

July 2012Local NewsFREEGeraldine Festival in Maynooth Castle

Maynooth Historical Society held a fabulous night of music and dance to celebrate their Geraldine Festival Week. The wealth of artistic talent that is the Castle Keep Art Group exhibited their beautiful paintings in the Castle to much admiration, while Rita Doyle's Dance School - Scoil Rince Ui Dhuibhaill and The Catherine Maher School of Dancing performed with great expertise many jigs and reels and a special Jedward inspired dance too.

We also had the St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band to entertain us, which they certainly did!! Under the baton of Aine Doyle they filled the Castle with their fabulous renditions of Lord of the Dance, Shostakovich's jazzy 2nd Waltz to Michael Bublé! One lucky boy, Sean Leahy, won the chance to conduct the band and he made a fine job of it! The Band were due to play at the Eucharistic Congress the next night, I'm sure they found they had another very appreciative audience in the RDS too. This summer the Band will be taking part in the South of Ireland Band Championships in Clonakilty, we wish them every success.

The night was organised to honour Gerald and Joan Howard-Williams, it was through their hard work and persistence with the OPW that we have the wonderful facilities in the Castle available to us. Mary Cullen gave us a brief history of the Castle and its owners and then Colm Ó Cearúil gave a speech on the adventures of Silken Thomas whose connection to Maynooth has yet to be really acknowledged.

Barry Smith performed various Frank Sinatra numbers, he not only sounded the part he dressed the part too, very smooth! Our evening rounded off with the traditional music group Push for Porter. They invited us to join in with the chorus of "Go Lassie Go" and we lifted the rafters. It was a truly wonderful night which showcased the many talented musicians, dancers and artists of Maynooth in the wonderful setting of our own Castle. A true Geraldine Evening.

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St. Mary's Band with guest conductor Sean Leahy



The Art Exhibition held by the Castle Keep Art Group



Theatre in the Castle

Cast members of An Nuadha Players Community Theatre Group on the 1st night of Same old Moon by Geraldine Aron at Maynooth Castle . The Castle was packed for 3 nights to watch the ups and downs of the Family life of Brenda Barnes and the audience loved every minute. With a large cast of people of all ages , this was a great success for An Nuadha Players and the Community of Maynooth. Sorry for the large number of people we had to turn away, and a big thank you to the OPW for the use of the Castle and the Maynooth Community Council for the use of the Community Space. Terry Nealon: An Nuadha Players.



Geraldine Festival in Maynooth Castle



Colm Ó Cearúil and Hilda Dunne



Scoil Rince Ui Dhuibhail



St. Mary's Band



Conductor Aine Doyle wows the audience!



Push for Porter Traditional Group



Barry "Frank Sinatra" Smith

MEMBERS OF MAYNOOTH CASTLE KEEP ART GROUP AT THEIR RECENT EXHIBITION



Susan Durack

Sharon Dunne



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The Benefits of **Annual Pet Vaccination**

At Maynooth Veterinary Clinic we are often asked is it necessary to vaccinate a pet every year? This month's article addresses that question.

Because your pet is out and about in the environment he is constantly being challenged by infectious microorganisms. In the unvaccinated pet the veterinary treatment for some of these diseases merely supports your pet in the hope that his immune system can fight the disease e.g. Parvovirus. Your pet's immunity after vaccination will start to decrease over time and therefore it is good practice to ensure that he receives an annual vaccination. Then as your pet encounters these diseases his immune system has been primed to recognise and fight them.

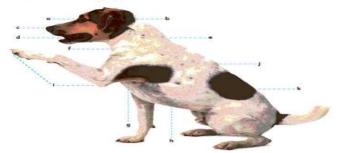
The vaccination contains harmless versions of bacteria and viruses from all of the major infectious diseases that occur in Ireland. The vaccine triggers the formation and production of antibodies to these diseases. Following vaccination your pet's immune system is activated to fight these infections.

At Maynooth Veterinary Clinic (<u>www.maynoothvets.com</u>) we conduct a full health check at the time of annual vaccination. It can be quite surprising what is discovered from these examinations heart problems, early arthritis, allergies, eye conditions - to name but a few. We also use this visit to discuss your pet's health needs for the year ahead and to inform you of things to look out for as he ages.

The chart right gives you an insight into the comprehensive health check that your pet receives as part of his annual booster vaccination visit at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic, Newtown Grove:

Thank you for bringing your dog in for an annual health check & vaccination

To maximise the benefit to you and your dog, your vet will perform a nose-to-tail check and ask y important questions so your dog's health status can be thoroughly assessed.



What will your vet be looking for during the physical health check?

- a. Examine eyes for discharge or inflammation.
- b. Examine ears for ear mites, odour, infection or inflammation
- c. Evaluate nose and nasal passages for signs of upper respiratory disease or allergies.
 d. Evaluate mouth for teeth, ulcers, adour, colour and condition of gums.
- e. Gently 'lift and twist' scruff to evaluate hydration level.
- f. Feel thyroid and lymph nodes for signs of tumours or infections
- g. Listen to chest for heart murmurs, irregular heartbeat and abnormal lung sounds.
- Feel turnmy for lumps or tenderness.
- Assess condition of legs, joints, spine, paws and claws.
 Assess coat and skin condition for parasites, grooming, nutrients, allergies and infection.
- k. Assess body condition to ensure not over- or under-weight.



July Diary Planner

I.C.A.

There will be no meetings in July & August. Monthly meeting for September is 6th at 8.00 pm in the harbour. Crafts return on Monday 10th. New members welcome.

Taekwon-Do

Children's Classes for 5 years and up held every Wednesday in St. Marys Boys School, Moyglare Road & on Fridays in Educate Together, Celbridge Road 6.30 p.m.—7.30 p.m. For details: Contact Stephen Doyle 087 6986491

Flower & Garden Club

There will be no club for July and August. Will resume in September. Have a lovely summer's break.

Maureen Fagan PRO

Parent & Toddler Group

Every Tuesday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth.

Community Library

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

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Bridge Club

Open for new members. If you would like to play in a friendly club with Purpose built facilities in the centre of Maynooth, please see our website at maynoothbridgeclub.com. Contact Katherine Cooney 086 8205910

Irish Girl Guides

Meetings Tuesday evening in Maynooth. For further information contact Jackie on 085 1413787 or visit I.G.G. website www.irishgirlguides.ie

Maynooth Youth Café

Games, Music, Snacks and Chat. You decide, It's Your Caf. Thursdays 8 - 10pm Community Space Manor Mills

History Group

Meetings every last Thursday of the month in Maynooth Community Council Office at 8.00pm. All Welcome

University of Third Age (U3A)

AGM will be held at 11.00am on Friday 8th June, 2012. Weekly meetings on Tuesday & Friday in Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth New Members Welcome Enquiries : Bernadette Phone: 6289131

If you would like Your event for August put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter Phone 01 6585922/6285053

Maynooth Girl wins Leinster Rugby Art Competition



Congratulations to **Sinead Crowley**, Presentation Girl's School, Maynooth who recently won the Under 12 section of the inaugural Leinster Rugby Art Competition.

There were 3 different categories Under 12, Under 15 and Under 19 with over 1,000 entries from all over Ireland

Her prize consists of an All 4 One Voucher from Bank of Ireland and she along with the other winners will attend the opening of the new Leinster Rugby Offices. All the winning art work will feature on the walls of these new offices. The winners will also attend a Leinster match in the RDS. Sinead will also be invited to a Leinster match next season, where her painting along with the top 10 of each category will be displayed in a "pop-up" gallery for the day. Congratulations and well done!!



Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

Congratulations to all the team who participated in the A.O.I.F.A exhibit in Bloom, we were over the moon, at winning a gold medal. Our exhibit was titled "A Celebration of 350 Years in the Phoenix Park". The team included our President Felicity Satchwell, our chairwoman Rosemary Smyth, Noeleen O'Brien, Mary Cleary, Moira Baxter, Maureen Fagan, Lila Flynn, Kathleen Harper, Janet McCann and Ann O'Dowd. The club would like to thank all the members who supplied foliage from their gardens and the club members who looked after the stewarding in Blooms.





The exhibit was highly admired by specators at Blooms and it showed off the wealth of talent in the club.

We are always looking for new members so why not come along to our club night, we meet on the third of each month in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth.

There will be no club night in July or August as we breal for the summer and resume in September

Maureen Fagan PRO



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Is anseo i Maigh Nuad a scríobh an tAth. Eoghan Ó Gramhnaigh alt san Irish Ecclesiastical Record i Samhain 1890 inar mhol sé go mbunófaí eagraíocht dheonach nua chun an teanga a shabháil. Spreag an talt sin Eoin Mac Néil agus Dubhlás de hIde chun Conradh na Gaeilge a bhunadh. D'éirigh le Conradh na Gaeilge mheon na tíre a athrú go dtí gur bhaineamar neamhspleáchas amach mar Phoblacht na hÉireann.

The story of the Irish language is interwoven with the story of Ireland. With the fall of Maynooth Castle the way was paved for the advance of Colonisation in Ireland.

It was here in Maynooth that an tAth Eoghan Ó Gramhnaigh wrote an article in the Irish Ecclesiastical Record suggesting that a voluntary organisation should be founded to arrest the decay of the language. This article motivated Eoin Mac Néil and Doughlas Hyde to establish Conradh na Gaeilge. The Conradh succedded in instilling a pride of language and identity in the Irish people. This pride and sense of self worth would eventually lead to independence and the formation of the Irish Republic.

Successive Irish Governments attempted to restore the language through promotional policies, in the main through its Education department. These policies which mostly consisted of a form of compulsion did not succeed, e.g if a student failed Irish in their Leaving Certificate, they failed the entire examination.

In the 1970's Parents began to realise that government A class schools, i.e. those teaching all subjects through the medium of Irish were producing students whose achievements were outranking those in the private fee paying sector schools. This realistaion was one of the reasons that motivated parents to found the Gaelscoileanna organisation.

At secondary level there are c.750 secondary schools in the State. To date 574 students are enrolled to attend Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad.

History shows us that government does not always get it right. They are currently ignoring the wishes of the parents and insisting that the new school for Maynooth to be opened in 2014 will be another English medium school.

The Parents of the children are committed that their children will continue their education through the medium of Irish. Please support our campaign by lobbying local and national politicians by asking them

- 1. Why is the governmet opposed to Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad ?
- Why will the new school not be sited on the south side of the town? As was originally planned and where the majority of the school going population reside. (Castlebridge, Parklands, Rail Park, Rockfield, Griffen Rath, Maynooth Park, Greenfield, Straffan Wood, Kingsbry, Old Greenfield, Silken Vale, Cluain Aoibhinn, College Green, Meadowbrook, Beaufield, Woodslands, Castle Dawson srl.)
- 3. Why do they want to build a superschool of 2,000 students in Maynooth ?

Is mise, le meas, Colm Ó Cearúil Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad,

Editorial

Europe has been at the centre of Irish affairs this month. Firstly, the future of the Euro and of the whole EU project was in doubt as the Greeks voted again and our future is now inextricably linked with that of countries whose politics we knew very little about until recently. Our referendum and its result have become nearly irrelevant and even forgotten already. Tourists are deserting Greece and their beautiful islands, adding even more stress to this once great nation and country. The other European involvement was the European Championships where our appearance was relatively short-lived. In the background the latest Eucharistic Congress took place but this showed what a changed place Ireland is from the 1930s with the event somewhat relegated to the background. But the most recent report, that on the 196 children who died while in the "care" of the HSE, shows no change in this country's attitude to children; this neglect happened in the times of the Celtic Tiger. This is no great little country but a place seemingly inhabited by an uncaring population. Those responsible are not aliens, they are not "they", they are us. Contrast this with the wonderful welcome given to Burmese heroine Aung San Suu Kyi; perhaps we are better with strangers than with our own.

The History Group are to be congratulated on their wonderful event in the Castle recently. Hopefully, it will be possible to facilitate the opening of this great castle to the public for longer than at present. The Office of Public Works has asked voluntary groups to get involved in their heritage sites and the Community Council and the History Group will be cooperating with them on these developments. This is to be welcomed as cultural tourism is so important to Ireland but it also means that the Government is not prepared to spend money on paid employees at sites all around the country. This deprives some of our young, and not so young people of future employment in this industry. The Geraldine Castle in Maynooth is an example of how such a site can be restored and utilized by a community that cares about its heritage. But the attack on the Lia Fáil on the Hill of Tara has shocked the heritage community. This mindless attack with a hammer will beg questions about the future of many monuments that have been left in the open for people to enjoy. The Lia Fáil has an uncertain past; it was mentioned in the early literature as being a type of coronation stone. It now stands upright on top of the hill but it used to lie prone outside the Mound of the Hostages a bit like the stone that now lies outside Newgrange. It was said to cry out when the rightful king was in place and it was supposedly accompanied by two more stones, called Bloc and Bluigne, that opened out to receive the king. The OPW may have to review the future of many open air monuments now for example high crosses are left out in the open on sites all over the country. But they are being damaged by our modern weather, acid rain, and fumes from the traffic on our roads. Parents and teachers will have to instil a greater respect for property in our youth and there is not great indication that this is taking place. (We welcome your comments and letters on any topic, if you want your letter published, please make this clear when you contact us. We would appreciate your feedback.)

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our readers of the upcoming Festival. It will be launched on Thursday 13th September to continue until the following Sunday, (the 16th September). We would like to draw your attention in particular to events to take place

Community Council Notes

There was further news about the Office of Public Works and the Castle. They were in touch with the secretary about extending the opening hours. The History Group have been in contact with the OPW already and they hope to progress the extension of the opening hours by September. There will have to be two guides together at the site and an arrangement for key holders.

A number of issues were raised in the correspondence that the Council received this month and that were aired at the meeting. The first of these was the dangerous parking at Parson Street. It was pointed out that cars were now parked on both sides of the street and that this was posing a danger for pedestrians in particular. The meeting was told that the gardaí did not appear to take this illegal parking seriously. Hopefully, the pay parking will get rid of this problem and when the roads are resurfaced, the double yellow lines will be more visible. It is possible that it was the pay parking in the College in the past year that led to the increase in this illegal parking. It was pointed out that there will be no clamping in operation, there will only be parking tickets.

The second issue that was raised by correspondence was the increase in theft at Laraghbryan Cemetery. This is happening because the gates to the cemetery have been closed and there is no vehicular access anymore. This was a decision of the committee and was supported by Kildare County Council. The closure was suggested to protect graves and grass verges from cars parking on them. The cars are then in danger of break-ins. This was linked to lawlessness in general. It was agreed to reply to the correspondence that Cllr McGinley was dealing with the issue. CCTV could be a deterrent. There is space for parking outside the cemetery.

The Community Council received \$1,800 from Intel at the Community Awards that are held every year. A total of \$384,000 was granted to groups throughout the country. The awards are based on the number of community hours that Intel employees give to a given group; one of their employees visits the office every week to help with IT issues.

The issue of home help was raised by both the Senior Citizens and the U3A. The authorities were blamed for not trying to keep older people in their own homes, it is cheaper, it is healthier and better for people to stay at home. The fact that the home help is being cut back makes this more expensive in the long run. There is very little support to keep people at home or from the public health nurses.

The various sub-committees and affiliates also reported on their activities to the meeting as is normal. The Educate Together School had representatives who ran the Maynooth 10k and their Summer Fair will be held 24th June. Both the Youth Café and the Teen Space were represented; they use the Community

on Saturday 15th; the committee want the shopkeepers to dress for the 1910-30 period and to try to dress their shops in this fashion. We are looking for old photographs to put on display. It would be fun if the pubs ran a happy hour where drink would cost what it did a hundred years ago and if some produce in the shops could be reduced to this price however briefly. We would like to have stalls in the square, there are those who sell there already but we would welcome many more of them. If you as an individual or as a group have any ideas or anything to contribute or to donate or to put on display please get in touch with the Community Council office. Space in Manor Mill. Both groups are going well; Cllr McGinley urged them to apply for the KCC grants of \notin 54,000 that are devoted to youth affairs. The Community Space is completely booked up for the moment and P. Croghan thanked the U3A and the toddlers group for accommodating the necessary changes.

The Tidy Town collection was reported to have increased by 15% and the U3A were thanked for their help. There are now a total of 59 people on the text message list when the group are looking for help cleaning up. A number of other issues were raised as well; for example some of the back lanes are full of potholes; but €100,000 was spent on the new road at Blacklion. Some of the graffiti was cleaned up by the Council but the defaced signage has still not been cleaned up - they were defaced a year ago during the election. The flower baskets will not be done this year as it was very expensive. The award ceremony for best estates or shop fronts did not take place last year; only the winners were attending and the committee are keeping the issue under review. KCC will have a 'best practice' document on the suitable colours on shop fronts etc but owners cannot be forced to use certain colours. The unacceptable positioning of bins on the Main Street was also mentioned. It was pointed out that railings at Carton Avenue were no longer and that there is a danger to cyclists and pedestrians. It was agreed to write to KCC to restore this railing.

The Twinning Committee reported that the Council have been invited to Canet for the 22nd June but it was hoped to celebrate the event in October instead The issue of education was again raised by C. Ó Cearúil. Despite the fact that the second secondary school was originally planned for the Straffan Road as of January 2011, it had been decided that 2 postprimary schools would be placed on the north side of the town on the Moyglare Road. This would mean that there would be 2,000 students in one location, 2 schools but still on the same site - the biggest school in Ireland. It was agreed to write to the Minister again about our concerns regarding the location and the size of the schools. It was pointed out that this had all been done before. The patronage will be decided this month and the planning application has not been lodged yet. It was also noted that the Dept of Education does not have any land on the Celbridge Road. (There is a page of relevant letters etc. further in the publication.) Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

MEN'S SHEDS

Further to the previous bulletin in the Maynooth Newsletter there's some good news on the Men's Shed project. A "shed" premises has been sourced. It will take some work to get it fit for purpose but with the combined skills of members it should pose no problem. We hope to be up and running towards the end of Summer.

Men's Sheds is a community based organisation for men who have time on their hands to get together, talk with other men shoulder to shoulder and share their skills.

If you are interested in getting involved I can be contacted via the Maynooth Newsletter at phone no. 6285922 or email <u>maynoothce@eircom.net</u> I can also be contacted at johnpfleming@hotmail.com Please leave your contact details and I'll get in touch shortly. Thanks to all who have expressed an interest so far.

John Fleming



negatives and would like to have them shown in an exhibition please leave them into the Maynooth Community Office. The greatest care will be taken of the

photographs which will be copied and originals returned to owners within a few days. The copies will go on display.

Please submit some information about the photographs - year, people, places, events etc.

Please contact the Maynooth Community Office for more information. (01) 6285922



Gearoid - Keeper of the Castle

Gerard Howard Williams, who died recently, was a familiar figure in Maynooth. He was usually to be seen on his bicycle as he pursued his many interests in developing community life. Gerard was born in Liverpool in 1925, the second son in a family of six sisters and three brothers. His father died at the early age of forty. When World War 11 began in 1939, the family home was requisitioned by the British military and the family came to Ireland where they stayed for a while in Loughrea, and then settled in Glasson near Athlone. Here they developed a love of the Shannon river and waterways. When developments at the Ardnacrusha hydroelectric power station threathened the livelihood of local fishermen, Gerard and his brother John became involved in a campaign which succeeded in getting the flow of water regulated to accommodate the eel fishing. They were also active in the foundation of the Inland Waterways Association in 1954, and the Shannon Boat Rally in 1961.

Gerard came to Dublin where he studied for an Arts degree in Trinity College. Then, with his brotherin-law, he started a self-service supermarket on Upper Merrion Street which they later converted to the Inca Coffee House. In 1964 he married Joan Gilligan of Dublin and they had six children, two boys and four girls. In 1969 Gerard and Joan sold the coffee shop and house in Dublin and, on the invitation of David Nall Cain, came to Maynooth where they moved into a wing of Carton House.

Gerard had developed an interest in wood work and cabinet-making as a boy in Loughrea, where he learned his skill from the local farrier who also made coffins. He had maintained a workshop in a basement room at the Inca Coffee House and later in a nearby mews. While living at Carton he started a furniture factory, Williams Contracts, at Ballymount Road in Dublin, where 79 people were employed. The factory supplied furniture to Arnotts, Clerys and apartment buildings. When the factory closed in 1974 Gerard set up a workshop at Carton where the family had moved into the former head gamekeeper's house. Here he made and sold furniture and was an innovator in the use of solid pine in kitchen furniture. His skill was in wide demand. When the Irish College at Salamanca in Spain closed in 1951 its archives had come to St Patrick's College Maynooth, and Gerard's expertise was called on to restore a desk from Salamanca which is now in the Russell Library in the College.

He and Joan became interested in Maynooth Castle in the 1970s, when, dressed in appropriate costume, they took part in the 'medieval banquets' organised by Maynooth Development Association at the Castle. Joan, while studying environmental and community development at the College, took part in a social audit of Maynooth. This increased their joint determination to make the Castle part of community life on an ongoing basis. It became clear that the best way to secure the future of the Castle and its restoration was to have its ownership vested in the state. This would bring it into the care of the Office of Public Works. For this to happen it was necessary to show that there was sufficient local support for the project. To achieve this they worked through 1988 and 1989 to organise the Maynooth Castle Committee.

The committee held its first meeting in December 1989. It was composed of representatives from all organisations in the town and members of Maynooth College staff. Meetings were held in the College and its president, Monsignor Micheál Ledwith, acted as chairperson. Gerard was elected as administrator and Joan as secretary.

After tireless lobbying by Gerard the Committee's objective was achieved. At a ceremony held at the Castle on 20th October 1991, David Nall Cain, the then owner, transferred his interest to the Minister of State with responsibility for Public Works, in the presence of Denis FitzGerald of the Leinster family who represented the Kildare Geraldines, the original builders and owners of the Castle. Since then the Office of Public Works has carried out considerable restoration work. The Castle is open to the public during the summer months and free guided tours are provided. Illustrated panels telling its history have been installed in the keep. The Castle is also made available for community events.

Gerard is survived by his wife Joan, sons Gearóid and Paul, daughters Siobhán, Rowena, Kathryn and Emma, sons-in-law Gareth, Mark and Marshall, and nine grandchildren; sisters Marie O'Reilly Hyland in Dublin, Gladys Oldenholmin in Ibiza, Doris Hapsburg-Lothreigen in Vienna, Kathleen Callan Williams in Wicklow, and Monica Santoni-y-Williams in the Dominican Republic; sister-in-law Mary in Wicklow, 16 nephews and 15 nieces and a wide circle of friends.

The people of Maynooth have been given an invaluable legacy by Gerard and Joan Howard Williams. We can best repay them by making the Castle as fully part of community life as they both hoped it would become.

Mediation

The purpose of this article is to introduce Mediation as an alternative dispute resolution and to give readers an insight as to how it operates and the benefits of same.

WHAT IS MEDIATION.

Mediation is a form of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). It is a process that helps parties reach a solution to their problem and to arrive at an outcome that both parties are happy to accept. The mediation process is private and confidential and parties coming to mediation do so voluntarily. The beauty of Mediation is that it is a successful, cost effective, efficient and satisfying way of resolving disputes used by parties as an alternative to going to Court. It is fast becoming the desired route in dispute resolution and this can be seen from the increasing number of Acts that facilitate or compel mediation before litigation. Mediation does not infringe on your rights to go to Court, it is alternative to going to Court.

Mediation is available to everyone whether it be a family law dispute, a commercial dispute, a workplace dispute, a community dispute, or even a neighbour dispute. In other words, any dispute can be mediated. Mediation is voluntary, in other words you can leave at any time.

The purpose of mediation is to get parties in conflict to come together to try and settle disputes among themselves rather than going to Court. It gives people a chance to talk to one another and try and see the other person's view on things that might not have been noticed before. It's gives people a chance to listen and be heard and to discuss whatever problems might be niggling away in the background which might not have been discussed before. Mediation will help you come to an agreement that works best for you because it will be your agreement and nobody elses whereas if you go to Court, the decision is left in the hand of the Judge. The mediation process is private and completely confidential between you and the mediator. The mediator is there only to help you try and reach a satisfactory outcome and will not make or offer suggestions to try and solve your dispute. The mediator acts neutral at all times. Depending on the nature of the dispute, mediators can work in pairs and sometimes on their own.

There are times however when mediation might not be successful but the experience of having attending mediation may prove invaluable because the information that is gleaned during negotiations might make the parties decide to take a new approach to their dispute.

It is estimated that approximately 80% of the disputes that choose the Mediation route are resolved, with an agreement being made between the parties.

See next edition for more information on Mediation or if there is anything you would like to know, please contact the Maynooth Newsletter.

Ger Corscadden



engAGE KILDARE

The Kildare Age Friendly Strategy and Programme aims to recognise the diversity of people in the county as they age from those who are healthy and active to those who are frail and in need of a wide range of services and supports.

The Programme encourages healthy active ageing, supports the contributions of people as they age and promotes inclusion and participation of older people in all aspects of their community.

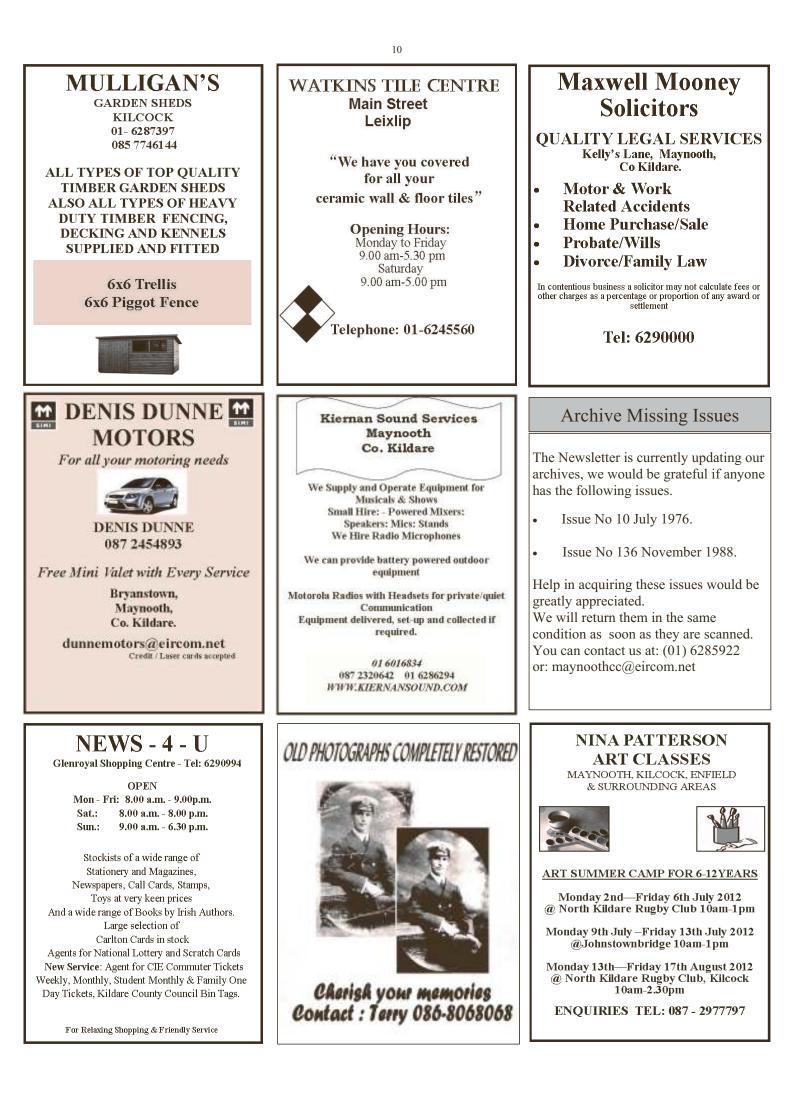
One of the developments of the Programme has been the establishment in conjunction with Older Voices Kildare of the Kildare Older Persons Forum called engAGE Kildare.

engAGE Kildare is primarily a representative and information sharing forum for all older people in Kildare.

The next meeting of engAGE Kildare will take place in the Clanard Hotel, Athy on Tuesday 26th June from 2-4pm.

Anyone interested in coming along, please contact

Denise Croake at 0871411669 or Brigid Butler at 087 2236558.



Letters to the MCC Secretary regarding educational matters in Maynooth

	1st March 2011					
Ms. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin,	Dear Ms Ní Bhrolchain					
Secretary, Maynooth Community Council, Maynooth Co. Kildare	I have been requested by Ms. Brigid McManus, Secretary General to respond to your letter of 20th January, 2011 concerning the purchase by Co. Kildare VEC of 40 acres of land at Moyglare Hall, Maynooth.					
13 th June, 2011	The Forward Planning Section of the Department has carried out a study of the country to					
Dear Secretary,	identify the areas where, due to demographic changes, there may be a requirement for significant additional school provision at <u>both primary</u> and post-primary levels over the					
I acknowledge receipt of you letter dated 11 th May, 2011 concerning educational matters in Maynooth in general and in particular matters germane to my Committees remit.	coming years. This study has been conducted using data from the Central Statistics Office the General Register Office and the Department of Social Protection and with reference to recent schools' enrolment data. School accommodation requirements in the Maynooth area have been considered as part of this detailed study and the Forward Planning post-primary reports forecast that a <u>new post-primary entity</u> will be required for Maynooth town and environs in the next 3 to 4 years.					
Please be advised as follows:						
Co. Kildare VEC, following consultation and advice from the technical						
personnel in the Department of Education and Skills, Building Unit, and Kildare County Council was advised by the Department of Education and Skills that:	At second level Maynooth is a single provider school with an enrolment of 934 in 2009/2010. At an intake rate of 100% this will grow by 224 by September 2017 and the current intake rate is 100%. In addition the existing post-primary school is currently housed on a 5 acres					
 (a) Maynooth Post Primary School required additional accommodation. Current build 830 – current enrolment 1015=2010-2011. Expected enrolment 2011-2012=1050. 	site with no room for further expansion and a current enrolment of circa 1,1000 pupils. Consequently, Co. Kildare VEC, following consultations with Kildare County Council, was					
(b) That the existing site was incapable for the delivery of same.	approved by this Department to acquire additional lands in order to future proof for school provision in the Maynooth area.					
(c) The existing site does not meet the requirements for 1000 + school.	Yours sincerely					
Accordingly, the Department of Education and Skills authorised Co. Kildare VEC to acquire lands to develop an Educational Campus which I am pleased to advise Kildare VEC has acquired.	Yours sincerely Jason Kearney Principal Officer.					
It should be noted that it is my Committees view that the 2 nd level educational needs of Maynooth can be met by the provision of circa 1000						
pupil plus school, to meet main stream provision through the medium of English. This school would maintain the ethos of our existing 2^{nd} level	22nd March 2011 Dear Ms Ní Bhrolchain,					
school. In addition, it was my Committees considered opinion that a 2 nd school of	I refer to your further letter dated 11th March regarding the purchase by Kildare VEC of 40 acres of land at Moyglare Hall, Maynooth.					
circa 450-500 pupils should be built to meet the needs of students attending gaelscoileanna i.e. that a gaelcholaiste would also be built in Maynooth. This is in keeping with the wishes of the parents and of local primary school	It is the Department's preferred option to develop multi-campus school arrangements where this can be master planned satisfactorily.					
providers who offer education through the medium of Irish. Given the strategic position of the site we acquired and the associated amenity lands, the capacity is there to enhance provision not just for our students but also for the community of Maynooth. By this I mean with some joined up thinking between a number of key partners in the area, including	The Department notes the concerns raised regarding the Maynooth proposals. However, feel it would be more appropriate for such matters to be raised as part of the planning prowhich as you are aware reserves the right of third parties to make objections to the planning authority and ultimately provides the recourse to An Bord Pleanala by way of an appeals mechanism.					
Maynooth Community Council the following facilities could be provided:	Yours sincerely,					
 (a) a swimming pool (b) an athletic track (c) a crèche (d) Other Community Facilities 	Jason Kearney Principal Officer Site Acquisition & Property Management Section					
I would welcome views and observations on these proposals.	A Dáil Question					
I have extended an invitation to the Board of Management and Staff of the local primary schools to visit our campus at Piper's Hill, Naas to enable them to see at 1 st hand what we are delivering and propose to deliver in this setting.	To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for the new post primary school in Maynooth, County Kildare; if there are to be two separate schools covering the junior and senior cycle or one building; the stage of planning for the school; if it would be more cost beneficial to build the schools on same campus;					
I would now like to extend a similar invitation to Maynooth Community Council to Visit the Piper's Hill Campus and if a suitable date and time can be arranged, I will make the appropriate transport arrangements to bring	Ruairi Quinn (Minister, Department of Education and Skills; Dublin South East, Labour) A replacement school building for the existing VEC post-primary school in Maynooth has been approved. Earlier this year I also published details of new procedures and criteria for					
your members to the Campus. Unfortunately, due to a bereavement, I am unable to attend your meeting tonight. My apologies for the short notice.	the establishment of new second level schools and of the process for determining the patronage of such new schools. I also announced details of 20 new second level schools that would need to be established between 2012 and 2017 to meet our increasing					
Thank you for your invitation and I look forward to hearing from you.	demographics. As the Deputy will be aware, Maynooth is one of the areas where a new 1,000 pupil second level school is to be established. Applications for patronage of any of					
Yours sincerely,	1,000 pupil second level school is to be established. Applications for patronage of any of the new second level schools, including the new school in Maynooth, would need to relate to the provision of a full curriculum through from first year to sixth year. This is one of the key requirements of the process. In the case of the Maynooth school the main medium of					
Sean Ashe	instruction will be English. The closing date for receipt of applications for patronage of the					

new second level schools is Friday, 13th January 2012.

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

Sean Ashe Chief Executive Officer.



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As part of a support to Tidy Towns groups Kildare Co.Co. environmental section have provided a number of Hi-Viz Jackets.

Kildare Co.Co. have also promised two new litter bins. One at the Pound and one at the entrance to Carton Avenue which will be in place soon.

We thank all businesses for the lovely floral displays outside their premises.

We thank Hewlett Packard volunteer team for the work in painting the benches in the Square and the bollards outside the Castle and the Moyglare road.

On Wednesday nights we meet at The Square @ 7.30pm and also on Saturday mornings at The Square @ 10am.

Sunday morning clean ups have restarted and will continue until end August.

If you wish to join us on Sunday mornings we meet at The Garda Station @ 7.45am.

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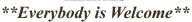
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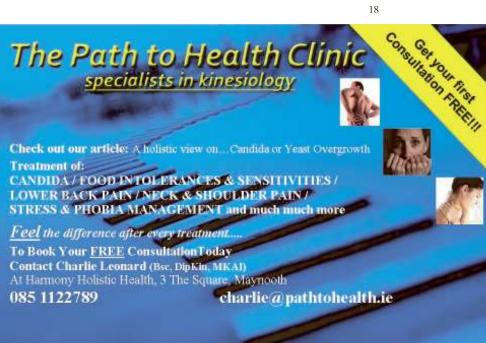
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Well, if you tick a lot of these boxes, you are probably suffering from a condition called Candida, Candidas Albican or Yeast overgrowth. You are not alone. Some estimate that up to 50% of the Irish adult population have it. Although a condition not widely recognised by the medical community, Candida is often the key foundation that other illnesses in the body build upon. We have found in clinic, if the Candida overgrowth is properly addressed people can experience great transformations in health and wellbeing!

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Following our recent AGM it was decided to have one business meeting monthly---the next is on Friday July 6th in the Glenroyal Hotel. Remaining Fridays are devoted to various activities, for example, Friday June29th----Laughter yoga and Chair Yoga. Talk on Classical music. Friday July 13th---Trip to Bray and ?? further.! Friday July 20th---Cinema. Trip to St Anns Park. Friday July 27th---Memoir writing. History Talk

We were lucky to have been selected by CIE in their" Journeys on Us" draw for Community groups for a days free rail travel, and we plan to go to Galway on Wednesday July 4th to sample a taste of "festival time " in the City of the Tribes. We shall duly report our findings back to you.! Many groups cut back on activities during the summer months-----we are still waiting for Summer!-----however we have a very full schedule and shall keep you updated monthly. Our book club continues monthly in Community Library and Mary Murphy is our very capable leader

Our Tuesday group is now changed to Thursdays and activities such as arts, crafts, scrabble, etc will continue upstairs in Community Library from 11am---1pm each Thursday

New members are always welcome. Enjoy your Summer. Helena..



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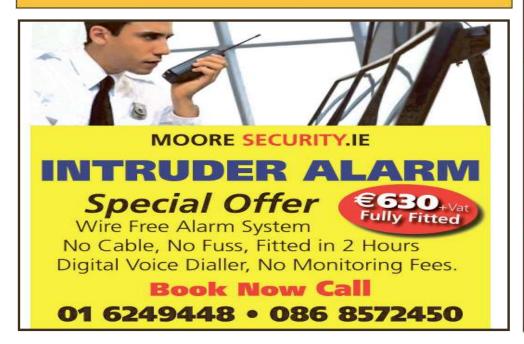
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Toddlers form Maynooth Toddler Group Make their Steps Count for Barnados

Toddlers from Maynooth Toddlers Group in Maynooth, Co. Kildare enjoyed a great day out on the 19th of June at Maynooth playground as they took part in the DANONE BIG TODDLE FOR BARNADOS 2012, a fun sponsored walk. This is the 3rd year that children attending the playgroup have taken part in the DANONE BIG TODDLE FOR BARNADOS showing their huge commitment to helping Barnados give vulnerable children their own age a better start in life. So far these energetic tots have raised \in 372.94 for Barnados and their tiny steps will help Barnados reach its toddle target of 25,000 miles!

Barnados Fundraising Manager Orla Tighe said "Each and every step taken by one of Ireland's toddlers paves the way to creating a better start for a child their own age. We would like to say a huge thank you too the groups and toddlers all over Ireland who have joined us to help reach our target of 25,000 miles! You can organise your own toddle any time anywhere by visiting www.barnados.ie/bigtoddle or talk to our team on 1 850 222 300"



Over the past eight years the DANONE BIG TODDLE FOR BARNADOS has seen more than 138,000 children participate and raise more than \pounds 2.5 million euro! Thanks to the ongoing generous sponsorship of Danone, all the money raised from the event goes directly to Barnados, enabling the children's charity to continue its work with more than 6,000 children and families each year.

Jill McCarron, Head of Health Affairs, Danone said "These inspirational toddlers have taken steps to help improve the lives of vulnerable children their own age all over Ireland. We are proud to partner with Barnados for this the ninth year of the DANONE BIG TODDLE FOR BARNADOS, it is great to see all the groups and the communities really get behind the DANONE BIG TODDLE FOR BARNADOS, growing the event and making this year the biggest and the best yet."

Neighbours, friends and families can continue to support Barnados work by sponsoring the Toddle Teams on www.barnados.ie/bigtoddle. The website also provides information on how to organise a Toddle – there still time to register and host a Toddle throughout the summer. Visit www.barnados.ie/ bigtoddle or phone 1 850 222 300 for more information.

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It has been a great source of interest to the local community, as they can look back and see how things have changed since September 1975, fashion, cars, houses and huge changes to our Town. You can find the archive link on the following sites. http://www.maynoothcc.com/.

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There had been three missing issues, we placed an inquiry in the June Newsletter for the following.

- Issue No 10 July 1976
- Issue No 49 May 1980
- Issue No 136 November 1988.

To our surprise a lady called Maureen (Gill) Cummins, originally from Maynooth now living in Clane contacted the office to let us know she had been on the website and realised she had a copy of the missing 1980 issue No 49. Maureen called to the office to lend us her copy to scan into our archive. If you have any of the above issues we could complete the whole archive.



Maureen Cummins with Issue 49 May 1980



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Maynooth Band Bulletin

St. Mary's Band Maynooth is having one of it's busiest years ever with a host of engagements happening at many new locations at lots of different levels.

The year began with the annual St. Patrick's Day Parades in Maynooth and Kilcock quickly followed by a return visit after many years to the Naas Easter Parade all of which were relatively rain free. This was quickly followed by a visit to Farmleigh House in the Phoenix Park for an Easter Monday recital which was very well received and may result in a return visit later in the year. May events included a recital in Manor Mills Maynooth and our first ever visit to Stewart's Hospital Open Day in Palmerstown with again an invitation to return there in 2013. The Band's annual recital in the Maynooth Castle unfortunately moved indoors due to bad weather but this was a positive as it lent a more intimate feeling to the evening and the recital was really enjoyed by a very appreciative crowd.

However the highlight of the Band's year was the invitation to play at the Eucharistic Congress in the RDS on Wednesday 13th June which bridged a gap of 80 years from the time that St. Mary's Band played at the last Eucharistic Congress in Dublin in 1932. The Band had the distinction of being the only civilian band to play at the 2012 International Congress, no mean feat for a small town band and something that the people of Maynooth should feel very proud of indeed.

The Band has very little time to rest on their laurels as they will be paying their annual visit to Laraghbryan Cemetery on Sunday 24th June for Cemetery Sunday and on Saturday 7th July they travel to Clonakilty in West Cork for the South of Ireland Band Championships where they have been prize winners on a number of occasions.

Sadly the Band suffered a huge loss with the recent sad passing of their Secretary John Curran. It came as a huge shock to everyone who knew him and he will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Catherine Heslin kindly agreed to take on the position of Secretary and she can be contacted at 087 9008554 if you are looking to book the band for an engagement.



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Maynooth Community Library presents the Summer Reading Challenge commencing in July 2012. This summer children aged 4 to 11 are invited to read 6 books over the course of the summer holiday period. They can join at their local library to get their summer reading challenge pack which gets them started. There are loads of stickers and rewards to collect along the way.

The Summer Reading Challenge is designed for children of all reading abilities. They can read any books they like kids fiction or non-fiction and audio books. DVDs will not count. All books must be borrowed from the library. Further details at the library desk. Phone Maynooth Library 01-6285530.

Women's Group commencing in Maynooth Community Library.

Are you interested in joining a women's group? The first meeting will take place here in Maynooth Community Library on Saturday June 30th from 10.30 am to 12.30pm. We will meet every second Saturday morning. The aim of the group is to offer support to share information and to have fun in a safe and creative environment.

Further details are available at the library desk. 01-6285530 email maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie.

Maynooth Community Library, Main Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. Tel: 01 6285530 Email:maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie Finally the Band is always on the lookout for musicians who live in Maynooth and the surrounding areas and have already recruited new members from Germany, Belgium and the United States and on a national level from Drogheda. Rehearsals take place in the Bandhall on Pound Lane at the back of the Main Street every Monday night, excluding Bank Holidays, from 7.45 to 9.15 and you will be made very welcome. As far as beginners are concerned the band has finished music classes for the Summer but and hope to recommence them in the Autumn so if you want to be included in the waiting list please contact Catherine: at 087.9008554 and she will be in contact with starting dates, etc. in due course.

Pat Boyd

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee.

Our Final tea-dance before the summer recess will take place on Sunday July 15th with music by Brian Mc. Dermott. Our morning club will close on Tues. July 31st and will reopen on Tues. Sept. 4th. Our Senior Citizens will take off to Kerdiffstown for a week from Aug. 26th while the rest of us recharge our batteries and prepare for the busy Autumn / Winter. Our transport to Saturday evening Mass however will continue throughout the Summer. In the meantime may I thank all the organisations, businesses and the general public for all your support throughout the year and wish you all a very pleasant holiday wherever you are.

Finally, there has been much talk and controversy surrounding the happenings in Laraghbryan Cemetery and the safety of people visiting there. Should the gate be left open or not ? I suppose there are arguments for both points of view. Perhaps it might work if the gate was open at one or two designated times. Not only would the graves be tended to but there would be safety in numbers as a lot of people would be there at the same time. Perhaps we could even set up a cemetery watch at such designated times so that our people and property are safe. We have an excellent community spirit in Maynooth, why not extend this to our cemetery.

Josephine Moore



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Catherine Murphy

Internal planning review is a smokescreen says Deputy Catherine Murphy

On Tuesday the Minister for Housing & Planning Jan O'Sullivan, TD published the findings of the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government second Internal Planning Review; investigating planning irregularities in Carlow, Dublin, Cork City, Cork County, Galway and Meath. The report concluded that it found no evidence of planning corruption and proposed 12 recommendations to address deficiencies in the planning system.

This is in sharp contrast to Minister John Gormley's announcement, precisely two years ago, that an independent external planning review was warranted following his review of his Department's Internal Planning Review in respect of the same supposedly planning irregularities.

Deputy Murphy stated that "the findings of the latest internal planning review are a complete whitewash and do nothing to restore confidence in an already tainted planning system. The report is not impartial, as the Department officials merely spoke to the Local Authorities concerned and did not speak to the complainants. The findings are all the more alarming in light of the Mahon Tribunal findings, which indicated that the Irish planning system was systematically corrupt and indeed the An Taisce State of the Nation Report which highlighted the poor performance of planning authorities nationwide".

Deputy Murphy stated that "this would appear to be a classic case of the Government having to be seen to act after the publication of the findings of the Mahon Tribunal, especially as this Government had axed the external planning review embarked upon by former Minister Gormley".

Deputy Murphy called upon the Minister to "restore confidence in the Irish planning system and ensure a proper external planning inquiry is undertaken". She also requested that "the Government act on the findings and Mahon Tribunal and immediately appoint an Independent Planning Regulator".

Catherine Murphy joins with Stephen Donnelly; Industry & Legal Experts to crowdsource their Copyright Review Submission (30th May)

Independent TDs Catherine Murphy (Kildare North) and Stephen Donnelly (Wicklow) on

Wednesday morning launched an online crowdsourcing process as part of their response to the Copyright Review Committee, which is tasked with overhauling Ireland's copyright regime.

Murphy and Donnelly have prepared their draft report in collaboration with a group of industry experts: Digital Rights Ireland director Antoin O Lachtnain, Boards.ie co-founder Tom Murphy, and internet law expert and solicitor Simon McGarr.

The draft version of that report has been published online at a dedicated site: copyrightreform.ie. Using an innovative application called Digress.it, they are seeking feedback from the public. Digress.it allows people to comment on individual sections of the submission. People will also be able to add their signature to it.

They are also making the submission available in editable format to the public under the Irish Creative Commons Attribution licence. This means that anybody can take any part of the submission with which they agree and use that as the basis of their own submission to the Copyright Review Committee. In other words, the submission will be a model of a



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crowd-sourced and open-source policy document, setting an example for how the policy process can be made collaborative and can encourage participation, in the public interest.

"Ireland's copyright regime is archaic and excessive, with barely any recognition in it of the public interest," said Catherine Murphy TD. "We've decided to make a submission to the Copyright Review Committee in order to ensure that the public interest is fully represented in this process. And we thought the best way to do that would be to open our draft submission to the public for comment, in order to crowdsource the final report."

"Copyright exists to protect intellectual property – but a healthy copyright regime also fosters innovation and serves the public interest," said Stephen Donnelly TD. "We believe the current law is imbalanced. Particularly following the Statutory Instrument brought in without consultation by Sean Sherlock earlier this year, there are a lot of concerns amongst the tech community and start-up sector that our copyright regime could be inhibiting innovation. Our submission, I hope, will help rebalance that," he said.

The crowdsourcing element of the submission will continue until Friday, June 15th.

Their draft recommendations are as follows.

The Government should:

1. Ensure the right of free speech is a central element of the new copyright regime, including in the areas of parody and satire;

2. Legalise legitimate forms of copying by introducing an explicit and broadly defined "Fair Use" policy;

3. Ensure the extent of copyright ownership is balanced against the public good;

4. Design a system which is clear to all parties, including end users;

5. Design an enforcement mechanism which is easy to understand, transparent and accessible to all parties;

 Target penalties at those who infringe on copyright rather than on third parties such as intermediaries;

7. Future-proof the new regime by basing it on applicable principles rather than rules relevant to today's technology only;

8. Make it easy for end-users to identify and engage with owners of copyright material.

Catherine Murphy Publishes Energy Security And Climate Change Bill; says Bill Forms 'Essential Part' of Ireland's Growth and Recovery Strategy (22nd May)

The Kildare North Deputy criticises delay in promised Government legislation, blaming Labour's "absolute failure" to prioritise Green recovery models since entering Government.

Catherine Murphy (Independent – Kildare North) today published her own Energy Security & Climate Change Bill, which she says "is badly overdue" legislation that "equips the State with the necessary tools to make Ireland far less dependent on expensive imported fossil fuels and helps encourage the development of our massive renewable energy potential."

The Deputy expressed her hope to have the legislation tabled as soon as possible.

"In the midst of the current economic uncertainty, we can be reasonably sure of one thing - fuel costs are going to remain high for the foreseeable future. Ireland currently spends approximately €6bn importing fossil fuels. Such a spend makes little economic sense when we can generate that energy at home, from clean, dependable sources. Developing our enormous renewable potential would create a permanent indigenous industry, thousands of jobs, a product to export to large population centres in Britain and the Continent who are turning away from fossil fuel and nuclear, and ensure Ireland achieves its critical greenhouse gas reduction targets. Crucially, the bill requires Government to establish recurring national and sectoral plans aimed at achieving the targets specified in the bill, and sets up an independent Commission on Energy Security and Climate Change to monitor this progress.

"The current Government talks a lot about job-creation; and I support efforts to do so – yet it has consistently ignored one of the most promising areas for growth. Minister Phil Hogan, despite inheriting comprehensive legislation, thought it better to delay and redo consultations on climate law which have already been undertaken to some considerable degree. Renewable energy companies are increasingly looking to other countries for the kind of innovation and support they need to get started. We run a serious risk of losing our competitiveness in the area unless Government provides a clear framework for Ireland's transition to a more energy-efficient, low carbon economy. This clarity is needed now.

"It's due to these delays that I feel it my duty to provide that legislative framework in a constructive attempt to make serious progress. I call on all parties in the Dáil and outside to support this legislation and I welcome their input."

Catherine Murphy, TD KILDARE NORTH

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Know Your Rights

Free Travel Scheme

Question

My widowed brother has just turned 66. He wants to travel all over Ireland, including Northern Ireland. How does he get his Free Travel Pass and can I travel with him for free as well (I am not 66 yet)?

Answer

Everyone aged 66 and over living permanently in the State is entitled to a Free Travel Pass, under the Free Travel Scheme. Free travel is available on all State public transport (bus, rail and Dublin's LUAS service) and also on a limited number of services that are operated by private bus transport companies. If your brother is getting a social welfare pension, the Free Travel Pass will issue automatically. Otherwise he must apply by completing a Free Travel application form FT1. He can get this form and other additional information from his local social welfare office or online from the Department of Social Protection website -- welfare.ie.

He will only be eligible for a Companion Free Travel Pass (which allows a named companion to travel with him free of charge) if he is unable to travel on his own. Unless you are his named companion, you will have to wait until you are 66 to obtain your own Free Travel Pass.

To travel in Northern Ireland free of charge on all bus and rail services he will need a Senior SmartPass card which he can get by filling in application form FTNI1. This form is available from his local social welfare office. It is not available online.

If he is eligible for a Companion Free Travel Pass, then that person may continue to travel with him for free on cross-border journeys but is not eligible for free travel on public transport within Northern Ireland.

PPS Number for Grant of Probate Question

My friend is a US citizen who lives in Chicago, Illinois. Her uncle died in Ireland last month and left her some money in his will. How does she claim her inheritance? Can I get a PPS Number for her?

Answer

In order to claim an inheritance, a Grant of Probate is needed. Taking out probate means having the Probate Office or the appropriate District Probate Registry certify that the will is valid and that all legal, financial and tax matters are in order so that the executor can distribute the estate.

The Department of Social Protection's Client Identity Services (CIS) provide a registration service for nonresident applicants who need a PPS Number for a transaction with a specified body, such as the Probate Office

To get a PPS Number, your friend should contact Client Identity Services in the Department of Social Protection. She can contact Client Identity Services using the secure online request form or by phone at Locall: 1890 927 999 (within Ireland) or +353 71 967 2616 (from outside Ireland). The postal address is Client Identity Services, Department of Social and Family Affairs, Social Welfare Services, Shannon Lodge, Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim. She will need to produce the following documents:

· Passport or national identity card and

· Evidence of her address, such as a household bill (electricity, telephone, gas, etc.) in her name It is not possible for you to get a PPS Number on her behalf. She has to apply for it herself.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Applying for a student grant

Question

I'm leaving school and hope to go to college this autumn. How do I apply for a student grant?

Answer

Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) is the single awarding authority for all new grant applications for the 2012/13 academic year. Up to now, all students applied to their local authority or VEC for their grants (and continuing students will still apply to these bodies.) For students starting their course of study in 2012/3, SUSI provides a centralised, easy to use, online system of application.

You should apply online through studentfinance.ie soon as you can. You will need your Personal Public Service Number (PPS Number) to apply. However, you do not need to know the exact course you will be attending. Do not wait to apply until you receive an offer of a place or enrol in college.

When your application has been submitted online, your eligibility will be determined. If you are eligible, SUSI will post out a provisional grant approval and a personalised list of the supporting documents you must return in order to complete your application. Only submit photocopies of supporting documentation, not originals.

When you return all the necessary supporting documentation and confirm your acceptance of a place on an approved course, your student grant will be awarded. Your grant will be paid on a monthly basis (subject to confirmation of attendance) directly into your designated Irish bank account.

If you have any queries about the application process or the Student Grant Scheme in general, you can contact the SUSI Support Desk, which operates from 9am to 10pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 6pm on Saturdays. Tel: 0761 08 7874

Email: support@susi.cdvec.ie

The European Health Insurance Card **Ouestion**

We are planning a family holiday in Norway and Sweden. What happens if one of us becomes ill? Are we covered for any medical costs incurred?

Answer

Each family member travelling will need an individual European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). This card allows you to access public healthcare services if you become ill or get injured when visiting most European countries. If you fall ill while on holiday, you should go to the nearest public system doctor, public hospital, or other public treatment centre and present your EHIC. The countries covered by the card are the 27 member states of the EU, the three other members of the EEA (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) and Switzerland. You can apply for the card online at ehic.ie if you already have a medical card, GP Visit Card or Drugs Payment Scheme card. Your EHIC will then be posted out to you. Otherwise, you can download an application form from ehic.ie or get a form from your Local Health Office. You will need to provide your name, address, date of birth and Personal Public Service (PPS) Number. There is no charge for the EHIC. Any family member who already has an EHIC card should check its expiry date. If your card has expired, you can apply online at ehic.ie to renew it. You will

need the number of the current card and your PPS Number. If a family member has changed name or address, they will need to contact their Local Health Office.

You should apply for the card a month before travelling, if possible. If you have concerns about getting a new or renewed card in time, you can get a Temporary Replacement Certificate from your Local Health Office.

You may also wish to think about private travel insurance for expenses that are not covered by the European Health Insurance Card. It doesn't cover private treatment, for example, or the cost of repatriation to Ireland, if one of you becomes very ill.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public. Tel: Address:

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

Annual Cemetery Mass <u>at</u> **Donaghmore (Grangewilliam)** Saturday June 30th at 5 p.m.

The annual cemetery Mass at Donaghmore (Grangewilliam) will take place on Saturday June 30th at 5 p.m. The celebrant will be: Fr. John Nevin MHM

All those with an interest in the Cemetery are invited to attend and prepare the graves and grounds in advance of the Mass. It is planned to have the gates at the road opened from early morning on the day of the Mass to facilitate people wishing to drive to the gates of the Cemetery. Your support in attending would be greatly appreciated.

> Grangewilliam Maintenance Committee

Clues Across

- 1. Treat by psychoanalysis (13)
- 8. Capital of Georgia (7)
- 10. Cavalry soldier (7)
- 12. Remember (6)
- 13. Rain containing industrial pollution (4,4)
- 15. Something obscene (9)
- 18. Burning gas (5)
- 21. Domesticates (5)
- 22. Loss of a ship (9)
- 27. Uneasy (8)

29. Experts (6)

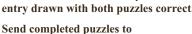
30. Adhesive label (7)

- 31. Protection (7)
- 33. Donkey (5,2,6)

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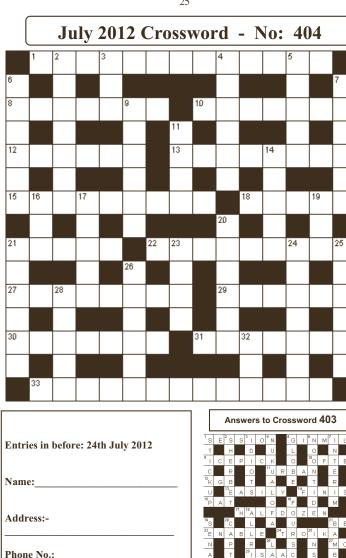
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Maynooth Newsletter Unit 5 Tesco S/C Maynooth.

Entries must arrive before: 24th July 2012



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Winner of Crossword No. 403 June

Kevin McGovern Old Greenfield Maynooth

Prize winners will have 30 days to claim their prize from the time the results are made public.

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Brenda Boylan **Parklands Square** Maynooth

Prize winners will have 30 days to claim their prize from the time the results are made public.

Laraghbryan Cemetery:

Cllr. John McGinley got the following response to his Question at the meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council on 15 June:

"Why will the council not agree with the wishes of the Maynooth community and leave the gates of Laraghbryan Cemetery open?

Report: The cemetery gates are closed to protect the property inside from a risk of damage by vehicles attempting turning movements. This risk applies to the surrounds of graves as well as headstones. In fact most cemeteries run by Kildare Co Council do not permit vehicular access for these very reasons. I can confirm that Kildare Co Council is working with the local cemetery committee to install cctv outside the gates. This is being done in order to assist with the concerns regarding safety of cars parked outside. The gates will remain closed except in the week leading up to the cemetery Mass when people can avail of the opportunity to attend to their relatives graves."

During the discussion that followed John asked that the Council consider creating alternative parking on the Kilcock Road as it would be much safer as cars would be in view.

The Cemetery Committee have erected signs at the two entrances stating" Security Notice, Do not leave any belongings in your car or boot". This should alert car owners of the danger of robberies taking place.

Another point that could be considered would be to ask Undertakers to get one of their staff to keep an eye on cars while a funeral is taking place.

Maynooth Parking By-Laws

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply at the June Area Meeting:

"The Roads and Transport Department is not in a position to bring the finalised report to the June meeting. Current work loads are such that the earliest this could be ready is the July Meeting."

Draft Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP)

The existing Maynooth Development Plan was approved in 2002 and a new Plan is now being drafted.

Pre Draft submissions were sought from the public in 2008 and again in 2011. A total of 23 submission were received from residents living in the area, from other landowners, from service providers, and from local stakeholders (eg Maynooth Community Council).

A working draft will be presented to the Celbridge Area Committee in July with the intention of going to the full Council at the end of July to get approval for public display of the Draft LAP. The public display period will begin in early September and last for six weeks. The maximum length of time from public display to approval is 35 weeks. The Plan must be in line with Regional Planning Guidelines and with the Kildare County Development Plan.

Cllr. McGinley Asks for the Footpath at the Boys School to be Repaired:

John got the following reply to his motion:

"That the contractor who built the extension to the boys school, Maynooth, be asked to repair the damage that he caused to 30m of public footpath outside the extension. Report: It would be difficult at this late stage to prove that this damage was caused by the contractor as it would have to be pointed out at the time of construction. However, this footpath is on a list for urgent attention."

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Pedestrian Controlled Traffic Signals at Educate Together School:

John got the following reply to his motion:

"That the pelican crossing at the North Kildare Educate Together School, Celbridge Road, Maynooth, be replaced with pedestrian controlled traffic signals, funded under the Sustainable Transport Grants, in the interest of public safety.

Report: There is no grant allocation for this location in 2012. However, the issue can be added to projects which have not been discussed with the NTA to date. It is important to note that a feasibility examination of the signals is required in order to determine if the change is in accordance with best practice."

John pointed out that pedestrian controlled traffic signals is in accordance with best practice and that an application should be made to the NTA for funding without delay

Cllr. McGinley Asks for a Cycle Path to the Gael Scoil/Educate Together and for a Footpath on the East Side of Celbridge Road:

John got the following reply to his motion:

"Can the council investigate the possibility of providing a cycle path to the Gael Scoil/Educate Together School on Celbridge Road, Maynooth and why has the Department of Education not provided a footpath on the east side of the Celbridge Road, as conditioned in the planning permission granted for the Educate Together School?

Report: The National Transport Authority is appointing consultants to undertake strategic cycle network planning for the Greater Dublin Area. A hierarchy of schemes will be determined as part of this process and when the recommendations from the report are available they will be brought to the attention of the elected members. Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council has recently advertised the public consultation period for its study.

The provision of the footpath as part of the planning process is being investigated."

Cllr. McGinley Demands Answers on Proposed Kilcock Road Pedestrian Crossing:

John got the following reply to his motion:

"Why was the pedestrian crossing at NUI, Maynooth on the Kilcock Road not designed to accommodate the known number of users when it was constructed last year?

Report: The proposed widening of the crossing on Kilcock Road is one of a number of schemes in the area. The NUIM planning permission for the construction of the roundabout entrance and changes to the width of the carriageway along Kilcock Road has been completed. The NTA funded extension of the narrowing of the carriageway is being processed to tender stage. The widened crossing will complement the other two schemes and could not proceed in the absence of approvals for the other schemes. This has been demonstrated with the delay to the NTA funded scheme, however, the Council believes that it is an appropriate time to bring the proposal through a formal consultation process."

John pointed out that as the number of students using the crossing was known in the survey conducted in 2009 that it is an incredible waste of money dismantling a crossing which was put in place less than a year ago.

The proposal now is for the provision of a 30m wide pedestrian/cycle crossing located on a 40m long raised table on the Kilcock Road.

Cllr. McGinley Again Asks the Area Engineer to Repair the Potholes on Roads Throughout Maynooth;

At the Area Committee Meeting on 15 June Cllr. McGinley again asked the Area Engineer to attend to the potholes/craters on roads throughout Maynooth. John stated that it was extraordinary the a relatively new road completely free of potholes, the Blacklion Road, could be resurfaced at enormous cost when potholes/craters are left for months on end.

Roads Restoration Programme 2012

The Celbridge Area Committee were advised of the following Road Works for 2012 at their Meeting on 15 June:.

- R405 Maynooth Road Celbridge at Crodaun Work Completed
- (ii) R148 Main Street Leixlip Work Completed(iii) L1013 Blacklion Road, Maynooth Work
- Completed
- (iv) R408 Newtown/Rathcoffey Road, Maynooth
- (v) R408 Parson's Street, Maynooth
- (vi) R148 Main Street, Maynooth (From Avenue Restaurant towards Square)
- (vii) R148 at Moyvalley
- (viii) Captain's Hill Leixlip.

The following roads will be surface dressed under the 2012 Programme:

- (i) L5057 Kilmacreddock Road
- (ii) L5061 Loughlinstown Road
- (iii) L5063 Lord's Road
- (iv) L6018 Oughterard

Cllr. McGinley stated that the Road Works Programme should have been approved by the Area Committee and if that had happened the Blacklion Road would not have been a priority for resurfacing. John also pointed out that the Area Committee was advised at the previous meeting that Main Street was going to be resurfaced and now the Area Engineers has stated that it will only be resurfaced from the Avenue restaurant to the Square. John stated that all of the Main Street needed to be surfaced and that it was particularly bad at the Roost junction.

Cllr. McGinley Asks the Pound Park Wall at the Band Hall to be Repaired:

John got the following reply to his motion:

"That the \in 80,000 allocated under the Capital Programme for the repair of Pound Park wall at the Band Hall, Maynooth, be used for this purpose without any further delay.

Report: It will not be possible to allocate this funding in the current year as other capital projects have been committed to under the funding available in the current

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committed to under the funding available in the current year. The project can be considered for inclusion in the 2013 programme. "

John pointed out that he got €80,000 allocated in the Capital Programme for 2010 and that it is extraordinary that the Council have yet to repair this dangerous Council owned wall. He further stated that it will be too late to take action if the wall falls on children going to the Band Hall.

Update on Extension of Dublin Busses in Maynooth Dublin Bus were invited to the June meeting but could not attend. They have confirmed that they will attend the July meeting.

Beaufield Gardens in Beaufield estate, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley got the following update at the June Area Meeting of the Council:

"Building Control staff has issued an advice note to the residents of Beaufield Gardens regarding the implications of proceeding with the taking in charge of Beaufield Gardens at the request of the residents in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 rather than at the request of the developer. The taking in charge of Beaufield Gardens can then be considered if the residents wish to pursue this course of action."

Taking in charge of Castle Dawson housing estate, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley got the following update at the June Area Meeting of the Council:

"As previously advised, Castledawson estate cannot be taken in charge until the pump station located in Newtown Hall is taken in charge. Building Control Section contacted the developers of Newtown Hall with a view to taking the pump station and the section of the main access road from Castledawson to the pump station in charge. The developer indicated that he had no objection to the county council taking the pump station in charge but that he did not own the road from the pump station to Castledawson. We then contacted the owner of the road who indicated that he had no objection to the county council taking the road in charge. The developers of Newtown Hall have recently returned to the site to carry out a clean-up of the undeveloped part of the site. A meeting has been arranged for early June (developer is not available until then) to identify works required to enable Castledawson to be taken in charge. The meeting has not taken place to date as the developer has not been available."

Maynooth Businesses to be Written to in Relation to Litter Pollution Act

Cllr. McGinley got the following update at the June Area Meeting of the Council:

"Maynooth Town will be monitored on an ongoing basis. Enforcement action will follow if issues of non compliance are encountered."

Stagg Welcomes NAMA Announcement - Potential for 9,000 Jobs Per Annum

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement yesterday by the Chairman of NAMA, Mr. Frank Daly of their plans to invest at least €2 Billion in supporting and developing projects between now and 2016, which has the potential to create 9,000 additional jobs per annum.

The Capital Investment stated Deputy Stagg will give an injection to Construction Industry Workers with about 6,500 additional jobs per annum. This has to be seen in the context of the collapse in Construction Employment which stood at 270,000 in mid 2007 to

Maynooth Golf Society

Result Sheet 2012

Away Weekend to Wexford Date

25-26 / 5 / 2012

Christy Kenny Cup Sponsored By: Tess Kenny and Family Playing Seafield and Rosslare

1st Prize	Liam Farrelly	61pts B18		
2nd Prize	Brendan Leigh	61pts		
3rd Prize	Brendan Bean	60pts		
4 th Prize	Michael Flynn jnr	59pts		
5 th Prize	Dave Weafer	56pts B18		
6 th Prize	Mick Fahey	56pts		
Nearest the Pin	Michael Flynn jnr	Seafield		
Nearest the Pin	Michael Flynn jnr	Rosslare		
Front 9	Paul Farrelly	Seafield		
Back 9	Joey O'Riordan	Seafield		
Front 9	Mick Flynn snr	Rosslare		
Back 9	Declan Byrne	Rosslare		
2's Club	Mick Fahey	-		
Visitor	Cha Farrelly			

just over 100,000 in late 2011. In addition the Investment will see an additional 2,500 jobs created in the wider economy.

The work which will be undertaken by NAMA will include the completion of projects currently under development and the development of land in anticipation of future supply shortages. Nearly 90% of NAMA's property assets in Ireland are located in Dublin and neighbouring counties such as Kildare, Cork, Limerick and Galway, so this investment will give hope to the many Kildare Construction workers who are unemployed at present. In relation to Unfinished Estates, NAMA through their debtors and receivers only control 180 or 10% of estates which fall into the most seriously affected categories designated by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government. Deputy Stagg welcomed the commitment from Mr.

Daly that the Board of NAMA is committed to resolving these estates and that they would not be found wanting.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg looked forward to NAMA's Capital Investment Programme commencing with the prospect of 9,000 additional jobs per annum.

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

John is also on Facebook



Maynooth Golf Society's annual weekend away to Wexford playing Seafield Golf Club on Friday 25th May and Rosslare Golf Club on 26th May was a memorable weekend for those who played for the Christy Kenny Cup. The weekend was tinged with sadness due to the death of society member Jimmy O'Keeffe after a long illness and the sudden death of fellow golfer Trevor Cassidy in a tragic road accident. May they Rest in Peace.

The sun shone for the weekend with temperatures rising to 25/27 degrees for the golf at Rosslare. Both courses were in excellent condition, a good test of stamina and golfing skills were needed to win this coveted prize. Liam Farrelly played both courses with skill and stamina to achieve a score of 61 points to pip Brendan Leigh our captain also on 61 points but Liam had a better score at Rosslare to win the cup on the back 18, in third place was Brendan Bean with 60 points. 27 members played on the weekend away. All other prize winners are listed on the results sheet.

The prizes were presented by Captain Brendan Leigh at our Saturday evening dinner at the Talbot Hotel in Wexford and our sponsors Tess Kenny and her family were thanked for their continued support of the golf society.

Result Sheet 2012

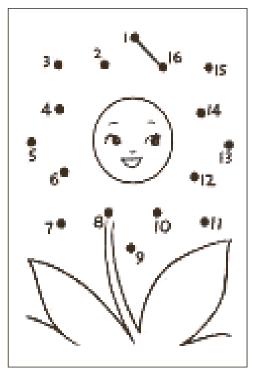
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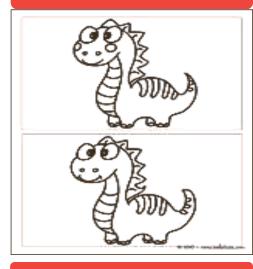
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5 th Prize	Brendan Leigh	35pts			
6 th Prize	Joey Edwards	34pts			
7th Prize	Barry Farrell	33pts			
Front 9	Mick Flynn snr	20pts			
Back 9	Francis Reilly	18pts			
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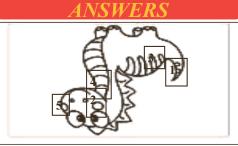


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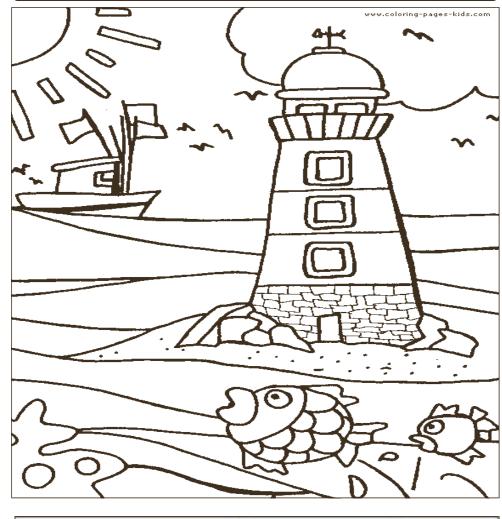


Spot The 5 Differences





McDonalds Children's Colouring Competition





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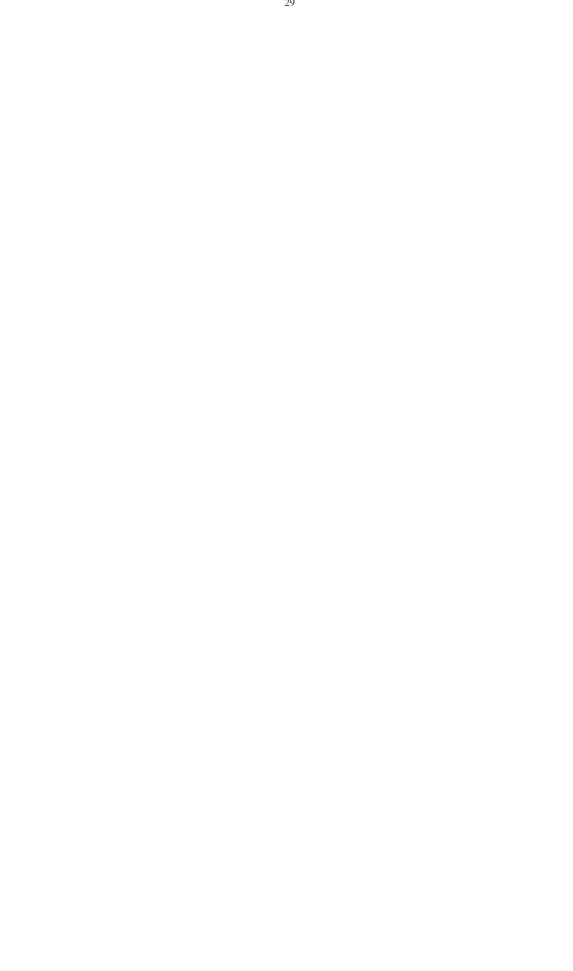
June Winners:

David Eustace - Silken Vale

Cathal Crowley - Moyglare Abbey

Viktoria Krakowczgk - Carton Square

Prizes for <u>Colouring Competition</u> can be collected at: Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre. Entries must arrive before: 24th July 2012



JULY GARDENING

Check all plants, especially newly planted ones for 📷 water on a regular basis. Spruce up your summer landscape with beautiful colour in containers and hanging baskets. Be sure to use potting mix when planting.





Clear water ponds can be achieved with proper plant balance. If the pond is in full sun, 50-70% of its surface must be covered with foliage such as floating heart, water lily or lotus.

Underwater grasses are essential to maintaining water clarity as they utilize the oxygen in the water which helps prevent algae from accumulating in the pond. If you have fish, it is now time to switch from spring fish food since water temperatures have risen above 70 degrees.

Fertilize fruits and vegetables with a good quality, slow-release vegetable food. Start planting seeds for autumn vegetables this month, such as broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, Brusselsprouts sprouts.

Don't forget to feed your houseplants and if necessary to move them to bigger pots, using potting compost. Wipe all foliage down with lukewarm water and a sponge. Loosen the compost with a fork every now and then.



Harvest your lettuce, peas, carrots, radishes and onions now. Plant another quick maturing vegetable or plant more of these varieties for continuous growth. Lift early potatoes now. To avoid damaging them use a fork.



July is the best time to trim hedges. If you cut them to early you will need to them again, cut them too late and the growth will be very tough and hard to cut. Continue to deadhead your annual plants to encourage continued blooming.

Summer blooming shrubs should be pruned for shape after they have finished flowering. Raise the cutting height of the mower. Taller grass cools the roots and helps to keep the moisture in the soil longer. Tall flowers should be staked to prevent damage by wind.

Change the water in your bird bath regularly, and keep it filled. Standing water may become a breeding ground for mosquito larvae.





Decking maintenance - check for any loose boards that need repair. Clear the deck of everything. Sweep the surface thoroughly and blast out any debris from the cracks with a garden hose or a low powered pressure hose. After the area is dry, apply the sealant making sure to follow the instructions. Preferably an oil-based

sealant. Your decking will look like brand new in no time.

BLAZING BARBEQUE BAI

Chilli & Lime Tiger Prawns

Ingredients

8 extra large raw prawns shells on, heads removed

1 clove of garlic (crushed)

Juice of 1 lime Juice of 1/2 lemon

2 mild red chillies, deseeded & finely chopped

1 tbsp olive oil

1 tbsp honey

Black pepper

Method

- In a shallow dish mix together the garlic, lime & lemon juices, chillies, olive oil and honey
- Add the prawns, season with black pepper and marinade in the fridge for 30 mins.
- Place the prawns on a barbeque or hot griddle pan until pink and cooked, basting with any leftover marinade.
- To serve, pile up the prawns & serve with salsa verde & garlic bread.

* * * * * * * * * * Chunky Vegetable Barbeque Kebab

Serves 4 **Seasoned Oil**

Serves 4

Ingredients 1 red, 1 yellow & 1 green pepper deseeded 1 small onion 8 cherry tomatoes

100g wild or button mushrooms



1/2tsp mix dried herbs

6 tbsp olive oil

Method

Cut the peppers into 1 inch thick pieces.

Peel the onion & cut into wedges, leaving the root end just intact to keep the wedges together.

- Thread the peppers, onion wedges, tomatoes and mushrooms through the skewers. Don't forget if you are using wooden skewers to soak them in water first.
- To make the seasoned oil, mix together the oil, garlic & herbs together in a bowl. Then brush the mixture over the kebabs.
- Barbeque for 10-15 mins, brushing with more of the seasoned oil and turning the skewers frequently.

Sausage & Pepper Sandwich



3 tbsp Heinz tomato ketchup

3 tbsp olive oil

2 cloves of garlic (minced)

2 onions (thickly sliced)

1 red & 1 green pepper

2 tsp dried oregano leaves

Salt & pepper

6 sausages & 6 hot dog styled buns (toasted)

Method

- Heat the oil in a large frying pan over a medium-high heat. Sauté the garlic, onions & peppers until tender 5 8 mins.
- Add Heinz tomato ketchup & oregano. Reduce heat to low & simmer, stirring occasionally for 10 - 15 mins. Add salt & pepper if necessary.
- Barbeque the sausages until fully cooked. Slice the buns and fill with sausages. Top evenly with onions & peppers sauce.

Homemade Lemonade **Ingredients:**

Makes 3 pints (1.75 litres) 6 large lemons & 5 oz (150g) granulated sugar



Method: Scrub the lemons in warm water. Thinly pare the zest off from 3 lemons, using a potato peeler or a zester. Slice off any white peel off the zest as this makes the lemonade bitter. Put into a large bowl & add the squeezed juice of all the lemons & the sugar. Pour in 21/2 pints (1.4 litres) of boiling water, then stir well, cover & leave overnight in a cool place. Next day stir again & taste to check the sweetness, adding a little sugar if needed. Now strain through a sieve. Then chill thoroughly.





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