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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 Corvenio 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.

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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.

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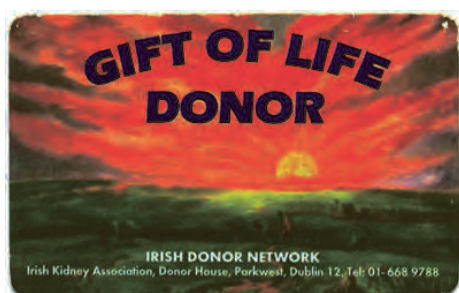
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St. Patricks Day Parade 2012

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 Corvenio 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. Supervalu
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
34. Timbertech Homes
35. Bradys Clockhouse and John Carr
36. Maynooth Fire Brigade

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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 bypass shows that ABP may have become more 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

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 law-abiding. 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.

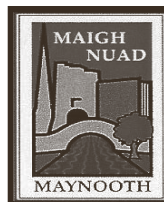
4. Senior Citizens
Catherine Mulready (Senior Citizens Committee) said they had had a successful church gate collection, and would run a Tea Dance after Easter with an Easter Bonnet competition.

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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Question

My Jobseeker's Benefit claim is at an end and I have applied for Jobseeker's Allowance. I've been told I must make myself available for interview. Why is there an interview?

Answer

Jobseeker's Benefit (JB) is a PRSI-based payment and it does not have a means test. The maximum amount of Jobseeker's Allowance (JA) is the same as the maximum rate of JB, but JA is means-tested. During a means test the Department of Social Protection (DSP) examines all your sources of income. The means test may involve an interview. Such interviews are a routine part of how the DSP processes claims for mean-tested payments. When you claim Jobseeker's Allowance, an officer of the Department will decide if your claim can be allowed immediately, or if it must be referred for interview.

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. A decision on your means is made by a separate Deciding Officer.

If you are unhappy with the decision made on your application for JA you can appeal to the independent [Social Welfare Appeals Office](#). You should appeal within 21 days of being told the decision on your application. Contact the Social Welfare Appeals Office, D'Olier House, D'Olier Street, Dublin 2.

Lo-call: 1890 74 74 34.

Question

I am getting a One-Parent Family Payment and my Rent Supplement claim is being reviewed. My current rent is over the new limit but I am tied into a lease for another 4 months. Will I be asked to move out of my home?

Answer

In January 2012 the Department of Social Protection (DSP) reduced the maximum level of rent that it will accept for Rent Supplement purposes. The reduced rent limits applied to new claimants immediately. They are being applied to existing claimants when their claims are reviewed or if they move to new accommodation (see [citizensinformation.ie](#) for the limits, which vary from area to area).

In your situation the DSP will ask you to re-negotiate 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:

- If you or a member of your household has special housing needs (for example, a person with a disability in specially adapted accommodation). If you will be able to pay the rent yourself within a short period, for example, if you are taking up employment. In this case Rent Supplement at a higher rate can be paid for a short period of 6-8 weeks.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

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.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

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Events in Maynooth Community Library for April.

Maynooth Community Library Classic Director Series.

Maynooth Community Library will screen the next movie as part of its Classic Director Series on Saturday April 14th. The workshop on the film will be held on the following Saturday 21st April.

The Classic Director Series is a celebration of the work of some of the most revered yet controversial of Hollywood film makers, for the April screening this will be William Friedkin. Film critic Wayne Byrne will be hosting the series of discussions and lectures, as places are limited for this exciting opportunity to gain insight into the directors careers, and a chance to critically analyse the individual scenes of the movie; booking is essential.

Please contact Maynooth Community to book your place, email : maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie, phone : 01 6285530.

Parent & Toddler Storytime every Wednesday morning at 10am in Maynooth Community Library. For children aged 2-5 years. Free to members and membership is free for all children.

TeenSpace Maynooth is a great way to relax and have fun with your friends. We are a Christian youth group aimed towards 3rd to 6th years. We host competitions such as badminton, table tennis and pool competitions, games, quizzes etc. If you're just interested in relaxing and having a good time with your friends, drop by Maynooth Community Space beside Manor Mills on your way home from school. We are open from 2-5 every Friday.

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Our drop-ins are the perfect way to start your weekend –a relaxing atmosphere, having fun with friends. We have lots of great events planned for this month.

Date	Time	Event	Location
2 nd April	7:30-9:00pm	Culture Night	Maynooth Community Space
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

The youth leaders are all volunteers and organise the events so if you're sitting bored at home why not get your friends and join them?!

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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 Moore, Robert Tobin	
Next Outing to Knockanally 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 Saturday 14th 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



First Name(s): * _____
 Last Name: * _____
 Address: * _____
 Gender: * _____
 Email: * _____
 Age or D.O.B.: * _____ (over 16's only)
 Club: _____
 Mobile Number: * _____
 Other Phone Number: _____
 (* = Must be completed)

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 up until 1st May, late entry fee €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

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We were really delighted with the atmosphere and fun we all enjoyed on St Patrick's Day Everest Challenge which we successfully completed. It was amazing to see young and slightly older continuously climbing - even in the rain - and enjoy themselves.

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.

If you wish to volunteer with CLEAN UPS please get in contact with Maynooth Tidy Towns mobile no 087 3153189.



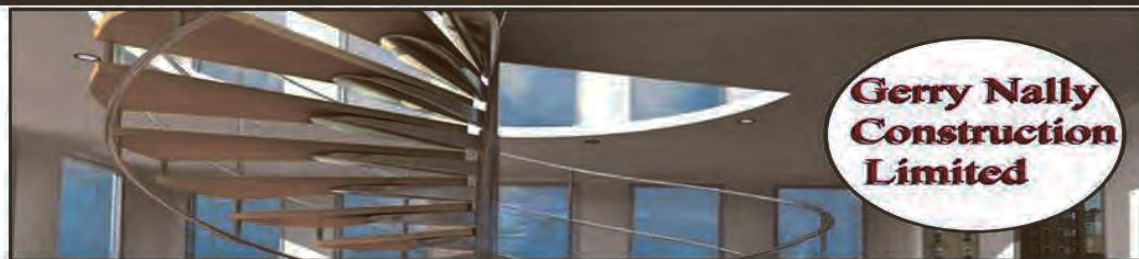
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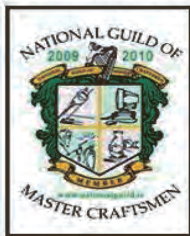
Maynooth Post Primary School PTA will hold its second 10K Challenge and Fun Run on Sunday 20th May 2012 to raise funds for the development of new playing pitches, a walking/running track and ancillary facilities for the school on Moyglare road, in conjunction with Maynooth GAA Club. The event entails 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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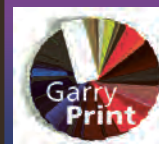
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Echtra Chonlai (The Adventure of Conla)

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One day Conla Ruad (red) the son of Conn Céthachach (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 Sírbé 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 forces
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 Céthachach
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).

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(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 síde – 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 Dúinchad, 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.

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New Celbridge Secondary School	2015/2016

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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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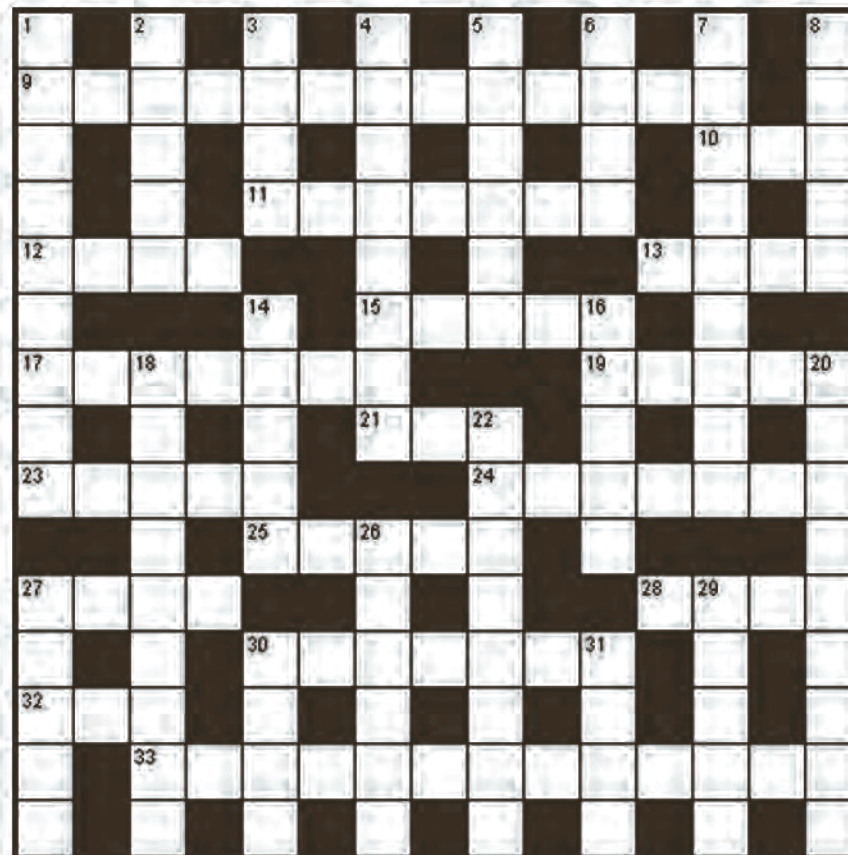
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 30. Gossip (4-3)
 32. Devoted follower (3)
 33. Ulcer located in the duodenum (8,5)

April 2012 Crossword - No: 401



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
with the Earth
Flag he designed.



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 co-publisher, 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".

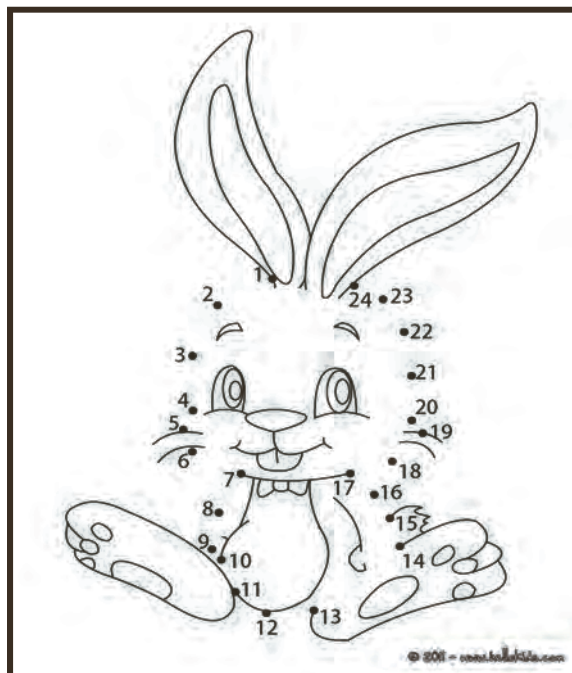
Birth of Earth Day

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.

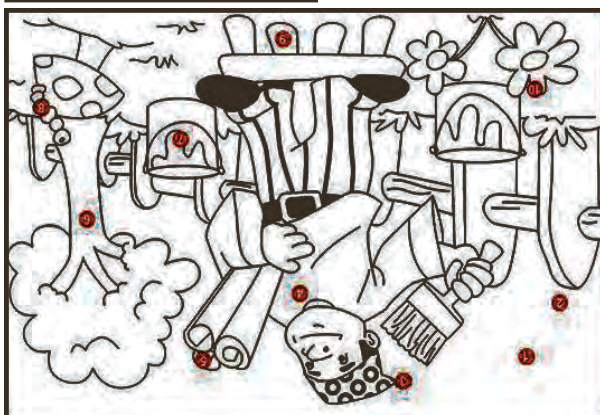
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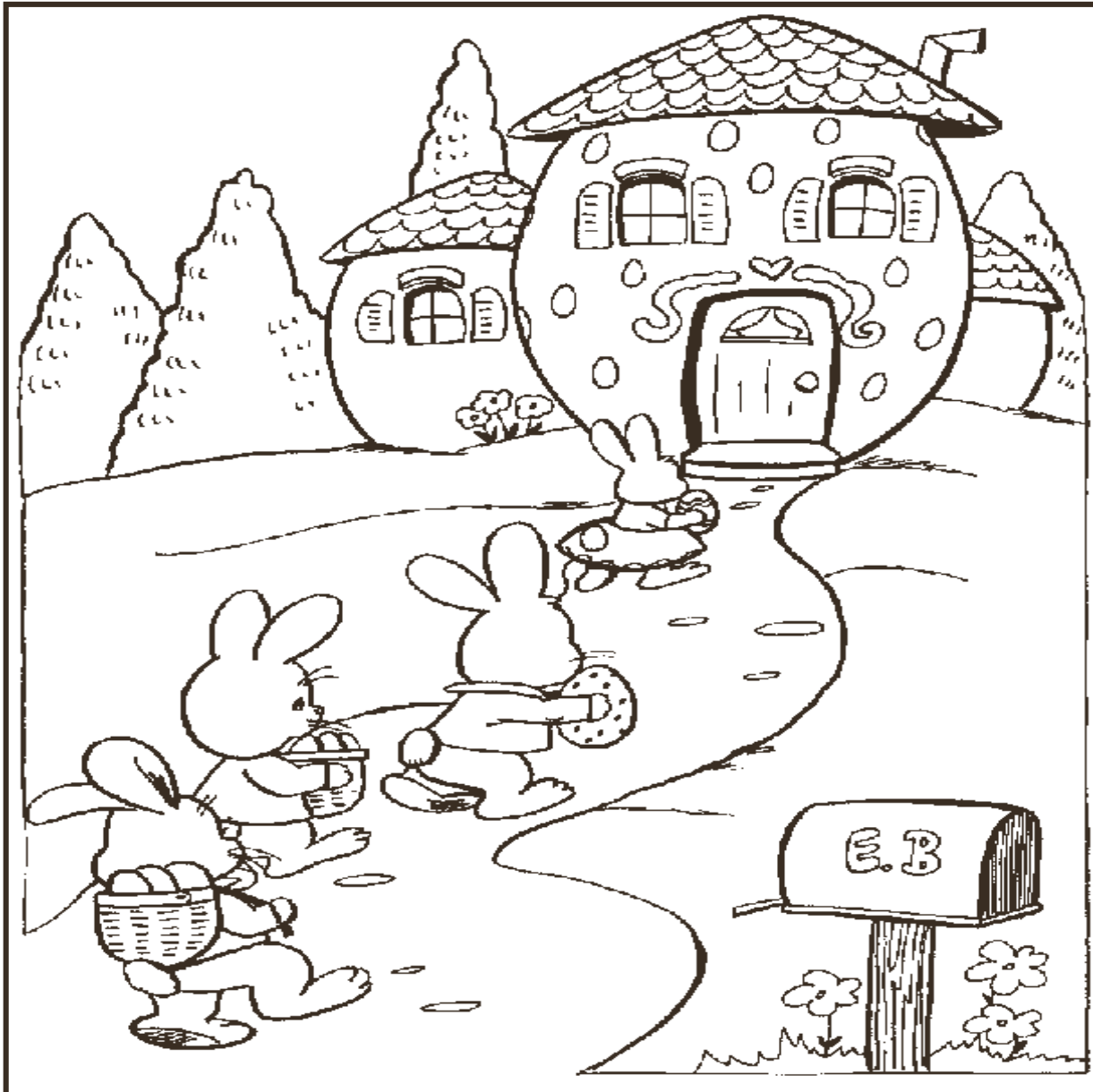
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Monday:

I started the day by treating the dogs and cats that had been admitted over the weekend and then conducted a busy small animal clinic. This involves routine consultations and invariably turns up a few cases requiring more investigation - one small dog who was obviously in pain, may have swallowed a stone and so he needed to be admitted for x-rays. The radiographs confirmed the owner's fears. The dog was then put on a drip, given the appropriate medication and because the stone was obstructing the small bowel he was prepared for surgery. The operation was successful and having recovered, he went home two days later.

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.

That night I was the vet on call and was very relieved when I received no further calls until 6am on Tuesday morning when a cow was in difficulty calving. And so began another day.....

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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 than 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.

MAYNOOTH STUDENTS FOR CHARITY GALWAY CYCLE 2012 FOR DOWN SYNDROME IRELAND.

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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