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Local News

FREE

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 town.

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.

For more, see www.galwaycycle.ie

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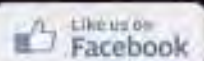
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Mejillones a la Marinera (gf) Steamed fresh Irish mussels cooked in a lightly spiced tomato sauce & served with crusty Spanish toasts.	€8.50
Alas de Pollo Mexicano (gf) Mexican chicken wings marinated a garlic butter, coriander & chilli.	€8.00
Ensalada de queso de Cabra con miel (V) Deep fried goat's cheese on a bed of spinach leaves topped with roasted pine nuts, hazelnuts, walnut & a drizzle of honey.	€8.50
Pan Catalana con Tomate (V) Homemade Spanish toasts with garlic, grated plum tomatoes, chopped basil leaves & extra virgin olive oil.	€5.50
Flautas de Pollo Crispy deep fried flutes of rolled flour tortilla filled with shredded chicken, tomato, coriander & cumin.	€7.50
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Platos Principales / Main Courses

Sizzling Chicken Fajitas Sliced chicken breast with onions & Padrón peppers in a spicy tomato salsa, served in a cast iron sizzling pan with soft flour tortillas, guacamole, sour cream & jack cheddar cheese. Vegetarian option also available	€16.95 €14.95
Filete Asado de Argentino. (gf) 10oz prime Fillet Angus Steak cooked to order on open flame lava rock grill.	€28.90
Ojo de Buey Carne de Mendoza. (gf) 12oz prime Rib-eye Steak cooked to order on open flame lava rock grill.	€24.90
Pollo Rollo de Menorcina (gf) Rolled chicken fillet wrapped in Jamón Serrano & stuffed with fresh goat's cheese, semi-sun dried tomato & spinach smothered in a red pepper sauce.	€21.90
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Zarzuella. (gf) Fricassee of clams, monkfish, Dublin Bay prawns, mussels, tomato & potato.	€25.50
Pollo Harissa (gf) Slices of chicken breast sautéed with courgettes & mushrooms in a spicy harissa & smoked paprika tomato sauce on a bed of deep fried cubed potatoes.	€19.90
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Olé Homemade Beef & Spanish chorizo Burger with mixed leafs & Spanish Piquillos peppers & Monterey Jack Cheese.	€15.00
Mexicano 8oz beef burger cooked on the lava rock grill with sliced jalapenos, melted Jack cheddar cheese, tomato salsa and guacamole.	€15.50
Piri-Piri Chicken Chicken breast basted with homemade Spicy Piri-Piri Sauce, char-grilled on the lava rocks & served with slices of pickled cucumber.	€13.00
Berenjena y Queso de Cabra (V) Grilled slices of Aubergine stuffed with soft Goat's cheese, topped with Jalapeno pepper relish & fresh mix local leaves.	€13.00
Vegetariano (V) Homemade Chickpea Falafel burger flavoured with mint, garlic, parsley & cumin and topped with lemon & dill cream cheese.	€13.00

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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 Team U12 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 the 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 pay-parking 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 be 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, Taghadoo, 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 possibly 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 re-open 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 sub-committee 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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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.

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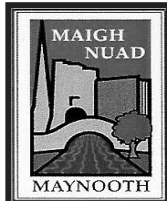
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PRESENTATION OF PROCEEDS OF TONY SMITH MEMORIAL WALK 2011

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.

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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 eye-catching 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 €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 €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 1Life 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. 1Life also operates a text service – Text the word HELP to 51444 (standard message rates apply). 1Life is 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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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.

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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 acid-loving 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 summer-flowering 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 summer-flowering 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

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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

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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 www.education.ie (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.E.C. expression of interest form to Maynooth Post Primary School, or by completing the online form at:

www.kildarevec.ie/newmaynoothschool

WHY SUPPORT KILDARE VEC PATRONAGE?

- KILDARE VEC PATRONAGE HAS A PROVEN TRACK RECORD OF DELIVERING HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION IN MAYNOOTH**
- KILDARE VEC HAS APPLIED FOR AN AONAD FOR MAYNOOTH DEMONSTRATING THEIR COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF IRISH IN MAYNOOTH**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the people of Maynooth and surrounding areas for their overwhelming support of the Kildare V.E.C.'s patronage application to date.

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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New Post-Primary School Campus for Maynooth



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WHAT IS A SCHOOL PATRON?

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- Academic excellence at national level to enable all students realise their full potential and prepares all students for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.
- A healthy and safe working environment.



Kildare VEC has applied for AONAD status for Maynooth

Expression of Interest Form

To register **your** support for Kildare VEC's Patronage application, complete and return the form below to Maynooth Post Primary School **OR** log on to www.kildarevec.ie/newmaynoothschool

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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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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre — Know Your Rights

Question

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 €140 per month for each of the first two children. From January 2012 the rate for the third child is reduced to €148 from €167 and for the fourth and each subsequent child to €160 from €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 €222 (€148 x 1.5) and €240 (€160 x 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 €4,004 to €10,036. If your income is over €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 €10,036 and at 4% on all their income above €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 Supplement 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

Question

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.
2. 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.
4. Put Parking Bays at Dillons Row from house number 1 to 8 instead of a yellow line
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.
7. 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.
9. 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 Celbridge 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

E mail jmginley@eircom.net

Web: www.labour.ie/johnmcginley/

John is also on Facebook

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

Gino Fusciardi owner of Major Minor will be joining Maynooth/Express along with some of his drivers. Gino would like to thank his customers for their loyal support over the years and look forward to meeting them soon. Maynooth/Express cab is a progressive and excellent cab company and run to the highest standards and has served Maynooth and surrounding areas for many years. I feel that it is a good move and under the leadership of Mark Nolan it will continue to flourish as a very successful company. Maynooth/Express Cabs can be contacted on 01 6289999 01 6016160.

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 McAleese 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 co-educational, 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)

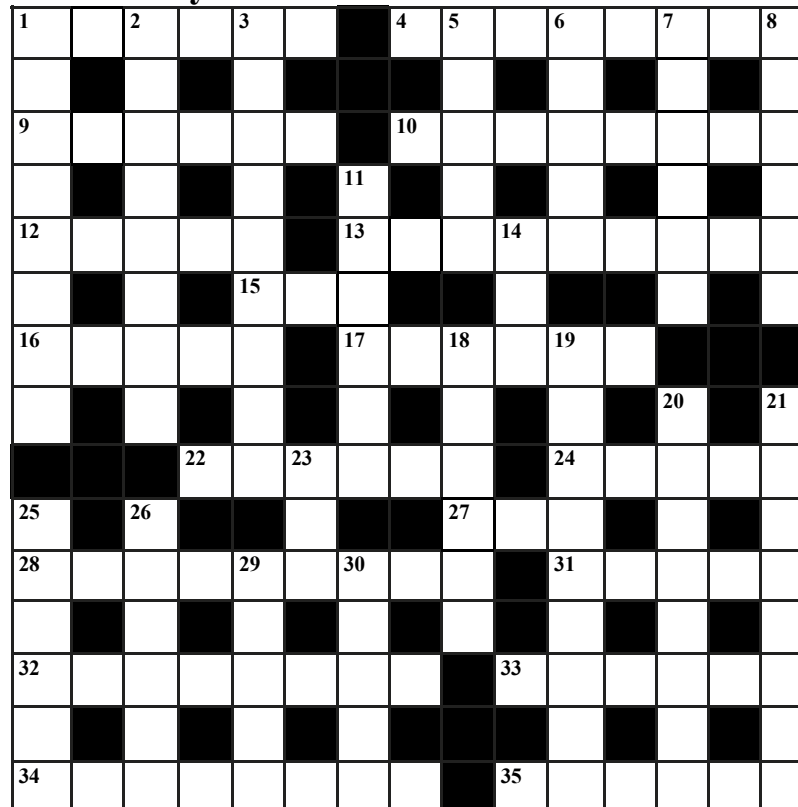
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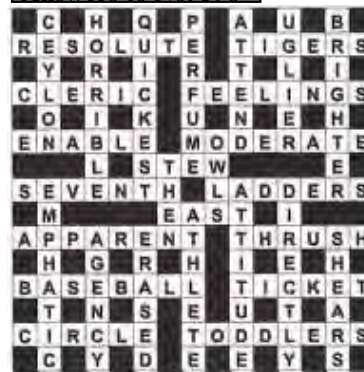
1. Asserts, avers (6)
4. Presented for consideration (8)
9. Wirellesses (6)
10. Pack them up in your old kit bag (8)
12. Up to a time that (5)
13. Instrument played with mallets (9)
15. Frosty and slippery (3)
16. Amidst (5)
17. Rule (6)
22. A wasp does it (6)
24. Language, people, and whiskey (5)
27. Roadhouse (3)
28. Superior, of the highest quality (9)
31. Literary genre for the theatre (5)
32. Member of the family (8)
33. Rough to the touch (6)
34. Uncertain anticipation (8)
35. State categorically (6)

DOWN

- 1.. Shaped like a ring (8)
2. Increase, augmentation (8)
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)



Answers to No. 398



Winner of Crossword No. 398

Sheila Fleming
Maynooth Park
Maynooth

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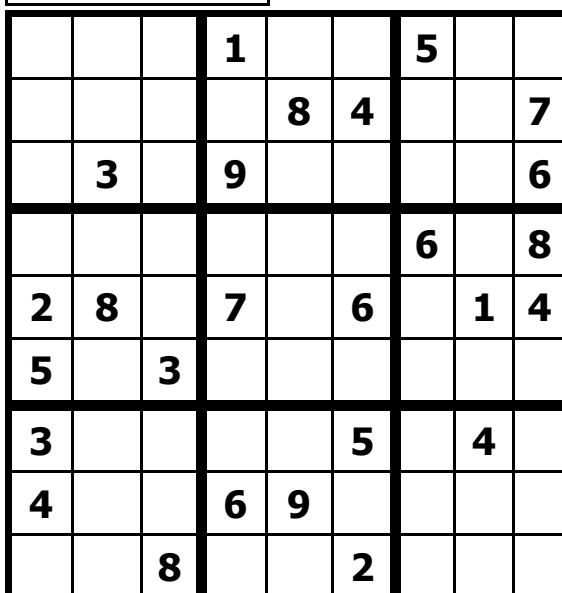
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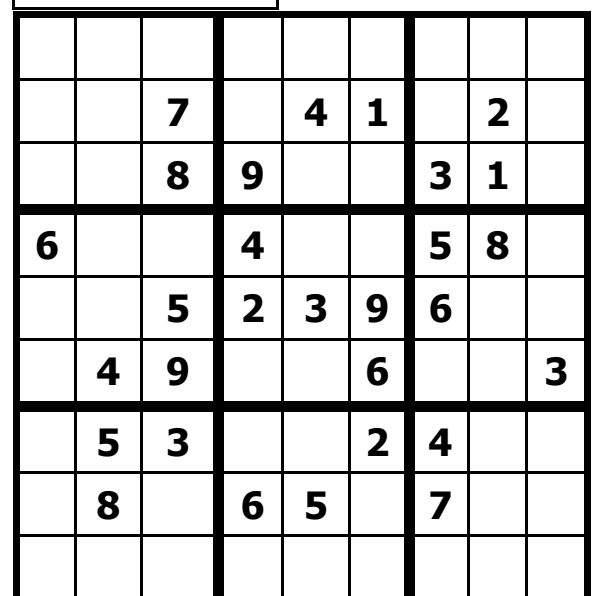


Sudoku Challenge

February 2012



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Send completed puzzles to
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**Congratulations to
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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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6pm: The Monread Lodge, Naas



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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 €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

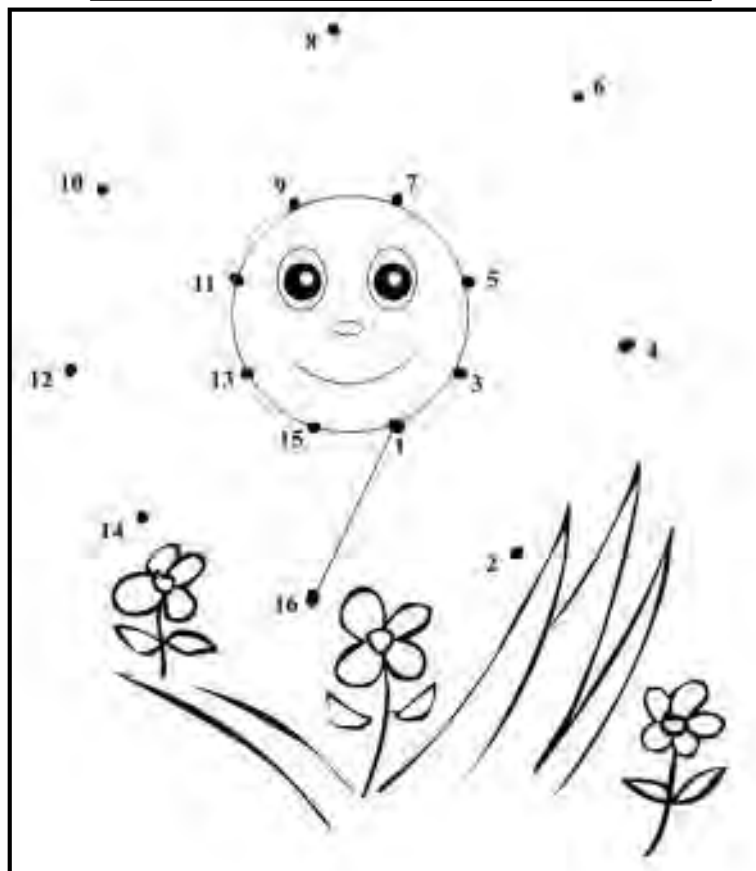
In a topical debate in the Dáil on gas safety requested by Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind – Kildare North) on Thursday, the issue of proper procedures when investigating and dealing with gas leaks was addressed by Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources Pat Rabbitte. The debate was requested 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."

Join the Dots

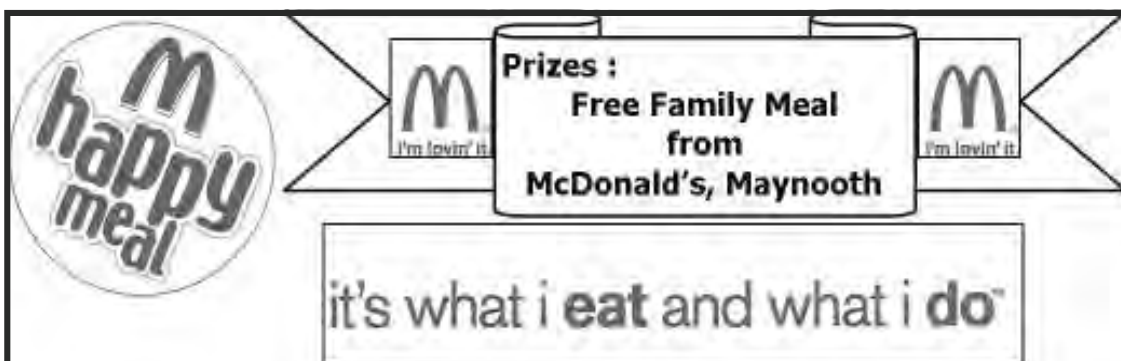


Spot The 10 Differences in Pictures



Answers

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Age: 8 & Over: Sinéad Crowley, Moyglare Abbey

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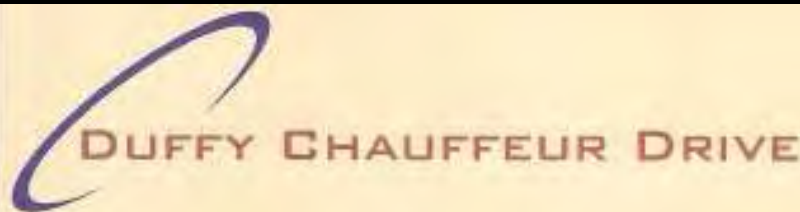
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very well maintained. This was an excellent site.

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?

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6	Wexford	Clean to European Norms
7	Youghal	Clean to European Norms
8	Ballinacollig	Clean to European Norms
9	Waterford City	Clean to European Norms
10	Fermoy	Clean to European Norms
11	Cobh	Clean to European Norms
=	Castlebar	Clean to European Norms
=	Bray	Clean to European Norms
14	Naas	Clean to European Norms
15	Dungarvan	Clean to European Norms
16	Ennis	Clean to European Norms
=	Ballina	Clean to European Norms
=	Nenagh	Clean to European Norms
19	Longford	Clean to European Norms
20	Kilkenny	Clean to European Norms
21	Tramore	Clean to European Norms
=	Sligo	Clean to European Norms
23	Drogheda	Clean to European Norms
=	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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