visitors competed on this well maintained and mature course. The pin positions were set out difficult, as a club competition followed Maynooth Golf Society on the course. The winners on the day were Mick Fahey with a score of 37 points, second and third were Eamon Murphy and Francis Reilly both with 36 points. All other winners listed above.

The prizes were presented by our sponsor Tom Nolan and our Captain Brendan Leigh to all of the winners in Caulfield's Bar which was previously owned by John Tiernan who this outing commemorates.

Our next outing is to Castleknock Golf Club on Sunday 21 October visitors and new members are welcome to attend.

Men's Sheds

Now that we are almost up and running we need to meet to put some structures in place. A meeting has been arranged for 7 pm on 10th October 2012 in the Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills.

In the meantime some further improvements are necessary with the 'shed' and an up date will be available at the meeting.

Men's Sheds is a community based organisation for men who have time on their hands. It offers an opportunity to get together, to chill out, share skills and talk shoulder to shoulder. Men's Sheds is now spreading world-wide, having originated in Australia.

If you have not joined us already and would like to get involved or just like information on the concept of Men's Sheds, please come along to the meeting on 10th October.

You will also find information by logging on to irishmenssheds.ie. I can be contacted at email johnpfleming@hotmail.com or mobile 087 2041334.

John Fleming

Editorial

The recent Harvest Festival was a success at many different levels and the Newsletter would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate the organizing committee. It was a strong beginning for a renewed event and the choice of September and the harvest theme seems to have captured the imagination of the community as well. The presence of the mayor of Kildare. Mr Nolan, marked the beginning as he launched the archive of the Newsletter as well as the Festival itself. The fact that events were free was a surprise to people, harassed parents having to fund their children's spare time activities were probably relieved to be able to bring their offspring to the table quiz and the children's events at Tesco free of charge. The move to culture and heritage of all kinds was obviously welcomed by people who attended the feast on offer. Between historical walks, Irish dancing, the local band, visits to the Church of Ireland, music in the Castle, music in the Pound, music in Pound Park and the Gospel Choir in the Church nearly everyone was catered for. There will be a further account and lots of photographs inside and suggestions would be welcome. Onwards and upwards now with the Gathering looming in 2013 and there are meetings being organized all over the country. Co Kildare has already started with a public meeting that was held on Tuesday 25th September and there were many important people from the County and the University involved. Hopefully, the Festival can find a place in this important forthcoming activity.

The travails of the Minister for Health, James Reilly, seem to be growing by the day as he came out in a spirited defence of his treatment of the then junior minister, Róisín Shorthall. The performances of his two junior ministers in the Dáil chamber during the debate on the vote of confidence could not have more different from one another. Kathleen Lynch could not say enough about what a great minister he is but Minister Shorthall managed not to mention his name at all and faulted the lack of openness and transparency. One wonders what drove her to go to such lengths before taking the decision to resign. Reading between the lines, it would appear that communications between herself and Minister Reilly have collapsed completely. Ní féidir a bheith cinnte cad atá ag titim amach taobh thiar de dhoirse dúnta ach is cinnte nach bhfuil cúrsaí go maith idir an bheirt acu agus b'fhéidir gur mhothaigh sí nach raibh bealach ar bith eile le haird a tharraingt ar a cás. There are many who would be very supportive of Minister Shorthall's references to the need for transparency as this would be part of the 'new government' that people thought they had voted for in the election. The public are getting increasingly frustrated and angry as there seems to be just 'more of the same'. Some of the references to R. Shorthall in the media are quite chauvinistic and there may be something else entirely going on as well. Politics is a strange game. Cynicism is increasing as well as the public feel that those who caused huge economic crisis are not paying for it in any way and as we behave like the 'good boys' of Europe, nothing seems to improve and there is no light at the end of the tunnel.

The tone taken by James Reilly in the interviews surrounding this incident seemed to have a hectoring quality to it that is quite common in Irish management style. There is huge amount of institutional, low-level bullying in the country and it is the next big problem that needs to be addressed and to be discussed openly. There is an understandable concern about children being bullied by their peers, but if adults are bullying each other and this is an accepted part of Irish society then what do we expect from children if this is what they see around them. The Internet is becoming more and more of a problem in the bullying of both children and adults; so much so that some teenage suicides are

Community Council Notes

Notes from the Community Council meeting, 10th September 2012

Much of the meeting this month was taken up with discussion of the events of the Festival. By the time we go to print, this will have taken place so it seems irrelevant to give an account of what happened. Reports on the Festival appear elsewhere. Next year there will probably be more emphasis and involvement with the twinned town, Canet and also with the countrywide Gathering 2013. This government initiative is designed to bring as many of the diaspora home as tourists and events will be organized all over the country. Kildare are organizing the first public meeting on the 25th September and representatives of the Community Council will be present.

The annual collection was not as high this year as it was in years gone by. This might be part of the economic downturn but it might also be due to the fact there were simply not enough collectors to cover the various locations and hours. It was agreed that notice of the dates for the collection should be pointed out to people at the July meeting of the Council in future and for next year. Following the visit of MEP Nessa Childers to the Community Council office during the summer, members of the Council have been attending seminars on funding for twinning towns. This has been a very useful contact for the future.

attributed to this. Under the radar, many large organisations are losing workers or have employees who are working way below their capacity due to the attitude and bullying from either colleagues or from the boss. There is an institutional laziness in trying to deal with this problem and it can have a really insidious effect on the smooth workings of any organisation.

While the wording of the Referendum is to be welcomed and the fact that the rights of children will be enshrined at last in the Constitution, things will not improve in Ireland until all rights are respected. While the bullying style is tolerated and, at times, even encouraged the quality of the workplace and of the commitment given by workers will not improve. Happy people work better than those who are unhappy and discontented. The huge increase in depression and in suicide cannot be ignored and the connections to bullying should not be denied.

We are approaching one of the main old Irish festivals, Samain in Irish and known as Hallowe'en in English. This was the most enigmatic of all our 4 festivals and associated with the Otherworld, death, rebirth and the landscape of Tara. This royal Co Meath site is mentioned often in association with this festival and with strange comings and goings to and from the Otherworld. This was the time of the year when it was believed that the dead could return or that the living could enter the netherworld. People were warned to avoid graveyards and in current folklore families laid a place for the recently deceased in case they wanted to return. This was the time when people dressed up to avoid being recognized and played pranks and tricks on their neighbours. It was also a time of divination when girls and boys might find the identity of their future partner or what was in store for them during the following year. The games played in fun now had a far more serious and prophetic meaning in the past. Hallowe'en was exported to America and has been imported back with the addition pumpkins and witches that were not part of the original Irish festival.

If you have an opinion on anything in the Editorial or anything at all indeed, do not hesitate to write a letter to the editor. Contact details on the cover of the paper. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

The Community Space has been very well used and now Foróige will be joining the other youth groups there as well. It was used during the Festival as well, a welcome addition to public space for such events. One of the main topics for discussion at the meeting were the results of the Tidy Towns competition and the IBAL competition (Irish Businesses against Litter) organized by An Taisce. There was an improvement of 2 points in the Tidy Towns and the group were congratulated on all the hard work that they carried out during the year. The issue of litter was discussed at length and some of the points that emerged from this: bins are not being emptied over the weekend and the birds are scattering the rubbish, Kildare/Wicklow are being promoted as a new tourism trail, there should be a means of knowing who exactly is responsible for what is done every week.

There was great disappointment about the judgment of IBAL about the littering of the town and it was felt that it was quite unfair. Despite the fact that the schools are promoting a non-litter project the litter seems to be worse than ever. IBAL should be asked not to include Maynooth in their judgment anymore. It was also noted that Abbeyshrule, winners of the Tidy Towns competition, had population of 200, the support of 2 councils and access to a FÁS project.

What emerged was that town needs an environmental plan, who does what and when, who is involved – the businesses, authority and the estates. It was agreed to devote the next meeting to this issue, and items or concerns to be sent to secretary or to the MCC office. The local councillors were thanked for looking after the town and it was stated that the town would probably be in a much worse state without the Community Council.

The Gaelcholáiste movement are pleased by the announcement that there will be Gaelcholáiste in Maynooth in 4 years. Preceding this there are two conditions: an Aonad will be established in the Post-Primary and that 70 students will register for this for all of the 4 years. There will be meetings and consultations soon.

The ambulance service is being curtailed, no service on Thursday 7am-7pm. Agreed to write to the HSE on this matter

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Information about digital switchover

Question

I was told that I have to change my television as there is a new channel called Saorview. When will this happen and where can I find out more about this?

Answer

If you use an aerial anywhere in your home to get TV, you need to switch to Saorview before 24 October 2012. On this day your analogue television set will need a set-top box to receive digital television. If you are paying a subscription to a pay TV service provider or if you have a free satellite system you will not be affected.

The reason for the change is that the EU has decided that all member states must stop broadcasting analogue television by the end of 2012 and so the analogue television service in Ireland will be switched off on 24 October 2012.

After Ireland goes digital on 24 October 2012 you can choose to watch free-to-air TV using a set-top box to convert your old TV or by getting a new TV (both must be Saorview-approved). Alternatively you can switch to a pay TV service provider.

Saorview is the free-to-air digital terrestrial television (DTT) service which will replace analogue television in Ireland. Saorview is the only place you will be able to watch the Irish TV channels (RTÉ1, RTÉ2, TG4 and TV3) without paying a subscription. If you cannot receive Saorview, you can use Saorsat, a satellite service.

If you are currently using an aerial to get TV you will see a 'bug' on the bottom right corner of your TV screen which will be a permanent reminder. This 'bug' will remain on all analogue TV screens until 24 October or until those TV sets have been switched to the digital network.

You will still need a television licence for your analogue television set (whether it has a set-top box or not)

You can find more information about Saorview at saorview.ie and at goingdigital.ie. You can call a lo-call helpline on 1890 940 980 if you have questions about the switchover.

Registering to vote

Question

Last month, I returned to live in Ireland after living abroad for some years. How do I find out whether I am still registered to vote?

Answer

In order to vote in an election or referendum you must be registered to vote, that is, you must be listed on the Register of Electors held by the local authority where you live.

You can check if you are listed on the Register of Electors at checktheregister.ie. You can also inspect the Register in local authority offices, post offices, Garda stations and public libraries.

A new draft Register is compiled each year and is published on 1 November.

If you are not on the Register and you wish to be included on it you must fill in form RFA. If you need to correct or change your entry in the draft Register you

must fill in form RFA1. You can do this up to 25 November each year.

The updated Register is published in February each year. If your name is not on the Register of Electors in February, you may still make an application to be included in a supplement to the Register on form RFA2

You can make this application at any time, but 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.)

If you are on the Register but your address has changed, you can apply for inclusion on the supplement as a result of changing address on form RFA3. This will also remove you from the register for your previous address.

You can download the forms from checktheregister.ie or get them from your local post office or public library. The forms are also available from your local authority and this is where completed forms should be returned to.

Transferring from State Pension (Transition)

Question

I turned 65 in June 2012. I am getting a reduced State Pension (Transition) since my yearly average of PRSI contributions was less than 948. I heard the rates for State Pension (Contributory) were changed in September. Will my pension be reduced when I turn 66?

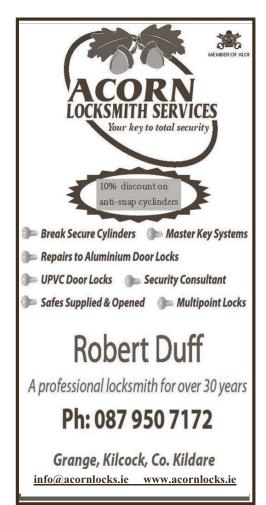
Answer

No, it will not be reduced. People getting a State Pension (Transition) are automatically paid State Pension (Contributory) from age 66 and there is no need to re-apply. If you qualified for a State Pension (Transition) before 1 September 2012 you will stay on the same rate when you transfer to a State Pension (Contributory) when you turn 66.

For example, if you qualified for a State Pension (Transition) before 1 September 2012 and your yearly average contributions were 24 you get a pension of €225.80 weekly. When you turn 66 you transfer to the State Pension (Contributory) and your payment will stay the same. However a new applicant (after 1 September 2012) for a State Pension (Contributory) with the same yearly average contributions would qualify for a pension of €196.00.

Although most people getting a State Pension (Transition) transfer automatically, some people might be better off re-applying for a State Pension (Contributory) at age 66. For example, if you were self-employed and paid Class S contributions, you might qualify for a higher rate of pension at 66 (since class S contributions do not count towards a Transition Pension). In a few cases, the credits paid with State Pension (Transition) may give you a higher yearly average and allow you to qualify for a higher pension when you reach 66.

The Department of Social Protection will tell you which option is better for you and in most cases will transfer you automatically if you qualify for a higher-rate State Pension (Contributory). You can also get information on your pension entitlements from your local Citizens Information Centre.



Tax refund from abroad

Question

Last month, I left my job and moved to England to start a postgraduate course. Can I get a refund of the tax I paid from January to August this year?

Answei

As you are not working and you no longer live in Ireland you may be entitled to a refund of some of the tax you paid this year.

This is because under the PAYE system your tax liability is spread out evenly over the year. To do this your tax liability is normally calculated on a cumulative basis.

This means that when an employer calculates your tax liability, they actually calculate the total tax due from 1 January to the date which your most recent wages are paid. This means if your income is reduced, for example, when you left your job, you will have unused tax credits and may be due a tax refund.

You should apply 4 weeks from the date you finished work. As you are not working and have left the country, your application for a tax repayment must be made on tax repayment Form P50 which is available on the Revenue website, www.revenue.ie. You send the application to your district tax office together with Parts 2 and 3 of your P45.

You should claim your refund within 4 years of the end of the year to which the claim relates and claims made after this time cannot be repaid.

Know your rights has been compiled by: Maynooth Citizens Information. Dublin Road, Maynooth, Co Kildare.

Information is also available online at: citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, 0761 07 4000.

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP MAYNOOTH (RCAGM)

Mini - Canal Festival September 2012.

This mini-festival centred around the Group having possession of the Parent Group Passenger Barge. This Barge had been built in the 1890's and was used as a Transport Barge. It was rescued from its resting place at the bottom of the Royal Canal and restored and converted to an Amenity/Passenger Barge under a FAS Training Scheme at Killucan, Co. Westmeath. The Barge had earlier been in use at the Phiz Festival in Phibsborough Dublin.

Joan Burton, Minister for Social Protection made an official visit to the Community Employment Scheme at Maynooth Harbour on Tuesday 10th September, and was very complimentary about the scheme.

On the following Thursday Night the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Canal Amenity Group Limited was held on the Barge with 32 members in attendance principally from Counties Longford, Westmeath, Kildare, Meath and Dublin. Matt Kennedy, Chairman of the Maynooth Branch, was Elected, unopposed, as Chairman of the Parent Limited Company.

On the following Saturday, 15th September, the Maynooth Group sailed the Barge to Kilcock and back. This was a free cruise open to all members of the public. The Chairperson of Kilcock Business Association discussed joint Festival ideas during its stopover in Kilcock. We were reminded that it was the FAS Scheme operated by the Maynooth Royal Canal Group, which restored the Harbour area in Kilcock with Philip McDermott as Supervisor.

To conclude the mini Canal Festival on Sunday 16th September, members of the Shamrock Car Club attended with their Classic Cars at the Harbour, which Kildare Animal Foundation held a very successful Fun Dog Show; in addition the Downes Family from Kilcock brought a number of Kayaks to the Harbour, where a number of young people had their first experience in Kayaking. Group members Gerry Fitzpatrick and Philip McDermott with supporter, Christy Dempsey, played live music on the Barge for the afternoon.

In April and July 2013 there will be two important Boat Rallies which will make stopovers at Maynooth.

Tom Flatley retired as Supervisor of the Maynooth Environmental Groups Community Employment Scheme on Friday 7th September 2012. Tom was very well known to members of the public who walk through the Canal area and had spent 20 years working on the Canal Restoration Projects within Maynooth and in the Kilcock and Leixlip areas. Tom's technical and management skills are evident whenever one visits the Harbour area or walks on the banks.

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We are delighted that the Minister for Education and Skills, Mr. Ruairí Quinn T.D., has announced his decision to establish a Gael-Choláiste in Maynooth in 2016. The Minister's Department have instructed that the following conditions must be adhered to in the interim period. That an Aonad be established in consultation with An Foras Pátrúnachta. Should up to 70 students enrol in the Aonad, each year over a four year period, the Department will establish Gael-Choláiste Mhaigh Nuad.

We are disappointed because we have been attempting for years to establish a Gael-Choláiste in Maynooth and not an Aonad. The application for the Gael-Choláiste under the patronage of An Foras Pátrúnachta, 580 was equally as strong as the Vocational Education Committee's application 640. We are still receiving additional applications for places in the Gael-Choláiste. An Foras Pátrúnachta, as Patrons made the application on our behalf and the level of support received is a clear endorsement of our communities choice for Gael-Choláiste Mhaugh Nuad.

We have requested An Foras Pátrúnachta to seek clear guidelines from the Department of Education and Skills on how to implement the Ministers decision and to begin the process by which Gael-Choláiste Mhaigh Nuad will be established in 2016.

Is mise, le meas, Colm Ó Cearúil Oifigeach Caidrimh Phoiblí Gael-Choláiste Mhaigh Nuad 0861762212

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Maynooth Community Council would like to thank the following for their sponsorship and support during the recent Harvest Festival.

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Conradh na Gaeilge Mhaigh Nuad

Declan Sheridan

Cruinniú ar 8.p.m., 15-10-12 Maynooth Community Space Fáilte roimh chách. (Continued from page 1)

16th September and was organised by the Maynooth Harvest Festival Committee under the auspices of the Maynooth Community Council. There was an online photographic exhibition of images of people, places and events in old Maynooth in the Community Library from the beginning of the week. This exhibition changed over to Tesco's TV section where was shown on all screens on Saturday and Sunday.

The committee members included Tom McMullon, Adrienne Flynn, Andrew McMullon, Susan Durack, Hilda Dunne, Bernie Kane, Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin and Eddie Tobin.

The U3A ladies choir accompanied by Cairdeas Music Group gave a great and hearty performance in the Maynooth Community Library prior to the opening and we were delighted to see them at the launch.

There was a visit to the Russell Library, St. Patrick's College on Friday which was taken up by a number of people. Such was the interest in the library and the Pugin exhibition that a couple of hours was spent there. Thanks to the Russell Library for taking part in the festival.

There was a huge turn out for the children's quiz in the Maynooth Boys' School. Well done to the winners and to all who took part. The community quiz in Caulfields saw a modest number of tables but that did not detract from the fun. There was an exciting tie in the end which saw the ladies from Moyglare Abbey emerge as winners

On Saturday, the Square and Main Street was the main focal point of the festival where farmers' market, cakes and bakes, art exhibits, local businesses and organisations set up stalls and information points.

The Jazz Freaks provided a lively and fun opening to the festival on the Saturday at 12.30pm and bands such as Sonny Blue and Ian Tighe provided music throughout the afternoon. The Maynooth Brass and Reed Band provided wonderful entertainment during the afternoon. Irish dancing was provided by Rita Doyle, Catherine Maher and the Tully Schools of Dancing. The evening concluded with the fabulous Route 66 who played into the night. Local pubs and restaurants provided their own music entertainment and offers respectively.

Carton Retail Park activities were organised by Bernie Kane of Tesco and included the involvement of all of the smaller Maynooth businesses in the park. There was a family dog show which drew a large crowd and provided great entertainment. There was music and singing in the Pound from local traditional musicians, Push for Porter, an art exhibition from the Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group in the Community Space. Manor Mills provided a great family fun day. Our thanks to Grainne. An epic DJ event and live music by She's A Beauty which went on from 3pm to 9pm for younger members of the community was organised by Pat Farrell and took place in the Pound Park.

The Castle saw entertainment in the form of music, song, and readings from members of the Maynooth History Society, Maynooth Musical Society and the newly formed Comhaltas Ceolteoiri Eireann Maynooth branch. Barry Smith enthralled the crowd with his singing. There was readings from Peter Curran, Peter Nevin, Colm Ó Cearúil and Shauna Gilligan who read from her first novel. St. Mary's Church of Ireland Church opened its doors and saw about 60 visitors through its door. Duo Nancy Roe and her father Liam gave beautiful violin renditions.

Sunday was a quieter but a no less enjoyable day. Our thanks to Fr. Rigney for announcing the Sunday festival programme. The Maynooth Gospel Choir gave a lively and energetic performance in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

There was the Maynooth Local History Group's talk and walk of old Maynooth. Led by Rita Edwards, this event attracted a large crowd (approximately 60 people) and was a fascinating way to envisage what Maynooth was like in the past. Rita brought it alive. We were guided through from the Castle, St. Mary's Church of Ireland, the Dukes Harbour, the Charter School, Garda Station, the Pound and the cottages on the Back Lane. The talk and walk ended with a visit to the Nuns' Graveyard at the Presentation Convent where Hilda Dunne gave a very informative and moving talk on the graveyard and the some of the nuns there including her own aunt Philomena Mooney.

The Maynooth GAA provided some sporting fun for our young people with an underage hurling match. Later that evening there was a poetry reading in the

Glenroyal. There was a big turnout for a bat walk. Forty five people came for the walk which was organised by Anna Collins and Pat Bell of Bat Watch Ireland. This was a most interesting and informative walk. Some bats were spotted and a lot of information was provided as well as specimens which had adults and children enthralled. The children especially had lots of questions for Anna.

As we have said this is a building block to next year's festival and from our own observations and feedback we already have some ideas on where to improve and what might be added.

We would like to express our thanks to all those who took part to make it a great success – local businesses, local community groups and organisations, all those who gave wonderful Spot Prizes and we had many! Thank you to those who expressed a wish to get involved next year.

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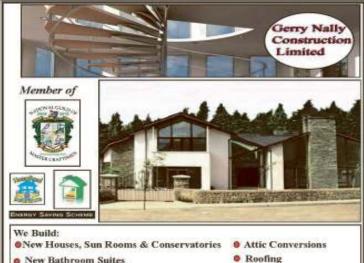
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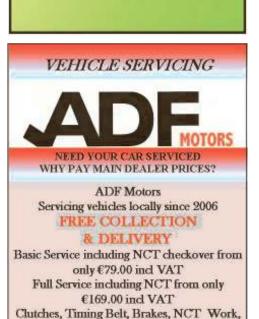
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Maynooth Harvest Festival in Pictures



Some of the Festival Committee at the Launch L-R Adrienne Flynn, Susan Durack, Tom McMullon Muireann Ni Bhrolcháin and Andrew McMullon



Member of U3A in Maynooth Library Performing at the opening of the Harvest Festival



L-R Colm O'Cearúil and Des Galvin At the Festival Launch



Winners of the School Quiz 'Team Brains' from Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich



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Festival Pub Quiz Winning Team L-R Regina Richardson, Tina Warren, Georgina Ward and Amanda Doonan

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Winners at the Woofs Dog Show



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Maynooth Harvest Festival in Pictures







Traditional Irish Dancing from Rita Doyle School of Dance, Catherine Maher School of Dance and Tully School of Dance



Stall on the Square



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The Jazz Freaks

Maynooth Harvest Festival in Pictures



Tony Savino singer Barry Smith,



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Local Artist Emma Boyce



8th Kildare Maynooth Scouts

Maynooth Harvest Festival in Pictures



The organ in St. Mary's Church of Ireland, which was open to visitors



Liam and Rose Roe performing in St. Mary's Church of Ireland



The group waiting to start the History of Maynooth Walk on Sunday afternoon



The new Maynooth Comhaltas Group



Maynooth Gospel Choir, who performed in St. Mary's Church on Sunday afternoon



SpongeBob and Friend in the Square



Local lads enjoying the day



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Sonny Blue rocked the Square



One of the many artists along the Main Street



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Tom was a very popular figure in the Harbour. After 20 years, everyone knew him and indeed most stopped on their travels to have a quick chat and his jovial personality will be greatly missed.



Tom left with Emmet Stagg TD

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NUI MAYNOOTH GOLFERS WIN THE BARTON SHIELD THANKS TO PADDY HARRINGTON GOLF SCHOLARSHIP

Padraig Harrington sent a special message of congratulations to the NUI Maynooth team which won the college's first Barton Shield in the GUI Cups and Shields finals against Banbridge at Kinsale on 22nd September, 2012. The three-times Major champion and his family inaugurated the Paddy Harrington Golf Scholarship scheme at NUI Maynooth six years ago, and it bore fruit at national Level.

Harrington was delighted, and wasted no time in sending a text message saying:"Well done to all the team. I'm delighted for them".

NUI Maynooth's success came with surprising ease against a fancied Banbridge team.



Professor Philip Nolan Addresses Graduates

Call for Graduates "to build a society we can be proud to live in"

Over 1,900 Students Conferred at NUI Maynooth's Graduation Ceremonies Prof Philip Nolan, President, NUI Maynooth, has called on graduates of the University to put the gifts that their lives and education has given to "the task of building a society we can be proud to live in".

Speaking at graduation ceremonies in NUI Maynooth, the President urged graduates to use their education to "make sense of and understand the world...to question, to argue, to think creatively and to imagine new things...to speak out when you see something wrong or a better way of being and doing."

Professor Nolan was speaking at this year's graduation ceremonies, which saw a record 1,900 students graduate from the University over three days. Included this year for the first time were graduates from two new BSc programmes: BSc Multimedia and BSc Science Education and a new Bachelor of Business Administration degree (Business and Management).

Among the graduating classes were the first graduates of the Higher Diploma in Primary Education at NUI Maynooth. This is the first year that students from the Froebel College of Education have been conferred with the NUI Maynooth Higher Diploma in Primary



Professor Nolan with Leixlip girls Alaine O'Connor and Ellen O'Dwyer

Maynooth Labour News

Pay Parking in Maynooth.

A special meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee will be held on 4th October to reach agreement on the Pay Parking Scheme for Maynooth. Consultants employed by the NTA will also brief the members at the "In Camera" meeting.

Cllr. McGinley Asks for the Large Signs on Celbridge Road to be Removed

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

"That the two large directional signs at the Barrogstown Road Junction with the Maynooth/Celbridge Road be removed as they serve no purpose and they are an eyesore."

John got the following reply at the Area Meeting on 21st September:

"The area office would contend that these two directional signs for Celbridge and Maynooth are important for advising motorists, who are not familiar with the area, of the direction for these towns. The hedge needs to be cut back at this location and this will be attended to as soon as possible."

Cllr. McGinley disagreed completely with the reply and he was supported by the other Councillors.

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Improvements at the Glenroyal/Straffan Road Junction:

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

"That a left filter light be put in place at the exit from The Glenroyal complex, Maynooth, to activate when the right filter light comes on, in order to help reduce tailbacks into The Glenroyal."

John got the following nonsensical reply at the Area Meeting on 21st September:

"As the committee is aware, the traffic signals in Maynooth operate under Urban Traffic Control (UTC). The signals are linked and the priority for traffic movements is along the main public roads. Additional green time for side roads is accommodated automatically when traffic demand is low on the main roads. The suggestion that traffic should exit the side road when the main road is on a green light is not recommended at this location. To do so would affect the UTC capacity to programme the signals efficiently. It is recognised that such a solution can improve traffic flows at junctions with specific geometry. However, the linking of the two turning movements in this case will constrain the operation of the signals and, therefore, reduce capacity at the junction."

Cllr. McGinley asked that the Council Engineers reconsider his motion as the reply makes no sense.

Cllr. McGinley Again Demands Action on the Gully at Leinster Street

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

"What progress has been made on getting the deep gully at the perimeter of Leinster Street, Maynooth, made safe and not a litter magnet?"

John got the following reply at the Area Meeting on 21st September:

"This matter is receiving consideration.

It was referred to the Planning Department previously – there is no further report from the roads department. There are compliance issues which are being investigated by the planning department and the members will be kept informed."

Cllr. McGinley stated that it was extraordinary that after nine months the Planning Department were still not able to answer the simple question that he asked i.e. Was the developer of the new car park conditioned by Planning to leave an open gully?

John added that it was not as if the Planning Department was overburdened with work.

Cllr McGinley Queries IBAL's Decision Making:

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

"Is it the council or the Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) that decides on what towns to include in the IBAL judging?"

John got the following reply at the Area Meeting on 21st September:

"It is IBAL who decides on the towns to be monitored in the Anti-Litter League. Towns with a population in excess of 6000 are eligible for inclusion in the competition. It involves An Taisce regularly monitoring litter levels in towns and cities across Ireland according to international standards."

Cllr. McGinley stated that it was very demoralising for Tidy Towns Committees when they got poor markings from IBAL. It is as if all of their hard work was for nothing.

The Councils Director of Services agreed with John and he stated that IBAL's judging was very subjective and not as robust as the Tidy Towns Judging. The Director stated that if Maynooth Tidy Towns wanted to remove the town from IBAL's judging they should advise IBAL.

Cllr McGinley Asks that the "Trench" on the Straffan Road Opposite the Glenroyal be Repaired:

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

"That the public light cable trench across the Straffan Road to the bus terminus, opposite the Glenroyal Hotel, be reinstated before it causes and accident."

John got the following reply at the Area Meeting on 21st September:

"This item is on a list for attention when manpower is available."

Cllr. McGinley Again Asks for the Completion of the new "High Road" at Old Greenfield.

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

"What progress has been made on getting the new road at Old Greenfield, Maynooth, completed?"

John got the following reply at the Area Meeting on 21st September:

"It is presumed that Councillor McGinley is referring to the road constructed by High Degree Construction / Mason Homes as part of their private housing development. The roads and transport department is not in a position to given any further update on this matter. When contact was last made with the developer, in October 2011, the developer stated that he was not in a position to complete the road either at that time or in the foreseeable future."

Cllr. McGinley stated that children and teenagers are entering the site and behaving in an anti-social manner. John asked that the Council write to the developer asking him to make the site secure.

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Repairs to the Cycle Path from Kingsbry to Old Greenfield

John was given the following update to his motion at the Area Meeting on 21st September

"The council has commissioned a review of the North-South Transportation Corridor in Maynooth (Moyglare Road, Mill Street, Leinster Street and Straffan Road). The recommendations made in this report will be brought forward for a decision by the National Transport Authority regarding the funding of works in 2013. As the report will make recommendations on changes to

pedestrian and cycling infrastructure it is prudent to await the findings in advance of any remedial works."

John stated that as the cycle path was unsafe repairs should be carried out now.

John was given the same reply to his motion on repainting the cycle lanes on Mill Street and Main Street.

Vehicular Access to Laraghbryan Cemetery

Cllr. McGinley was given the following reply to his motion at the Area Meeting on 21st September:

"The proposal to provide parking facilities on the Kilcock Road was assessed by our roads design staff. Roads design section do not recommend any provision of parking from a safety perspective. Existing parking arrangements fully conform with road design standards."

John and other Councillors disagreed with the reply and the Officials were asked to re-consider the suggestion. John again asked if vehicular access was being denied at all times.

Referendum will enshrine child protection in the Constitution- Stagg

Labour T.D. for Kildare North Emmet Stagg has said the referendum on children's rights is a progressive step which will enshrine the protection of children in the Constitution.

Deputy Stagg said the passing of the referendum will have a profound impact on the way children are treated in this country - by the state, by our legal profession and by all who work with children.

"This referendum will copper fasten the protection of children in the Constitution. It will ensure we all take a child-centred approach, by making children the focus of every decision that is taken about their welfare. It will mean that when decisions are taken affecting them, their rights would have to be taken into account.

"The wording of the referendum says that the State recognises and affirms the natural and imprescriptible rights all children and will protect and vindicate those rights. It also crucially states that the views of children will be taken into account in legal proceedings. Putting children's rights specifically into the constitution will mean that in those rare enough cases where children are being abused or neglected within their families, the state can step in more quickly to protect them.

"Childhood is a precious time. Children must be protected and their rights promoted to ensure that they are consistently treated with the respect and dignity they deserve. We have a plethora of reports highlighting the neglect, abuse and exploitation that happens when children's voices are silenced and their best interests ignored.

"Successive Governments have made promises to strengthen children's rights in the Constitution. This issue was first raised in the Oireachtas by former Senator, and later President, Mary Robinson over thirty years ago during the 1976 debate on the powers of the Adoption Board. With this in mind, I heartily welcome both the publication of the wording and the setting of the date for this crucial referendum.

"The decision to hold the referendum on a Saturday is extremely pleasing as it will facilitate the likes of students and people who have busy work schedules during the week. Hopefully it will lead to a large turnout on the day which will ultimately give the result greater legitimacy. I look forward to engaging in the upcoming debate and will be campaigning for a yes vote so that the rights of Irish children can be strengthened in our Constitution."

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INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Art, Handwriting, Gymnastics, Athletics and Swimming with some children going to the All Ireland Finals

TEAM EVENTS

Table Quiz 4th in Kildare
Boys U10 Gaelic beaten in Leinster final
Chess semi final in Kildare
Soccer Girls U15 beaten in Leinster final
Gaelic Girls U 12 beaten in Kildare final (after extra time)
Camogie Girls U 14 beaten in Kildare final (aet)

Soccer Girls U 12 beaten in Kildare final (aet)
Tag Rugby Boys lost in first round
Soccer Boys U 12 highlight of the year came 4th in the ALL
IRELAND FINAL after winning the Kildare Final with 9
men.

As you can see lots of children were involved this year in MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES and it would not have been possible without our fantastic coaches and parents who helped during the year.

WELL DONE BOYS AND GIRLS.

Looking forward to 2013 already, if anyone is interested in getting involved with your children for any of the above events or new ones (check website www.communitygames.ie.) please contact

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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth loses "Clean to European Norms" designation in latest IBAL League results

There was much disappointment when the latest IBAL Litter League results came out where Maynooth was one of two towns to lose this designation and slipping down the table with a designation of "Moderately Littered". While IBAL is not a judgement on the work of Tidy Towns groups it is nonetheless disappointing considering the work done by Maynooth Tidy Towns' volunteers throughout the summer. The comments from the IBAL Judge sums up the significance of the result "Very disappointing result for an important university town. Maynooth was one of only two towns to lose its Clean to European Norm's status. There was a total of three Grade A sites - Maynooth College, St. Mary's Boys Secondary School and Tesco. Unlike other towns it is largely the areas being cleaned by the local authorities which are scoring badly e.g. approach roads, Main Street and park. Maynooth, part of our national heritage, with so many young people probably needs more cleaning than a town of a similar size". Maynooth Tidy Towns has called for a new comprehensive Litter Management Plan to be finally put in place for the town so that we can get back the designation of Clean to European Norms.

Maynooth Gains two marks in the National Tidy Towns Competition 2012

There is always a danger that a town can drop marks so any increase is welcome. Maynooth scored 281 marks out of a potential score of 400 marks. Incidentally, the national winner Abbeyshrule, Co. Longford scored 312 marks so we are doing relatively well and when compared against other towns in the area we are performing very well. The competition rates each entrant under ten headings and Maynooth held our 2011 score in all ten but increased in two for 2012. The two additional marks were gained for "Litter Control" and "Overall Development Approach". The latter is particularly pleasing as we rank as one of the highest in the competition for the quality of our application. Some disappointment that the judge commented so favourably on our Flagship Project (the Island in the Harbour) but did not award any additional marks for Wildlife. The full report will be published in the November newsletter as there was no space this month.

Maynooth Tidy Towns Volunteer Night

We made an appeal for volunteers earlier in the year and we got a great response. To thank all our volunteers we are holding an evening in the Glenroyal Hotel in October to acknowledge the support that we received this year.

Dublin Bus Honours Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth Tidy Towns was among a number of community groups that were honoured by Dublin Bus in September. Maynooth Tidy Towns received the "Dublin Bus Community Spirit Award" in recognition and support of its work in the local community. The award came with a financial donation of $\[mathcal{e}\]$ 1,000 which was much appreciated.

Paul Croghan Vice-Chairperson Maynooth Tidy Towns



Calling all past and current members of Maynooth Guild ICA. This November this guild will celebrate 60 years in Maynooth. A special Service for deceased members will be held at the Guild Meeting on 1st November. All past members are invited to come along on that night. Meeting starts at 8 o'clock.

The October meeting takes place Thursday October 4th at 8o'clock as usual. The annual "Auction" takes place at this meeting. The money raised will go towards part-scholarship to An Grianan so don't forget to bring along something.

The "shoebox collection for Team Hope" will also be collected at the November meeting. These boxes may be filled with suitable gifts for children between age 5-15 years and will be sent to less well off children in many countries.

The Guild competition for October is "a handmade Halloween Card".

Winners of September Competition: 1st Mary McNamara, 2nd Catherine O'Reilly & Rosemary Hanley, 3rd Mary Dunne.

New members always welcome.

Rosemary Hanley PRO

MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS

By the time you have read this article our Senior Citizens will have returned from their week in Kerdiffstown and I have no doubt that they will have enjoyed their stay as much as in previous years. Our morning club will have re-opened and so we will be right back in the swing of things. Don't forget that all Senior Citizens in the Maynooth/Ladychapel area are welcome to all our activities. Our club is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30am-12.30pm in the I.C.A. Hall and our monthly Tea-Dances are held in the G.A.A. Club on the Moyglare Road. There is transport to all events if you should need it.

Our next event will be our Halloween Tea-Dance on 21st October and the Tony Smith Memorial walk will also take place on that afternoon, courtesy of the Labour Party.

Our Annual Sale of Work will take place this year on November 18th in the Aula Maxima in Maynooth College, so now would be a good time to start your Christmas clear out. Remember what is one person's trash could be another's treasure.

Our next two dates are December 5th for our shopping in Supervalu and December 9th when our Annual dinner will take place in the Glenroyal Hotel.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the I.C.A. the G.A.A, The Labour Party, Maynooth College, Supervalu, Thorntons, Bartons, all the business people and of course the community in general. Without your support our work would be very difficult indeed.

Now that's 2012 done and dusted What a depressing thought.

Josephine Moore, Chairperson

Susan Webster

Susan Webster is the solicitor on Clem Ryan's Kildare Today show on KFM. She has an honours law degree from Trinity College Dublin and on graduation took the Barrister-at-Law degree course at the Honourable Society of King's Inns, being called to the Bar in June 2006. Susan has recently set up Susan Webster & Company, Solicitors, on Main Street, Maynooth, a small general practice specialising in family

Where are you from?

I'm from Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, and now live in Straffan.

Did you always want to be a lawyer?

I have always been very inquisitive, I love reading and I always took part in public speaking and debating in school, so I think it was natural for me to want to study law and to advocate for people. When I was four my father said to me, "You're going to be a lawyer". I didn't even know what that meant, but maybe it stuck in my head!

You have worked as both a barrister and solicitor. How did that come about?

I was always drawn to the bar and that's the route I took after Trinity, however I saw that I would have more interaction with clients as a solicitor. Now I get to meet clients and also advocate in court for them, so I have the best of both worlds.

What drew you to family law?

I actually specialised in Environmental and Planning Law and Employment Law in Kings Inns. However, once I began practising I began with family law, had a number of repeat clients and eventually built up a reputation and a practice in that area. I get great satisfaction in knowing that I have assisted people, particularly elderly or vulnerable people, in resolving a matter that may be very sensitive and stressful for them.

What do you enjoy about the law slot on Clem's show?

I believe that everyone, whatever their means, should be aware of their legal rights and obligations and should be able to access information. People feel nervous about going to a solicitor and that's why I love doing Clem's show. I can reach listeners from all walks of life and help them understand aspects of the law that may be affecting them.

Susan Webster & Co Solicitors is at Suva House, Main Street, Maynooth, Co Kildare. T: 01 6292200 or info@susanwebsterandco.ie.

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HAMILTON WALK 2012

On Tuesday 16 October 2012, 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 the 7th annual Maths Week Ireland. The aim of Maths Week Ireland is to promote the understanding, awareness and appreciation of Maths. Check http://www.mathsweek.ie/ >www.mathsweek.ie for a schedule of events for Maths Week 2012.

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 formultiplication' (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

numbers. Thus, one can say that modern algebra was

born on 16 October 1843, on the banks of the Royal

that were not shackled by the rules of ordinary

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 or

mailto:fiacre.ocairbre@maths.nuim.ie to book a place
on the walk.

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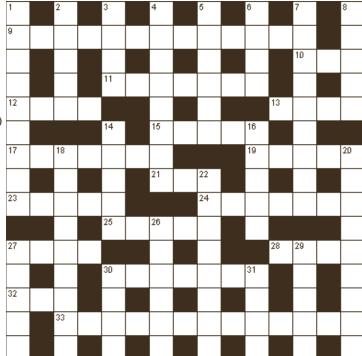
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- 25. Chaff (5)
- 27. Membership fees (4)
- 28. Goad (4)
- 30. Capital of Iraq (7)
- 32. Contend (3)
- 33. Prekindergarten (7,6)

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October 2012 Crossword - No: 407



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- 2. Courtyard (5)
- 3. Duration (4)
- 4. Beer made at home (4-4)
- 5. Cunning (6)
- 6. Metal fastener (4)
- 7. Pruning shears (9)
- 8. Aviator (5)
- 14. Threads (5)
- 16. Speaks with impediment (5)
- 18. Something stated (9)
- 20. Tolerable (9)
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- 26. Tattered (6)
- 27. Sofa (5)
- 29. Hinge (5)
- 30. Obstructs (4)
- 31. Wharf (4)

Winner of Crossword No. 406 September

John McEvoy Rockfield Gardens Maynooth

Prize winners will have 30 days to claim their prize from the time the results are made public.

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Win a €10 book voucher if you are the first entry drawn with both puzzles correct.

Send completed puzzles to Maynooth Newsletter Unit 5 Tesco S/C Maynooth.

Entries must arrive before: 23rd October 2012

Sudoku Challenge October 2012



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Congratulations to September Winner:

Uriel Hynes Rockfield Grove Maynooth

Prize winners will have 30 days to claim their prize from the



Constituency Office: Unit 4, The Post House, Leixlip Shopping Mall, Main Street, Leixlip,

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Advice Centres will take place on the last Friday of every calendar month at the following locations:

> 2pm: The Turn Inn, Derrinturn 4pm: Keogh's The Corner House, Clane 6pm: The Monread Lodge, Naas



Catherine Murphy TD Independent Kildare North

Children's Rights Referendum wording is 'strong, specific and child-centred' -Murphy

Deputy Catherine Murphy today commended Minister Frances Fitzgerald for her work in bringing about the anticipated Children's Rights Referendum.

Following a briefing with Minister Fitzgerald this morning in which the detail of the referendum proposal was discussed and after initial consideration of the wording, Deputy Murphy has said she is very happy to support this Referendum.

"Minister Fitzgerald has clearly given extensive thought, time and commitment to producing this vital document and I think the wording is a positive move towards finally defining the rights of Ireland's children.

Water infrastructure needs to be resolved before anyone is charged for water, flat rate or metered.

Catherine Murphy, Independent TD for Kildare North,

today blasted the haphazard and hasty way in which the charge is due to be implemented.

Irish Water, the subsidiary of Bord Gáis charged with managing the water charge system, have admitted that the metering process will not begin until 2015 at the earliest, and therefore a flat rate will most likely be applied in light of Minister for the Environment Phil Hogan's comments that water charges will start in

Deputy Murphy insisted that water charges cannot be implemented unless investment in infrastructure is carried out first.

"42% of our water supply is leaking from the system. We have a leakage rate worse than most developing countries so to ask people to pay for water without first investing in the infrastructure is preposterous."

Irish Rugby Team back at Carton House for Training.

Welcome back to the boys in green for a two day training camp. They will be taking part Car Park in Maynooth. in the Guinness Series in November at the Aviva, where they will play South Africa, Fiji, and Argentina. Below in the picture is the Maynooth Kilcock area. Brian O' Driscoll, Paul O'Connell and Jonathan Sexton who launched the Series. As Details will be posted on the Maynooth/ they have said many times before, they

always enjoy their stay in Maynooth and look forward to meeting their fans from the area. We wish them well in their upcoming



Maynooth Band Bulletin

Firstly, the Committee and members of St. Mary's Band would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who supported their recent flag collection. As always, the people of Maynooth and the surrounding areas have been exceptionally generous in their support of the Band which thankfully is going exceptionally well at this point in time. We are currently in the process of applying for a grant to part fund the cost of a new uniform to replace the temporary one we have a the moment and the result of this collection will go a long way towards the balance of the cost should our grant application be successful.

The Band are particularly busy at this time of the year with a recital in the Square on the 15th September and at a huge fundraiser for the Simon Community in the Phoenix Park on Saturday 6th October. On Sunday 4th November at the 12.45 Mass we have our Annual Mass for Deceased Members to which relatives and friends of those members who have passed on are warmly welcomed. This year we will be remembering in particular our late Hon. Secretary John Curran who we lost earlier this year. This Mass, apart from it's special significance to the Band, allows us an opportunity to perform some very different and beautiful music which is suited to the occasion and is always very warmly received by the congregation.

On the following Friday night the Band are organising a Big Band Fundraising Night in the Glenroyal Hotel at 9.30pm. The music will be provided by the Route 66 Big Band who were a huge success in the Square for the recent Harvest Festival where they had the audience "Dancing in the Street". Tickets are only €10 and they can be had from Catherine Heslin at 087 9008554 and they are also available from Maynooth Office Supplies on the Dublin Road between 9am and 5.30 from Monday to Friday. This promises to be a great night's dancing to this fabulous big band so get there early.

Finally the Band is always on the lookout for musicians who live in Maynooth and the surrounding areas and we have already recruited new members from Germany, Belgium and the United States and on a national level from Drogheda. Rehearsals take place in the Bandhall on Pound Lane at the back of the Main Street every Monday night, excluding Bank Holidays, from 7.45 to 9.15 and you will be made very welcome. As far as beginners are concerned the band hopes to commence new music classes in the New Year so if you want to be included in the waiting list please email all your relevant details including music ability, if any) to maynoothbandclasses@gmail.com and we will be in contact with you early in January. The minimum age is 8 years and there is no upper age limit. A sizeable number in the current Band have come in through this manner and are now very accomplished musician. We would particularly welcome students from the local schools who may already have some music experience.

Maynooth Youth Café

Pool, Music, X Box, Tea, Coffee, Snacks **Every Thursday** Community Space Manor Mills 7.00-8.15pm (2nd and 3rd Years) 8.30-10.00pm (TY, 5th, 6th Years)

Car Boot Sale

Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club will be running a Car Boot Sale on Bank Holiday Mondays starting Mon 29 October, 2012 10.00 to 14.00 in the Boys National School

Monies raised will go to specific projects in

Kilcock Lions Club website Calendar: http://www.maynoothkilcocklionsclub.org/ calendar-news-maynooth-kilcock-lions.html



Compert Mongáin ocus serc Duibe-Lacha do Mongán (The conception of Mongán and the love of Dub Lacha for Mongán)

(A continuation of the longer version of Mongán's life that follows him into his adult and complicated married life.)

5 Fiachna Finn gave the Caillech Dub her land; seven castles with lands and grounds with a hundred of every cow. Then the king returned to Ireland to find his wife heavily pregnant and she gave birth to a son when the time came. Fiachna Finn had a servant called An Dam and his wife gave birth to a son on the same night. The two boys were christened together; Fiachna's son was called Mongán and An Dam's son was called Mac An Dam (son of the Dam). There was another king ruling with Fiachna - Fiachna Dub son of Demmán and he relied heavily on his rule. On the same night, a daughter was born to him as well and she was given the name Dub Lacha Lámgel (Black Duck of the white hands) and she and Mongán were engaged to one another. When Mongán was 3 days old, Manannán came for him to rear him in Tír Tairngire (The Land of Promise). He promised that he would let him return to Ireland when he was 12 years old.

6 Fiachna Dub waited until he saw that Fiachna Finn had only a small army with him and then he went to his headquarters and burnt and destroyed it. He killed Fiachna Finn and forcibly took the kingship of Ulster. All the men of Ulster wanted Mongán to return from the Otherworld when he was 6 years old but Manannán refused to bring him back until he was 16. When Mongán returned to Ulster, they made peace. Fiachna Dub gave Mongán half of the Ulster kingdom and Dub Lacha as his wife.

7 One day when Mongán and his wife were playing fidchell they saw a dark-haired, little cleric standing at

'This silence of yours Mongán,' said the cleric, 'it is not fitting for the king of Ulster. You should avenge your father on Fiachna Dub even if Dub Lacha thinks that I should not tell you this. He only has a small company with him. Come with me now and we can burn his stronghold and kill him.'

'We do not know how this will turn out, cleric,' said Mongán, 'but we will go with you.'

And that is what happened, Fiachna Dub was killed. Mongán took the kingship of Ulster and the little cleric was Manannán the great and mighty.

8 The nobles of Ulster were gathered around Mongán and he said:

'I want to go to receive hospitality from the provincial kings of Ireland so that I can have gold, silver and wealth to give away.'
'That is a good idea,' they said.

Mongán left and visited Leinster. The king at the time was Brandub son of Eochaid and he gave the king of Ulster a great welcome. They slept there and in the morning when Mongan woke up he saw the 50 white, red-eared cows with a white calf with each cow. As soon as he saw them he loved them. The king of Leinster noticed this and he said:

'You love the cattle.'

'By my word,' said Mongán, 'apart from the kingdom of Ulster, I have never seen anything that I wanted as much as them.'

'By my word,' said the king of Leinster, 'but they are a match for Dub Lacha. She is the most beautiful woman in Ireland and they are they most beautiful cattle in Ireland. I would only give them away if we can make a friendship without refusal.'

9 They agreed this and they were each bound to the other. Mongán returned home and he brought the cattle

Dub Lacha asked: 'What are these, the most beautiful cattle that I have ever seen? And how did you get

them?

Mongán told her the story of how he got the cattle. They were not long there when they saw a crowd coming to this place. There he was, the king of Leinster.

'What have you come for?' asked Mongan. 'By my word, if you are looking for the province of Ulster, then you will have it.'

'It is for Dub Lacha that I have come,' said the king.

10 Mongán fell silent.

'I have never heard,' he said, 'of a man giving away his wife.'

'You may not have heard of it,' said Dub Lacha, 'but give her away - honour lasts longer than life.3 Mongán was angry and he allowed the king of Leinster to take her with him. Dub Lacha called the king of Leinster to one side and said:

'Do you realise that the men and one half of Ulster would fall for me, except that I have already given my love to you? By my word, I will not go with you unless you tell me with your own lips.'

What do you want me to tell you?' said the king of Leinster.

'That you fulfil your word,' she said.

The king gave his word.

'For a year then,' said Dub Lacha, 'I ask that we are not brought into the same house for one night. If, during the day, you come into the same house as me; do not sit with me in the same chair but sit in another chair. I am afraid of the great love that I have given you, that you might hate me and that I might not be acceptable to my husband. If we court each other for the next year - our love will not ebb.'

11 The king agreed with her conditions, he took her to his house and she was there for a while and Mongán suffered wasting sickness all the time. On the night that Mongán took Dub Lacha, Mac an Daim took her fostersister who was her trusted servant. She had gone to Leinster with Dub Lacha. Mac an Dam came to Mongán and he said:

'Things are going badly for you Mongán,' he said, 'and your journey to the Otherworld to Manannán's wife was not good. You did not learn anything apart from eating food and foolishness. It is hard for me that my wife has been taken to Leinster and I have not made any friendship without refusal with the king of Leinster's servant as you did with the king and you cannot follow your wife.'

'That is not worse to anyone than to me,' said Mongán.

12 Mongán said to Mac an Daim: 'Go to the cave of the door where we left the basket of coals, a sod from Ireland and a sod from Scotland and I will go with you on your back. The king of Leinster will ask his druids for news of me and they will say that I have one foot in Ireland and another in Scotland - while I am in that place I am not a danger to him.'

13 They went off in that way and that was at the time when the feast of Mag Liffey was held in Leinster. They came to Machaire Chill Chamáin in Leinster and saw the crowds there and the king of Leinster going by them to the feast. They recognized him.

'That is said,' said Mongán, 'this is an evil journey that

Then they saw the cleric going past them, he was Tibraide the priest of Cell Chamáin and he had the four gospels in his hand. There were clerics with him and they were reading their offices. Mac an Dam was wondering what the clerics were saying and he kept asking Mongán:

'What did he say?'

Mongán said it was reading and he asked Mac an Daim if he understood a little of it.

'I do not understand,' said Mac an Daim, 'except that man at his back says "Amen, Amen".

14 Mongán made a huge river through the middle of the plain in front of Tibraide and then a large bridge across it. Tibraide wondered at this and then he began to bless himself.

'My father and my grandfather were born here,' he said, 'but I never saw a river here before. But if there is a river there it is just as well that there is a bridge

They went to the bridge and when they reached it middle, it fell under them. Mongán grabbed the gospel from Tibraide's hand and sent them [clerics] down the river. He asked Mac an Daim if he should drown them. 'Certainly, let be drown!' said Mac an Daim.

'We will not do that,' said Mongán. We will let them a mile down the river until we have finished our work at the fortress.

Notes (numbers refer to the paragraphs)

5 The word Dam usually means an ox, a stag and a

Fiachna Dub was king of the Dál Fiatach, a tribe in Ulster c. 622

7 fidchell was a type of board game very like chess. Kings in these texts use the royal "we" as happens today.

8 Brandub died 605.

Red-eared cows are usually associated with magical food and the Otherworld.

10 Mongán himself was conceived as a result of adultery and now he is being forced into what seems a similar situation. In another story that we will see later about Cú Chulainn in the Otherworld, Manannán's wife cheats on him.

11 Love sickness/wasting sickness is found in other texts as well.

13 Feast of Mag Liffey, Machaire Chill Chamáin in Leinster.

14 Bridges of this type are found in other sagas as

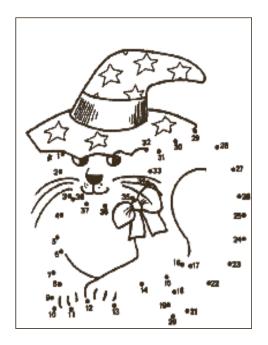
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A Wooden Gaming Board

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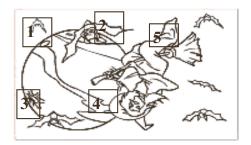
Spot The 5 Differences







ANSWERS



Name:
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September Winners:

Age: 3 - 5: Molly Morris, Greenfield

Age: 6 - 7: Blathnaid Brennan, Rockfield Rise

Age: 8 & Over Paris Moodley, Rinawade Glade

Prizes for Colouring Competition can be collected at:

Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre. Entries must arrive before: 23rd October 2012

September 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

Taekwon-Do

Children's Classes for
5 years and up
held every Tuesday in
Presentation Girl's School,
6.30-7.30pm for Children
7.30-8.30pm for Teens/Adults
Fridays in
St. Mary's Boys National School
6.30 p.m.—7.30 p.m.
For details: Contact
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Community Library

Opening Times
Mondays & Fridays
2pm to 5pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays
1pm to 8pm
Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm
& 2pm to 5pm
Saturday 9.30am to 1pm

Maynooth Youth Café

Games, Music, Snacks and Chat. You decide, It's Your Caf. Thursdays 8 - 10pm Community Space Manor Mills

Senior Citizens Club

Club opens on
Tuesday and Thurs.
10.30am to 12.30pm
in the I.C.A.Hall.
Halloween Tea-Dance will be
held on the 21st October and
the Tony Smith Memorial Walk
will also take place that
afternoon.
Josephine Moore,
Chairperson

History Group

Meetings every last
Thursday of the month in
Maynooth
Community Council Office
at 8.00pm.
All Welcome

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.

Contact Katherine Cooney

086 8205910

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

Parent & Toddler Group

Every Tuesday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth.

Flower & Garden Club

Blooms Slide Show by Rosemary
Smyth in the Glenroyal Hotel on
Tuesday 16th October
All meetings to be held at
8.00pm on 3rd Tuesday of each
month in the Glenroyal Hotel,
Maynooth (except where
otherwise stated)
Exhibits should be staged by
7.45pm
Visitor Welcome
Maureen Fagan PRO

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

WALK TO CROKER 2012

MAYNOOTH GAA RAISE €10,000 AFTER WALKERS FOLLOW IN FAMOUS FOOTSTEPS

SUNDAY, 9 September, was a memorable day for the GAA but it was also a momentous occasion for Maynooth GAA on All-Ireland Hurling Final when the famous Kildare club completed its third annual Walk to Croker, raising close to &10,000 in the process.

After an early power breakfast at Twist cafe, thanks to head chef Niall Gillick, at 6.30am, the walkers – all 130 brave men and women – travelled to Croker by foot along the banks of the Royal Canal. With the wise words of local curate, Fr David Halpin, fresh in their minds after their 7am departure from the town square, the walkers retraced the steps of a famous group of Kildare men who followed the same route along the Royal Canal from Maynooth to Drumcondra to play their role in the 1916 Easter Rising.

The walkers travelled the 14-mile route in four hours arriving into Cross Guns Bridge for 11am, where they set off again at 11.45am for the final leg of the journey as far as Jones' Road. By then the rest of the pack had caught up with the fittest walkers in Ireland - Tom Fox, Dermot Canning, Brendan McGrath and Dan Casey, who had covered the stretch to Cross Guns in just under 3.5 hours. Proudly wearing the black and white colours of the Crom Abú club, the Maynooth walkers assembled outside the entrance to the Hogan Stand where they were met by legendary GAA commentator, Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh.

"I hope the next time ye walk in, Kildare are playing," said Michéal. His son Eamonn, a physiotherapist based in Maynooth, had provided the walkers with plenty of advice ahead of the walk at their information night the previous Thursday, and all told it was a huge community effort.

"It was a great day and a fantastic event," said Maynooth coach and Walk to Croker organiser, Pat Power. "There was a great atmosphere, especially when we were walking through the crowds around Croke Park."

Power, together with Kieran Duff, had spearheaded the organisation of this year's Walk, although they had huge support from their sponsors and supporters too.

Mark Nolan (Maynooth) and Conor O'Dwyer provided transport while Sean Donovan (Greenfield Shopping Centre, Maynooth), Mark Carroll (Spar, Sallins Road, Naas), John Condron, Dermot Nee (Superquinn) and SuperValu Maynooth kept the walkers fed and watered along the route.

"We're already looking forward to next year," says Power, "the hurling final replay will come too soon for us to walk again!"

Brendan Coffey



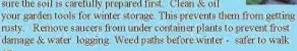
Just because summer is over; it doesn't mean that you put the gardening tools away for the year. As every gardener knows there is always something to do.

There is still time to plant perennial seeds & bulbs such as spring flowering Tulips, Daffodils, Hyacinths etc even though the ground temperature has dropped significantly. Dahlia & Begonia tubers should be stored in a box of slightly moist peat moss. Gladiola coms can be stored in a paper bag without additional packaging. You can still plant Winter Pansies, Ornamental Kale & Cabbage & Fall Mums.

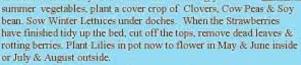
You can keep your Asters & Chrysantheniums plants blooming for quite a while longer if you take precautions & give them some frost protection. Use old net curtains or an old bed sheet. Mulching keeps the ground warmer longer, allowing new growth to continue. Dig over empty beds & incorporate as much organic matter as possible to improve the structure of the soil.



Evergreen & deciduous trees & shrubs can still be moved as they will only suffer minimal shock. Keeping weeding for as long as possible as this reduces weeds next year. This is a perfect time for laying turf, make sure the soil is carefully prepared first. Clean & oil



Cut back raspberry canes that have grown too long, to prevent damage caused by winter winds. Root crops such as Carrots, Onions & Parsnips can be left in the ground in cold climates. After you have finished harvesting your



Deadhead Roses to continue blooming. Climbing Roses should be pruned now if not done last month. Check tree ties & stakes before winter gales cause damage. Spray or dust roses to discourage mildew. Plants & trees that provide great colour in the month of October are Burning Bush, Camellia, Ornamental Cabbage & Kale, Pansies

Viburnum, Crape Myrtles, October Glory Maple, Red Sunset Maple, Nandina, Sweet Gum & Virginia Creeper.

Continue to place nets over small ponds to prevent autumn leaves falling in. Reduce the feeding of fish now the days are getting shorter and the fish are becoming less active. Its also a great time to tidy up the pond & take out the submersible pump to clean it & store for next year.

Not forgetting to clean all bird feeders before the hard winter sets in , the winter bird feeding begins. One part bleach to 9 parts water and rinse thoroughly.

Why not make your own bird food - the kids can help!!!

Fat Balls

Ingredients: Nuts, seeds, dried fruit & scraps (such as bread, cake, biscuits). Solid fat such as lard or suct.

Weigh the mix of nuts, fruit & scraps. Weigh the lard you only need to use 1/2 the weight of the nut mix. Cut the lard into lumps & melt it slowly over a low heat. It

just needs to be melted. Pour the lard over the nut mix. Using a spoon mix it until it starts to clump together. Divide the mixture into equal sized pieces. Apple sized. Keep rolling them until they are tightly packed. Cover each ball in cling film & put them in the fridge to harden. When they are hard, they are ready for the garden.

There are no gardening mistakes, only experiments!!!!!!





Decorated Sugar Cookies 2 1/4 cups all purpose flour 12 tablespoons butter, softened

1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract 1 cgg

Makes 5 dozen

1/4 teaspoon salt 1 cup granulated sugar 1 teaspoon lemon zest





Place a sieve over a medium mixing bowl & add the flour and salt. Sift the dry ingredients into the bowl & set aside. In a mixing bowl, combine the butter & sugar, using a mixer cream the butter & sugar together until the mixture is light in colour & has a fluffy texture. Then add the vanilla extract, lemon zest & egg.

Beat until blended. Gradually add the sifted flour & salt, mixing until just blended. Remove from the bowl & divide into 2 balls. Place each half between 2 pieces of greaseproof paper & roll into 5-inch diameter disks. Place the dough on baking sheets & refrigerate until firm, at least 2 hours or as long as 24 hours. When you are ready to roll & bake the cookies, preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

Line a baking sheet with greaseproof paper. Place 1 disk of the cookie dough on the table & remove the top sheet of paper. Lightly dust the surface of the dough with flour. Roll the dough out. Using decorative cookie cutters cut the dough on the greaseproof paper. Use a spatula to transfer the dough to the lined baking sheet. Place the cookies at least 1/2-inch apart. Reroll to make additional cookies. Bake the cookies for 10 to 12 mins or until cookies are golden around the edges & firm to the touch. Transfer to a wire rack to cool. Once cool, they are ready to ice.

Spider Bites

Makes 24

1 (12-ounce) package semisweet morsels

1/2 cup creamy peanut butter 6 cups pretzel sticks

Place greaseproof paper on baking sheet; set aside. In a large glass microwave-safe bowl combine chocolate chips and peanut butter. Melt on high for 2 to 3 minutes.

Remove and stir until smooth. Stir in pretzel sticks. With clean hands



grab pretzel sticks and drop on prepared baking sheet in clusters to look like spiders. Place in freezer for 5 minutes or until to chocolate is hardened. Remove and serve.

Spooky Shortbread Tombstones Makes 2 4 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter 1/4 cup icing sugar 1 cup all-purpose flour Pinch salt 3/4 cup chocolate chips

Cream the butter & sugar until smooth. Add the flour & salt & mix well with your fingers. Wrap the dough in cling film & chill in the fridge for 2-3 hours. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. On a lightly floured surface, roll half the dough until it's 1/4-inch thick. Using a small knife, cut out tombstone shapes, about 3 inches tall. Place on an ungreased baking sheet. Roll & cut the second half of the dough. & place the baking sheets in the fridge for 10 mins. Bake for 15-20 mins, until the shortbread is very lightly golden. Do not brown. Remove to a wire rack & cool. When the cookies are cool, melt the chocolate chips in the microwave in a heatproof bowl for I min. Stir the chips with a spoon to see if they have actually softened before putting them in for another minute, if necessary. Decorate tombstones. Leave to cool.

Frankenstein Finger Cookies

1 1/4 Cup Sugar 1 tsp Coconut Extract 2 1/2 Cup All-Purpose Flour 1/2 Cup Chopped Nuts Almonds

1 Egg +1 Egg yolk 1 tsp Vanilla Extract 1 tsp Baking Powder Shredded Coconut

1/4 tsp Salt Whole Raw

1 Cup Butter Mix Cookle Dough Green Food Dye

Red Gel Frosting

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream butter & sugar until light & fluffy. Add egg & egg yolk, vanilla & coconut extract. Mix well. Stir in nuts & green food dye. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, & salt. Add flour mixture to creamed mixture. Stir to blend well. Also chilling the dough makes for easy shaping. Shape into Fingers

Shape dough into 3-4 inch tapered rolls. Pinch a knuckle in the centre of the roll. Place rolls onto a cookie sheet lined with greaseproof paper. Press an almond into the pointed end and add coconut to knuckles. Refrigerate extra dough wrapped in cling wrap between batches. Bake for 10-15 mins or until coconut is toasted & cookies are slightly golden. Cool on a rack. Dip flat end of cookie into red gel frosting & enjoy!





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Maynooth Community Space celebrates successful first year

It was a long time coming but when Maynooth Community Council opened the "Community Space" in the Manor Mills Shopping Centre on September 1st 2011, we were responding to a long standing need in the town but had no idea how popular the centre would become in a short space of time. Paul Croghan, who set up the centre on behalf of Maynooth Community Council, told the "Maynooth Newsletter", that we were given the use of the building which was a former bookmakers shop and asked to operate the centre with the support of Kildare County Council.

"However before anything could happen there we had to set up the premises so that it could operate effectively. I remember the first day Eddie Tobin and I went in there and assessed all that we had to do. We had to remove miles of cables, replace much of the fittings and ensure that the place was set up so that people could operate from there. Tom and Andrew McMullon also got involved in the work but we owe a special thanks to Castle Dawson resident, John Kavanagh who put his painting and buildings skills at our disposal for free".

"The centre is now home to a broad range of local community groups that use the centre on an ongoing basis and the success well justifies our efforts" comments Paul Croghan. Three youth groups, Maynooth Parent and Toddler Group, a toddler play group, An Nuadha Players (Drama Group), Maynooth Musical Society and, Maynooth U3A as well as a martial arts group using the centre. The recently formed Maynooth Men's Sheds Group is also using the

space. There have also been a number of educational courses run daytime there over the year and there are guitar lessons being given on Saturday mornings at

We accommodate all kinds of reasonable requests for the use of the centre and in fact at one point during the year the centre was used to shoot some scenes for a movie. The location of the space at the front of the Manor Mills Shopping Centre means that many people are aware of the space and we have received a broad range of requests for usage from groups around Ireland as well as locally that did not proceed because the centre has limited capacity to handle a large number of people.

Paul Croghan points out that the centre is an interim building pending the delivery of a new building as part of the Tesco development and that without the financial support from Tesco we could not operate the centre. If there was any doubt about the need for a community space in Maynooth the demand for usage confirms the need he says. He also confirmed that there is some availability in the timetable for the centre for other users at present and that a small charge is required. "Running a building costs us money which we have to get from users" he says "but that will not be a barrier to getting access". He also acknowledged the support that the centre receives from the Manor Mills Centre management who provide the security for the centre. It is very important for us to know that the activities at the centre are monitored so that no issues arise for us.

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L-R Brenda McElligott, Roberta Hines from Tiddlywinks & Scallywags



Selection of Felting & Weaving by the children

The Maynooth Library as part of Cultural Week hosted our event, and over 58 children and their parents from Tiddlywinks & Scallywags Montessori Preschool took part. The different rooms in our Preschool explored different types of cultural arts. Montessori classes worked with textiles, where they learned about felting and weaving. Others studied sunflowers and painted pictures and made collages in interpretations of Vincent Van Goughs famous piece. The younger Highscope classes explored Chinese brush painting, working with watercolor and Chinese ink. The results were a wonderful display of Children's art.

The library hosted the opening on Friday the 21st of September. They brought Waffels the clown for some light entertainment and they provided refreshments for the children and the adults. The opening lasted from 10:30 to 12. It was a spectacular success and we all had great fun. We would like to thank Maynooth Library for hosting this cultural event.



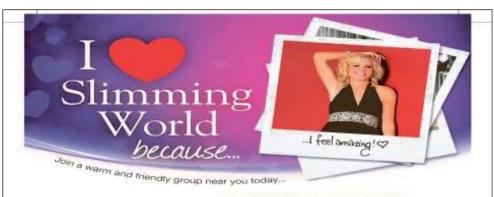
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Exercise and Play for your Dog

Henry Ford once said of exercise "if you are well you don't need it



and if you are sick you shouldn't do it"! Today we tend to take a more holistic view of exercise.

Play and exercise for your dog are very important both for his good health and as an ideal way to help socialise him. Lack of exercise can result in behavioural problems such as digging, chewing, over

excitability and general unruliness. Walking your dog is a great way to relax and get some exercise for yourself. If you are starting to walk your new puppy please ensure that he has completed his course of vaccinations at least one week before you take him out in public. Before you reach this stage you can introduce him to short spells of lead work in your garden. Place your puppy on a lead and with small treats or a favourite toy, encourage him to follow you. This early training is an ideal way to get your puppy to interact with you and also gives you an opportunity to show that you are the leader and the one who controls the activity.

It is very important to consider how much exercise your dog needs. The important factors are:

- Age young dogs require much more exercise than older ones.
- Breed toy breeds will require less exercise than working breeds who can sustain long periods of activity. One of my own dogs, a retriever, will swim for long periods and will then look for a walk as if she has done no exercise.
- Health if your dog has a known health problem, for example a heart condition, this has to be allowed for in his exercise programme.

It is quite common when a dog is presented at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic for the owner to say that he is not willing to exercise as he used to. This can sometimes be the early signs of arthritis but many other conditions have to be considered as well.

- Diet we have seen cases where dogs are losing weight due to over exercise and an insufficient diet. It is very important that your dog's energy requirements are provided in his diet. At Maynooth Veterinary Clinic, Newtown Grove, we are very happy to advise on this matter.
- Routine your dog should be exercised every day. Some dogs will require a morning and evening walk. It is helpful to vary the route and activity that you take them on as this provides stimulation and helps them to socialise.

It is now clear that your dogs exercise requirements are very much an individual matter that need some thought. It is important that the type

of play and exercise that you engage your dog in is controlled by you. A dog that becomes over excited is difficult to control and it is unwise to let him think that he is the one who is in charge. Games such as "chase" can be great fun but you have to consider whether you are



interfering with other peoples recreational enjoyment.

Exercise and play for your dog should be an enjoyable and beneficial activity for both dog and owner. As humans we are all guilty of letting it lapse occasionally but hopefully this article will prompt us to address this matter.



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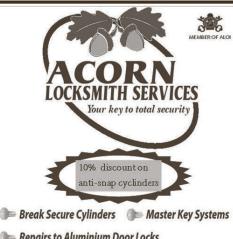
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North Kildare Chamber

North Kildare Chamber has welcomed the announcement that the Credit Guarantee Scheme will go live on Wednesday 24th October.

Eilis Quinlan, Chamber President, said "this scheme is something that the Chamber has been calling for since 2009 and we have consistently pushed for its implementation since its announcement last year.

The scheme has the potential to help a number of viable small business gain much needed access to credit and will be of particular advantage to high growth SMEs that are categorized as 'high risk'.

We urge any business in need of a loan to get down to their bank to explore all funding options. The scheme is intended to increase access to finance for businesses currently deemed too risky by the banks. It will provide a 75% State guarantee to banks against losses on qualifying loans to firms with growth and job creation potential.

With the potential to benefit over 1,800 businesses and create 1,300 jobs it is much needed at a time when unemployment remains at an unacceptably high rate. Supporting the domestic economy and containing the cost of employment must be the priority for Budget 2013 if these measures are to have any benefit to business," she concluded.

Editorial

The Community Council have already set the dates for the Harvest Festival for 2013 as can be seen on the front page of this publication. They have done this as this next year will be the year of The Gathering and we are asking all organisations in the town of Maynooth to tell us of any event that you might be organizing so that we can advertise it here in the Newsletter. We would like to run a calendar of all the events that could be linked to this most important event. The Council have extended this invitation to the University as well. The referendum on the position of children will take place on November 10th and all political parties are worried about the possible turn out of voters. We have said here before that there is a worry about the number of people voting and how this was so hard fought for in the past. There is very little coverage or debate about the issue as the main parties are, understandably, in favour of the proposal that has taken so long to bring to the people. As a nation, we have shown very little care for children and this is true going back centuries. There is very little emotional content in the early stories or poetry; indeed poets have castigated women for showing too much emotion about the deaths of both children and animals. Will a clause in the Constitution change the way this nation treats it's most vulnerable? Will a vote simply satisfy the nation's feelings and then all will go back to normal? That those with mental illness, those who are not able for life's rough and tumble, those who are bullied, will simply be forgotten again like the women in the Magdalen laundries and the children sold abroad who were born to women who were not married? The Minister is full of good intentions but Irish people, like certain sweets, can be very nice on the surface and very hard on the inside. An féidir a bheith cinnte go mbeidh athrú ar bith? We should remember that this is the time of Samain (November, Hallowe'en) and on the 31st October/1st November the early Irish celebrated and recognized the move from one season to another. At Tara, the winter sun lights up the tiny chamber in the Mound of the Hostages just as the solstice sun lights up Newgrange (Brú na Bóinne – the hostel on the Boyne) around the 21st December. This light is less well known and the chamber is too small to accommodate any group of people. Newgrange does not have room for many people either. Samain is mentioned on the Continent as Samonos so it is not just an Irish festival, Ag an am seo den bhliain, bhí saoirse ag daoine bogadh idir an saol seo agus an saol eile - ach bhí an dáinséar ann nach bhféadfaí filleadh ar an áit cheart.

The Otherworld opened up at this time of the year and the living could visit the dead or it was possible that the dead could return to this world. The games that used to be played, and sometimes still are, go back to very serious pre-Christian rituals of prophecy and shades of the other side. The early stories are full of references to the Otherworld and even entrances to such a place. One of these is the Cave of the Cats associated with the royal complex of Cruachu in Roscommon that was the seat of ancient Connacht kingship and the home of Medb and Ailill the queen and king of Connacht when the famous Táin (cattle-raid) took place where Cú Chulainn excelled as a warrior.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin



Community Council Notes

Monday 8th October 2012

As agreed at the last meeting, the main part of the evening was given over to Maynooth Tidy Towns and the development of an environmental development plan. A few short items were dealt with prior to this item on the agenda.

Co-options

There were a number of people co-opted to the forum Two members of the Maynooth Brass and Reed Band and a member from the Educate Together School. The meeting welcomed the new President of the Maynooth Students Union to the meeting . Aengus Ó Maoláin who was PRO for the Council has stepped down from that position due to work commitments but will continue to be a member of the Council. Muireann Ní Bhrolchain recorded the Council's thanks to Aengus for his work in this role. Susan Durack was co-opted as PRO. The treasurer reported a healthy financial situation

New FAS scheme

The new FAS scheme was reported to be on track. All applications and documentations have been completed structure, materials grant etc. The new scheme will begin in January 2013 and will include representatives of the Community Council, Maynooth Tidy Towns Group and a representative from the Maynooth Town Soccer Club. The number of workers allowed on the scheme has increased from 26 to 28. The office manager will continue until June 2013 and there will be a training in period for a new office manager from January 2013.

Festival

Reports from the Festival were very favourable and it was agreed that it provided a good basis for next year's event which is already in the planning. A Festival meeting was planned for Wednesday 10th October. It is hoped that next year's festival will include the participation of our twinning partner, Canet-en-Rousillion. It is envisaged that a delegation will visit during the festival. The Scouts, Tesco's, Manor Mills were thanked for their involvement in the Festival. Willie Kiernan was thanked for allowing the use of his sound equipment. It is planned that the festival will include an event or events to coincide with the "Gathering" celebrations of 2013.

Tidy Towns and environment development plan

The Tidy Towns Group were concerned with the low rating of the IBAL survey. It was noted that this survey was very subjective in its approach. It was suggested that Maynooth opt out of this survey. Richard Farrell and Paul Croghan gave a presentation to the meeting along with an excellent power point display of images of the work being carried out by a small group of people. It also highlighted areas where improvements need to be undertaken especially by Kildare County Council. Some successes were noted for example the involvement of the U3A ladies who helped with bag packing for Maynooth Tidy Towns, members of Maynooth University helped with a spring clean, the WEEE project for the disposal of electrical equipment was established.

There was much discussion about the poor traffic situation in the town. Road edges were destroyed due to illegal parking on the Kilcock road beyond the roundabout heading towards the graveyard. The parking situation on Parson's Street came in for strong criticism. It was pointed out that there is paid parking places available but people were not taking them up

even at the train station where the cost in minimal. It was stated that the number of students and staff in NUI Maynooth was approaching that of the town which is about 11,000 people and that this was having a major effect on traffic and parking in the area. The increase in the number of mature students who bring their own cars was also a factor.

The President of the Students Union reported that they would be requesting the establishment of a multistorey car park at NUI Maynooth and asked that the Community Council send a letter to the University to endorse this request.

The use of inappropriate shop frontage and neon lights was brought up. It was suggested that rather than wait until someone has set up shop and has paid for shop frontage it would be useful if the Council could give some guidance as to what would be appropriate shop front design and colour use for a historical, university and heritage town such as Maynooth. Westport was cited as a good example. An information leaflet from the Community Council would also engender a sense of good will, inclusiveness and cohesion. It was mentioned that there is a procedure through which concerns or complaints about shop/business frontage can be addressed and if there is blatant non-compliance a fine may be applied. However, it was suggested that having some guidance for people setting up business in the town about the look of their premises would be a good way to go.

A document was circulated which outlined the key areas and the stakeholders that might come together to take responsibility in these areas. The core group of the Tidy Town cannot take on all that is required. It was stressed that Maynooth Tidy Towns could only do so much and that other groups could think about how they might contribute to the upkeep and maintenance of the town. The Tidy Towns Group will report back in two months once some work had been done in relation to involving the proposed stakeholders.

Susan Durack PRO, Maynooth Community Council

Men's Sheds

Men's Sheds is a community based organisation for men who have time on their hands. It offers an opportunity to get together, to chill out, share skills and talk shoulder to shoulder.

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Difficulties paying the mortgage

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Answer

If you are already in arrears on your mortgage, or in danger of slipping into arrears, there are several options and supports in place to help you stay in your home. It is vital that you contact your mortgage provider as soon as possible to discuss your situation. Before you do so you can check the website keepingyourhome.ie, which has information for people who are having difficulty keeping up with their mortgage payments. This website provides online access to general information on mortgage arrears. It includes information on the supports that may be available to you, including the codes of conduct that your lender must abide by.

You can also ring the Mortgage Arrears Information Helpline. It provides general mortgage arrears information and guidance to people with mortgages on their primary residential property. The Helpline can refer you to relevant services such as the Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) and Free Legal Advice Centres. The Helpline number is 0761 07 4050, Monday to Friday 9.30am-5pm.

After you have contacted your lender, if they propose a longer-term arrangement for your mortgage, you have the option of getting financial advice on the proposed arrangement. If you wish to do this, your lender will pay $\ensuremath{\epsilon} 250$ to an accountant who will provide this advice. A county-by-county listing of participating accountants is published on keepingyourhome.ie.

Higher Education Access Route Ouestion

My family is not well off and most people in our area don't go on to university. I really want to study but it will be hard for me to make it, even with a student grant. Is there anything else to help people from backgrounds like mine to get to college?

Answer

The Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) aims to improve access to college for school-leavers who may not traditionally go on to third-level education. Under the HEAR scheme, a number of third-level places are allocated to school-leavers on a reduced points basis. For example, a HEAR student with 430 points might get a place on a course that requires 460 points. Participating colleges also provide extra supports for HEAR students.

You apply to the Central Applications Office (CAO) in the usual way and indicate on your application that you wish to be considered for HEAR.

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You should start preparing your HEAR application as soon as possible. You will need to gather supporting documents, such as relevant forms from the Revenue Commissioners, a statement of income from the Department of Social Protection and whatever other documents are required in your case.

The CAO application process opens in November 2012. When making your CAO application, follow the prompts to opt for HEAR as well. You must apply to the CAO by 1 February 2013 and complete your HEAR application by 1 March. Copies of your supporting documents must reach the CAO by 1 April.

The Student Grant Scheme is separate from HEAR, but you should also apply early for the grant so that you will get a decision in good time.

Advice clinics about HEAR will be run nationwide in January 2013. Your school should also be able to provide information and support.

Minimum physical standards for rented houses and flats

Question

My landlord promised to refurbish my flat, as it's quite basic and I share a bathroom with another tenant. He now says he doesn't have to refurbish, as I have been renting since 2007 and he says the legal standards don't apply to my flat. Is this correct?

Answer

Private rented housing must meet minimum physical standards, which are laid down in the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2008. All of these Regulations came into effect for new tenancies from 1 February 2009.

For existing tenancies, a 4-year phasing-in period was allowed for some of the standards in the Regulations, so that landlords could carry out the refurbishment works needed to modernise their properties. These include standards for sanitary facilities, heating facilities, food preparation, storage and laundry.

The phasing-in period ends on 1 February 2013 and your landlord must ensure that your flat meets the standards fully by that date.

By law, the landlord must provide:

- A separate room, for your exclusive use, with a toilet, a wash basin and a fixed bath or shower with hot and cold water
- A fixed heating appliance in each room, which is capable of providing effective heating and which you can control
- Adequate facilities for the hygienic storage, preparation and cooking of food and access to a washing machine and dryer

If your landlord refuses to provide these facilities, you can complain to your local authority, which is responsible for enforcing the standards.

Failure to comply with the minimum standards can result in penalties and prosecution.

Claiming tax reliefs

Question

I haven't claimed all my tax reliefs in recent years. What can I claim for now?

Answer

You can claim a range of tax reliefs, depending on your circumstances. If you did not claim reliefs that you were entitled to in previous years, you may claim a refund of any tax that you overpaid as a result. There is a time limit of four years, so you must claim any refund for 2008 before the end of 2012.

Generally, all individuals are entitled to a personal tax credit. There are extra credits which depend on your civil status (including whether you are widowed, a surviving civil partner or a lone parent) and your age if you are over 65.

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If you have educational expenses, you can claim tax relief on tuition fees for approved third-level courses.

For housing expenses, you may be entitled to tax relief on rent if you were already renting on 7 December 2010. You can claim tax relief on service charges paid up to the end of 2011. Relief on mortgage interest is granted at source - the mortgage instalments are reduced by the value of the relief. If you rent out a room in your home for up to &10,000 a year, you can claim relief on the income from it.

You can claim tax reliefs by contacting your regional Revenue office. Most can also be claimed online – see revenue.ie for details.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

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Address: Dublin Road, Maynooth Information is also available online at citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, 0761 07 4000.

MAYNOOTH GUILD ICA NOTES

CONGRATULATIONS! A special Guild Meeting to celebrate 60th anniversary of the guild will be held on Thursday Nov 1st. A special Service for deceased members will be held at this meeting. All past and current members most welcome. Craft nights continue on Mondays at 80'clock in the hall. Badminton is on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Sports Hall St Patricks College at 110'clock. New players welcome. Monthly Guild meetings 1st Thursday each month at 8:00 pm in the ICA Hall, The Harbour. New members welcome

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MAYNOOTH YOUTH CAFÉ

The committee of Maynooth Youth Café wish to thank Katrina and the staff of the Leisure Centre, Glenroyal Hotel, and the Ladies of the Aqua Group for their share of the proceeds from Fashion Show held recently in Glenroyal Hotel.

We also wish to thank all the Ladies of U.3.A Maynooth & everyone who supported this event. It was a very successful night and hopefully could become an annual event. The local fashion houses came up trumps.

Maynooth Youth Café have vacancies for volunteers. Training is over 2 days and following that, a commitment of 3 hours once every 5-6 weeks on a Thursday night. We also invite first years to drop in any Thursday night and check out what we have here to offer and more importantly let us know what you wish to be in our space. We hope to have a "Lazy Movie Night" on Thursday 1st November.

Helena

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5 th Prize	Mick Flynn Jnr	40pts	
6 th Prize	Paul Farrelly	39pts B9	
7th Prize	Barry Farrell	39pts	
Front 9	John Carroll	23pts	
Back 9	Derek Murray	20pts	
Nearest the Pin	Jody Connolly		
2's Club	Declan Byrne, John Saults, Paul		
	Farrelly, Niall Henry, Tom Campbell, Gerry McTernan		
Visitor	George Hutton 42pts		

Next outing: Knockanally on 24th November scramble in memory of Tommy (Shot) Flanagan Timesheet available

Castleknock Golf Club was the venue for the Paddy Foy's Presidents Prize. On a very sunny 21st October

45 members and visitors played this recently built golf course close to the Phoenix Park and the River Liffey, the course been designed and maintained to ensure a pleasant days golf, the weather conditions on the day were perfect the sun shone, very little wind and the course conditions were fantastic for the time of the year.

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

It's that time of year again folks when we ask you to climb high into your attic and dig deep into your pockets. Yes, our Sale of Work is just around the corner, Nov. 18th to be exact and it will take place once again in the Aula Maxima in Maynooth College at 3pm. Our people will be calling to you in the next couple of weeks and I have no doubt that we will be as welcome this year as we have over the past forty years. Most of our members are known to you but if you are in any doubt, ask for I.D. Remember we do not leave bags at your doors we call in person. If by chance we miss you when we call, you may leave goods at the Aula Hall on Sat. Nov. 17th or with any committee member. Our tickets for the monster hamper will be on sale at Tesco on the first and second weekends of Nov and your support would be very much appreciated. The Sale of Work is our main fundraising event of the year and our survival depends on it. Many thanks for all your support in the past and all I ask is that you continue to support us in the future. Finally may I take this opportunity to thank Tesco and Maynooth College and staff for their continued generosity and support.

Josephine Moore

"WHAT'S THE HURRY"?

By: Martina Jordan-Foy

"Time is the most important thing a man can spend", or so wrote Theophrastus anyway! So, why does it seem so ridiculous to ask have you noticed how everyone seems to be in an awful hurry lately? I mean, lets be honest how could you NOT notice? Even as you walk down the street everyone seems to be running around, heads down, earphones in, and texting! In this mass age of "communication" have we all lost the simple art of saying "Hello" to our fellow man?

Ok, so before you say it, yes, everyone is busy what with work, school runs etc, but precisely how hard is it to smile at our fellow travellers on this journey called life? A smile really can go a long way to making someone's day (especially in our climate)...yes we've all been warned and in turn have warned our own children about the Stanger danger, but surely we are not putting ourselves in jeopardy by saying "Hi, lovely/awful weather we are having today"? As we pass by someone on our way to the car/train/shop/bus?

People nowadays seem so caught up in living the perfect life that they have forgotten that to live means more than to exist!

Dr Seuss once said "They say that I'm old-fashioned, and live in the past, but sometimes I think progress progresses too fast!" I'm on the great authors side myself to be honest! Us oldies talk about (you can roll your eyes here), how things were better back then, to be honest, it wasn't that it was better; it's that things were simpler! Needed to talk to a neighbour? We didn't text or pick up a phone, we actually, gasp, called around to their house! And, bigger gasp, maybe even stayed to sit and have a cup of tea and a chat!

"I don't have enough time" seems to be the song we are all singing these days, sorry, forgive me here, but there ARE still 24 hours in a day isn't there? I won't rattle on about materialism, etc, but I think we all need to focus on what's REALLY IMPORTANT ...to YOU! Forget the Jones' here for a moment, I mean bully for them if their kids go to 20 after school activities every week ,and Mrs. Jones is patron to Heaven knows how many charities...we am not all Jones 'in this life neither should we aspire to be! If we were all the same life would be incredibly boring wouldn't it? So, sit down with a cuppa, some pen and paper and write out what is important to you and your family! Lower your expectations a little for tasks and activities that are not really top priorities...I mean do you have to watch 5 hours of reality TV every night to "relax"?

I'm not kidding here, this pen and paper business really works! Personally (much to the amusement of my town-born and raised husband of 16 years), I sit down every Tuesday night to make out a weekly menu and shopping list, I go grocery shopping once-a-week, save time and believe or not money too! It also allows us to sit down every evening as a family to eat together...think ripples in the pond here, even one small change can really add time to your day, here are some other simple time saving tips...and remember, it takes 21 days to actually change a habit so go easy on yourself, but you will notice you have more time to do, well whatever it is you want to do! (Notice I used the word "want" instead of "need"!)

Time saving tips:

BIG calendar! Every household should have one of these hanging up! That way everyone can write in their appointments , etc and you aren't attacked by a kid announcing "Oh I forgot to tell you , I have to be at so and so NOW "

Ongoing shopping list: Hang up a page somewhere everyone has access to it, fridge, for example: then whoever uses up all the cereal/sugar etc can write this on the shopping list

Chore chart: Again, every household needs one! If everyone does there bit every day, a mess doesn't appear!

Once-a-week clean, again: like the chore chart, jobs for everyone, even the littlies can help put laundry in the washing machine

The night before: Whether it's for school, work, whatever...have EVERYTHING ready to go, bags, clothes, breakfast cereal laid out, this one works a treat, especially if you happen to sleep in!

A place for everything: "did you see my keys"? We all know this one, it's simple, if everything has a certain place it's not going to get lost is it? In our house everyone even has a library book bag...

RESPONSIBILITY: This too is a biggie! WHY should the parent/guardian be responsible for EVERYTHING, didn't put your jeans in the laundry basket? THAT'S why you have no clean jeans then! Parents should remember, you are not your Childs slave, and yes, teaching responsibility will pay off in the end, in more ways than you can begin to imagine!

Okay that it for this month, I'll finish with another quote, from Gandhi himself: "There is more to life than simply increasing its speed"! And to quote myself, "Saving time really does save your sanity"!

Maynooth Community Council sends best wishes to Cllr. Brendan Weld

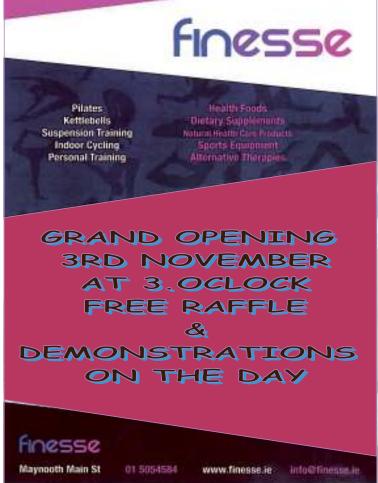


Maynooth Community Council sends best wishes to Cllr. Brendan Weld following his recent transplant operation. As Mayor of Co. Kildare in 2010/2011 Brendan strongly supported us to formalise the twinning agreement with Canet-en-Roussillon and is a signatory to the agreement as Mayor of County Kildare. "I remember when the formal delegation travelled to Canet in June 2011; Brendan was on a restricted diet to help manage his health condition" commented Paul Croghan a member of the twinning committee that travelled to France for the first signing of the official twinning charter. Despite his health condition at that time, Brendan represented us at all the events and formed a great relationship with the Mayor of Canet, Bernard Dupont. Brendan also participated in the ceremonies here in Maynooth in October 2011 when the French delegation came here to complete the signing of the twinning charter. Despite the challenges associated with his health, Brendan continues to be fully active as a member of Kildare County Council for the Clane Electoral Area and his many other roles that he fulfils. "I know that Brendan wants to go back to Canet-en-Roussillon with his wife for a holiday' confirmed Paul Croghan "and we wish him a speedy recovery and I know that there will be a big welcome for him when he returns to Caneten-Roussillon."











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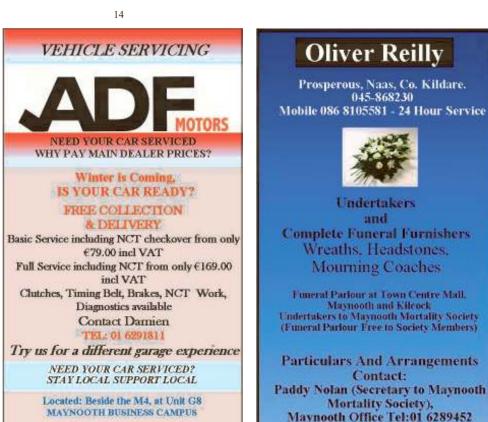
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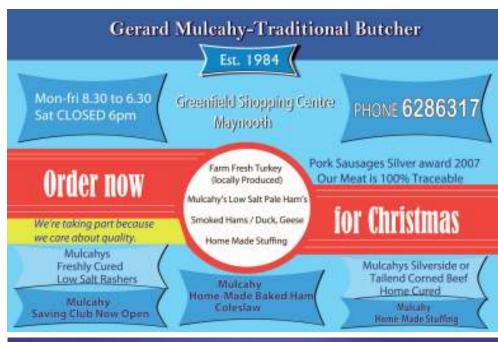
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Tidy Towns thanks Volunteers

On Friday October 19th Maynooth Tidy Towns held an evening to thank all our volunteers for their support in the 2012 campaign. Following an appeal at masses earlier in the year we were overwhelmed with the number of people who came forward to help us says Paul Croghan, Maynooth Tidy Towns Vice-Chairperson. We had clean ups and projects work three times a week during the Summer, Wednesday evenings, Saturday and Sunday mornings and there were always people available. We still need more people as we continue to tackle new projects to enhance the environment in our town. If somebody wants to get involved we will make them very welcome he says. Maynooth Tidy Towns acknowledges the support of the Glenroyal Hotel for this event and other activities during the year.







First Day's in School



Miss Rafter's Junior Infants class Boys National School



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BOSS HOGG

A local gallery and a quality roasted coffee, who could ask for more?

Daniel Ordibehesht and Laurian Green are the proud owners of one of the newest businesses in Maynooth. They opened their coffee shop, Boss Hogg, relatively recently by the main town square on the Straffan Road.

Laurian and Daniel say that they recognised the potential for high-end coffee in Maynooth, which is roasted by the famous Coffee Mojo. Coffee Mojo is an artisan roastery based in Co. Wicklow and uses only specialty grade Arabica coffee from different origins including Panama, El Salvador, Guatemala, Brazil, Kenya and Indonesia to offer coffee lovers some unique aromas, tastes and flavours. Though the main focus is on a wide variety of quality coffees from around the world, they also have a passion for supporting the local community by sourcing as much of their products from local producers and suppliers. Local industry and

community support is an integral focal point in any conversation with Daniel and Laurian, but they also endeavour to create an outlet for local artists such as Sean Cunningham and Briain O'Lionain, whose creations are on display for all to enjoy, or even purchase, while enjoying a tasty beverage. Even the shop furniture and decor are works of art in themselves, which were designed and created by Paul Moore of Ballybrittas in Laois. For those of you who would rather enjoy refreshments outside, such as the locally and organically produced breads, scones, jams and chutneys, there is seating provided which has a very generous view of the square and Maynooth.

Laurian's passion for the community is so strong that she says that it is "such a shame to see [the] young Irish generation speak negatively of their country, many want to leave" but she would like to "inspire our generation to stay and help Ireland grow and create opportunities for yourself". It is with such enthusiasm and vitality that they have created a warm and welcoming atmosphere in which you can sayour and enjoy their home style

organic products, some of which is baked by Laurian herself, whereby they also cater for customers with particular allergies. They constantly endeavour to improve on their products and support local talent from both the artistic and business arena. Daniel's background is in Business Management studies from D.I.T and Laurian studied for a Hospitality and Business Degree in Toronto, Canada, but it is with such skill-sets and enthusiasm that they have embarked on this business venture. They have combined this background with their views on the environment, whereby they use only fully compostable cups and lids thereby gaining much appreciation for this from local "green" organisations.

So if you are looking for a unique and refreshing experience with high quality coffees from around the world and locally sourced treats, why not try Boss Hogg; a local gallery and a quality roasted coffee, who could ask for more?

You can keep up to date with Boss Hogg on their twitter @Bo55HOGG or facbook/BO55HOGG



Top Picture: Interior views of the artistic furniture by Paul Moore.



Daniel and Laurian preparing to serve a customer.



View of coffee shop

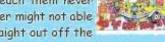


External seating offering views of Maynooth



CHILDRENS SAFETY ON WAY TO SCHOOL

- Map a safe route for them to walk to school or to the bus stop. Do a trial run a few times so that they will get used to where they have to go.
- Tell them what to avoid & what to watch out for. Tell them never to take short cuts to keep to the route you showed
- Teach them the green cross code. Tell them to cross the road at the traffic lights.
- Encourage children to walk to school in groups & to wait at the bus stop with the other children.
 - Teach children never to walk alone or talk to strangers. They are never too young to be told this. Never go anywhere with a stranger or take anything from them. Tell them if they see a stranger hanging around the bus stop, to tell the bus driver straight away and their teacher. At the school if they see a stranger hanging around the school, to tell the teacher immediately.
- If a stranger stops them and asks them for directions, tell your children to remember that adults should never ask for directions from children, they should ask other adults.
- Help the children remember your phone number. Always put a note in your children's school bag, out of plain sight but where your child would know.
- Teach your children how to stand on the path LOSS IN WICE. while waiting for the bus. Teach them never go behind the bus as the driver might not able to see them, & never run straight out off the path to meet the bus, especially when the bus is moving.



- Teach your children not to go to a stranger even if they call out their name or talk to them. This is a trick. The children should continue walking with the other children & tell a teacher when they get to school about the stranger.
- If someone tries to take them away, tell your children to scream "stranger danger" as loud as they can. To kick & punch the stranger to get away. If they are near a shop to run in, go straight to the counter and tell them that they are afraid & that some stranger tried to take them away. If they are near the school - to go and tell the teacher.
- Tell your children if they think a stranger is following them to go tell the teacher immediately when they get to school.
- Tell your children NEVER EVER leave the school grounds with a stranger. If the stranger knows their name & tells them there is an emergency & that their mammy told them to collect them - tell them NEVER BELIEVE THEM - to run back inside the school & tell a teacher immediately.
- Remember to have the children wear reflective jacket when walking to school so that the drivers can clearly see them. "BE SAFE, BE SEEN!"



ALWAYS FOLLOW THE SAFE CROSS CODE

- LOOK FOR A SAFE PLACE
- DONT HURRY STOP & WAIT
- LOOK ALL AROUND & LISTEN BEFORE YOU CROSS THE ROAD REMEMBER
- LET ALL THE TRAFFIC PASS YOU
- THEN WALKING STRAIGHT ACROSS YOU
- KEEP WATCHING, THAT'S THE SAFE CROSS CODE!!!

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Time: 13.45pm Registration Arrival tea / coffee and sandwich 14.00pm – 17.00pm Workshop

Open to: all festival & event organisers and people planning Gatherings within Co Kildare.

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Maynooth Labour News

Cllr. McGinley Asks That Illegal Parking at Parson Street, Boys School and Kilcock Road be Dealt With

As a result of Cllr. McGinley's representations the Council will issue warning notices for one week, followed by fines being issued on-going for illegal parking in these areas in Maynooth commencing next Wednesday 24th October 2012.

Cllr. McGinley Asks For Cycle path and Footpaths From Maynooth to Celbridge

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

"That the National Transport Authority (NTA) be asked to fund the extension of footpaths and cycle paths from the Salesian College in Celbridge to the Straffan Road, Maynooth, in order to make it safer for those attending the Salesian College, Celbridge and the Gael Scoil and Educate Together Schools in Maynooth."

John got the following reply at the Area Meeting on 19 October:

"This request can be included in the suite of requests for the NTA for 2013."

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Flexi Bollards at the Entrance to Carton Court

At the request of the Carton Court Residents Association Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee:

"That flexi bollards, similar to those newly erected at the pedestrian crossing in Áras Chill Dara car park, be erected down the middle solid white line at the entrance to Carton Court, Maynooth, in order to prevent drivers doing U turns at the entrance to the estate."

John got the following reply at the Area Meeting on 19 October:

"The area office would consider flexi bollards to be a traffic hazard in this context and it is felt that they would need to be replaced on a regular basis due to collisions"

John asked the Area Engineer to re-consider his proposal as flexi bollards are not damaged when hit by a vehicle as they are flexible.

Repairs to the cycle path from the bus stop at Kingsbry to Old Greenfield

Unfortunately Cllr. McGinley got the now standard reply to his motion i.e. there is no funding in the roads maintenance budget for these repairs.

Cllr. McGinley Demands That the Directional signs at Barrogstown Road Junction be Removed

John got the following reply to his motion at the Area Meeting on 19 October:

"The Area Office will clean the signs but do not feel that it is appropriate to remove them."

John pointed out that it is a waste of money cleaning the rotting signs and that they be removed before they collapse on top of someone.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Green Filter Light at the Exit from the Glenroyal Complex

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

"That a left filter light be put in place at the exit from The Glenroyal complex, Maynooth, to activate when the right filter light comes on, in order to help reduce tailbacks into The Glenroyal."

Incredibly the Roads Engineer stated at the Area Meeting on 19 October that it could not be done as it would stop people from using the pedestrian crossing. John asked the engineer to meet him on site so that he could see the error in his thinking.

New road at Old Greenfield, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion to have the site secured at the Area Meeting on 19 October:

"Development Control staff inspected the boundary between the unfinished estate and numbers 740 and 741 Old Greenfield. Additional fencing is required to prevent access to the unfinished site from the lane at the back of 740 and 741 Old Greenfield. This matter has been referred to the developer who has undertaken to attend to the matter in the week commencing 15 October 2012. Development Control staff will inspect the site again in the coming weeks to ensure this problem has been addressed."

Vehicular access to Laraghbryan Cemetery.

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion at the Area Meeting on 19 October:

"Vehicular access to the cemetery is restricted. The cemetery gates are opened only for funerals and in the week leading to the annual cemetery Mass. Access to the cemetery will remain closed otherwise."

Businesses in Maynooth Storing Large Rubbish Bins on Footpaths.

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion at the Area Meeting on 19 October:

"The owners of the bins have been contacted. Arrangements are in place to store the bins off street."

IBAL Judging of Litter;

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion at the Area Meeting on 19 October:

"The environment department contacted IBAL regarding the IBAL litter league and the following reply was received from Conor Horgan on behalf of IBAL:

Thank you for your query regarding the IBAL litter league. By its nature, participation in the league cannot be voluntary – towns exposed as less than clean will often request that they be omitted from future surveys but this would undermine the league structure. It is IBAL's intention to cover all towns of a certain significance in Ireland. However if you feel there is a compelling/extraordinary reason why a town should not be included, please outline this in writing to us and the request will be considered in respect of next year's league."

Dangerous Gully at the Perimeter of the New Car park, Leinster Street, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion at the Area Meeting on 19 October:

"The planning department has not had an opportunity to inspect the development for compliance with their planning permission. It will be inspected as soon as possible and a report will be available for the next Area Meeting."

Cllr. McGinley again pointed out that it is extraordinary that after 10 months the Planning Department cannot do such a simple exercise, after all they cannot be overburdened with Planning Applications in the present climate.

€15.7 Million Allocated to Enable Signing of Contract for Castlewarden to Ballygoran Water Supply Scheme

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the decision by the Minister for Environment to approve funding of €15.7 Million to Kildare Co. Council to enable the awarding of the contract for the Castlewarden to Ballygoran Water Supply Scheme to Ward and Burke Construction Limited.

The contract stated Deputy Stagg involves the construction of over 17km of distribution watermains and an additional 20 Megalitre reservoir and ancilliary works at Ballygoran, Maynooth. The new infrastructure will utilise water from the Srowland Water Treatment Plant which is currently under construction and will lessen Kildare Co. Council's reliance on the supply from Fingal County Council's Leixlip Water Treatment Plant.

This new Water Supply Scheme stated Deputy Stagg will provide a good quality secure water supply for residents in Maynooth, Celbridge, Leixlip and Straffan for many years and will improve future employment prospects. It will also end the problem of low water pressure in areas of North Kildare which is experienced during the summer months.

In concluision Deputy Stagg looked forward to work commencing on the project in the near future.

Stagg Disappointed at Delay in Considering Pilot Screening Scheme for Aortic Aneurysms

Last February Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Health, Dr. James Reilly T.D. in relation to the setting up of a Pilot Screening Scheme for Aortic Aneurysms, given the fact that 400 people die in Ireland every year from the outcome of ruptured Aorta Aneurysms and given the fact that screening for the condition is relatively straight forward and not costly. The Minister for Health advised Deputy Stagg then that whilst the Cardiovascular Health Policy 2010-2019, called 'Changing Cardiovascular Health' did not specifically consider recommendations for screening and surgical repair of aortic aneurysms, the report did add that it should be considered further as part of general policy requirements for health screening. The Minister further advised Deputy Stagg that he would establish a working group to examine the possibility of introducing a pilot scheme.

Deputy Stagg recently questioned the Minister further in relation to progress on setting up the Pilot Screening Scheme but disappointingly the Minister has advised Deputy Stagg that it has not been possible to progress this issue in the manner previously proposed principally due to resource issues. The Minister further advised Deputy Stagg that he intends at the earliest opportunity to explore with the HSE alternative possibilities in this regard.

Deputy Stagg stated that he would continue to make the case to the Minister for Health and reiterated that the screening does not involve expensive high tech equipment or highly qualified or highly paid personnel. In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that the screening in addition to saving lives would also lead to the prevention of debilitating strokes through the identification of the aneurysms.

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Compert Mongáin ocus serc Duibe-Lacha do Mongán (The conception of Mongán and the love of Dub Lacha for Mongán)

(A continuation of the longer version of Mongán's life that follows him into his adult and complicated married life.)

15 Mongán took Tibraide's shape and gave Mac an Daim the shape of the cleric with a large tonsure on his head and a satchel on his back. They went to where the king of Leinster was, he welcomed Tibraide and kissed him and said:

'It is a long time since I have seen you Tibraide,' he said. 'Read the gospel to us and walk before us to the fortress. And let Ceibín Cochlach, the chariot attendant, go with you. The queen, wife of king of Ulster, is there and she would like to make her confession with you.' When Mongán was saying the gospels, Mac an Daim was saying: 'Amen, Amen.'

The crowd said that they had never seen such a cleric, one who had only one word when he was reading – Amen.

16 Mongán went to the door of the fort where Dub-Lacha was and she recognized him.

Mac an Daim said: 'All of you leave the house now so that the queen may make her confession.'

But her nurse or foster-sister boldly chose to stay there with her. Mac an Daim put his arms around her and put her outside saying that no one should be with the queen except the woman who came with her. He closed the sunroom after him, put the glass door on it, opened the glass window and then took his own wife to bed with him. Mongán also took Dub-Lacha, he sat by her shoulder and gave her 3 kisses. He brought her to bed with him where he had his desire with her. When that was over, the old woman who was guarding the jewels spoke. She was in the corner and they did not notice her until then. Mongán sent a quick, magic breath towards her so that she was uncertain about what she had seen. 'That is a pity,' said the old woman, 'holy cleric, do not take heaven from me. My thought was wrong and accept my apology; a false vision was shown to me and I love my fosterling.

'Come over here,' Mongán said, 'and make your confession.'

The old woman got up and Mongán made a spike in the chair; she fell on the spike and died.

'Bless you Mongán,' said the queen, 'it is good for us that the old woman is dead because she would have told people what we did.'

17 Just then they heard a knocking on the door and Tibraide was there with 27 men.

The doorkeepers said: 'We have never had a year like it for Tibraide, there is one inside and one outside.'

'That is true,' Mongán said, 'Mongán has taken my appearance. Come outside and I will pay you; kill the clerics over there because they are nobles associated with Mongán who are in the shape of clerics.'

The household got up and killed the clerics and 18 men fell. The king of Leinster arrived and asked them what was going on.

They said: 'Mongán has arrived in Tibraide's shape but Tibraide is here.'

The king accused them and Tibraide went to the church at Cill Chamáin. None of the remaining 9 escaped without an injury.

18 The king came to the house and Mongán left. The king asked: 'Where is Tibraide?'

'That was not Tibraide who was here,' said the girl, 'but Mongán as you will hear.'

'Were you with Mongán?' he asked.

'I was,' she said, 'because he has a better claim on me.' 'Send for Tibraide,' said the king, 'because we have killed his people.' Tibraide was brought to them, Mongán left and did not return for a quarter and he suffered from a wasting sickness during that time.

19 Mac an Daim came to him and said: 'My wife has been away from me for a long time because of a fool like you. I did not make a friendship without refusal with the king of Leinster's servant.'

'You go for me,' asked Mongán, 'to get news at Ráth Deiscirt in Brega where Dub Lacha Lámgel is, because I cannot go there.'

Dub Lacha said: 'Let Mongán come to me because the king of Leinster is making a royal tour around Leinster. His chariot attendant, Ceirbín Cochlach, is with me and he is telling me to escape and that he will come with me and Mongán is weak.'

Mac an Daim went to talk to Mongán.

20 Mongán travelled to Ráth Deiscirt in Brega. He sat at the girl's shoulder and an ornate chess set was brought to them and they played. Dub Lacha showed him her breasts. He looked at them; he saw her large, soft, white breasts, the centre slender and shining brightly. He wanted her and Dub Lacha noticed this. But the king of Leinster was coming to the fort with his people and the fort was opened for him. He asked her if the Mongán had been there. She replied that he had. 'I want to ask you something,' the king said.

'You will have that, except you being with me until the end of the year, there is nothing that you can ask that I will not give you.'

'If that is so,' said the king, 'tell me if you want Mongán because when he leaves, you will want him.' 21 Mongán came back after a quarter and he longed for her; all the people of the dwelling were there. After that the people came out and Mongán turned from the fort and returned to his house and he was a quarter in love sickness. The nobles of Ulster gathered in one place and offered to go to battle for Mongán's wife.

'By my word,' he said, 'the woman was taken from me by my own stupidity. Not one Ulsterman will fall to bring her back; I will do it by my own cunning.' 22 A year passed by; Mongán and Mac an Daim travelled to the house of the king of Leinster. The nobles of Leinster were coming from the dwelling and a great feast was being prepared for Dub Lacha's wedding. Mongán vowed he would marry her and came to the green outside.

'Mongán,' asked Mac an Daim, 'what shape will we take?'

They saw the old woman of the mill who was called Cuimne. She was a large old woman with a huge dog on a chain licking the mill stones. He had a twisted rope around his neck and his name was Brothar. They saw a nag with sores and an old pack saddle. She was carrying corn and flour from the mill.

23 When Mongán saw them he said to Mac an Daim: 'I know what shape we will take. If I am supposed to take my wife, I will take her this time.'

'That is good, noble prince.'

'Come,' said Mongán, 'call Cuimne of the mill to me, I want to talk to her.'

'It is 60 years since anyone wanted to talk to me', she said.

She came out and the dog followed her.

When Mongán saw her, he laughed and said: 'If you take my advice, I will give you the shape of a young woman and you can be my wife or that of the king of Leinster.'

'I will do that,' she said.

He hit the dog with his magic rod and made a soft, bright lapdog that was the most handsome in the world. He had a silver chain around his neck with a little, gold bell so that it would fit into a hand. He hit the old woman and turned her into a young woman who had the most beautiful shape and form of all the women in the world - Ibell Gruadsholas (of the bright cheeks), daughter of the king of Munster. He took the shape of Aed son of the king of Connacht and he put Mac an Daim in the shape of his attendant. Then he created a shining white horse with a purple mane and a gold saddle with speckled gold and precious stones. They

mounted 2 more horses in the shape of steeds and they reached the fort.

24 The door-keepers saw them and told the king of Leinster that Aed Álainn (beautiful) son of the king of Connacht, his attendant and his wife, Ibell Gruadsholas daughter of the king of Munster were there. They were exiled from Connacht and were looking for protection from the king of Leinster. They did not want to arrive with a crowd of followers with them. The door-keeper announced them and the king came over and welcomed them. He called the son of the king of Connacht to his shoulder

'It is not our custom', said the son of the king of Connacht, 'but that the second best man in the house would sit beside the king. Next to you I am the second best in the house and I will sit beside the king.'

25 The drinking house was arranged and Mongán put a love drink into the old woman's cheeks. The king of Leinster looked at her and he was filled with love of her. There was not a bone in his body the size of an inch but that was filled with love of the old woman. He called his attendant and said:

'Go to the wife of the son of the king of Connacht and tell her that the king of Leinster loves her very much; a king is better than the heir.'

Mongán understood the whispering and he said to Cuimne:

'The king of Leinster's attendant is coming to you with a message. I understand his whisper; if you take my advice you would not be with a worse man than myself or the king of Leinster.'

'I do not have a choice of a bridegroom,' she said, 'it does not matter what which man of you I have.' 'If that is so,' Mongán said, 'when he comes to you, tell him that by gifts and wealth you will know who loves and then ask him for the drinking horn that he will bring you.'

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

Notes (numbers refer to the paragraphs)
18 The theme of wasting sickness or being sick with love is common in the sagas.

23 The change from old woman to young girl is part of the literature, it is an essential feature of the sovereignty myth. The land of Ireland is seen as a woman, the king is a man and their relationship is a marriage. As the king gets older, the land/woman ages with him, but when a young king come along, the old woman becomes a beautiful young girl again as the land is renewed by the new king.

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LEINSTER LEAGUE DIVISION 2B

NORTH KILDARE 18 EDENDERRY 11 By Emmet Brady

James Malone was the North Kildare hero as he came off the bench to score a superb try with only 4 minutes remaining. The game seemed to be heading for a draw before Malone hit the line at pace, jinked inside two tackles and scored under the posts. It was his first appearance of the season following a hamstring injury but in the 25 minutes he was on the pitch he showed he is going to be a vital player for Kildare this season. The win leaves them in 3rd place in the league, with two tough away matches now to come this win was vital. Following last week's defeat to Railway Union, Kenny McDonald started at out half with Eddie Hopkins moving into the 2nd row in place of Darragh Toner. In any derby match a good start is vital and it was the visitors who struck first with a try in the 12th minute. A smart chip kick through by the out half was touched down by the winger and although the conversion was missed it was the perfect start for the Offaly men. Kildare responded well and following two penalties they found themselves with a line out ten metres out. Tom Satchwell took the it at the back and following a good drive they were awarded a penalty. Sean Brady chose to decline the 3 points and went for a scrum. Again a good drive ensued but when the move went out the back line the visitors were again penalised in the other corner. Brady again went for the jugular and opted for the five metre scrum but Edenderry put on a good drive and as the scrum went through 90 degrees they were awarded a scrum, which they cleared their lines from. Would Kildare regret not taking the 3 points on offer, not once but twice? It certainly looked that way as Edenderry almost scored

their 2nd try moments later. After some bad passing in

the Kildare backline allowed a hack through from the Edenderry centre which their winger gathered, it looked as though he was in the corner but a last gasp tackle from Gavin Satchwell denied him. However the referee deemed the tackle to be too high, awarded a penalty and sent Satchwell to the sin bin for 10 minutes. To add salt to their wounds Kildare's supporters were baying for a Edenderry yellow card prior to this as they had been penalised 5 or 6 times in quick succession. From the penalty they went to the corner. Initially North showed good defence to keep them out but were then penalised further in field and the away side opted correctly to take their points and make it 8-0. Just before half-time however they were also reduced to 14 men as the referee sin binned their loose head prop as punishment for those persistent infringements. Kildare suffered a blow at half time as Tom Satchwell was forced to come off with a shoulder injury, Lorcan Doocey taking his place. But with their coach David Plummer's instructions ringing in their ears the home team started the 2nd period the stronger side, and it wasn't long before they got their reward. A good break by Doocey was carried on by prop Sam Hehir. The rest of the pack then arrived to create quick ball and it was moved across the backline. Scott McGrath almost got in in the corner but was stopped just short. They recycled well and moved the ball back across the line. Again defence was good from the away team but Kildare's rucking was also very good and as they attacked again Sean Brady evaded tow tackles to go over following a beautifully floated pass from Kenny McDonald. Unfortunately McDonald was off target with the conversion but Kildare's tails were up and soon after they were level as Joe Gerry knocked over a penalty from 30 metres out.

Edenderry then replied with another penalty to make it 11-8 and again this stung Kildare into attack. Twice it looked as though they would score but Scott McGrath and Dermot Preston both knocked on with the line at their mercy. Eventually though pressure told and they were awarded a penalty ten metres out which Gerry slotted over to make it all evens again. As the game

moved into the closing stages it looked as though they would be sharing the points a result which would leave both sides well adrift of table toppers Railway Union already. But then came a moment of magic which Kildare will hope to look back on later in the season as a vital score. Tom Satchwell now patched up and back on the field, started the move with the initial break with Rob Darcy making great ground then. The forwards rucked over well and the ball was moved through the back line out to Malone who was standing at 2nd centre. He hit the pass from Sean Brady perfectly and after breaking the first tackle he jinked inside two attempted tackles to sprint clear and touch down under the posts to the home side's players and supporters delight. Gerry added the extras and although Edenderry came back at them Kildare dealt with it well and managed to hold on for a very important win. The next travel to Guinness who play in the Iveagh grounds in Crumlin. A few years ago Guinness may have been considered a social club but they have improved greatly and beat Kildare in the corresponding fixture two years ago, so they will be hoping for revenge and a win to keep them on the promotion trail.

NORTH KILDARE: 1 SAM HEHIR 2 DERMOT PRESTON 3 GAVIN SATCHWELL 4 JOE HALPIN 5 EDDIE HOPKINS 6 NIALL McCANN 7 ROB DARCY 8 TOM SATCHWELL 9 CAMERON FUTTER 10 KENNY McDONALD 11 SEAN DAMERY 12 SEAN BRADY(capt) 13 ADRIAN MAGUIRE 14 SCOTT McGRATH 15 JOE GERRY SUBS: PAUL McINERNEY, MORGAN McINERNEY, LORCAN DOOCEY, JAMES MALONE, JACK HURLEY.

Wanted 3 / 4 Bedroom Detached House

Unfurnished on the outskirts of Maynooth

Long term lease required To commence March 2013

Please contact Kay on (087) 7077279

NEW BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Chairperson, Cllr. Brendan Weld: Kildare VEC representative.

Mr Seamus Burke: Staff representative.

Cllr. Willie Callaghan: Kildare VEC representative.

Ms Joan Donlon: Staff representative.

Mr Andrew Dunne: Community representative.

Ms Nuala Forde: Parent representative.

Ms Mary Gaffney: Community representative. Cllr. Senan Griffin: Community representative.

Mr Alan Millet: Parent representative.

Ms Teresa Murray: Kildare VEC representative.

Mr Gerry Quinn: Community representative.

NEW SCHOOLS

Maynooth Post Primary School Principal Mr Johnny Nevin wants the junior school/senior school concept adopted for the new Maynooth schools. He told the Parent Teacher Association AGM that it is the best way to manage the educational needs of the students. PTA Chairperson Ms Teresa Murray told the Maynooth Newsletter that PTA agrees that the junior/senior concept is the best way forward and appeals to the Department of Education and Skills to consider the benefits and savings involved. The demand for second level places in Maynooth is expected to grow from the existing 1,160 students to nearly 1,400 by the time the new schools are opened in September 2014.

Newsletter Availability

The Newsletter is delivered to all major estates in Maynooth, and for all other areas there is a limited amount available in the following places:

Tesco, Maynooth Citizen Information Centre, Dublin Road Library, Main Street, Maynooth Maynooth Bookshop, Main Street Maynooth Credit Union, Main Street Londis, Main Street Centra, Main Street Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth Supervalu, Glenroyal Shopping Centre Glenroyal Leisure Centre News4U, Glenroyal Shopping Centre Mulcahy Butchers, Greenfield Shopping Centre Donovans, Greenfield Shopping Centre Spar, Beaufield Shopping Centre Easons, Manor Mills Shopping Centre The Village Stores, Moyglare Road **Carton House Hotel GUI Carton House** And the Maynooth Community Council Offices

Maynooth Community Library Presents

In Association with the Maynooth Film Club for All and Access Cinema

The screening of...

Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

Thursday, November 8th at 10:30 am

Judy Dench, Maggie Smith, Tom Wilkinson and Bill Nighy star as a group of British retirees who decide to 'outsource' their retirement to less expensive and seemingly exotic India....

Not to be missed!!

To book your place, call into the Library, telephone or email: 01 6285530 / maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie

Clues Across

- 1. Fortunately (7)
- 4. Sensational novel (7)
- 8. Measure of the warmth or coldness (11)
- 12. Score (4)
- 13. Paint unskilfully (4)
- 14. Insanely (5)
- 15. Jams tight (6)
- 17. 8th letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 22. Bring into existence (4)
- 23. Grasp (5)
- 24. Sudden assault (4)
- 25. Chambers (5)
- 28. Bother (6)
- 30. Doughnut-shaped roll (5)
- 32. Deep wound (4)
- 34. Crack (4)
- 35. Inflammation of the tonsils (11)
- 38. Not at work (3,4)
- 39. Incomplete (7)

Special Prize Book Voucher

Give yourself the luxury of browsing, and choosing the book/books which take your fancy from the wide selection available in the store of our sponsor

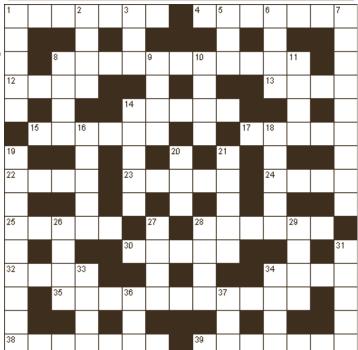
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November 2012 Crossword - No: 408



Entries in before: 27th November 2012	
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Answers to Crossword 407

Clues Down

- 1. Express mirth (5)
- 2. Bottom of ship's hull (4)
- 3. Cut off (3)
- 5. Covering for the head (3)
- 6. Thin rope (4)
- 7. Dutch painter (9)
- 8. Story (4)
- 9. Periods of history (4)
- 10. Supporter (4)
- 11. Overhanging lower edge of a roof (4)
- 14. Untidy (5)
- 16. Sleep images (5)
- 18. Groups of animals (5)
- 19. Misunderstanding (9)
- 20. Masculine pronoun (3)
- 21. Pertaining to punishment (5)
- 26. Expel (4)
- 27. Worn by women in India (4)
- 28. Hades (4)
- 29. Optical device (4)
- 31. Prickly (5)
- 33. Grasp (4)
- 34. River sediment (4)
- 36. Posed (3)
- 37. Class (3)

Winner of Crossword No. 407 October

Pat McNamara 1,Woodlands Maynooth

Prize winners will have 30 days to claim their prize from the time the results are made public.

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Win a €10 book voucher if you are the first entry drawn with both puzzles correct.

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Send completed puzzles to Maynooth Newsletter Unit 5 Tesco S/C Maynooth.

Entries must arrive before: 27th November 2012

Sudoku Challenge November 2012



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Congratulations to October Winner:

Derek Barratt 173 Castletown Leixlip

Prize winners will have 30 days to claim their prize from the time the results are made public

Catherine Murphy

There Must be Consequences for Pyrite

"Pyrite Stakeholders, Cannot be Allowed Wash Their Hands of This Issue" Murphy.

Independent TD for Kildare North Catherine Murphy today blasted Industry Stakeholders for failing to agree on remedial actions for homeowners affected by Pyrite. Long past the end of September deadline imposed upon them by Minister Hogan, they have now been given a further 10 days by the Minister to come up with solutions.

Stakeholders including the Construction Industry Federation, the Irish Concrete Association and insurers Homebond amongst others, have failed to agree a plan to jointly address the issue of pyrite affected homes despite the deadline imposed upon them by the Minister for the Environment Phil Hogan.

"The Minister called for them today to 'contribute to the cost' of remediation and said he is 'hopeful' they will respond within 10 days. This is completely unacceptable. These homeowners are being left to watch their homes disintegrating around them while these industry stakeholders twiddle their thumbs and receive no sanctions from the Minister."

"We must see consequences for these stakeholders above and beyond the imposition of levies. This Government must firmly close the door on The Insurance Federation, The Construction Federation and the lending institutions because they have had no problem closing the door on the affected homeowners."

"The Minister must be forceful on this; he cannot allow those involved to continuously move the goalposts. It is long overdue that the Minister directly and robustly resolves this issue."

Rare Opportunity Cannot be Wasted

Local Government Reform must build Governance at the Local level - Independent TD launches her own detailed proposals.

Speaking ahead of the Minister's launch of the Local Government Reform plan, Independent TD for Kildare North Catherine Murphy insisted that this is an unprecedented opportunity to create a system of real local Government in this country and it is an opportunity that cannot be wasted.

"This is a significant and rare opportunity to effect real reform to our system of local Government and we cannot afford to get this wrong. Citizens must be at the core of the reform philosophy; it cannot be a purely cost saving measure. If we are to have Area Committees then we must be clear as to what the functions of these committees will be and the level of control and responsibility that will be afforded to them at the local level."

"We have here a chance to increase democratic control, de-clutter central Government and increase citizen participation by enhancing governance at a local level. If we can create a two tier system of regional and municipal councils we can build effectively on the significant strengths already evident at a community level such as GAA organisations, Tidy Towns Initiatives and the many voluntary organisations who can understand and react to the particular needs of each locality."

"Place shaping can only occur when there is a true understanding of all the factors involved in managing the particular economic, social and cultural needs of an area and a centralised system of local Government will not allow for such intimate knowledge."

NAMA Site Chosen for Jobs Boost In North Kildare.



Constituency Office: Unit 4, The Post House, Leixlip Shopping Mall, Main Street, Leixlip, Co. Kildare

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday, 10am-1pm

Phone: (01) 615 6625 e-mail: catherine.murphy@oireachtas.ie website: www.catherinemurphy.ie

Advice Service:

Advice Centres will take place on the last Friday of every calendar month at the following locations:

> 2pm: The Turn Inn, Derrinturn 4pm: Keogh's The Corner House, Clane 6pm: The Monread Lodge, Naas



Catherine Murphy TD • Independent • Kildare North

Independent TD for Kildare North, Catherine Murphy has strongly welcomed today's announcement by The Kerry Group that they are to build a technology and innovation centre in Naas which will create almost 1,300 jobs over the next four years.

"This is exceptionally good news for the entire County of Kildare and for Naas in particular. The creation of so many jobs in such a strategic location will have enormous benefits for Kildare. I would like to congratulate everyone involved in bringing this development to Kildare."

"This fantastic news today is made even sweeter by virtue of the fact that the site chosen for the development, Millennium Park in Naas, has been in the hands of NAMA for a while now, so it is great to see it being utilised for the benefit of the County."

Ambulance Cuts are Unacceptable-No Matter When They Happen.

Murphy incredulous at Lawlor's comment that "It's only from Monday"

Speaking in the Dáil chamber today, Catherine Murphy, Independent TD for North Kildare, expressed outrage at the cuts to the Maynooth HSE ambulance base which services North Kildare. The cuts ensure that there will be no ambulance service to the area from 7am to 7pm one day per week as well as an overall reduction in the numbers of ambulance on duty at all times across the area.

In reply, Fine Gael TD for North Kildare, Anthony Lawlor, told the Dáil that the cuts would only take effect from next Monday. An incredulous Murphy retorted "Well I am not happy about Monday, are you?"

"To suggest that these cuts are not a big deal because they only affect one day of the week is shocking. You cannot time medical emergencies to avoid the day the service does not operate"

"To have Anthony Lawlor, a Government Deputy for the North Kildare area, downplay the extent of these cuts is outrageous.

"While I have been assured that there are alternative measures in place, they are not wholly satisfactory and cannot take the place of a fully functioning ambulance service for the area."

An Attack on Front-Line Services and Vulnerable People

Today's announcement of cuts to home help hours will decimate the service-Murphy

Independent TD for Kildare North, Catherine Murphy today blasted Government and HSE for proceeding with €8 million in cuts to home help hours before the year end.

"The announcement today of this spending cut to such a vital front-line service gives lie to all the Government rhetoric we've been fed about its commitment to protecting the most vulnerable in our society"

"The Home Help service is one of our most costefficient and valuable front line services. It actually reduces cost at the other end of the scale by reducing numbers in nursing homes and long stay hospital beds."

"€8million over a 2 month period is the equivalent of €48million over the course of a year. It must also be noted that this fresh spending cut comes on the back of cuts of 500,000 home help hours earlier this year. It is simply unfeasible to expect a service to continue on the same level with cuts of this magnitude. People will suffer there are no two ways about it. "

Jobs and Amenities at Donadea must be safeguarded in Coillte plans.

The Independent representatives in Kildare have today jointly expressed concern for the future of Donadea Forest Park and other similar forest parks nationwide following statements from Minister for Agriculture Simon Coveney regarding the selling off of the harvesting rights of Coillte forests.

Speaking yesterday, both Catherine Murphy TD and Councillor Pádraig McEvoy demanded that Minister Coveney explain what impact will the proposed deal have on Donadea and other forest parks, in terms of their amenity value and their ecology value, and the impact for jobs that the deal will have.

"Donadea is a key tourism driver in North Kildare. We cannot risk having it damaged. Will the deal be limited to timber rights? What about any potential minerals that may be discovered in the area? Will they be protected?"

Councillors Anthony Larkin, Seamie Moore and Paddy Kenny echoed these concerns and said they would have worries regarding unsustainable harvesting and unregulated forestry practices into the future if Coillte resources are privatised.

"As it is we have had an underinvestment in Irish Forestry and this has led to us being below par in terms of the value of forestry to the Irish economy. We need to ensure that any decisions made in relation to forestry take account of both financial concerns as well as the important amenity and cultural value of such sites."

"Irish People are lucky in having such fantastic natural resources and it is vitally important that we recognise the value of these resources and safe-guard them for the benefit of this country. Forestry in particular has the capacity to provide not only fantastic recreational amenities but also the added benefit of providing sustainable employment and can help to form part of overall plan to tackle climate change."

Tidy Towns Competition 2012 Adjudication Report

Centre: Maynooth Ref: 377 County: Kildare Mark: 281 Category: F Date(s): 20/06/2012

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2011	Mark Awarded 2012
Overall Development Approach	50	43	44
The Build Environment	50	37	37
Landscaping	50	43	43
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	29	29
Litter Control	50	29	30
Tidiness	30	18	18
Waste Minimisation	20	12	12
Residential Areas	40	27	27
Roads, Streets and back Areas	50	33	33
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	400	279	281

Overall Development Approach:

Welcome Maynooth Tidy Towns to the 2012 Tidy Towns Competition. Your entry was very much appreciated.

Your entry submission is comprehensive. The map is a standard ordnance survey map but the work carried out for this year's competition is not marked on it. The application form says "please mark on map any items you wish to ensure are seen by the adjudicators" it goes on to say "the locations of your new work for this year's competition should also be marked". If the marks are in the form of numbers linked to a key that will be fine.

As mentioned by last year's adjudicator a committee of 18 members is large for a town of your size but it is also indicative of strong support from the community. The frequency of meetings seems appropriate.

Your support groups and agencies are diverse

and that is a good thing. You make good use of print media and it is noted that you are part of a new community web portal for Maynooth. Please enclose copies of any printed material that publicises your tidy towns activities as these can be taken into account in calculating marks. They will be returned to you after the competition. If they are very numerous some samples will suffice. Well done on having a tidy towns liaison officer for the schools. The interest shown by the schools in the green flag programme is very high and this will work to your mutual benefit.

The Built Environment:

The future of the Geraldine Hall has been secured thanks to Scouting Ireland. Your work on the community facility is noted and the additional two SMEs into the side lanes are

Your point about the colours used on the front of the new fast food premises is well made. This adjudicator is surprised that it was

Small pound is a good initiative and we look forward to it progressing. Your work on enhancing derelict is commended. This is a national problem and the tidy towns handbook has advice and tips on treating derelict buildings should you need them. Your work on Tobins and Buckley's houses is also commended. Signage will be dealt with in the Tidiness Category.

Schools visited by the adjudicator included St Mary's Boys National School with its green flag, Presentation Girls School also with a green flag and the Post Primary School with 2 green flags.

Leinster Street – business premises well presented.

Leinster Street/Main Street – arches, cobbles, seating etc greatly enhance the centre of the village.

The library is eye catching.

Landscaping:

Landscaping does require high maintenance and this is often overlooked when costings are being prepared. Visitors, and some locals, often forget that these wonderful floral displays can require very high maintenance costs and tidy towns do recommend striking a balance between low cost year round maintenance and high cost summer long flowers. The splashes of summer colour will be missed on the main street due to your decision not to provide them this year in an effort to conserve water. This adjudicator wonders if you have had second thoughts about this decision given the weather we have had this summer. Your high quality tubs/planters were seen around the village. The landscaping at the Boy's Primary School on Moyglare Road was seen and admired. The trees in the centre of the village give great character to it. Details of your maintenance programme including the revamp to the roundabout outside Tesco have been noted. Your tidy towns group makes relatively few Euro go a very long way. Well done to all involved.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

We note your comments about developing more wildlife areas before you embark on developing wildlife trails.

The rehabilitation of the island in Maynooth harbour was an excellent initiative. The swans will be delighted. It was an extraordinary achievement for one days work. The new planting here is also very welcome. The information board on the flora/fauna and wildlife in the harbour area will be a very valuable addition here.

Your work in Carton Avenue, Harbour Field, Kilcock Road and other areas in relation to catering for wildlife is commended. The bird nest boxes in the schools are a good idea. Are plans in place to monitor occupancy and end of nesting season cleaning?

Encouraging residential areas to maintain wildlife areas is another good initiative. Children in these estates who also go to schools

with green flag programmes will be more likely not to interfere with these wildlife areas. The adjudicator saw a grey squirrel jump from a wall to a tree on the riverside walk. You have wildlife in the Town!

The Maynooth Litter Management Plan has identified the locations and timings of littering and it peaks at the weekends. Your adjudication day was a Wednesday so presumably litter levels would have been quite low. This equates with this adjudicator's experience as very little was seen on the day. Your experience with the LBAL litter league confirms that the litter management plan and the response to it is improving the litter problem significantly. Carton Avenue entrance needs attention overflowing litter bin, litter and two rusty metal

The programme of litter picking set out in your entry submission is very good. What is obvious is that Kildare County Council on its own and Maynooth Tidy Towns on its own could not have achieved such a significant reduction on littering rates but combined they made an even greater impact than working separately. It is good to see partnership projects between tidy towns groups in adjoining towns and villages. This takes place in other parts of Kildare and, indeed, in some other counties and is to be encouraged.

Leinster Street – small amounts of litter. Well done to all involved in reducing littering in Maynooth.

Tidiness:

Your weed clearing team is successful. On adjudication day no weeds were seen on approach roads.

Your dedicated team member who deals with illegal signage is also effective as no illegal signs were noticed.

You appear to have a graffiti problem although this adjudicator did not see any significant amounts of graffiti. Adjudication day was 20th June so perhaps the foreign students had not yet arrived.

Traffic through the town centre was quite slow and a traffic management plan may be necessary. If it has the same success that your Litter Management Plan has had then it will be an asset to the town. Maynooth was not built for the huge increase in traffic volumes that it now has to cope with. In your entry submission vou mention that NUI Maynooth has inadequate parking to cater for the increase in students choosing to drive rather than renting a place to live in Maynooth. Consequently the need for a traffic management plan is increasing and it should be built into 5 year plans.

The new lamps on Farrell Bridge were admired. Well done in getting rid of the redundant phone

Maynooth's large recycling centre in Tesco car park had just some light littering - cigarette boxes, scraps of paper. Otherwise it was very presentable and is being well managed.

Waste Minimisation:

Your commitment and support of WEEE Ireland is commended and we urge you to continue.

Please consult the Tidy Towns handbook for advice and tips on this category. The first action point given in the entry form for this category is "Promotion of best practice". Tidy Towns groups are expected to be proactive in communicating with their community, both villagers and retailers, the principles of waste minimisation. The waste pyramid used in the entry form to illustrate the relative importance of each option shows that recycling is a less favoured option than minimisation. Minimisation is about reducing the amount of material, including food, that enters Maynooth and ends up as waste. It also includes reducing

consumption of energy, water, etc. Use the parish newsletter and any other communications method available to you. Ask the Tidy Towns Unit for the booklet Race

against Waste. A useful web site is www.stopfoodwaste.ie.

You do very good work in the area of recycling and reuse and we hope that this will continue but we would urge your committee to find time to promote best practise in waste minimisation as referred to above. Another task for your

Residential Areas:

Your work with residence associations is excellent and we hope that you continue with your Best Estates competition. We note that you use your newsletter to give these residence associations advice on how to become a winner.

On adjudication day there was insufficient time for the adjudicator to visit all residential areas. However the adjudicator did sample sufficient to form a view that in general residential areas are reasonably well presented but there are some troubled areas. For example Moyglare Hall is a very large housing development which is well landscaped - neatly kept grassed areas and lots of trees, walls/railings look well. By contrast Castlepark is an unfinished housing estate with an impressive entrance. Landscaping well done. Completed houses well presented, because unfinished estates are a national problem and beyond the resources of tidy towns groups to do anything useful with them they will not adversely impact on your marks.

Roads, Streets and back Areas:

Approach roads have black and white town name signs on a variety of surfaces landscaped area, shrubs on grassed margin, on grass beside a footpath, on a poorly maintained verge. Approaches to a town or village are very important for giving a good first impression. Many tidy towns groups standardise the signage - stone, metal, wood and get away from the standard local authority name sign to a decorative one, usually adding Welcome to" and the name in both English and Irish. These can be sponsored by

commercial sponsors whose name can be featured on them so that it can be possible to fund these at no cost to Maynooth Tidy Towns. Your group, of course, have control over the uniform design of these signs. There is some good landscaping on some of these approaches but the margins on others are too narrow to accommodate much more than the sign. Some have bollards, some can't. Within the town roads are sound and clean. You have mentioned your approach to the local authority to improve lanes.

The new layout being put in place on the Kilcock Road to facilitate pedestrians to cross between the two campuses of NUI Maynooth is incomplete and will be adjudicated when it is finished.

Other projects in this category have been noted.

General Impression:

The points you raise in this category have been noted, particularly the issue of local authority funding. With reform of local government very much on the Government's agenda there may not be any quick solution to this issue. Derelict buildings are a national problem and affect many entrants in the Tidy Towns competition. Their tidy towns groups will get advice on treating these derelict buildings in the tidy towns handbook. We do not expect them to do any more than it recommends.

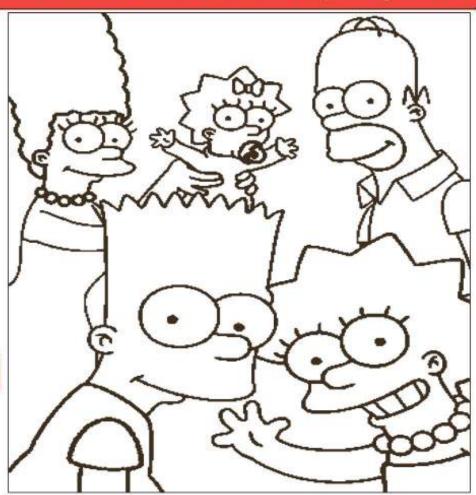
We look forward to receiving the Maynooth Tidy Towns Group's entry in the 2013 Tidy Towns Competition

Thank you Maynooth Tidy Towns.

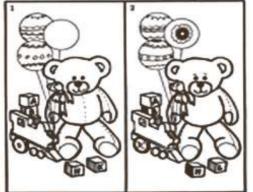
Join The Dots

McDonalds Children's Colouring Competition



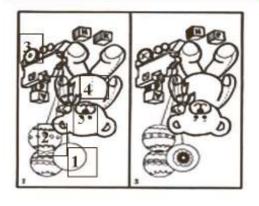


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October Winners:

Age: 3 - 5: Adrian Durran, Leidip

Age: 6 - 7: Sophie Murrray, Moyglare Hall

Age: 8 & Over: Conor McBrearty, Griffen Rath

Prizes for Colouring Competition can be collected at:

Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre. Entries must arrive before: 27th November 2012



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
Mondays & Fridays
2pm to 5pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays
1pm to 8pm
Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm
& 2pm to 5pm
Saturday 9.30am to 1pm

Senior Citizens Club

Club opens on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30am to 12.30pm in the I.C.A. Hall.

Annual Sale of Work will take place on Sunday 18th November at 3.00pm to 6.00pm in the Aula Maxima, Maynooth College. Christmas Shopping in SuperValu on Wednesday 5th December and Annual Dinner in the Glenroyal Hotel on Sunday 9th December Josephine Moore, Chairperson

University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meeting on Thursday in Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills New Members Welcome Enquiries: Bernadette Phone: 01 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.

Contact Katherine Cooney

086 8205910

History Group

Meetings every last
Thursday of the month in
Maynooth Community
Council Office
Tesco Shopping Centre
at 8,00pm.
All Welcome

Parent & Toddler Group

Every Thursday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. in the Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills

Flower & Garden Club

Christmas Gala
November 15th in
Glenroyal Hotel at 8.00pm
Demonstrator: Ann Traynor
Visitors Welcome
Maureen Fagan PRO

Taekwon-Do

Children's Classes for
5 years and up
held every Tuesday in
Presentation Girl's School,
6.30-7.30pm for Children
7.30-8.30pm for Teens/Adults
Fridays in
St. Mary's Boys National School
6.30 p.m.—7.30 p.m.
For details: Contact
Stephen Doyle 087 6986491

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

If you would like your event put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter 016285053/016285922

Equipment Drive

Maynooth GAA is kindly asking for donations of GAA equipment, which will then be distributed within the club to help grow and support each code of sport, particularly the Nursery section of the club.

So if you have the following GAA equipment gathering dust in your home or that your child has grown out of, please donate it to the club as it will be given a good home and a new lease of life.

- · Helmets (Even if faulty, please bring, as they could be mended)
- · Hurleys (all sizes)
- Footballs
- Sliotars
- Training Equipment (Cones/Bibs/Goals...)
- Any other equipment, you feel will be of use to the club.

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GARDENING IN NOVEMBER



November is a good time to look forward to next year, look around the garden & decide what you want to change. As long as the ground isn't too waterlogged or frozen, you still can plant herbaceous perennials, shrubs, deciduous trees, roses & fruit trees. Finishing planting Pansies, Wallflowers, Forget-me-nots &

Primulas. They need to be in the ground by early November. Prune tall roses by one third to avoid wind rock damage. Walk around your garden checking plants are stalked & to make sure ties haven't slipped å that the stakes are secure. Replace any broken trellis or fence panel. Keeping watering trees & shrubs if it hasn't rained much.



Spike the lawn with a fork to stop the soil becoming compacted & brush grit into the holes to improve drainage. With cold weather on its way, insulate your greenhouse using bubble wrap polythene. If possible, choose the larger grade - specially made for greenhouses. If you are still

cutting the lawn remember to higher the lawnmower as frost could damage short grass. If the weather is suitable, you can begin work on the vegetable garden for next year with some winter digging. Raise containers off the ground to prevent waterlogging & insulate them as well with some bubble wrap. Don't forget to water your houseplants more often as the heating dries out the home considerably.

Drain your hoses so they wont freeze & burst. When you have finished with themower for the winter, make sure you store it properly. Run it until all the fuel is gone as old fuel can turn to varnish & severely

> damage the engine. Don't forget to clean your gutters to remove fallen leaves as blocked gutters can cause serious damage to your house. On a good day give wooden greenhouses & sheds a coat of preservative if you haven't done this already. Don't

forget also to protect water pipes from frost damage. Continue to feed the birds.

Protect your roses during winter, by putting mulch around the base so that the first part of the stem is completely covered. If not already done, climbing roses should be pruned now at the latest. Lightly prune bush roses as reducing their height will prevent wind damage. If you love roses now is a good time to go out &

get bare-rooted roses. They're much cheaper than the potted roses & tend to establish better in the warm soil of

> Ornamental grasses & bamboos can be cut back & tied up. Digging the soil over will expose pest larvae to birds & frosts, as well as improving soil structure

saving much work next year.

Before you put flower pots & containers away for winter storage - empty out & wash them with a mild solution of soap & water.



HOMELY MEALS FOR NOVEMBER

Gram's Chicken Pot Pie

Ingredients

ILB Chicken fillets, bite size pieces

2 tbsp Kraft Zesty Italian Dressing

2 Cups of frozen Mixed Vegetables

4oz Velveeta cut into 1/2 inch cubes (cheese) 1 Can Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup

1 Sheet frozen Puff Pastry, thawed

1 Egg, beaten

Method

Cook & stir chicken in dressing in large pot on medium heat until chicken is cooked. Stir in vegetables & soup. Spoon into 9 inch greased baking dish & top with Velveeta. (cheese)

Unfold pastry sheet, place over the chicken mixture. Fold under edges of pastry, press onto top of baking dish to seal. Brush with egg. Cut several slits in the pastry to let steam out. Bake 30 mins or until crust is deep golden brown. Let stand 5 min before serving.

Beef & Guinness Pie

Ingredients

3 tbsp tomato paste

4 lbs beef, cut into cubes

1 large onion, sliced

Serves 6



Serves 6 - 8

2 tbsp fresh thyme leaves, chopped

11/2 cups flour

1 egg

31/2 cups of beef stock 1 1/2 lbs white mushrooms, quartered 6 cloves garlic, chopped

2 cups Guinness stout

salt & pepper

1 lb frozen puff pastry, thawed

Method

Preheat oven to 325°. Put tomato paste into a large bowl, add stock, & stir

until paste dissolves. Add beef, mushrooms, onion, garlic, thyme & stout & stir well. Sprinkle flour over beef mixture, season to taste with salt & pepper, stir well. Transfer to deep baking dish. Cover dish with foil. Bake, stirring occasionally, until meat is tender, 31/2 - 4 hours.

Serves 4

Beat egg & 1 tsp water together in a small bowl & set aside. Roll puff pastry out on a lightly floured surface, 1/4 inch thick. Remove baking dish from the oven & uncover. Drape pastry over dish & brush with egg wash. Return dish to oven & bake until pastry is puffed & deep golden brown, 40 mins. Garnish with spearmint sprigs.

Fish & Potato Pie

Ingredients

800g golden delight potatoes, chopped

3 cups of milk

80g butter

1 small red onion, finely chopped

2 garlic cloves, crushed

1/2 cup plain flour

500g firm white fish fillets, cut into 2cm cubes

125g can corn kernels, drained & rinsed

3 teaspoons horseradish cream

¼ cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves

Boil potatoes in salt water until tender. Drain & return to pot with 1/2 cup milk. Mash. Cover & set aside.

Preheat oven to 180°. Melt butter in a large pot over medium heat. Add onion & garlic. Cook, stirring, for 2 mins or until onion is softened. Add flour & cook, stirring for 2 mins or until mixture bubbles & thickens. Gradually add remaining milk, stirring continuously, for 5-7 mins or until mixture thickens slightly. Remove from heat. Stir in fish, com & horseradish cream. Season with pepper.

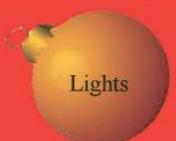
Spoon fish mixture into ovenproof dish. Top with mashed potatoes. Season with salt & pepper. Bake for 30 mins or until potato is golden. Top with parsley. Serve.





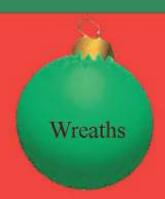


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Local News



Shop Local for Christmas



It's Christmas time again and it doesn't seem that long since the last one. Maybe its because of the current economic climate but the pressure that people are under at this time of year only makes it harder to cope. We worry about all the extra bills and how to manage on a very low budget. How are we expected to get it all right. We can't let down our loved ones especially the children, who don't know the pressures that their parents are under, their friends seem to get everything they want and they can't see why they can't get every thing they want. This is where we have to get creative and try to steer them in



another direction, by putting new ideas to them and get them to be different from their friends, after all a week after Christmas they just forget what they got and look for something else. Just look at the bike that they got last year, dumped in the back yard or punctured in the shed. The only thing that will make us feel better is that there are lots of people in the same boat including your Local Businesses, but maybe we can help each other, if we shop local we can find things that are not in the big stores and maybe get better ideas on presents, while also helping to keep our shops open. If possible buy Irish. How about getting our turkey, ham and all

our meat needs from the Local Butcher. There is a great Fruit and **Vegetable Shop** in Maynooth plus the **Supermarkets** such as Supervalu, Donovans, Centra have great offers. The Local Pharmacies have great deals on gift sets. There are lots of stores like Next, Boots, **Dunnes. Tesco** and **Heatons** who have some great offers, so we need to support them to keep them in Maynooth. There are also lots of stores in Manor Mills like Click, Carraig Donn, Sorrento, Elverys, Mexx, Divine, Bernard Johns Jewellers, The Carphone Warehouse, Cicero, Easons, Paul Byron Shoes, Catch, Golden Discs, Manic Clothing and of course **Dunnes Stores.** It's only when you start to think local that you realise how many shops that are out there and we haven't even gone as far as the Main Street with Maynooth Jewellers, Maynooth Bookshop, J'miells, The Beauty Boutique, Dawsons Mens Shop and McCormack's **Pharmacy** not forgetting all the Restaurant's that have gift vouchers, something to look forward to after Christmas. With all that's available local I'm sure you will find something to suit all your needs.





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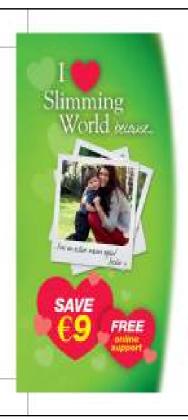
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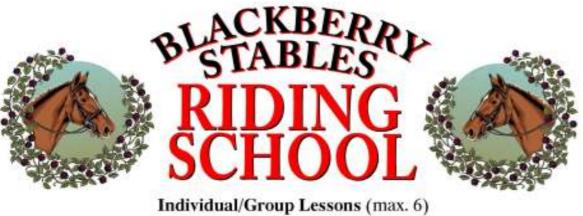
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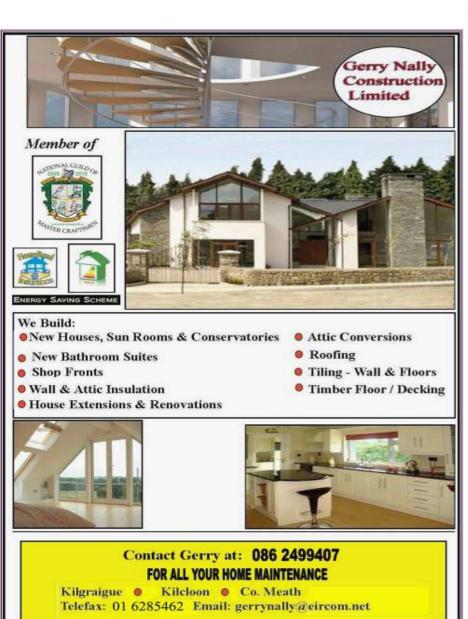
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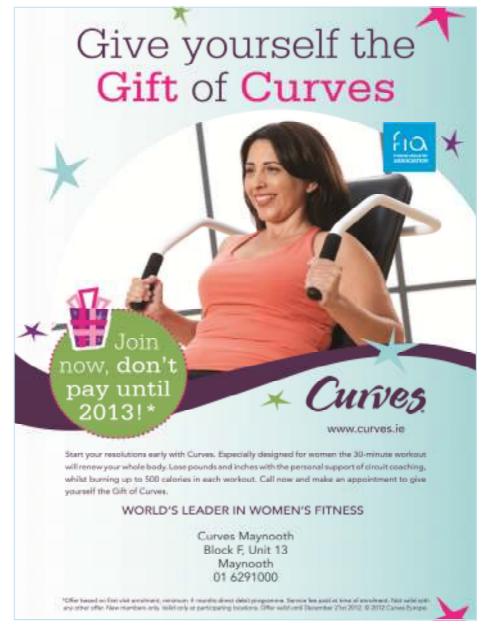
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Pets at Christmas

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There are a few pet matters which Christmas brings every year and in this article I wish to highlight the more serious matters:

Pups as presents:

Santa is often asked to bring a pup as a present and sometimes this can be a very difficult request for him to decline. However, the novelty factor has to be given serious consideration. It is very important to remember the lifelong commitment that is being undertaken when a new pup arrives and all of the associated duties and costs involved. Every year we see the aftermath of rejected Christmas pups and it is a very sad experience to see the trauma that an unwanted pup can go through. Visit Maynoothvets.com to read our October 2012 article on choosing a pet.

Dieta

At Christmas time, despite our best intentions we all eat too much!! So do our pets. Very often our dogs can be thoughtlessly turned into unwanted food disposal units. In Maynooth Veterinary Clinic we see the consequences of this – pets present with

vomiting and diarrhoea and frequently with serious symptoms of food poisoning. Owners will often say "he likes turkey so we gave him a few slices". What they do not realise is that turkey is very high in protein and cannot be viewed as simply an oversized chicken. This will cause your pet to have a digestive upset and can be very debilitating and unpleasant for him. Other unfamiliar rich foods such as ham, sausage meat etc. are also often fed to excess. Please ensure that your pet remains



on his normal diet over the festive season as any sudden changes in diet are very difficult for pets to cope with. Be sure to remind visitors that they are not doing your pet any good by giving him treats and that he will be fed as normal!

Exercise:

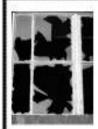
Here I have some conflicting advice to give – pups should never be brought out in public until one week after they have received their final vaccination (please visit our website maynoothvets.com for details). When they are ready to go out in public it is important that they receive the appropriate amount of exercise and that this is gradually increased in combination

with a good quality puppy food. Pups also require enormous amounts of rest and this should be catered for.

Mature dogs need their routine exercise and this should be continued over Christmas – think of the man walking his dog at midnight on the Guinness ad. Your dog can often be the focus of great interest for visiting youngsters – resist the temptation to stay in and watch "The Great Escape" and instead take the opportunity to go out for a walk with your dog, family and friends.

Once again Happy Christmas to you all and please remember that as ever we at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic, Newtown Grove have our own vet on-call in Maynooth over Christmas but this service is restricted to our registered clients. In the event of an emergency please phone 01-6289467 to speak with our on-call vet.





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Charity Photoshoot at the Russell Library NUI Maynooth

The Russell Library, NUI Maynooth was delighted to welcome Ger Breslin of Jee Jewellery for a photo shoot for the launch of her 'Sweetest Feeling' charity jewellery collection. This is a distinctive collection and three charities will benefit from the sale of this collection - MS Ireland, Irish Cancer Society and Console.

Cathal McCauley, University Librarian said "This was a wonderful opportunity for the Russell Library to assist a successful local business support three important charities. The surroundings of the Russell Library provided a unique back drop for this photoshoot". For details of the charity collection see

http://www.jeejewellery.com/ and for any enquiries relating to the Russell Library please contact Barbara McCormack, Special Collections, Russell Library and John Paul II Library or visit the University Library website at library.nuim.ie



Editorial

Christmas is mainly a time for children and for those families with children or grand-children. And children have been in the news in one form or another for the last number of weeks. Firstly, there was the referendum to place a section in the Constitution on their status and to allow those who are fostered to be properly adopted in certain circumstances. The turnout for this was abysmal and appalling. The disconnect between the public and the political system seems to be increasing although the recent protest march was not particularly well attended. Irish people have apparently lost the fight and the ability to come to protest. This has been the case for every call to march with the notable exception of the opposition to the so-called Correspondence was received from NUI Maynooth, the 'war on terror'. Much good that huge turn-out did however with the Government of the time ignoring the calls on the use of Shannon. The closeness of the result was something of a shock to all the political parties and it calls into question what this 'no' vote actually meant? Was it really 'no' to the article to be added to the Constitution or was there something else behind it. Is there such a fear or suspicion of the state that people did not want to entrust their children to it? But it was not the state that would be responsible for the child if they were to be adopted; it would be the new parents. Was it perhaps a way of trying to get back at the Government. If so, it is disgraceful that anyone would use such an important issue simply to protest.

Secondly, we have the renewed debate on abortion, termination and the life of the unborn after the dreadful death in Galway and the expert group's report that the politicians received this week. The content was leaked to the press leading to the whole 20 year debate being opened up again. For those of us who have been through the debates since the early 80s, it is incredible that this issue has not been resolved and it was said by many that it would take a woman's death to bring it to the point when legislation might be enacted. The country has been severely embarrassed all over the world, with Facebook and Twitter and the open nature of the news now, everyone is aware of the terrible tragedy and suffering of the Halappanavars, both husband and wife. This appalling vista has sent us back 2 decades.

Both these issues raise the question of Irish people's attitude to children in general. It is often said that we are a very child-oriented society but the reality seems to fly in the face of this contention. Children are far more welcome in the southern countries of Europe. Visit the Canary Islands and there are children everywhere in restaurants and bars in the evening. They bring their children out at night with them, no one bats an eyelid. There is a serious need for Keith McCrory invited members of the MCC to a service Ireland to decide what sort of society we want in the future. Are we caring and compassionate or hard-hearted and cold?

At this time of the year, with dark nights and shorter days, people are increasingly aware of the extraordinary features of the Newgrange monument. Sitting on the banks of the iconic Boyne river; this passage tomb, Brú na Bóinne (the hostel on the Boyne), releases the winter sun into the chamber for a number of days around the 21st of December. There are very few references to Christmas (Notlaig) in early Irish texts, it was celebrated more in the religious communities than in the general population. The important early Irish festival was Hallowe'en at this time of

The Christian festival in honour of the birth of Christ was originally a pagan feast. The holly, ivy and mistletoe were associated in early Ireland with the druids originally. The date was probably associated with the solstice originally, but it was moved slightly. There was a festival held by the Romans in honour of Saturn at the same time of the year and the 25th was fixed about 354AD by Bishop Liberius and the feast was not mentioned until 200AD. St Nickalaus died on the 6th January and from that comes the tradition of giving gifts. Christmas is celebrated in many countries on that date instead. The tree was used by the Romans who put candles on them, but the Scandinavians also had evergreen plants and it was Victoria and Albert in 19th century England who made the modern tree a fixture. Nollaig shona dosna léitheoirí uile a bhíonn again anseo.

Níl a fhios ag éinne cad atá romhainn don bhliain nua ach tá

súil again go mbeidh si níos fearr ná na blianta beaga anuas.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

Cá bhfios

Community Council Notes

The Community Council meeting was held on Monday 12th November at 8.30pm in the Glenroyal Hotel.

The minutes were agreed and there were no matters arising. Maynooth Community Council chairman, Tom McMullon acknowledged with thanks, the monetary contribution made by Noones to the Harvest Festival. It was received a little time after the Festival and was therefore not included in the list of acknowledgements in the Newsletter.

ILLEGAL PARKING

Garda Sergeant and Kildare County Council in reply to letters from MCC regarding the parking issue. It was noted that illegal parking did not cease during the mid-term break and most cars are already illegally parked very early in the morning which suggests that the cars belong to rail commuters. All parties agree to look at the issue with a view to solving the situation. NUI Maynooth continually monitor the parking situation on campus and have already increase there car allocation spaces by 70 and another 70 spaces will become free when the new library extension is completed. The problem continued parking of buses on the Kilcock road was raised. The buses cause an obstruction and cars have to use one centre strip of road for coming and going. It is an extremely dangerous situation particularly at night. The gardaí are represented on the Council. It was suggested that the gardaí be invited to the next meeting to discuss the matter.

NEW FAS SCHEME

The Chairman and Secretary have met with FAS and the Department of Social Protection and the new scheme will begin in January and will operate under the auspices of the MCC, Maynooth Tidy Towns, and the Soccer Club.

TOWN COUNCIL

A question was raised about the impact of the abolition of the town councils. Municipal districts will be established. If Maynooth is included in the Celbridge/ Leixlip area it will mean 10 less councillors. According to the Minister, the councillors in the municipal areas will have the same powers as county councillors however details have yet to be worked out.

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

In the context of reviewing and celebrating Maynooth Community Church's their five years in Maynooth, Rev. and reception on November 25 at 6.30 in the Post Primary School

MAYNOOTH LOCAL AREA PLAN 2013-2019 GOING ON DISPLAY

John McGinley drew attention to the MAYNOOTH LOCAL AREA PLAN 2013-2019 which will go on public display from the second week in January. The community will have six weeks to comment on it. The MCC will have a meeting on the 11th February to discuss it. John McGinley asked that people read it before attending the

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The parade will take place on Sunday 17th March. It is hoped to invite representatives from our twinned town Canet-en-Rousillion.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior citizens will be having their annual Sale of work on Sunday 18th November. Maynooth Scouts are helping with this event. Senior Citizens will have their annual Christmas shopping day on the 5th December in Supervalue.

MAYNOOTH SCOUTS

The scouts reported on their upcoming events. Firstly their help with the Senior Citizens Sale of Work on the 18th, a fundraising bag pack in Tescos from 16-18 November. They will also attend the National Jamboree 2013 in Stradbally and will be organising a 12 days of Christmas draw at Manor Mills. It was stressed that Maynooth Scouts were very interested in any Gathering project that the

Community Council is organising for the Harvest Festival and would like to attend any planning meetings.

EDUCATE TOGETHER SCHOOL

Over the past month the Maynooth Educate Together School held a Spooky Sponsored Walk around the University grounds and back to Loftus Hall. Kildare Bat Walk Group, who was approached through connections made at the Harvest Festival, took part on the night. Children from 3rd to 6th class put on performances, and everyone had a great night.

On the 9th and 10th of November the school held a bag pack in Tesco which was again very successful. The staff and customers of Tesco were thanked for their support. This year Barnardo's have teamed up with Tesco, pupils from the Maynooth Post Primary and Maynooth Educate Together. Tesco will be providing vouchers for the 5th and 6th class children to buy gifts for Barnardo's children. A representative from Barnardo's came to the school to talk to the class about the work they do. The Educate Together pupils will be using the vouchers to choose gifts form Tesco and give them to Barnardo's. The school's Christmas concert and craft fair will be held on 14th December. The concert is held in the Gael Scoil follow by the craft fair in the Educate Together School. Every year parents, volunteers come into the school to work with the children to create crafts for the fair

MAYNOOTH BRASS AND REED BAND

The band had a very successful fundraising night in the Glenroval thanks to the band Route 66 (mainly made up of former Maynooth Brass and Reed members). The fundraising was for the purchase of new uniforms for the band. The MBRB will have their Christmas concert in the Glenroyal on Sunday 16th December. This was a very good year for the band. They came second place in the National Bands Championships in Cork. They took part in the Maynooth Harvest Festival and expressed their thanks to the Maynooth Community Council. They played in Maynooth Castle during the summer. They also played in Croke Park and the Phoneix Park.

GAELCHOLÁISTE MHAIGH NUAD

As directed by The Department of Education and Skills, representatives of An Foras Pátrúnachta and Co. Kildare Vocational Education Committee have met to discuss the implementation of the Ministerial directive stating that an Aonad (all Irish Unit to Leaving Certificate level) be established in Maynooth.

To date over 580 students have enrolled with An Foras in Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad as opposed to 620 students enrolling in an English medium school with the V.E.C.

The Department have directed that should 70 students per year enrol in the Aonad over the next four years, that they will establish Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad in 2016.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND THE GATHERING

There were two very positive responses from the presidents of NUI Maynooth and St. Patrick's College regarding their willingness to join with and support the Harvest Festival and any Gathering events that the Maynooth Community Council organise. One member of the MCC committee is to attend a free "Organising your Gathering event" workshop in Naas on Wednesday 14th November. Planning is ongoing.

OTHER MATTERS IN BRIEF

It was suggested that another letter be sent to Irish Rail to remind them to use the correct spelling of the Irish translation of Maynooth.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

There will be a meeting of the New FAS Scheme management structure and the Maynooth Community Council Executive. There will also be a Harvest Festival/ Twinning and Gathering meeting. Both meetings were organised for Wednesday 21 November in the Community Council Offices.

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Getting ill while on Jobseeker's Allowance

Question

I lost my job some time ago and am now getting Jobseeker's Allowance. I was recently diagnosed with a serious illness. What other social welfare payments can I get?

Answer

You may qualify for Illness Benefit. To get Illness Benefit you must be under 66 and unable to work because of illness and you must satisfy the PRSI contribution conditions.

You must have at least 104 contributions paid since you started work. You must also have 39 contributions paid or credited in the relevant tax year of which at least 13 weeks must be paid contributions. You can also qualify if you have 26 paid contributions in the relevant tax year and 26 paid in the year before. The relevant tax year is 2011 for claims in 2013.

People who have been getting long-term Jobseeker's Allowance (for at least 15 months) and have enough PRSI contributions do not need to have 13 contributions recently paid. If you were getting Jobseeker's Benefit for a period before going onto Jobseeker's Allowance, you can include this time in the 15-month requirement.

If you have 260 PRSI contributions or more paid since you first started work you can get the maximum rate of Illness Benefit for up to 2 years (104 weeks). If you are getting a reduced rate of Jobseeker's Allowance your Illness Benefit payment may be reduced. If you have between 104 and 259 PRSI contributions paid you can only claim Illness Benefit for 1 year (52 weeks) and you may not qualify for the maximum rate of benefit.

If you do not qualify for Illness Benefit you can apply for Disability Allowance, which is a means-tested payment. You can only get this if your illness is expected to last for at least one year. Extra benefits are paid with Disability Allowance (such as Fuel Allowance and a Free Travel Pass) so this payment may be a better option if you qualify.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Retiring in 2013

Question

I will be 65 in 2013 and plan to retire from work. What do I need to know about pensions and other benefits in retirement?

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There are 3 State pensions available. If you have enough PRSI contributions and you retire at 65 you are entitled to the State Pension (Transition) which is paid for 1 year. This pension will no longer be paid to new claimants from 1 January 2014. However, if you qualify for the State Pension Transition in 2013 you remain entitled to it for the duration of your claim.

At 66, you are entitled to the State Pension (Contributory) if you meet the PRSI contribution requirements. If you have not made enough PRSI contributions, you can apply for a State Pension (Non-Contributory), which is means-tested. You should apply for all State pensions at least 3 months in advance and 6 months if you have ever lived and paid contributions

If you move from employment to retirement during the year, you should get a PAYE Balancing Statement (P21) from your tax office at the end of the year. This will trigger a refund of any overpayment of tax you might have made. All your income is taxable (your State

pension plus any occupational pension). However people aged 65 or over pay less tax since they have some extra tax credits and special tax exemption limits (below which no tax is payable).

Everyone over 66 is exempt from paying PRSI and people over 70 pay a lower rate of Universal Social Charge. At 66 you are also eligible for a Free Travel Pass and may be eligible for the Household Benefits Package, which includes the free TV licence, electricity/gas allowance and telephone allowance. Income limits for medical cards are much higher for people over 70.

The Citizens Information Board publishes a book Entitlements for over sixties which covers your rights, entitlements and the services available as you approach retirement age. You can request a copy from your local Citizens Information Centre.

Shopping in the Sales

Question

I'm looking forward to shopping in the post-Christmas sales. What are my consumer rights when shopping during a sale?

Answer

You have exactly the same rights when shopping in the sales as you do at any other time of the year. This means that anything sold in a sale must be of merchantable quality, fit for its intended purpose and as described to you. If an item is faulty, your rights do not change just because it was on sale. However, you may not have grounds for redress if you were told about the defect before you bought the item (for example, if the goods were marked 'shopsoiled').

If an item is faulty, you are entitled to a repair, replacement or refund. The legislation does not specify whether it is the retailer/supplier or the customer who decides which form of redress is offered. Many retailers state which option they offer you at the point of sale. If you have a problem with goods you bought at full price which are now on sale at a reduced price, you are entitled to a refund of the full price (if the shop is willing to offer a refund rather than an exchange or repair). However you are not entitled to an exchange (or a refund or a credit note) simply because you change your mind about something you've bought in a shop, whether this is during the sales or at any other time of the year. Many shops do allow you to exchange goods that you've had second thoughts about, but this is at their discretion. It's a good idea to check the shop's refund policy before buying anything.

If you buy goods at full price but change your mind about them, and they are now on sale at a lower price, you may only be offered the reduced amount (if the shop is willing to offer your money back). You should always keep your receipts as proof of purchase and the price paid.

Keeping warm in Winter

Question

I hear it's going to be another cold winter. I am on a very low income. What help is available for the costs of heating my home?

Answer

Low-income households can get help with the costs of fuel for home heating. There are also schemes to help you insulate your home to make it warmer and to cut your heating costs.

A Fuel Allowance of $\ensuremath{\in} 20$ per week is paid to people who are dependent on long-term social welfare payments and who are unable to provide for their own heating needs. The scheme operates for 26 weeks from October to

April. If you are getting certain social welfare payments or are over 70 you may qualify for the Household Benefits Package which includes an electricity or natural gas allowance.

The Better Energy Warmer Homes scheme aims to improve the energy efficiency and warmth of homes owned by people on low incomes. It is operated by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), and is available nationwide. You must be a homeowner and your home must have been built before 2002. You are eligible if you are getting Fuel Allowance or Family Income Supplement, or if you have children under 7 and are getting Jobseeker's Allowance for 6 months or more.

If you live in private rented accommodation your landlord may be able to get a grant under the separate Better Energy Homes scheme to make your home warmer and more energy efficient.

The work funded under both of these schemes includes attic insulation, draught-proofing, lagging jackets, low-energy light bulbs and cavity wall insulation. You can also get energy advice.

The wellandwarm.ie website gives advice on keeping warm in the winter and gives details of services available to people who may struggle to keep their houses warm. You can also get a Keeping well and warm booklet by emailing warmerhomes@seai.ie or calling 1800 250 204. Winterready.ie also gives advice on coping with bad weather.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Know Your Rights has been compiled by: Maynooth Citizens Information Service, which provides a free and confidential service to the public. Tel: 0761078100

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Information is also available online at citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, 0761 07 4000

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Hi all,

The good news is we have completed another successful year and the great news is we raised €10,005 at our sale of work. This is a wonderful result given the current climate. Of course it is all down to the excellent community spirit we have in Maynooth. Whether it is in times of plenty or recession, or whatever is tugging at your purse strings you have never failed to support us over the past forty seven years and for that we are extremely grateful.

I would also like to thank our sponsors who also play an important role in the success of our organisation; The I.C.A, the G.A.A, The H.S.E, Pat Barton, Thornton's, Frank Walsh, Willie Kiernan, Supervalu, Tesco, St. Patrick's College, the labour Party, the 8th Kildare scouts, Eugene O'Reilly, Sean Donovan and the business association. If I have forgotten anyone I apologise. It's not because your contribution is insignificant, it just means that my memory is not what it used to be.

So to complete our 2012 programme, our shopping night will be on Wed. Dec. 5th at Supervalu and our Christmas dinner will take place on Sun. Dec 9th at 4pm in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Finally, may I wish you all a very happy and joyful Christmas and peace and prosperity in 2013.

Josephine Moore

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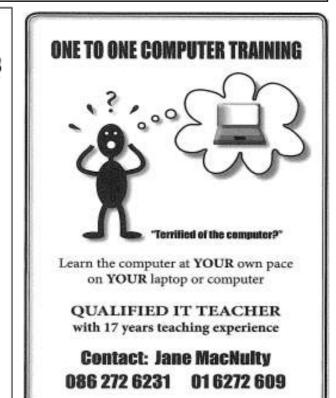
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Home Security

Christmas Holidays

Christmas holidays are a special time when families and friends come together to celebrate the season. It is also the time of year where families and friends are most generous and practice the tradition of gift giving. It should be a joyous and happy time for all of us.

Unfortunately for us, home burglars view the holiday season a little differently. For them, it is a time of opportunity to burglarize your home for cash, credit cards, and all the new gifts of small electronics, computers, jewellery, and easily sold valuables.

Here are a few tips of what they look for when shopping for a house to burglarize. These tips will help you enjoy the holidays without incident.

- Burglars look for an easy entry with good escape routes. Don't openly display your Christmas tree and gifts in the front window so it's easily visible from the street. It's too tempting for them to smash the window and grab the wrapped packages.
- Burglars look for occupancy cues like outdoor lights burning 24 hours a day, piled up newspapers, or advertising flyers hanging on the door knob. Use an inexpensive light timer when you are away and ask a neighbour to keep the front of your home clean of papers and debris.
- Burglars know to look for the hidden door key near the front entrance. Don't hide spare keys under rocks, in flowerpots, or above door ledges. Instead give the spare key to a trusted neighbour.
- Burglars prefer to enter through unlocked doors or windows. Sliding windows that are not secure can be seen from distance. One holiday problem can occur when exterior Christmas light extension cords are run inside through a window and prevent it from being secured. Hire an electrician or handyman to install an inexpensive exterior outlet for your holiday lights.
- Don't post your family name on your mailbox or on you house. A burglar can call directory assistance to get your telephone number and call your home while in front of your house to confirm that you are away.
- Don't leave descriptive telephone answering machine messages like, "You've reached the Wilson's...we're away skiing for the Christmas holidays...please leave a message." Burglars love to hear that they have plenty of time to break in and completely ransack your home.
- After Christmas day, don't pile up empty gift boxes from your new computer, DVD player, or stereo receiver on the street for the garbage man. Burglars appreciate knowing that you have expensive gifts inside for them to steal. Break them down or cut them up to conceal the items better. After a lucrative burglary, the chances of being burglarized again are increased to steal the new replacement products.
- Last, but not least, fortify your home by installing solid core doors, heavy duty locks, longer screws in the lock strike plates and door hinges, and install secondary security devices on all accessible sliding windows.

Wise Quotes

Here is our collection of wise quotes from the famous. Every occasion will benefit from at least one of these pearls of wisdom.

I have long been of the opinion that if work were such a splendid thing the rich would have kept more of it for themselves.

Bruce Grocott

People want economy and they will pay any price to get it.

Lee Iacocca

An idealist is a person who helps other people to be prosperous.

Henry Ford

You know everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects.

Will Rogers

I can think of nothing less pleasurable than a life devoted to pleasure.

John D.

Before God we are all equally wise - and equally foolish. -

Albert Einstein

There are no wise few. Every aristocracy that has ever existed has behaved, in all essential points, exactly like a small mob.

GK Chesterton

When they discover the center of the universe, a lot of people will be disappointed to discover they are not it.

Bernard Bailey

There is no pleasure in having nothing to do; the fun is in having lots to do and not doing it.

Mary Wilson Little

Ability will never catch up with the demand for it.

Malcolm Forbes

A wise man gets more use from his enemies than a fool from his friends.

Baltasar Gracian

Friends are far more dangerous than enemies, they know everything about you and will not pause to use it against you.

Terra Castle

Look wise, say nothing, and grunt. Speech was given to conceal thought.

Sir William Osler

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.

Sir Francis Bacon

When people are free to do as they please, they usually imitate each other.

Eric offer

When I do good, I feel good; when I do bad, I feel bad, and that is my religion.

Abraham Lincoln

Walk to Ban Fracking

By Brian O'Neill

Cecily Gilligan is a lady who decided to act on her convictions and protested by walking 133 miles across Ireland from Leitrim to Dublin, ending at the Ha'penny Bridge. As she passed through Maynooth on Saturday afternoon 3rd of November she kindly stopped to say a few words and have her picture taken. Cecily, a national school teacher from Manorhamilton, was walking in protest against Fracking, the controversial method of hydraulic fracturing of rock layers with pressurised fluid to create fractures and fissures through which natural gas can be extracted. This trek along the roads and through the towns and villages along the way was to gain signatures on a petition and highlight the potential environmental impact of this method of extraction and how it may have some negative result such as on the water table. Cecily and her friend, Mairead Higgins who is a social worker and walked most of the way with her, say that not only is this a "vast industrialisation of the landscape", but it may also have a further impact on animal contamination and impact on wildlife through the affect it may have on the water system. They are also further concerned about the impact it may have on the local economy and its effects on tourism, whereby such businesses as hotels, bed & breakfasts and sports and leisure outlets may be adversely affected.

Fracking has been banned in countries such as France and Germany and its usage has been a contentious issue throughout many countries and communities. This particular campaign by Cecily was inspired and supported by the Love Leitrim community group, who believe that the government's commissioning of a report into Fracking does not go far enough and that the Department of Health should have an input. When Cecily and Mairead arrived at the Ha'penny Bridge they were met by a number of well-wishers and supporters including the wellknown singer Eleanor Shanley and as Cecily stated that they have also gained support from other such notable celebrities as Christy Moore and Glen Hansard. While this campaign successfully completed the aim of highlighting the contentious issue of Fracking and its local economic and environmental impact on society and the community, the campaigners also intend to submit their petition to the Dail. If you would like to show your support for this campaign you can contact them on their twitter page @loveleitrim or they can also be contacted on Facebook.



Cecily and Mairead outside of the Maynooth Library.

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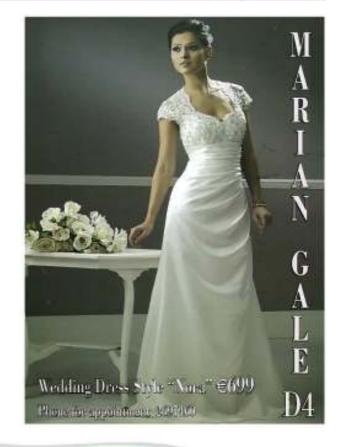
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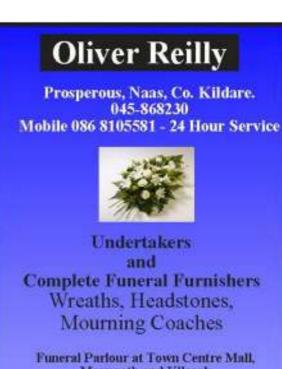
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Are the people of Maynooth and Ireland being encouraged to get involved too? Yes. At the heart of it, The Gathering Ireland is a people-led project. Everyone is being encouraged to create local gatherings and invite relatives and friends from abroad to come and visit Ireland in 2013.

Why should I bother? Ireland has had its share of doom and gloom over the last couple of years. The Gathering is an opportunity to do something positive for our town and country and to help stimulate our local economy.

What kinds of events are happening? There are a number of Gathering occasions and events being planned for Maynooth: The Maynooth 10K and the Harvest Festival will have a Gathering dimension to them, a writing programme and an athletic club reunion are also planned. Ireland has always been great for festivals and reunions, but 2013 is going to be bigger and better. see www.thegatheringireland.com

When and where is it happening? In Maynooth and all over Ireland, during 2013. The Maynooth Post Primary School 10K Gathering Weekend is on from the 17th – 19th May

I live in Maynooth, how can I get involved? Think about who you'd like to invite to Maynooth in 2013. Maynooth Post Primary School PTA is asking the people of the Maynooth area to include an invitation to the 10K Gathering Weekend in their Christmas post.

Help spread the word, Please include an invitation in your Christmas Post

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The 10K is a fundraising event organised by Maynooth Post Primary School Parent Teacher Association. Funds raised are used for the development of new multi purpose playing fields for school and community use. The 10K will be the centre piece of a Gathering weekend that will include an exhibition of photographs from the school archives and from local collectors. On Friday evening a welcoming reception will be held. On Saturday guided tours of Maynooth, St Patrick's College, Maynooth Castle and Carton House will take place and a visit by bus to a working farm. The 10K will be held on Sunday morning followed by a Gathering Party on Sunday afternoon.

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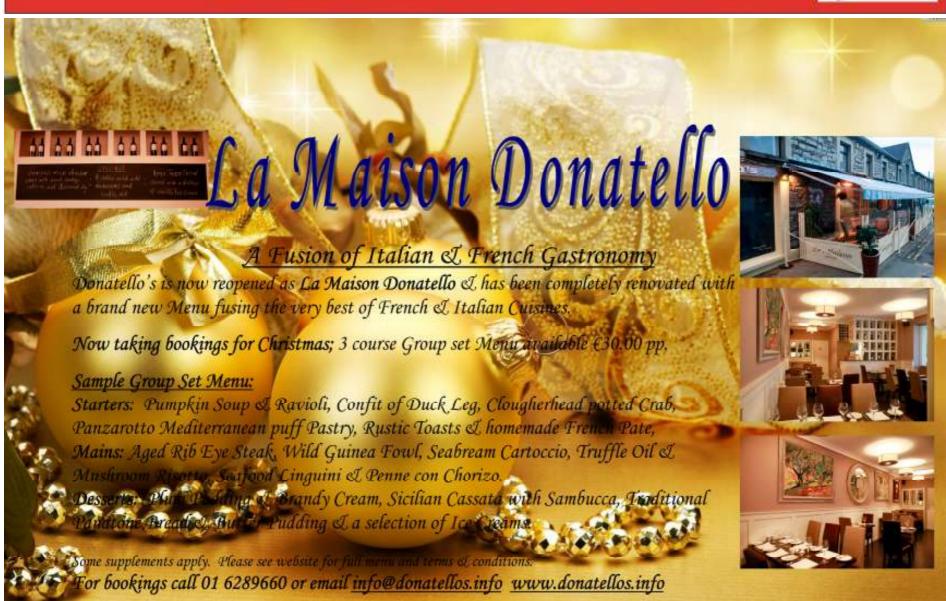


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CHRISTMAS LEFTOVER MEALS

Speedy Spicy Turkey Rice

Serves 2

Ingredients

2 tsp sesame oil

2 eggs, beaten

1 red chilli, sliced (optional) a bunch spring onions, chopped 2 thick slices ham, chopped

85g frozen peas

100g/4oz shredded leftover turkey

300g cold cooked rice (or a pouch of straight-to-wok rice)

2 thsp each soy sauce and sweet chilli sauce, plus extra to serve

Heat half the oil in a wok or frying pan. Add the eggs, swirl to coat the base of the pan & allow to set to an omelette, flip and cook for 1-2 mins. Once cooked, remove, shred & set aside. Add the remaining oil to the pan, then stir-fry the chilli, if using, & spring onions for 1 min.

Add the remaining ingredients & the egg, and heat through, stirring, until piping hot. Serve immediately with some extra soy and sweet chilli sauce, if you like.

Smoked Salmon & Potato Frittata

Serves 4

Ingredients

6 small (about 850g) coliban (washed) potatoes Olive oil, to grease

2 x 100g pkts Tasmanian smoked salmon

150g (1 cup) frozen baby peas

2 tbs coarsely chopped fresh dill

8 eggs, lightly whisked

Rocket & mixed pea salad (see related recipe), to serve

Place the potatoes in a medium saucepan and cover with plenty of cold water. Bring to the boil over high heat. Cook for 15 minutes or until just tender. Refresh under cold running water. Drain well. Cut into 1cm-thick slices.

Preheat grill on high, Brush a 27cm-diameter (base measurement) non-stick frying pan with oil to lightly grease. Place over low heat. Arrange half the potato, in a single layer, over the base of the pan. Top with half the salmon, peas and dill. Pour in half the egg, Repeat with the remaining potato, salmon, peas, dill and egg. Cook for 7-8 minutes or until frittata is set around the edge but still runny in the centre.

Cook under preheated grill for a further 5 minutes or until golden brown and just set. Remove from grill. Cut into wedges and serve immediately with rocket & mixed pea salad.

Spiced Vegetarian Biryani

Serves 6

Ingredients

2 thsp vegetable oil

2 large sweet potatoes, peeled and cubed II hot vegetable stock

1 red chilli, seeded and finely chopped 2 tsp mustard seeds (black or white)

140g trimmed green beans, halved a handful of fresh coriander leaves poppadoms and raita, to serve

1 small cauliflower 1 large onion, sliced 3 thsp hot curry paste large pinch of saffron strands 500g basmati rice 2 lemons, juice only 50g packet roasted cashew nuts

Preheat the oven to 220C/gas 7/fan 200C. Pour the oil into a large roasting tin or ovenproof dish and put in the oven for a couple of minutes to heat through. Add all the vegetables to the tin, except the beans, stirring to coat them in the hot oil. Season with salt and pepper and return to the oven for 15 minutes until beginning to brown.

While the vegetables are roasting, stir together the stock, curry paste, chilli, saffron and mustard seeds.

Mix the rice and green beans with the vegetables in the tin, then pour over the stock mixture. Lower the oven to 190C/gas 5/fan 190C. Cover the dish tightly with foil and bake for 30 minutes until the rice is tender and the liquid has been absorbed.

Stir in the lemon juice and check the seasoning, then scatter over the coriander and cashew nuts. Serve with a pile of poppadums and a bowl of

Queen Elizabeth - Kildare Ancestors and the Maynooth Connection

Maynooth History Group held their first talk of the new season on Tuesday, 20th November in the Glenroyal Hotel in Maynooth. It was a very intriguing talk based on the Irish ancestors of Queen Elizabeth, also known as the Queen Mother, with special attention paid to her Maynooth and Carbury ancestors. A very knowledgeable Seamus Cullen was the speaker on the night.

Queen Elizabeth could claim 20 Irish ancestors from the 16th Century up to 1846 when her last Irish-born ancestor died. These ancestors included Brian Boru. Her first Irish ancestor was Maurice Fitzgerald, 1st Lord of Maynooth Castle, who with a further 13 generations, all of whom lived in Maynooth. In fact, Maynooth Castle could be called one of Queen Elizabeth's

ancestral homes. Her Carbury ancestors began with the Colley family who lived in Carbury Castle and 10 of Queen Elizabeth's ancestors are buried in the Colley family Mausoleum in the grounds of Carbury Graveyard. All of the Colley family members made excellent marriages and her most famous of these ancestors were the Wellesley brothers, Arthur who became Duke of Wellington and Richard who became the Governor General of Bengal, he conquered the rest of India and it became part of the British Empire. He later became the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and his wife was the first Catholic woman to live in the Vice-Regal lodge. Richards daughter Ann Wellesley, who was unhappily married to Sir

William Agby, eloped with Charles Cavendish-Bentinck. They married after her divorce and her great-grand daughter was Elizabeth Bowes-Lyons, the Queen Mother. In the last 800 years there have been ten visits by reigning monarchs to Ireland, starting with King Henry II and ending with Queen Elizabeth II. Her mother, Queen Elizabeth never got to visit Ireland but she often spoke of her desire to do so. In the spirit of a "shared history", we welcomed her daughter Queen Elizabeth II to our shores and her visit was both emotional and historical for everyone.

The History Group meets on the last Thursday of every month in the Community Council Office at 8pm and new members are always welcome.



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Maynooth Local History Group members



Seamus Cullen, who presented the talk on Queen Elizabeth's ancestors



Susan Durack and Catherine Strickland

Venture Annual Camp 2012

Once upon a time, Saturday 28th July, five sleepy-eyed Venture Scouts (and their most fearless leader) met at Maynooth train station to embark on their journey of the north-west coast. Having said our goodbyes we departed the train station at 9.37am with a destination of Sligo. On our train journey, to one passenger's amusement and another's annoyance we played some quite hilarious "figure it out as you go" games. We also played cards and at one point Darragh's coke can exploded in his bag of its own accord (like literally)!

We arrived in Sligo where our other leaders and a 10 month old baby joined us and we set off on foot with our tents and rucksacks to Coney Island.

During our trek Ross was sent apple fishing as he temporarily forgot the rules of "leave no trace" and flung his apple over a wall into the wilderness. After emerging without the apple and nettle stung from head to toe, he picked up another piece of rubbish to compensate and had to carry it with him for the rest of the journey. (Sucks to be you Ross!)

We staggered across the causeway at low tide, battling the gale force winds and torrential rain, to arrive at the island with a full-time population of two. A kind old man/native stopped his jeep and offered us a lift but surprise surprise, Nadine said "No!" *Angry face*

After pitching our tents in front of the "No-camping" sign near the pier, we cooked dinner on the trangias, played cards and then went to bed.

After awaking and striking camp, we wandered the island in search of St. Patrick's Wishing Chair aka The Rock. On the way we saw and tormented an anenome, a little sea creature that clings to rocks and acts like a Venus Fly-Trap when touched. We then got a boat ride to Rosses Point and pitched our tents beside the den there. After lunch we had a tour of the RNLI and then went swimming in the sea. That evening we played some more games and flew a kite. Darragh then spent the next 3 ½ hrs untangling the kite strings.

After breakfast we left for Benbulbin. This was the best weather we had all camp. Our guide for the hike, Aisling, became an example of why it's so important to wear sunscreen! It took us 3 hrs to hike to the top, where we had lunch with a spectacular view of the Sligo and Donegal coastline. Baby Teagan had the best view from her carrier on her daddy's back and seemed to enjoy it as much as us. We explored a cave we found near the summit and one of the leaders went for a dip in a bog pond! On the way down we met Superman (a man wearing a blue cape) and it was so warm that we all had a paddle in the mountain stream to cool down. When we got back to Rosses Point we went for a quick swim in the freezing cold sea before dinner. After dinner we baked a yummy chocolate cake, played with the baby and had her in hysterics laughing and then planned our route to Grange for the following day.

Day 4:

UGH!!!

18 k on foot in the rain, carrying rucksacks! On the way we stopped at Yeats' grave and placed some flowers on it. Ross was like a deadman walking so we missed our bus from Grange to Ballyshannon and had to wait for the next one. We had a short walk from Ballyshannon to the lakeside campsite. We checked in, pitched our tents and had much-needed showers and washed and dried some clothes. We hung out in the TV room for an hr and then went to bed because we were so tired after our long walk to Grange.

Day 5:

We woke up at 8am, had breakfast and then Karl dropped us into Bundoran where we struggled into wetsuits and went surfing. This was great fun, we all enjoyed it and some of us were actually quite good! When the surfing was finished we walked through Bundoran in our wet swimsuits to Waterworld and went on the slides etc. After we went to Lidl to buy lunch. Darragh got a "lidl" seasick right at the check-outs! Check this out Lidl! Right outside Lidl we decided this was as good a place as any to cook our lunch, so we took out the Hexi and made soup. We got a few worried looks from customers as we

looked a bit dodgy! We then decided to go to the Hurdy

Gurdys and go on the amusements. After drinking some tea we decided maybe we should just play mini-golf, Laura won. Woop woop? go Laura! (guess who wrote that bit) We missed the last bus so we got a taxi back to Ballyshannon, which turned out to be cheaper then the bus anyway. We got pizza, burgers and chips from Macari's which we ate beside a statue of Rory Gallagher. Then we walked back to the campsite, watched a beautiful sunset, some tv and went to bed.

Day 6:

We had a lie in on the Thursday which was bliss. Breakfast consisted of noodles, pan fried bread and oranges. We relaxed for the morning and enjoyed the rare bit of sunshine, then took down our tents. At 2 o'clock we went kayaking on the lake at the campsite for a couple of hrs, then it was off to Sligo town scout den where we were to spend the next 2 nights.. That evening we made delicious home-made pizzas and got a bit giddy due to overtiredness and too much Coca-Cola!

A free day, yay! We went shopping in Sligo town and saw Ted in the cinema. That evening we took down the tents we had pitched in the den to air and packed them away. We changed into some clean clothes especially packed for tonight and went out for a really nice meal with our leaders in a restaurant with ice-cream for dessert. Eoin actually licked his plate clean! After dinner we walked around the town for a bit, got some more ice-cream and headed back

Up earlyish, cleaned the den, packed up our stuff and headed off to the train station to go home *sad face*. We all agreed that the week had flown by and we would happily have stayed on for another week. On the train home we did the banana song and dance and got some strange looks off other passangers. Tired (and probably smelly) we arrived back in Maynooth to our anxiously waiting parents. Overall it was a very successful camp and we cant wait for the next one!

Irish New Year Traditions

Originally the New Year was rung in during the end of October, during the Pagar Sestivals of Sandain. Over time we converted to Christianity & this hallowed date followed account Christmas celebrations instead.

Many of the modern ways to celebrate the New Year can be traced back to the middle ages. Irish Superation states the first person to enter your home after middle ages. Irish Superation states the first person to enter your home after middle ages. Irish Superation states the first person to enter your home after middle ages. Irish Superation states the first person to enter your home after middle ages. Irish Superation states the first person to enter your home after middle ages. Irish Superation states the first person to enter your home after middle ages. Irish Superation states the first person to enter your home after middle ages. Irish Superation states the first person to enter your home after middle ages. Irish Superation states the first person to enter your home after middle ages. Irish Superation states the first person to enter your home after middle ages. Irish Superation states the first person to enter your home after middle ages. Irish Superation states the first person to enter your home after middle ages. Irish Superation states the first person to enter your home after middle ages. Irish Superation states the first person to enter your home after middle ages. Irish Superation states the first person to enter your home. hared woman erners first, she will bring all kinds of trouble.

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Another belief is that mistlator would bring remarkin blies to brish woman on New Year's Eve. The magical properties are associated with mistlator on Christmas. According to brish New Year traditions woman who tuck a bouquet of mistlator under their pillones will receive epocal luck in love. In the New Year, they will find their true love, due to the Mystical powers of this remarkin winter plant.

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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Would like to wish all the readers a Happy Christmas and a Wonderful New Year

If you are buying a Christmas Tree you can help Maynooth Tidy Towns by purchasing one locally from Jim Doyle, who will be selling Christmas Trees adjacent to the Garda Station in Buckley's Yard.

In January, Christmas Trees can be recycled in the Council yard, courtesy of the Environment Section

At this time we ask you to recycle your bottles and cans in the following locations:

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Please bring home your boxes and bags from the Bottlebanks in the Shopping Centres

Finally, we would like to thank our Committee members, Volunteers, Business supporters and anyone else who has helped us during the year.

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Austria - The Suckling Pig is the symbol for good luck for the New Year. It is served on a table decorated with small edible pigs. The desert often made with green mint ice cream in the shape of a four-leafed clover.

England - The British place their fortunes for the coming year in their guests hand. The visitor should be male & bearing gifts. Traditional gifts are coal for the fire, a loaf for the table & a drink for the master. For good luck, the guest should come in one door & leave by another.

Wales - At the first toll of midnight, the back door is opened & then shut to release the old year & lock out all its bad luck. At the twelfth toll the front door is opened & the New Year is welcomed in with all

Spain - In Spain, when the clock strikes midnight, they eat 12 grapes, one with every toll to bring good luck for the next 12 months.

Poland - Poland's New Year is known as St. Sylvester's Eve. Originally from Pope Sylvester 1 who was supposed to have imprisoned a dragon called Leviathan who was able to escape on the first day of the year 1000, devour the land & the people, & was supposed to set fire to the heavens. One New Year's day when the world didn't end, there was great rejoicing & from them on this day was called St. Sylvester's Eve.



Maynooth Labour News

Cllr. McGinley Objects to the NRA's Proposal to Replace the M4 Motorway Junction at Maynooth:

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

"That the National Roads Authority (NRA) be advised that we are totally opposed to the replacement of the M4 Motorway junction on the Straffan Road with a new junction on the Kilcock Road west of Maynooth."

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Overgrown Trees to be Trimmed:

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

"That steps be taken to have the overgrown palm trees, on the opposite side of the Moyglare Road from the Maynooth Post Primary School, trimmed back as they are completely blocking the two public lights and they are hazardous for pedestrians and large vehicles as they are hanging over the footpath and part of the roadway."

John got the following reply:

"When the landowners details are confirmed a hedge/ tree cutting notice can be issued to them."

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Potholes to be Repaired:

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

"That the potholes on roads at the following locations in Maynooth be repaired before they cause traffic accidents:

- At house 757 Old Greenfield
- At house 819 Old Greenfield
- At the back lane, Old Greenfield, behind houses 826 to 837
- At house 1 Parson Hall"

John got the following reply:

"The potholes in Old Greenfield have been attended to and the one in Parsons Hall will be done as soon as possible."

Cllr. McGinley Demands Action on Main Street Litter

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

"That the food take-aways on Main Street and Mill Street, Maynooth be written to outlining their obligations under the Litter Act, also advising them that they should combine to hire someone to clean the litter from 7am each day and that the footpath outside their premises should be steam cleaned to remove the grease and that if they don't take such action that the council will issue them with fines under the Litter Act."

John got the following reply:

"The food take-aways on Main Street will be written to in respect of their obligations under the Litter Act. The proposal regarding their hiring of someone to clean litter at 7.00 am each day and the removal of grease will also be raised."

Cllr. McGinley Demands Action on Illegal Parking at Parson Street

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

"When will Water Services be laying the watermain along Parson Street, Maynooth to enable re-surfacing and yellow lining to take place?"

John got the following reply:

"Kildare County Council has carried out site investigation works on Parson Street. The scheme design is currently being finalised and we anticipate, following full approval from the Department of Environment Community and Local Government to go to tender on the works in Spring 2013. These works are listed for discussion with the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government at the next Steering Group meeting in mid November. These works form part of the Water Conservation works listed on the current Water Services Investment Programme."

As a result of this delay in laying the water main Cllr. McGinley asked the Area Engineer to place "No Parking Cones" on the College side of Parson to deter motorists from parking there and turning it into a one-way street.

Provision of Green Filter Left Turing light at the Exit From the Glenroyal Complex;

It is 3 months since Cllr. McGinley asked for a filter light to be installed and incredibly the engineers still don't understand the thinking behind the proposal.

Cllr. McGinley is meeting the relevant Council staff on site to explain this very simple proposal.

Flexi bollards at Carton Court, Maynooth

As a result of Cllr. McGinley's proposal Council Road Design staff will meet members of the Carton Court Residents' Association on site to discuss their proposal for the installation of flexi bollards on the central white line at the entrance to their estate.

Gully at the perimeter of Leinster Street, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley got the following update on his motion at the Area Meeting on 15 November:

"The gully in question was examined, along with other compliance issues on 2 November 2012. The report of the planner has been referred to our transportation department for comment. We will then contact the developer regarding the outstanding issues relating to this development and if necessary will take the appropriate enforcement proceedings in due course"

Proposed Draft Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) 2013-2019

The Celbridge Area Committee had discussions on the Planners Proposed Draft Maynooth LAP at two meetings on 8 November and 22 November. It will now go before the full Council on 17 December for approval to go on Public Display for 6 weeks from mid January. This does not mean that Councillors agree with everything in the Proposed Plan.

In the meantime Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the 13 December Meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

"That the rezoning of the 0.9ha adjacent to the M4 (beside Carton Court and opposite the bottom of Greenfield Drive for 31 housing units) from Open Space & Amenity to housing be removed from the Proposed Draft Local Area Plan 2013 -2019 for Maynooth as there is enough land zoned for housing without rezoning Open Space & Amenity Land."

Court House Must be Retained in Kilcock

Following a decision by the Courts Service to review all Court venues which resulted in a recommendation to close Kilcock Court House, Deputy Emmet Stagg has made a submission to the Courts Service calling for the retention of the Court House in Kilcock. In his submission Deputy Stagg outlined the long battle to secure a 24 hour Garda Station in North Kildare located in Leixlip which had led to the creation of a Sub-Division within the new Kildare Garda Division. Deputy Stagg stated that it was essential that a Court House be retained within that Sub-Division for the effective operation of the Law in the North Kildare area. Effective enforcement of the Law needed to be seen to be done and transferring the District Court to Naas or perhaps Trim in Co. Meath would be counterproductive in terms of public perception. Deputy Stagg further stated that scarce garda resources would be lost should Kilcock Court House be closed. If case's were transferred to Naas or Trim, local Gardai giving evidence would have further to travel taking them from their duties in the Towns in North Kildare. Garda resources are already stretched and such a move would exascerbate the problem.

A further difficulty identified by Deputy Stagg was the fact that Kilcock is served by Public Transport whilst there is no direct link between North Kildare and Naas. This affects not only those appearing before the courts but also witnesses. Effectively people would have to travel into Dublin and then out to Naas if Kilcock was to close.

In his submission Deputy Stagg also stated that Kilcock Courthouse was not in an ideal condition and that with some improvements it could continue to operate effectively as the District Court for North Kildare

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John is also on Facebook



Funny Words of Wisdom

If we're not supposed to have midnight snacks, why is there a light in the fridge?

- 1. I can please only one person per day. Today is not your day. Tomorrow isn't looking good, either.
- 2. I love deadlines. I especially like the whooshing sound they make as they go flying by.
- 3. I'd explain it to you, but your brain would explode.
- 4. Someday we'll look back on all this and plough into a parked car.
- 5. There are very few personal problems that cannot be solved by a suitable application of high explosives.
- 6. Tell me what you need and I'll tell you how to get along without it.
- 7. Accept that some days you're the pigeon and some days you're the statue.
- 8. Needing someone is like needing a parachute. If he isn't there the first time you need him, chances are you won't be needing him again.
- 9. I don't have an attitude problem. You have a perception problem.
- 10. Last night, I lay in bed looking up at the stars in the sky and thought to myself, "Where the heck is the ceiling?"
- 11. My Reality Check bounced.
- 12. On the keyboard of life, always keep one finger on the Escape key.
- 13. I don't suffer from stress. I'm a carrier.
- 14. You're slower than a herd of turtles stampeding through peanut butter.
- 15. Do not meddle in the affairs of dragons because, to them, you are crunchy and taste good with ketchup.
- 16. Everybody is somebody else's weirdo.
- 17. Never argue with an idiot. They drag you down to their level.
- 18. Am I getting smart with you? How would you know?
- 19. Always forgive your enemies Nothing annoys them so much.
- 20. If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?

- 21. When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- 22. I used to have an open mind but my brains kept falling out.
- 23. I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder.
- 24. For Sale: Parachute. Only used once, never opened, small stain.
- 25. Do you have trouble making up your mind? Well, yes or no?
- 26. If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
- 27. Many people quit looking for work when they find a job.
- 28. When I'm not in my right mind, my left mind gets pretty crowded.
- 29. Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.
- 30. You know the speed of light, so what's the speed of dark?
- 31. Join The Army, visit exotic places and meet people.
- 32. I poured Spot remover on my dog. Now he's gone.
- 33. Evening news is where they begin with 'Good evening', and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
- 34. Before borrowing money from a friend, decide which you need more. (Friend or Money!)
- 35. Death is hereditary.
- 36. There are three sides to any argument: your side, my side and the right side.
- 37. An consultant is someone who takes a subject you understand and makes it sound
- 38. Never argue with a fool. People might not know the difference.
- 39. When you're right, no one remembers. When you're wrong, no one forgets.
- 40. Cheer up, the worst is yet to come.
- 41. Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else.
- 42. Everyone makes mistakes. The trick is to make mistakes when nobody is looking.
- 43. They say hard work never hurts anybody, but why take the chance.
- 44. Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.
- 45. I like work. It fascinates me. I sit and look at it for hours.
- 46. If you can't see the bright side of life, polish the dull side.
- 47. Where there's a will, there are five hundred relatives.
- 48. Everybody wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die.



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Two Christmas Events in Maynooth Community Library,

Christmas Storytelling with Julie Duane

Storytelling for Preschool Children will take place on Monday 10th December at 10:00

Maynooth Community Library

All children up to 5 years old and their parents/guardians are welcome to come along.

Christmas Carol Singing

Members of the U3A Choir will gather in Maynooth Community Library on Friday 21st December at 2pm for an afternoon of Christmas Carol Singing.

All are welcome to come along and join in the festive spirit

Maynooth Golf Society

Knockanally Golf Club Date 24 / 10/ 2012

Tommy (Shot) Flanagan Scramble

1st Prize	Barry Desmond	58 pts
	William Farrelly	Nett
	Paul Scanlon	
2 nd Prize	Mark Kehoe	60.7 pts
	Terry Moore	Nett
	Tim Mullane	
3 rd Prize	Derek Murray	60.8 pts
	Joey Edwards	Nett
	Joe Kennedy	
4 th Prize	Paul Finan	61.3pts
	Joey Glynn	Nett
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Nearest	Pat Connolly (9th)	
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charity event. Maynooth Golf Society's Scramble to Knockanally Golf Club on 24/11/2012 was a fantastic success. 27 Teams took part in this charity event. Despite the

Thanks to everyone who supported this

frosty weather and the delay in teeing off all teams finished the course. All results are listed above. The success of this event was possible because of

the wonderful Local Sponsorship we received.

We wish to thank, Jim's Shoe Repairs, Paddy Conroy Pharmacy, Coyne Family Butchers, The Maynooth Bookshop, CPL Motor Factors, Euro Farm Foods, Sean Tracey Bus Hire, John Gillick Plumbing, MAOR Scaffolding, Casey's Supervalu, George Hutton, Tom Nolan, Seamus Flanagan, Pat Connolly, Miley Scanlon, Paddy Dunne, Sean Farrelly, Mick O'Rourke and Liam Farrelly for their sponsorship of this event.

Clues Across

December 2012 / January 2013 Crossword - No: 409

Clues Down

- 1. Provide with new housing (7)
- 5. Ambitious (7)
- 9. Rather tall (7)
- 10. Become liable for (5)
- 11. Choose (5)
- 12. Uncooked (3)
- 13. Spain and Portugal (6)
- 14. Become sad (6)
- 15. Container used for cooking (3)
- 17. Water fallen as rain (9)
- 21. Nevertheless (3)
- 23. Flowering shrub of the genus Rhododendron (6)
- 24. Small stone (6)
- 27. Meadow (3)
- 28. Keyboard instrument (5)
- 29. First prime minister of India (5)
- 30. Personal view (7)
- 31. Strategic withdrawal (7)
- 32. Systematically arranged body of facts (7)

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- 1. Device for catching rats (3,4)
- 2. Fool (4-3)
- 3. Incomparable (6)
- 4. Book of the New Testament (9)
- 5. Card game (5)
- 6. Piece of luggage (8)
- 7. Enclose (7)
- 8. Republic in central Europe (7)
- 16. Resembling a cavern (9)
- 18. Tavern (8)
- 19. Person who drives a wagon (7)
- 20. Hearing distance (7)
- 21. Inhabitant of Belgium (7)
- 22. Learner (7)
- 25. Two-piece bathing suit (6)

Answers to Crossword 408

26. Heron (5)

Special Prize Book Voucher

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The Maynooth Bookshop 68 Main Street, Maynooth

Entries	in	before:	22nd	January	2013

Address:-

Name:

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Winner of Crossword No. 408 **November**

Jim Fleming Maynooth Park Maynooth

Prize winners will have 30 days to claim their prize from the time the results are made public

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Sudoku Challenge

December 2012 / January 2013



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Win a €10 book voucher if you are the first entry drawn with both puzzles correct.

Send completed puzzles to **Maynooth Newsletter** Unit 5 Tesco S/C Maynooth.

Entries must arrive before: 22nd January 2013

Collect prize from MCC office

Name:_		 	
Address	:		
Phone:_			

Congratulations to November Winner:

Michael Dillane

Railpark Maynooth

Prize winners will have 30 days to claim their prize from the time the results are made public.



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Advice Service:

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> 2pm: The Turn Inn, Derrintum 4pm: Keogh's The Corner House, Clane 6pm: The Monread Lodge, Naas



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Taoiseach is 'out of touch' with Rent Supplement Reality

'To say that many successful applicants are not paying 'top-ups' is ludicrous'

Independent TD Catherine Murphy expressed dismay at Taoiseach Enda Kenny's comments in the Dáil today that the rent supplement scheme is operating efficiently and that 42,000 successful applicants in 2012 were able to secure accommodation under the maximum limits set out by the scheme.

Yesterday Focus Ireland reiterated the points that Deputy Murphy has been highlighting all year; that the changes to the scheme are forcing many families into homelessness or risk of homelessness. The report found that many tenants can only achieve accommodation if they are willing to break the rules and engage in 'topups'.

"The Taoiseach cannot genuinely believe that these 42,000 applicants are not engaging in the practice now widely known as 'topping-up' whereby tenants are forced to make up the difference between the rent limit and the actual market rent. If he says this is news to him then he is severely out of touch with the reality on the ground."

"Many parts of the country, including my own constituency of North Kildare are witnessing families being forced into homelessness. Many more will be affected before Christmas if we don't act now. It is clear that this policy is underpinned by a lack of research; is a policy that has failed and is a policy that must be reversed immediately. This Government is presiding over, and indeed defending, a policy that is fundamentally flawed.

TD Allowances Must Change

Vouching and Reductions are Essential

Independent TD for Kildare North, Catherine Murphy has once again called for mandatory vouching for allowances paid to public representatives.

Deputy Murphy has consistently called for amendments to the way in which the allowance system is administered and the abolition of the excesses within the political system.

"We have not even scratched the surface when it comes to allowances. I want to put on record that it is completely unacceptable that some allowances are not vouched...including the leader's allowance paid to Independent TDs. I have time and again sought to highlight these issues and to have them changed but I am coming up against stonewalls."

"Political reform is about more than just box ticking, it is about turning the Oireachtas into a strong and functioning parliament that is not stymied by the whip system or an over dependence on what are, quite frankly, excessive payments. "

"Any changes made will be a drop in the ocean but they will be drops into an ocean that is already overflowing with cuts to home help hours, job losses, home losses etc. and social solidarity through political leadership is essential."

A Blow for Democracy

Ceann Comhairle decision to block discussion on today's Supreme Court decision is baffling

Catherine Murphy TD (Ind. N.Kildare) was left flabbergasted today after the Ceann Comhairle's office refused to allow a Private Notice Question on the ruling by the Supreme Court that elements of the Referendum Campaign have been biased in favour of one side.

As the news broke at lunchtime, Deputy Murphy, acting in her capacity as Whip of the Technical Group immediately contacted the Ceann Comhairle to instigate a debate on this extremely urgent issue by way of a Private Notice Question which sought to determine what action it is proposed to take to respond in a timely and effective fashion to the judgement.

"What we are seeking is basic democracy. It is imperative that the legislature question the executive on matters of national importance such as this. This referendum is happening on Saturday, if this is not timely for debate then I don't know what is. I have actively campaigned for a YES vote; that is not in question however individual beliefs cannot be allowed to overshadow democracy."

"What we are seeing here is another abuse of power, firstly we have an abuse whereby public funds have been ruled to have been used to support the Government's side of the Referendum campaign and now they are going to follow that up with another abuse of power by refusing to allow this discussion.

Catherine Murphy calls for a Dail debate on the Supreme Court's decision as soon as can be facilitated

Says "no gain" to be had in postponing referendum

Independent TD for Kildare North Catherine Murphy has urged the Government to schedule time in the Dail to debate the implications of today's Supreme Court decision in the McCrystal challenge.

"As both a supporter of the referendum and a supporter of the principles of the McKenna judgment, I believe it's vitally important that the Dail set aside time to debate the decision. A solution can be found for future referendum campaigns that can allow people, including the Government, to advocate their genuinely held opinion without compromising the principles of McKenna. It's our duty as legislators to do this.

"There is no sense in postponing the referendum at this stage. We must, however, have time to debate these matters for future votes."

Maynooth Post Primary School First Year Welcome Ceremony.

When Maynooth Post Primary School first opened their doors to the public in 1971, they welcomed only 173 students. This year, Maynooth Post Primary School welcomed the largest first year group to date, with 239 pupils and fifteen different nationalities being represented.

The first year students of 2012 make up nine classes, and for the first time there are two Irish stream classes. This shows an increased interest in Irish, compared to the small Irish classes in the past.

With nine classes comes a lot of responsibility on behalf of all staff, with three Year-Heads, Mr McDonagh, Ms Murphy and Ms McLaughlin, along side the nine tutors and the selected Transition Year mentors, making sure the first years settle in to secondary school life.

Mr Johnny Nevin, Principal of Maynooth Post Primary School addressed these students and their parents at the First Year Welcome Ceremony, which took place in the school on the 20th of September. He gave an inspirational and thought provoking speech, outlining the schools objectives and rules to guide the students through a successful and enjoyable education. In welcoming the students into his school, Mr Johnny Nevin told the eager first year pupils ''All we want from you as students is to do your best so you can be the best.''



Mr. Jonny Nevin Principal Maynooth Post Primary

The ceremony was co-ordinated by the school's religion department, with guest speakers from local religious groups, Rev Dr Keith McCrory, Rev Janice Ayton, Fr Paul Bogle, Fr Liam Rigney and Sister Pius Madden. Music on the night was provided by the school's trad. group and the first year choir. The ceremony acknowledged the variety that can be seen within the first year group, with presentations about each subject and introductions to the culture of the fifteen different nationalities.



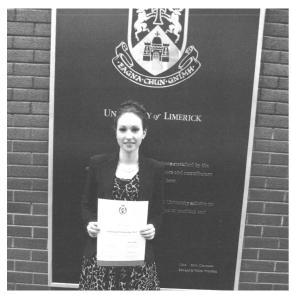
Mr. Tom Ashe speaking at the Welcome Ceremony

The Welcome Ceremony also gave the students a chance to witness the presentation of the second inaugural 'Tom Ashe Bursary Award' to an outstanding past Leaving Certificate student. The purpose of this Bursary is to assist students of Maynooth Post Primary School who qualify and are

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All Ireland Scholarship Award Ceremony.

Katie Curran a past pupil of Maynooth Post Primary School is a recipient of a 2012 All Ireland Scholarship 3rd level education award. In recognition of this achievement, JP McManus, sponsor of the scheme, hosted an award ceremony at the University of Limerick on Saturday, on the 17th November. Mr Nevin accompanied Katie Curran on stage as she received her award from President Bill Clinton. In addition JP McManus presented the school with a commemorative gift and a photograph of the event.



Katie Curran

The following students also received University Entrance Scholarships:

NUIG Excellence Scholarship (560 points +) Aisling Ní Chatháin

DCU Excellence Scholarship (550 points+)

Thomas Quinn

UCD Entrance Scholars (540 points +)

Aimee O Keefe Ahern

NUIM Entrance Scholarships (500 points +)

- Hugh Clarke
- Katie Curran
- Louise Doran
- Aoife Dunne
- Luke Hare
- Megan Marshall

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accepted for a third level course of their choice. The student selected will receive a €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 select the student deemed most worthy every year. This year's award recipient was Aisling Bonass, a worthy inspiration for this year's first years. Aisling is a first year student of Arts in NUI Maynooth

Overall, the night was a great success, with the first year's feeling welcome and confident that they will be happy in second level education.

Written by Mikaela Egan & Ciara Heslin. Photos by Aaron Hurley.

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Research Volunteer Notice

The Psychology Department in NUI Maynooth is currently researching memory and walking gait/fall-risk across the lifespan. This research looks at age-related changes in memory and fall-risk, and is now seeking adults aged 55 and over to volunteer to take part. The natural ageing process leads to a natural change in memory performance and fall-risk. Sometimes these changes can leave people vulnerable to scams, accidents, falls and injuries in later life. Research gives us valuable information to help those at risk of memory problems and falls, by studying those in the general population. If you are aged 55 and over and are interested in participating in either of these research

please contact Noeleen Brady at 0863522517 or NOELEEN.BRADY@nuim.ie, or Elizabeth Walshe at 0857136153 or elizabeth.walshe.2009@nuim.ie.

Join The Dots

McDonalds Children's Colouring Competition

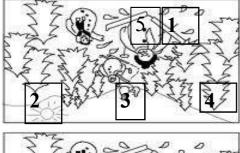


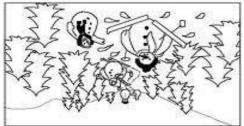
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Name:
Address:
Phone No:

November Winners:

Age: 3 - 5: Oisin Grehan, Moyglare Abbey

Age: 6 - 7: Lilly Bean, Cabinteely

Age: 8 & Over: Mia Ward, Griffin Rath



Dec12/Jan13 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. There will be no
monthly meeting in January.
Crafts Every Monday Night at
8.00pm.

New members welcome

Community Library

Opening Times
Mondays & Fridays
2pm to 5pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays
1pm to 8pm
Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm
& 2pm to 5pm
Saturday 9.30am to 1pm

History Group

Meetings every last
Thursday of the month in
Maynooth Community
Council Office
Tesco Shopping Centre
at 8.00pm.
All Welcome

Senior Citizens Club

Club opens on Tuesdays and
Thursdays 10.30am to 12.30pm
in the I.C.A.Hall.

Annual Sale of Work will take
place on Sunday 18th November
at 3.00pm to 6.00pm in the
Aula Maxima, Maynooth College.
Christmas Shopping in SuperValu
on Wednesday 5th December
and Annual Dinner in the
Glenroyal Hotel on Sunday
9th December
Josephine Moore, Chairperson

University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Fridays at 11am in Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills New Members Welcome Enquiries: Helena Phone: 087 6717062

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

NUI Maynooth Prizes 2012

Each Year, the University provides prizes for each of the local schools for students who achieved high standards in their Fifth Year examinations, who are now Leaving Certificate year. They propose to offer the prizes again for the forthcoming year; each subject prize having a value of $\in 150$.

This year the receivers of the awards were Katie Donnellan in Arts, Katie Scanlon O'Callaghan in Science, Roisin Flanagan in Business & Finance and Stephen Colfer in Engineering. They were presented with the prizes by Dr. John McGinnity.

Dr. John McGinnity gave the one hundred and fifty four Leaving Certificate students a very inspirational talk about going to college. This talk took place on the 22nd October.



(L to R) Mr. Jonny Nevin, Dr. John McGinnity, Stephen Colfer, Katie Donnellan, Katie Scanlon O'Callaghan, Roisin Flanagan, Ms Eunice Finley, Ms Mary Spring (Guidance Counsellors)

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NEW YEAR PARTY FOOD

Cheesy Garlic Breadsticks

Ingredients

1/2 recipe Basic Pizza Dough

2 tablespoons softened butter

2 cloves garlic, crushed

1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese

2 cups grated mozzarella cheese

dried parsley, optional

Instructions

Preheat oven to 260°Celsius degrees.

In a small bowl, Mix butter and garlic together and set aside. Roll pizza dough out into a 12-inch circle on parchment paper. Spread the butter and garlic mixture over dough. Sprinkle with parmesan followed by mozzarella cheeses. Transfer parchment and dough to pizza stone or baking sheet. Bake at 500 for 9-10 minutes. Use a pizza cutter and cut into stick shapes. Sprinkle with a little dried parsley if desired.

Cajun Devilled Eggs

6 eggs

2 tablespoons mayonnaise

1 teaspoon prepared Dijon-style mustard

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

1/4 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper

Instructions

Place eggs in a medium saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring water to a boil and immediately remove from heat. Cover and let eggs stand in hot water for 10 to 12 mins. Remove from hot water, cool and peel. Slice eggs in half lengthwise. Remove yolks and place in a medium bowl. Set aside egg whites. Mashing with a fork, mix mayonnaise, Dijon-style mustard, salt and black pepper with the egg yolks. Fill the hollowed egg white halves with the yolk mixture. Sprinkle with cayenne pepper, adjusting the amount to taste. Cover and chill in the refrigerator until serving.

Hot Dog & Bacon Roll-Ups

Ingredients

1 (12 ounce) dozen hot dogs, cut in half brown sugar

1 lb bacon, cut into in the middle

Instructions

Take a piece of hot dog and piece of bacon, wrap bacon around hot dog. Stick a toothpick through bacon to hold. Place one layer in bottom of Crock Pot and cover with brown sugar. Repeat until all the hot dogs have been used. Cook 3 to 4 hours.

Easy Sausage Cheese Balls

Ingredients

1 pound sausage

- 4 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 3 cups baking mix

Check All Add to Shopping List

Instruction

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).

In a medium bowl, combine the sausage, cheese, & dry baking mix. Mix together, & shape mixture into walnut-sized balls. Place on a foil-lined cookie sheet. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes. Serve hot.

Chicken Nut Puffs

Makes 6 Dozen

1/2 cup vegetable oil

1 tablespoon dried parsley

Makes 3 Dozen

Makes 12

Makes 12

Ingredients

1 1/2 cups finely chopped, cooked chicken meat 1/3 cup toasted + chopped almonds

- 1 cup chicken broth
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon seasoning salt
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon celery seed

Instructions

Combine chicken, almonds & set aside. Preheat oven to 450 degrees F

(230 degrees C). In a large saucepan, combine the chicken broth, vegetable oil,
Worcestershire sauce, parsley, seasoned salt, celery seed & cayenne pepper.

Bring to a boil. Add flour all at once; stir mixture until a smooth ball forms.

Remove from heat & let stand for 5 mins.

Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Beat until smooth. Stir in chicken & almonds. Drop by heaping teaspoonfuls onto greased baking sheets. Bake in preheated oven for 12 to 14 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.



DECEMBER



Now is the time to catch up on boring maintenance jobs that you have put off all year. Minimize traffic on a frozen lawn to reduce winter damage. Set up water butts to collect rain water from roofs.

Check fruits, vegetables, corns & tubers that you have in storage. Sort out any that show signs of disease & dispose of them. Take care not to let leaves gather around alpines - they will die if left damp for a while. Enough though its winter you still need to check shrubs & trees for water. Plants & shrubs which are



growing beneath evergreens or under the eaves of the house, may be dry by this time. Lack of water in the cold months can be fatal to many of these plants.



December is a good month to take cuttings of rhododendrons, azaleas & other evergreen simuls. The cuttings should be taken from new tip growth & kept in bright light at about 70°. Watch out for pale blotches & fuzzy grey mould on leaves of winter flowering pansies.

In the vegetable garden, don't forget to work in some organic material. Cover empty vegetable beds with fleece or clear (not black) plastic. This will warm the soil making it easier to work with. Get cold frames ready now so they can be started first thing in spring. Plants such as condyline's & fuchsias shall be kept out of the frost, so put them in the greenhouse. Plant bare-rooted fruit trees & bushes this month.





Greenhouse - ventilate whenever there is a sunny day to keep the atmosphere dry. The strawberry bed should be covered with straw, pine needles or peat mose once the ground has frozen. Raspberry beds will also benefit from a load of composted commanure at this time.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



JANUARY

Please continue to feed the birds & other small creatures that might not be able to find food on the ground if there is snow or the ground is frozen. In the event of snow, be sure to shake or brush off the snow from the branches of your evergreens & shrubs. The weight of the snow might damage or break them.





Fireplace ashes should be used to as a fertilizer for your iris & other alkaline soil plants. If the ground isn't too wet & not frozen, turn the soil. To prolong bloom, protect poinsettias from drafts & keep them moderately moist. To clean crusty clay pots, add one cup each of white rinegar & household bleach together to a gallon of warm water & soak the pots. For heavily crusted pots, scrub with a steel wool

pad after soaking for 12 hours.

If you have time this winter, paint the handles of garden tools orange /white. They will be easier to find if they fall on the grass in the summer. Don't wait until late winter to order seeds. Many varieties sell out early. Its not too early to begin to think of a plan for next year's garden & where to plant new seedlings. Create a map of your garden & use this as a guide when ordering new seedlings & plants. Order your summer flowering bulbs now such as gladioli, dahilas & begonias to ensure that you have colourful borders.



When the weather permits, carry on clearing the paths of moss & leaves. At this time of year, apple & pear trees are dormant so it is a good time to prune them. Cut back new growth to one or two buds. Thin out branches that are twisted or rubbing off other branches. Apply a top dressing of sulphate of potash to all fruits & nuts trees.



Deadhead winter flowering pansies & bedding plants. Divide congested herbaceous perennials, prune winter jasmine to cut back flowered shoots. Choose a day to go out to the shed & sort it out. Take a note of what you will need for the upcoming spring season. Repair lawn edges or patches on lawns.

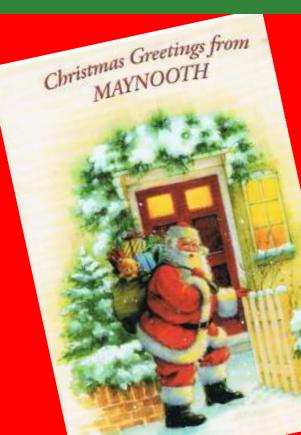
> To a gardener - there is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather!!!



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