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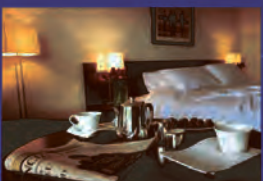
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After learning his trade throughout Leinster, Denis's son James O'Neill came back to Maynooth to take over and run the shop with his wife Nora. In 1958 they bought Mackins Butchers Shop on the Main Street and this is where O'Neill's Bar and Steakhouse is today, and continued the fine tradition of serving the best beef in Kildare. O'Neill's butchers was one of the last family butchers shop with its own abattoir in Kildare. Talk about "hands on"!!

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**Left:** Dermot O'Neill and his father James outside their butchers shop  
**Above:** Nora, Dermot and James O'Neill  
**Above Right:** The original O'Neill's Butchers Shop  
**Far Right:** Smoking area, previously the abattoir  
**Lower Right:** New upstairs Function Room in O'Neill's

## Sport in Maynooth

### Maynooth Kilcock Lions Club

The Maynooth Kilcock Lions Club was formed as the 77th Lions Club in Ireland, and Lions International presented the Charter to the then President Jack McIlhenney in Newbridge in 1981.

You are welcome to our website. We do hope you will return to peruse it on an ongoing basis as we will continually populate our Internet presence with news, photographs and all sorts of relevant information. The Maynooth Kilcock Lions Club website is a valuable asset and resource for ours and indeed fellow Lions Clubs throughout the world. We are proud to provide this service to you. The decision to launch our Lions Club website is testament to the hard work and dedication of the Maynooth Lions Club in 2009.

The members of Lions Clubs are women and men who endeavour to create a difference in their local, national and international communities universally.

#### Why should you become a Lion?

As a Lions club member, you can do any or all of the following:-

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Interested in becoming a member of a Lions Club?

Membership in a Lions club is by invitation from a local club. If you are interested in membership, use the national club locator to contact a local Lions club. Tell the local club you are interested in learning more about Lionism.

### U14 Camogie Champs

Sunday, 27 May 2012 20:43

On a scorching hot day our u14 camogie girls travelled to Eire Og to play in the division 1 league decider. Donning their usual attire along with some sun cream the Maynooth girls took on Clane. Maynooth who lost the feile final in early April knew what the taste of defeat was like and were determined not to have to encounter it for a second time in seven weeks.

Maynooth started the game exceptionally well and lead from the off. Clane fought hard but Maynooth kept digging deep and all players gave it one hundred percent especially in the second half. This win is a well deserved and overdue after the disappointment of the Feile final and also last year's u13 final where they were narrowly beaten. The final score was Maynooth 4-07 clane 1-02.

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There are four stages in the development of the flea – egg, larva, pupa and adult. In optimum warm moist conditions the entire lifecycle can be completed in 21 days. The eggs are passed by the adult flea two days after she has first sucked blood from her host i.e. your dog or cat. During her three weeks of life the adult female flea can produce up to 800 eggs. The eggs fall off your pet and develop into larvae which hate light and will move deep into bedding, carpets etc. The larvae develop into pupae which will emerge as adults in 5-10 days but only if there is proper heat and carbon dioxide available, as provided by your pet. Otherwise they will remain as pre-emerged adults within the larval cocoon and can survive for at least 4 months. The important point here is that they are resistant to environmental insecticides at this stage and so they may emerge into the pet's environment long after the administration of insecticides in your home. Accordingly vigilance and a plan of action are required.

#### How do fleas affect my pet?

Some points worth noting concerning the affect of fleas on your pet are that they do suck blood – an adult flea can take up to 15 times her own bodyweight in blood

during her life. Fleas act as vectors in the spread of the very common tapeworm of dogs and cats -*Dipylidium caninum*; when we find fleas on pets we always recommend concurrent tapeworm treatment. Fleas can cause an intense dermatitis which is characterised by severe itchiness and reddening of the skin often with hair loss and pruritis. Historically fleas carried the bacteria *Yersinia* which was responsible for the Plague.

#### Flea Control:

There are many ways of treating and preventing flea infestations on your pet. Many years ago powders, shampoos and flea collars were all that we had in our armoury. Today we tend to use the many varieties of pour-on treatments and environmental sprays that are available. Recently a tablet that was first used in the USA has now been made available to us. We have found this to be particularly good in cases where there is a major infestation. Many treatments are now sold in retail outlets but many of these products have no residual action on the flea and so if the pet's environment is heavily contaminated with fleas your pet will soon become reinfected by them. As always at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic, Newtown Grove, [www.maynoothvets.com](http://www.maynoothvets.com) we are very happy to provide you with professional advice on flea control and all other pet care matters. If you are concerned that your pet may have fleas please call in and we will take a look at him for you. 01- 6289467.



# Maynooth Post Primary 2012 10k Challenge



**The Starting Line-up**

## Maynooth 10k Raises 30k

The Maynooth 10k which was run on Sunday the 20th May exceeded the expectations of the organising committee, Maynooth Post Primary PTA. It attracted nearly 1,000 entries between the senior and junior (under 16) events and raised almost €30,000 said Mr Gerry Quinn, PTA spokesperson. The committee were overwhelmed by the support given by the local community, the advertisements, the sponsorship, the donation of prizes, goods and services from the business and professional sector. The support and advice of Sgt Gavin Dunphy of Maynooth Garda, Maynooth Newsletter, the help from Maynooth GAA, Scouting Ireland, staff and pupils from Maynooth PP school and our 120 volunteers, the cooperation of the people of Maynooth and surrounding areas which was essential for the smooth running of the 10k. He added it was great to see previous PTA committee's stalwarts Mary Molloy and John Flynn back doing Trojan work for the event.

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## Editorial

The voting on the new “stability” treaty will be over by the time we go to print so there is no point in addressing that issue much further, but, regardless of the outcome, there is still a very difficult time ahead for Ireland and for the rest of Europe. It is unclear what will happen in the new election in Greece and the position of Spain remains dangerous and unstable. Ba mhaith linn gach rath a ghuí ar na mic léinn ar fad atá ag tosú ar a gcuid scrúdaithe an mhí seo, go n-éirí go geal leo go léir. We would like to wish the secondary school students the best of luck in their examinations in June. It is a stressful time for both young people and their families and the economic circumstances have added an extra worry. It is more and more expensive to go to third-level education and that is no guarantee that the graduates will get a job when they finish their degrees. We are back to the eighties when the universities are educating our young people for emigration. Many of them are going directly abroad and do not even attempt to find a job here or even sign on. There is a long history of emigration in Ireland and the fact that we have access to three large English-speaking countries makes it easier for our offspring to leave and to settle in England, America and Australia in particular. This is not necessarily as easy an option in other European countries where unemployment is rising at an equally frightening rate and large numbers of young people with time on their hands and nothing to do spells nothing but trouble and possible violence. This has already broken out in places like Greece. There is also the danger of the rise in hard right parties as can be seen in Greece as well. We are on a new learning curve now watching the politics and elections in all of Europe. The election of Francois Hollande is a very important development for the future as he puts his emphasis on growth and employment. There will be elections shortly in Germany as well and this may change some of the attitude in that country. The power struggles on the Continent and indeed in England are now directly related to our future prospects. The Eurovision did not fulfil our expectations but it could be a lesson on politics and Europe will be central to our TV viewing for the next two months as well, firstly the European Cup could lift the spirits this summer as our soccer successes have done in the past. This will be followed by the Olympics and again we have some great athletes performing and the wonderful performances of our boxers, particularly of Katie Taylor, promises some thrilling moments. We have qualifiers in sailing with Ger Owens and Scott Flanigan and in canoeing Jenny Egan from the Salmon Leap will compete as well as a Polish competitor, Andrej Jezierski, a former world champion who declared for Ireland this time. In such dark times, it is really important that the country has positive events on which to focus. The fact that Ulster played Leinster in the Heineken Rugby Final during May shows the strengths of this quite tiny country. The numbers of golfers that we produce is also quite astounding for our small population, maybe our history of hurling that stretches right back to Cú Chulainn travelling to Ulster to train at Eamhain Mhacha (Navan Fort) has something to do with this! We may not be good with spatial planning or with money but we have great strengths and we should concentrate on these. Sport can be a huge money spinner and Dublin will make millions next summer when both the Heineken Cup and Amlin Challenge Cup finals will be held at the Aviva stadium. If these events are as well organized as the Volvo events in Galway a few years ago, it will ensure a return visit as is happening this year in Galway. Our university town will quieten over the next couple of months as the student population returns home or travels abroad. We will return to a small midland town but what keeps Maynooth alive and vibrant in contrast with many other towns of its size. This and the

## Community Council Notes

Notes from the Community Council meeting 14 May 2012

The Office of Public Works is looking for volunteers to help with guiding their heritage sites – it might be possible to get the new project involved.

The sub-committees and the groups who were present all reported their own news and ongoing events. The dates of the festival, that was to take place in October, were discussed again because the Royal Canal Amenity Group had written to the Council to tell them of a possible festival in September, built around the arrival of a waterbus belonging to Waterways Ireland. The dates for the waterbus are not negotiable so it might be possible to change the dates of the Council’s festival.

Two events were planned for 20th May, the Educate Together School will be running the Maynooth 10k and the Senior Citizens will have a dance on the same day. The run happens in the morning and the dance is in the afternoon. The U3A are preparing for the event in the Castle on the 12th June – they will be presenting arts, crafts as well as singing.

The Youth Café has been very busy with many young people attending – they even had to turn people away because they are only insured for 30 people. They will be organizing more packing nights in Dunnes in June and they are looking for volunteers. The Teen Space is also doing well in the Community Space.

The History group are organizing a talk on the Black ‘Flu of 1918 for 24th May in the Glenroyal Hotel.

It was reported that the St Patrick’s Day Parade went very well and that the Gardaí and extra stewards were excellent. There was sponsorship from Thorntons who contributed €500 as well as the stand. Derrinstown Stud also gave €500 and Kildare County Council gave €2,000. The Scouts completed the Everest climb with a half hour to spare and two 14 year-old boys climbed the wall 120 times. The group camp had to be abandoned due to a flooded site and they will be going to Scotland for 7 days in July.

There were concerns expressed about the fact that the planned second secondary school will be an English rather than Irish language school. There are nearly 600 children registered in the area looking for secondary education in Irish from all the Gaelscoileanna in the vicinity. There is a total of 1,200 children attending Irish language primary schools in the catchment area.

The twinning project is going very well, and there have been visits from French and Spanish students. Among the activities that they enjoyed were talks from M. O’Dwyer, who used to work in the College, and a tour of St Patrick’s College.

A document was circulated by the Student’s Union proposing a Forum for the Student’s Union and for the Council; we present a resumé here.

The divide between town and University is noted in the document and that a primary goal would be to get involved more closely in activities. Some of the aspects that were mentioned were: ‘the NUIM GAA club coaching in Maynooth GAA, Saint Vincent de Paul Society helping with the local SVP and also regular

presence of HP and Intel ensures that Maynooth can be quite a different place to live. The number of organisations and the activities are well represented at the Community Council and some will be showcased in an Autumn Harvest Festival, but more on that next month. If you want to be involved in any way please get in touch with the office, by email, by phone or just drop in and see our premises.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

visits to Moyglare Nursing home and TLC on the Rathcoffey Road. Tidy Towns would also be a very important aspect’. NUIM GAA club consists of the Hurling, football, ladies football and Camogie and some athletes could help the Maynooth GAA club players. The Soccer Club NUIM club could team up with the Maynooth Football Club. The Vincent de Paul societies in the College should engage with the local branch and with the Senior Citizens. The representation is outlined in the proposal. The importance of the Tidy Towns was emphasized and that the SU engage directly with them to establish a committee. Another proposal was that the students would organize free grinds for post-primary students and a committee to organize this. It was also proposed that the SU would provide a representative to the St Patrick’s Day Parade committee and to the Festival committee and welcome the change in the dates.

The proposed committees would be finalized by the 30th September.

‘This forum is in no way mandating of the Community Council or of the Students’ Union. It is meant as a forum by which the Community Council and indeed the entire Maynooth Community can engage more with the student population and Vice Versa. The propositions and recommendations are in no way binding, they are meant as guidelines in expressing the methods in which parties can work together. Any aspect of the forum can be changed by the Community Council and by Union Council of Maynooth Students’ Union at any of its sittings as long as it does not take away from the intent of the forum.’

Naturally, the proposed committees and indeed the actions to come out of this forum would need the agreement of the parties involved. Work on different initiatives can commence once agreement has been made.’

### CELBRIDGE SUZUKI GROUP ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT

The Annual Summer Concert of Celbridge Suzuki Group will take place on Saturday 16th June 2012, at 7.30 p.m. The Concert will be held in Christchurch, Castletown, Celbridge by kind permission of the Rector, Reverend Sandra Hales and the Select Vestry.

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

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# Know Your Rights

## Claiming Child Benefit Question

How do I apply for Child Benefit for my new baby and when will it be paid?

### Answer

When you register a birth in Ireland, the baby is allocated a Personal Public Service (PPS) Number. The Department of Social Protection automatically starts a claim for Child Benefit if the birth is registered within three months:

- If you are not already getting Child Benefit for another child, the Department creates a new claim and sends you a partially completed claim form for your signature and payment details. This form also tells you how to claim for your new baby online.

(Please note that you can only claim online if the Department invites you to do so.)

- If you are already getting Child Benefit, your new baby is automatically added to your existing claim and payment begins from the month after the birth. The Department will send you a letter confirming payment. If your child is not born in Ireland, or the birth is not registered within three months, you must fill in a Child Benefit form (CB1). Send the completed form by FREEPOST to the Child Benefit Section, Social Welfare Services, Department of Social Protection, St Oliver Plunkett Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. Lo-call: 1890 400 400.

Child Benefit is paid from the month following your baby's birth. It is paid on the first Tuesday of every month.

If there is any delay in processing your application the payment will be backdated to when you first applied. If you apply more than a year after your baby's birth the payment may be backdated if you have a good reason for the late application.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

## Living with your landlord Question

I am about to rent a room in an apartment and I will be living with my landlord. What do I need to know?

### Answer

As you are living in your landlord's home, you do not have a standard tenancy agreement. Instead, you have a 'Licensee Agreement' with your landlord (this also applies if you are living with the spouse, child or parent of a landlord and you do not have a tenancy agreement or written lease). This means you are in the property by the landlord's consent or invitation and you are not protected under the Residential Tenancies Act 2004.

Your landlord is not obliged to register with the Private Residential Tenancies Board (PRTB) and you cannot use the dispute resolution service of the PRTB if a disagreement arises between you and your landlord. You should also be aware of the following:

- Your landlord is not obliged to provide you with a rent book or a statement of rent paid
- Your accommodation does not have to meet any minimum physical standards
- Any notice you may get of the termination of the tenancy is at your landlord's discretion (although they are obliged to give reasonable notice, the specifics of this notice may vary)

- You are not protected by equality legislation which prohibits discrimination on 9 grounds, including age, sex, religion, race and disability

If you are sharing accommodation with your landlord and are unhappy with the way you are being treated, you could try discussing the situation with him and attempt to resolve any issues between you. If this is not possible you may be able to take your case to the Small Claims Court. This is really the only legal recourse you

have as a tenant sharing accommodation with your landlord.

Threshold (threshold.ie) runs a free advisory and mediation service which may help in resolving issues that arise between landlords and tenants.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

## Penalty points Question

How do I find out if I have penalty points on my driving licence?

### Answer

Penalty points are not physically recorded on your licence. They are recorded on your driving licence record, which is held on the National Vehicle and Driver File operated by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.

If you have committed a driving offence that incurs penalty points you will get a written notice from the Road Safety Authority (RSA) telling you that penalty points are being added to your driving licence. This notice will include your name, address, date, time and location of the driving offence concerned and confirmation of the fact that you either paid the fixed charge for the offence or were convicted in the court of such an offence. The notice will also contain the date on which the notice was issued to you. This is important as the points will only be added to your licence 28 days after this date.

Penalty points have a three-year lifespan. That means they will remain on your current driving licence for a period of 3 years from the start date (effective date). Any period where your licence is out of date won't count as part of the 3 years. If you accumulate 12 points and are disqualified for a period of 6 months, the points which led to the disqualification are removed at the end of the 6 months.

To find out how many penalty points are on your driving licence record, contact the Road Safety Authority at 1890 41 61 41 and quote your driving licence number.

All penalty points added to your driving licence are also recorded on the Garda Pulse computer system so the Gardai know how many penalty points you have on your driving licence.

## Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance Question

What is the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance?

### Answer

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BTSCFA) helps you to meet the cost of uniforms and footwear for children going to school or college. In 2012 the age limits changed, and BTSCFA is now paid to children aged from 4 to 22. They must be aged between 4 and 22 on or before 30 September of the year that you apply for the payment. Children aged between 18 and 22 must be in full-time education in a recognised school or college.

The rates have also changed in 2012. The allowance paid for each eligible child aged between 4 and 11 on or before 30 September 2012 is €150. The allowance paid for children aged 12-22 on or before 30 September 2012 is €250.

You (the parent or guardian) must be getting certain social welfare payments or payments for training, employment schemes or adult education for at least 6 weeks between 1 June and 30 September. The scheme operates from June to September each year.

The start date for the 2012 scheme is 1 June 2012.

In 2012 the Department of Social Protection will pay BTSCFA automatically to a large number of qualified people. This means that many families do not have to

apply for the payment. However, if you do not receive an automatic payment you must apply for the Allowance. Application forms will be available in all social welfare offices and on the Department's website welfare.ie.

The Department will examine all applications received and will post updates on welfare.ie on the progress being made in processing them. You will get a letter informing you of the decision on your application and, if it is approved, when and where you can collect your payment.

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.

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

## ICA Notes

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Meetings held 1st Thursday each month at 8 o'clock in the ICA Hall, The Harbour. Weekly craft nights each Monday at 8 o'clock. New members always welcome. Just drop down to the hall any Monday night or talk to any of our members.

Some members enjoyed a great day out at Punchestown recently and we are looking forward to the Garden Party at An Grianan in July. Hope for great weather. The ICA Bootcamp was a real success and was great fun with all the girls who took part having a real go at all DIFFICULT tasks set by the three "mentors". The ICA College at AnGrianan, Termonfecin, Co Louth offers lots of different courses and is available to members and non ICA members. The company is great, and the food is delicious. Courses available include;- Arts, Crafts, Cookery. Dancing, Singing, Digital Photography, Beading, Modern Technology, Effective Speaking & much, much more. Details from any member.

Congratulations to Secretary Norah McDermott recently elected Regional Vice-President.

Well done to President Margaret Houlihan who represented Kildare in the final of "Volunteer-of-the-Year" Congrats to Mary O'Gorman winner of recent National Craft Competition.

Badminton ladies are on a break until September. We are always happy to welcome new players, have a bit of fun & a bit of exercise. Just ask Madeleine or any member.

Winners of May Guild competition: 1st Mary McMahon, 2nd Rosemary Hanley, 3rd Eilis O'Malley  
Guild competition for June is "Something made from dried spaghetti"  
Good luck with that.

Next meeting June 7th at 8 o'clock

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## Letters to the Editor

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Ar lean

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Irish medium Education in Maynooth. The interim period

The seizure of Maynooth Castle heralded a relapse of the Gaelic order and the advance of Anglicisation in Maynooth. Henry VIII imposed constraints on those practicing the Catholic religion and he dissolved the Irish monasteries. Those who were prepared to accept the new order, after taking an oath of allegiance to the new King of England and his religion were given their lands back under the agreement of surrender and regrant. English was now to become the language of government, religion, commerce and law.

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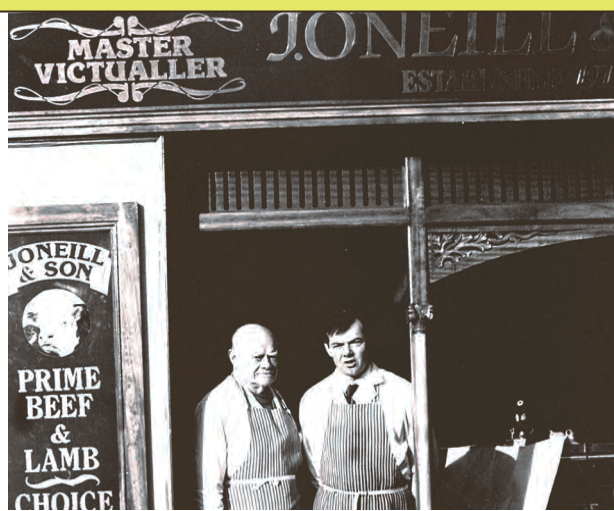
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## Reception for Foreign Students in Maynooth Post Primary School



**Presentation of a Hurley to Spanish Teachers**

**Maynooth Post Primary School** enjoyed a day with students from Canet in France and students from Spain. They were introduced to Irish Dancing and Hurling with the foreign students taking part and having a really great time.

The students arrived at the weekend and got to know their host families before going to school on Tuesday morning where they took classes and got to know the students from Maynooth. They made new friends and got to renew friendships they formed when the Maynooth students went to Canet last year.

Maynooth Post Primary School have a policy of foreign student exchange and they hope to go to Estonia next year with this in mind they have classes in French, Spanish, German and now Japanese.

Tom McMullan from the Maynooth Community Council who was involved in the Twinning with Canet France welcomed the students to Maynooth said that his time in Canet was exciting and added that it was a very clean and friendly town and he would encourage others to visit also, as we can learn a lot from their culture. He encouraged the students to be ambassadors for their countries as the exchange of cultures and languages could only enhance their outlook.

This year **Maynooth Post Primary School** won "best overall school" in the High School Musical section of the Waterford International Music Festival. They also won Best Singer for Jessica Hackett and Best Male Performance for Paul Mescal. Jessica played the role of Christine and Paul played the role of Phantom in our production of *Phantom of the Opera*.

The school are very proud of this great achievement and feel all the years of great musicals in Maynooth Post Primary School have at last been recognised outside Maynooth. This makes us very proud, especially in our 40th Year!



Tony Finnegan (adjudicator), Philip Blythe (Producer), Paul Mescal (Phantom) Sinead O'Connell (Director), Jessica Hackett (Christine), Anne-Marie Lawlor (Musical Director), Vicki Grahame (Festival Organiser).

### **Bienvenue, Bienvenidos, Cead Míle**

**Fáilte and welcome** to our French and Spanish Exchange students was how Principal Mr Johnny Nevin welcomed the visitors. There was a special welcome to their teachers Jose Miguel and Sonia (Spain/Madrid), Isabelle and Jean Jacques (France/Canet).

He acknowledged the sterling efforts of Ms Miot and Ms Merrigan (French) and Ms NíDhomhnaill and Ms Donnelly (Spanish) in their meticulous preparation, planning and co-ordination of the school TY student exchange programme. Languages at MPPS include French, Spanish, German and Japanese, and they are actively preparing for the introduction of Chinese into the curriculum in the next two years.

He also thanked Ms English, TESL and German teacher for her participation on behalf of the school in the European wide Leargás project twinning with a school in Leipzig, Germany and for her work with our international students of 35 nationalities in their e-twinning project with school in Estonia. Aims of the Transition Year student exchange in MPPS:

**To provide an opportunity for learning outside the classroom.**

**To provide opportunities for students to practise their language proficiency skills and develop their communication skills**

**To establish and forge friendships, which hopefully will be long lasting.**

Mr Nevin gave a big 'Cead Míle Fáilte'! to the Spanish and French visitors and hoped that their visit will be enjoyable and they have an educational experience.

Newly appointed Deputy Principal Ms McCauley was thanked for arranging teacher cover and liaising re-activities with our French/Spanish exchange teachers (including trips to Causey Farm, Glendalough, Dáil Eireánn, National Museum and Croke Park.)



**Presentation of a Hurley to the French Teachers**

A big thank you to Rita Doyle and teacher Aisling Dunne for Irish dance lessons today for all the students, and to Mr Dalton for taking the hurling skills coaching session.

Mr Nevin acknowledged the ongoing support from Maynooth Community Council in the French exchange, especially Tom McMullan and Eddie Tobin. The support also from Chairperson of our Board of Management Councillor Brendan Weld is also most welcome as is that of Sean Ashe CEO, County Kildare VEC.



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Described as a mechanical problem, there are many reasons why the hernia occurs and can affect anyone. The over 50s, farmers, block layers, smokers, overweight and obese people, bulimics and anorexics are seen as the traditional sufferers. But more often the hernia can be simply happen by straining while constipated, frequent and hard coughing or sneezing and heavy lifting. Most people that present with the hernia in clinic can remember a time when they 'lifted outside themselves', like moving a wardrobe on their own and then the symptoms appeared. To diagnose a hernia, most GP's normally have to send you for x-rays and ct scans or sends you to have a scope put down the throat. The normal solution then is to prescribe a tablet, sometimes for life, to neutralise the excess acid with recommended lifestyle changes to avoid certain foods and drinks that may exacerbate the 'over-acid'. In severe cases, an operation maybe required correcting the offending hernia, but it can come with complications, like muscle weakness, lifetime tablet taking and a possibility of having to redo the operation if the first fails. There is a lot of time, energy and money spent here. After all this, the symptoms may still remain as the hernia has not been corrected. Fortunately, a lot of kinesiologists, chiropractors and massage therapists have been trained in alternate techniques that can greatly reduce or even fix the hernia for good in a practical and non-invasive way. These corrections normally take one or two sessions to complete.

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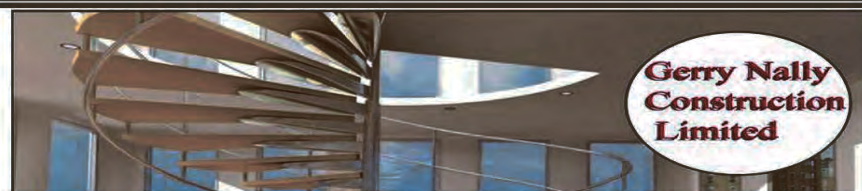
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At last summer is here and it is time to make sure all flowering plants are well fed for the season. A dusting of a balanced plant food or a diluted liquid feed in the watering can will only do the plants and flowers good.

Sow your summer bedding plants such as Busy Lizzies, Marigolds, Pansies and Lobelia. To add fragrance to your garden, plant some Stock in your hanging baskets and window boxes, that way not only will your garden smell lovely but the scent will drift into your house. Try night stock, it only comes out at night and the scent is divine.



To add even more fragrance to your garden, why not try Pelargonium "Mozzie Buster" which produces the smell of citronella oil, excellent for repelling mosquitoes. They thrive in sun and are semi-hard. Some Lilies are highly fragrant and give weeks of flowers. "Casablanca" has open white flowers with a cool hint of green. For a taller plant choose "Black Beauty", it has green-throated claret flowers. Not forgetting the ever popular roses, jasmine and honeysuckle. The easiest summer flowering jasmine is the blush-white Jasminum Officinale. Roses such as "The Generous Gardener" (peach cream) and "Gertrude Jekyll" (striking pink) are also good choices.

Now is a great time to sow annual flowers and biennials. Plant up your hanging baskets with half-hardy annuals and tender perennials such as asters, hostas, lavender and violas. Work some seaweed-based water saving granules into the compost as we all know baskets dry out quickly when the weather is warm. Sow some biennials for next year such as Iceland Poppies and Wallflowers.



Those pesky aphids are common this time of year so control them with a soap based insecticide and try growing garlic bulbs near your roses to reduce aphid attack. A tip to combat slugs is to surround the plant with copper bands or beakers of beer. By planting Delphiniums and Foxgloves next to fresh foliage will encourage the bugs that feed on these bugs. Don't forget to trim your hedges and keep weeding. Tall plants will need to be supported. Remember to dead-head to encourage new growth. Pick off leaves that are affected by black spot as soon as you see them.



Not forgetting fruit and vegetables, it is a good time of year to sow vegetable seeds directly into your garden. Why not try Beetroot, Courgettes, Lettuce, Runner Beans and Turnip to name but a few.

Young Tomatoes should be planted outside. Pinch out side shoots and tie loosely to canes. Keep Red Currants, Blueberries, Gooseberries, Raspberries and Strawberries safe from birds and squirrels by placing netting over them. In the age of recycling why not use old net curtains. Don't forget to peg down the Strawberry runners for more Strawberries next year.



Salad crops can continue to be grown throughout the summer months. So once an area is empty plant some more. Holland Late Winter - is a white ballhead cabbage which is good for coleslaw. Sow May/June. Little Marvel a type of pea is also sown in June.



As we all have to be mindful of the amount of water that we use, why not put a barrel, an old plastic bin or an old tank under the gutter to catch rain water. Not only are you recycling but you won't be using water from the mains saving you a few euros especially when the water meters are installed. You can use this water on your plants, flowers and lawn etc. If you want you can go to your local diy store and buy a proper rainwater harvesting system.



Animals are an integral part of gardening so don't forget them during the summer months. Put out a little extra food for birds and hedgehogs because if the summer is really hot, there's a lot less natural food available. **Warning!** Hedgehogs don't like bread and milk. So feed them some cat food or dog food.

Remember gardening is cheaper than therapy *and* you get tomatoes!  
**HAPPY GARDENING!**

# SUMMER BARBEQUE SIZZLERS

## Summer Apple Salad

(Serves 4)

### Ingredients

2 shallots, finely sliced  
1 tbsp vegetable oil  
3 Granny Smiths & 3 Cripps Pink apples cored & cut into slices  
1 tbsp lime juice  
6 cherry tomatoes, cut into quarters  
2 tbsp any roasted peanuts, crushed  
Handfuls of coriander leaves chopped



### For the Dressing

1 clove of garlic, finely chopped  
1 red chilli, deseeded & finely chopped  
1 tsp sugar  
1 tbsp fish sauce  
1 lime, juice only

### Method

Make the dressing by blending together the garlic, chilli & sugar in a food processor to make a rough paste. Then add the fish sauce & lime juice & season to taste.

For the salad, fry the shallots in the oil for 5 mins or until crispy and golden brown. Remove with a slotted spoon & drain on kitchen paper.

Toss the apple in the lime juice, then mix with the tomatoes & dressing. Serve topped with the peanuts, crisp shallots & coriander.

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## Hot Cheddar Kebabs

(Serves 4)

### Ingredients

225g cheddar cheese, cut into 16 cubes  
1/2 loaf of ciabatta bread with sundried tomatoes or olives, cut into 16 chunks  
1 green & 1 red pepper, deseeded & cut into chunks  
Rosemary sprigs or fresh bay leaves



### For the base

1 tbsp olive oil  
2 tbsp lemon juice

### Method

Thread the cubes of cheddar onto 8 skewers with the chunks of ciabatta bread, tomatoes and peppers, alternating the pieces & adding a couple of rosemary or bay leaves to each one.

Make the paste by mixing together olive oil, lemon juice & a little salt & black pepper.

Preheat the barbeque. Brush the kebabs with the lemon juice paste - stirring it first to make sure the ingredients are mixed together. Cook the brochettes for about 2-3 mins, turning often, until the cheese just begins to melt & the bread begins to toast. Serve at once.

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## Barbequed Apples

(Serves 4)

### Ingredients

4 apples  
1 tbsp olive oil  
2 lemons - use zest only  
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon



Ice Cream to serve

### Method

Slice the apples into 3cm thick discs, removing any core. Brush with olive oil. Mix together lemon zest, sugar & cinnamon.

Grill the apple slices on the barbeque for 2 mins. Turn the apple slices over & sprinkle with the lemon zest mixture. Cook for a further 2-3 mins & serve with ice cream.

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home-made jams and breads, which are on offer in many varieties. While sourcing locally grown produce such as potatoes, carrots, cabbage

and many other varieties of vegetables supports the local community and economy, it also ensures that all of these are as fresh as possible, while also supporting small businesses that produce the home-made jams and breads and other such products. The shop itself is located next to Tesco's car-park and so there are excellent parking facilities available adjacent to the premises that reduces the need for the customer to search for a parking space or to carry their shopping over a long distance. They also have a facility for customers to place specialist orders for produce that is not as readily available as the regular produce and they will cater for a variety of the



customer's particular orders and requirements. While there is an ATM next to the shop, there is also a Laser card facility available for those who prefer to purchase items without relying on actual money, which is also very handy for anyone who has just forgotten to bring money with them. There are many bargains to be had at Masterson's, whereby the prices are kept as low as possible so that everything on offer is available at very affordable prices while maintaining and ensuring the high quality of all produce. Also on offer at the moment are locally



grown Kildare strawberries and New Irish Potatoes.

So if you are looking for freshness and value in your fruit and vegetables and

home-made jams and breads, while supporting local businesses and entrepreneurs, then why not think of Masterson's Fruit and Veg. You can place your specialist order for that favourite item of produce that is not as readily available as you would like it to be while you will not need to roam around for a long time trying to find an available parking space so that you can do your shopping.

Brian O'Neill

## Tesco Aware



Former GAA players Davy Dalton, Paul Flood, Eddie McCormack and Ronan Quinn arrived in Tesco Extra Maynooth on Saturday 19th May to support Race the Rás. Race the Rás is the charity cycle linked with the An Post Rás, Ireland's most prominent cycling event. The charity element sees amateur cyclists and former and current GAA and sports stars cycle across Ireland at the same time as the professional cyclists.



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A special thank you to Mr. Philip Blyth and the students from Maynooth Post Primary who proudly displayed their winning trophy and for their support of this very worthy cause. Also a big thank you to all our customers for their donations on the day.

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- Basket Club – from 8 to 35
- Canet 66 Volley-Ball – from 8 to 35
- Judo Canet – from 4 to 40
- Canet 66 Natation (swimming) – from 4 to 65
- Canet KiteSurf – Public from 10 to 30
- Yachting Club Canet-Perpignan – from 8 to 75
- Karate Canet – from 4 to 40
- Perpignan Canet Football Club – from 4 to 45
- Yachting Club Canet-Roussillon – from 8 to 75
- Canet Saint-Marie Rugby XV – from 4 to 45
- Salanque Rugby XV – from 16 to 35
- Surf Club – from 12 to 35
- Badminton Canet – from 8 to 35
- Canet 66 Tennis Club – from 4 to 75

### CULTURE

- Friends of the Maritim Museum
- Plastic Arts of Canet
- Friends of Old Canet (heritage)
- Sculptors of Catalunya
- C'Music (choirs)
- Philatelic Club
- Theater Club
- Reader Digests
- Theatre Actor Club
- Symphonic Orchestra of Canet
- Temps Dances
- La Llevantina (traditional dances)
- Old Catalan Boats

### LEISURE

- Canet Accueil (3rd Age Association)
- Environment Association and Arboretum
- Life in Canet (3rd Age Association)
- Normand of Canet (association of people from north France)

### OTHER

- Firemen Association



**Canet Associations** would be very interested in any groups or Youth and Sports associations (also NUIM) to see if some of them should be interested in exchange and twinning with their clubs.

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### Friday 22nd

- 12h30 Arrival in Carcassonne
- 13h30 Arrival in Canet
- 13h45 Lunch at Beach-Club
- 17h00 Visit of the City
- 18h00 Seminary on the Story of Roussillon by Robert Saut (Catalan Historian) and on History of French-Irish Relations by Michael O'Dwyer at Jean Piat Theater
- 19h30 Aperitif
- 20h30 Lunch at Restaurant

### Saturday 23th

- 9h00 Meeting at Hotel
- 10h00 Visit of Canet Market
- 11h00 Wine tasting at Esparrou Estate
- 11h30 Visit and Lunch of Esparrou Vineyards
- 14h00 Back to Hotel
- 16h00 Official Ceremony
  - Official representatives will arrive on Ceremony site by Catalan traditional boats
  - Welcome Speech by Emmanuelle Garbani de Lacvivier, Councilor delegated to Twinings
  - Speech of Bernard Dupont, Mayor of Canet
  - Speech of Maynooth representatives
  - Speech of Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, European Deputy
  - Show and Aperitif (with Catalan Buffet, fishes and meats specialities...)
- o Show of Sardane Traditional Dances
- o Traditional Songs
- o Old Lamparo Boat Fish Show in the Harbor
- o Songs and Evening
- Back to Hotel

### Sunday 24th

- 9h00 Meeting at Hotel
- 10h00 Visit of Natural Arboretum
- 11h30 Lunch at Beach-Club
- 15h00 Visit of Collioure, Banyuls or Paulilles
- 20h00 Diner at Restaurant

### Monday 25th

- 9h00 Meeting at Hotel
- 11h30 Departure for Carcassonne
- 12h55 Departure for Dublin

### North Kildare Family Dog Walk

After last year's huge success Aoife McMahon, with the help of Ricky Nolan Duggan, Joseph Dempsey and many others has decided to organize another Family Dog Walk in aid of The Irish Guide Dog for the Blind.

This year, in Donadea Forest Park on the 14th of July 2012 at 2 PM, with the backing of everyone in the pet community will bring a hopefully, bigger and better fundraiser and a great day out for the family.

Last year the event on the rounds of Castletown house, Celbridge raised €450 of much needed funds for The Irish Guide Dog for the Blind who are dedicated to helping persons who are blind or vision impaired and families of children with autism to achieve improved mobility and independence.

November 2011 saw various local people and their dogs out for a special family walk to support this very imported cause, as well as puppy walkers from the area. So please support The Irish Guide Dog for the Blind by filling a sponsorship card or simply giving the small donation of €5 on the day to walk your pooch for charity.

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#### Saturday 9th June @ Rathcoffey Road

Maynooth Town Soccer Blitz for Academy,  
U8's, U9's, U10's & U11's  
We need U12's & U15's to volunteer to  
manage younger teams

#### Sunday 10th June @ Rathcoffey Road

Maynooth Town Soccer Blitz for U12's & U15's  
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#### Saturday 9th & 10th June @ Rathcoffey Road

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## Maynooth Parking By Laws

Most of the Parking By-Laws were agreed at a Special Area Committee on the 8 May. The Council's Technician is checking out a number of proposals to see if they are feasible and it is hoped to have the revised report and drawings ready for the June Committee Meeting.

### **Cllr. McGinley Again Calls for the Illegal Parking at Parson Street to be Stopped:**

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

"That the Garda at senior level be written to again asking them to enforce parking regulations at Parson Street, Maynooth and that the road be resurfaced and double yellow lines painted on the Joan Slade side, as soon as possible."

John was given the following reply:

"If it is the wish of the committee I can write to the Gardai regarding enforcement. This section of road is due for resurfacing later in the year under the road restoration programme, lining will take place afterwards"

John also asked that the Council's Traffic Warden visits Parson Street once a week to ensure enforcement of the law.

### **Cllr. McGinley Seeks a Yellow Box at the Junction at the Square, Maynooth**

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

"That a yellow box junction be painted at the Main Street/ Straffan Road junction in order to reduce the possibility of traffic illegally blocking the junction."

John was given the following reply:

"The main street is due for resurfacing later in the year. Road markings will be renewed after resurfacing."

John asked that all of the junctions with Main Street be painted with yellow boxes after the resurfacing.

### **Cllr. McGinley Asks for Potholes to be Repaired;**

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

"When will the numerous potholes on the roads in Maynooth be looked after?"

John was given the following highly unsatisfactory reply:

"The area office is keeping this situation under review. It is not possible to progress these works at the moment due to financial and human resource constraints. However, every effort will be made to carry out the necessary repairs in the near future."

John stated it would not cost a fortune to repair the potholes and that it would be money well spent.

### **Cllr. McGinley Asks for The Harbour Field Wall to be Repaired**

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

"That repairs to the boundary wall at the Harbour Field, Maynooth be carried out as a matter of urgency in order to avoid serious injury to children and adults using the playgrounds."

John was given the following worrying reply:

"The condition of the wall does not present any danger to the users of the playgrounds. The loose stone is as a result of ongoing antisocial behaviour involving knocking stone out of the wall. The loose stone will be removed and quotations will be sought for the repair of the wall. Any repairs will be dependent on the resources available to carry this out.

Maynooth playground was one of the easiest and low cost playgrounds to maintain however ongoing damage to the playground in Maynooth as a result of antisocial behaviour over the last year has resulted in the cost of maintenance of this play facility increasing at a time of diminishing resources. In the last year youth shelters have been damaged, a swing unit stolen, legs to the air walker stolen, hammock burned, basket swing damaged, rope bridge cut and broken glass is an ongoing problem also.

Unless the community of Maynooth are willing to respect the facilities provided it may be necessary to remove or close parts of the playground as the resources will not be available or allocated to continually repair and replace items."

John pointed out that the reply was very alarmist and that it did not give a true picture of the success of the Maynooth Playground. It is the envy of other towns throughout the county. The anti-social behaviour outlined has taken place over a number of years and while it is totally unacceptable it does not warrant the closure or removal of parts of the Playground. John was fully supported by all of the other Councillors

### **Cllr. McGinley Asks When Castle Dawson will be Taken in Charge**

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

"What is holding up the taking in charge of Castle Dawson housing estate, Maynooth?"

John was given the following reply:

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

### **Cllr. McGinley Seeks Clarification on Beaufield Gardens**

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

"Why has Beaufield Gardens in Beaufield estate, Maynooth not been taken in charge by the council?"

John was given the following reply:

"Beaufield Gardens was built as part of Meadowbrook Estate, not Beaufield Estate. Building Control staff can meet with representatives of the residents association to outline the implications of proceeding with the taking in charge of Meadowbrook at this stage. Please contact Willie Hannigan or Stephen Cunningham to make any necessary arrangements."

### **Update on Public Lighting Contract:**

Cllr. McGinley got the following Update at the Area Meeting on 18 May;

"Airticity has repaired a total of 1,457 faults since the beginning of the year, this include 461 repairs since the maintenance contract began on the 1 April 2012. There are currently 400 faults outstanding on the system, 80% of these are on ESB Network poles. Work ceased on ESB network poles between 1 April and 3rd May 2012 as ESB Approval to work on network poles expired. Approvals are now in place and work is ongoing to repair the lights on ESB network poles."

### **Open Gully at Perimeter of Leinster Street, Maynooth**

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion: "Roads Design has carried out an inspection of the site. This refers to a large open drain on private land that was left following the construction of the car park. This matter has been referred to planning to follow up on."

### **Public light be installed at Doctors Lane**

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"A meeting with Airticity on site is being organised to assess the options for diverting the existing light or supplementing existing car park lights in order to cover Doctors Lane."

### **Deterioration of the ramp/pedestrian crossing at the boys school Moyglare Road**

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"When the roads restoration programme is completed the area office undertake ramp maintenance. The repairs will be prioritised based on the conditions of each ramp. It should be noted that there is only a €10,000 budget for 2012 for such repairs."

### **Keeping Main Street, Maynooth Clean**

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"The area office will endeavour to keep the street swept on a regular basis. Maynooth businesses have been written to in relation to Litter Pollution Act. The town will be monitored on an ongoing basis to ensure compliance with the litter Act."

### **Update on 66 Bus Extension to Newtown, Maynooth**

Cllr. McGinley has asked that Dublin Bus Representatives

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be asked to attend the June meeting of the Area Committee in order to address the conflicting views coming from Dublin Bus Officials on the extension of the 66 Route.

#### **Removal of trees at the new roundabout on the Kilcock Road.**

The Council Officials have now agreed to Cllr. McGinley's motion and a letter will be issued to NUI Maynooth requesting the removal of the trees.

#### **Cllr. McGinley Asks that the Paint Colours of Main Street Shops be Controlled**

John raised this issue at the Celbridge Area Committee on 18 May, particularly the very loud colours that some new shops in Maynooth have decided to use.

He has asked that the Planning Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) of the Council discuss formulating a Policy on appropriate colour schemes for shop fronts on Main Streets at its meeting on 7 June

#### **STAGG CALLS FOR APPEALS PROCEDURE ON REZONINGS**

Deputy Emmet Stagg who raised in a speech in the Dáil in 1997 the issue of excessive zoning in County Kildare urged the then Fianna Fail Minister, Noel Dempsey, to consider introducing legislation that would allow interested parties to appeal to An Bord Pleanála against decisions to rezone land for development.

I have now raised this matter again with the present Minister responsible for planning, Deputy Jan O'Sullivan.

A decision to zone for development has far reaching effects on many citizens outside of those directly concerned and it is unique in so far as there is no appeal system for those who disagree with the decision or are adversely affected by it.

While there is provision for appeals to An Bord Pleanála when detailed planning occurs the dye is then cast and effectively all that can be influenced is the type or mass of development.

This contrasts with the situation where appeals can be made against minor developments such as window sizes or front porches but cannot be made against proposals to zone land for hundreds of houses.

Court decisions can be appealed, planning decisions can be appealed but decisions on rezoning cannot and are unique in that regard.

I will urge the Minister to consider this anomaly with a view to introducing legislation to allow appeals to an outside independent agency thereby empowering citizens beyond the present 'consultation' process that can be noted and ignored.

#### **STAGG WELCOMES COMMITMENT ON PUBLIC ACCESS CONTINUING BUT WILL PURSUE TRANSFER OF DONADEA FOREST PARK FROM COILLTE TO OPW**

Given the recent announcement by Government, that consideration was been given to the possible sale of some of Coillte's assets, excluding the sale of land, Deputy Emmet Stagg has called for the Transfer of ownership of Donadea Forest Park from Coillte to the OPW.

Deputy Stagg has been in contact with Minister of State Shane McEntee T.D., Minister with responsibility for Forestry, and Minister of State Brian Hayes T.D., Minister with responsibility for the OPW. Outlining the case for the transfer of ownership Deputy Stagg pointed out with the sale of some of Coillte's assets being considered that now was the time to transfer Donadea Forest Park in its totality to the OPW who would maintain its historical buildings and amenity value for the people of the State. Deputy Stagg stated that the Park comprised 640 acres and included nature trails, forest walks and a lake. Historical features included the remains of Donadea Castle, Walled Gardens, a church, Tower, Ice House, Boat House and a fine Lime Tree Avenue. Deputy Stagg stated that the Park was widely used by members of the Public, not just from Co. Kildare but the wider Greater Dublin Area.

Minister of State McEntee has responded to Deputy Stagg stating that a valuation of Coillte Assets is currently being undertaken by the National Treasury Management Agency in conjunction with his Department and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. The Minister pointed out that no decision on the possible sale of State Assets will be taken until the valuation is completed. Specifically in relation to Coillte Recreational facilities the Minister stated that Coillte currently manages 11 Forest Parks and over 150 Recreational Facilities and that these sites provide a range of recreational opportunities for the general public. The Minister also stated that the facilities were also a valuable tourist resource and in view of the importance of such recreational opportunities for citizens for ongoing recreation and for visitors during their stay in Ireland, any sale will take account of public access to recreational land.

Whilst welcoming the Minister's statement of intent on continuing public access to recreational land such as Donadea Forest Park, Deputy Stagg stated that he would continue to pursue the outright transfer of the lands to the OPW.

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## **Maynooth Musical Society and An Nuadha Players**

Are very pleased to announce they will be hosting an 80's night on June 9th in Brady's Pub. Tickets will be €10 - fancy dress is encouraged! There will be drinks promotions, competitions and spot prizes on the night!



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# Continuing a series on early Irish literature by Dr. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

Immram Brain agus a Echtra (The voyage of Bran son of Febal and his adventure)  
(Some of the following poem might be a bit confusing as it refers to an episode in another story so I have some notes at the end)

49

This form, this man you are looking at,  
Will come to where you are,  
I will travel to her house –  
To the woman who lives at Linemag.

50

It is Manannán mac Lir  
Who is in a human shape from the chariot,  
In a short time, from his offspring,  
There will be a beautiful man with a body of white clay.

51

Manannán mac Lir will sleep  
Eagerly with Caintigern,  
He will be called to his son in the glorious world,  
Fiachna will recognize him as his son.

52

He will enjoy the company of every fairy-mound,  
He will be the darling of every good land,  
He will reveal mysteries, course of learning,  
In the world without fear.

53

He will appear in the shape of every animal  
On the grey sea and on land,  
He will be a dragon first before the people,  
He will be a wild dog of every great forest.

54

He will be a stag with silver horns  
In the land where chariots are driven,  
He will be a speckled salmon in a full pool,  
He will be a seal, he will be a white swan.

55

Throughout the ages he will be  
In the fair kingship for a hundred years,  
He will destroy battlefields, an eternal grave,  
He will redden fields, a wheel around the track.

56

It will be about kings with a warrior  
And he will be known as a brave hero,  
Into fortresses of a high land  
I will send the end from Islay.

57

I will place him on a height with princes,  
He will be overcome by a son of mistake,  
Manannán mac Lir  
Will be his father, his instructor.

58

His time will be short –  
Fifty years in this world,  
A dragon stone from the sea will kill him  
In the conflict at Senlabor.

59

He will request a drink from Loch Ló  
While he looks at the gush of blood,  
The fair crowd will place him under a wheel of clouds  
To the assembly where there is no sorrow.

60

Let Bran row steadily  
It is not far to Tír na mBan,  
Emne with it many colours of generosity,  
You will reach it before the setting of the sun.

61 Bran left him and then he saw an island. He rows around it and a great crowd was watching and laughing. They were all staring at Bran and his people. They would not stay to talk to them. They carry on with blasts of laughter at them. Bran sent one of his people to the island. He joined the others and he was staring at them just like the other people on the island. He continued to row around the island. When their

companion went past Bran, his companions spoke to him. But he would not answer them; he looked at them and stared at them. The name of this island was Inis Subai. Eventually they left him there.

62 It was not long after that until he reached Tír na mBan. They saw the leader of the women at the harbour. The leader of the women said: 'Come here to land, Bran mac Febail. Your arrival is welcome.'



Bran did not dare to go to land. The woman throws a ball to Bran directly past his face. Bran put his hand to the ball and it stuck to his palm. There were threads of the ball in the woman's hand and she dragged the boat to the harbour. They went to a large house. There was a bed for every couple there, 3 by 9 beds. The food that was brought on every dish did not disappear. It seemed to them that they were there for a year. But it was really many years. There was no taste missing for them.

63 Home-sickness seized one of the men, Nechtan mac Collbrain. His people asking Bran to return to Éire with him. The woman said that they would be sorry if they went back. They did go however. The woman said that none of them should touch the land and that they should return to the Inis Subai to pick up the man that they left there.

64 They travelled until they reached at a gathering at Srub Brain. The people asked them where they came from, from over the sea. The man replied: 'I am Bran mac Febail.'

'We do not know you,' the said, 'but the Voyage of Bran is part of our traditional learning.'

65 The man jumped from the boat. As soon as he touched the land of Éire he became ashes immediately – just as if he had been in the ground of many hundreds of years. Then Bran sang this verse:

It was very foolish for the son of Collbran  
To lift his hand against age,  
Without anyone throwing a wave of pure water  
Over Nechtan, Collbran's son.

Bran told the people who had gathered about his adventures from the very beginning until that time. He wrote the verses in Ogam and then he said goodbye. No one has heard of his adventures since then. The end.



The fact that this story consists mainly of poetry makes it relatively unusual as the sagas are usually prose or different combinations of prose and poetry. But we will see otherworldly stories that are entirely in verse as well. Although it says in the beginning that the woman will recite 50 stanzas there are only 28 and the use of the verb sings for reciting poetry is very common in this period. It is unlikely that they actually sang their poetry but there may have been accompanying music, or they may have used some kind of chant.

Manannán mac Lir is regarded as the god of the sea and his name is remembered in the Isle of Man. The story of his relationship with a woman called Caintigern (fair sovereignty) at the beginning of this section is celebrated in other stories that will be appear in next month's Newsletter. Using tricks, he manages to persuade this wife of a mortal, king from Ulster to sleep with him and they produce a son called Mongán –

an actual real life king. Bran whose name means raven, a bird sometimes associated with slaughter, is called the son of Febal (Lough Foyle) where Srub Brain is said to be. The man who is homesick is called Nechtan son of Collbran and the word bran appears again. The name Nechtan is also connected with water - he is supposedly the husband of the river Boyne (An Bhóinn) who is imagined as a woman in the literature. She was turned into a river because of her arrogance; she looked into a forbidden well and the river is formed as she tries to escape from the injuries that she suffers to her eye, her arm and her leg. The water follows her to the sea and forms the river.

The man who turns to ashes on his return to Ireland reminds us of characters like Rip van Winkle and of Oisín coming back from Tír na nÓg (The land of youth).

There are references in verses 54-55 to the king shape-shifting and changing to different animals. This is a common motif in these stories; the ability of certain key figures to live in different shapes for hundreds of years and to carry knowledge from one age to another. There are different points of view about this story and it has excited a lot of heated debates among scholars.

Some people think that the story contains remnants of pre-Christian beliefs and maybe a journey to the Otherworld (death) and others strongly disagree. The early Irish may have seen similarities between their own beliefs and the new religion, in this case between the birth of Christ and the unusual birth of the Mongán character in our story. There are lots of interesting names and descriptions of the Otherworld here like Mag Mell (Plain of delights), Tír na mBan (The land of women) and Cluichemag (Plain of games). We know now that most, if not all, of our early manuscripts and writing were produced by monks in monasteries. Therefore, there is a distinctly Christian flavour to all the writings. But they hardly appeared fully formed from nowhere and must have been influenced to a greater or lesser extent by the native, pre-Christian oral tradition. So Bran, Manannán, Nechtan etc. must be characters from these pre-Christian times and their stories must have some roots in that tradition. Our ancestors seem to have no problem in combining their native tradition, of which they were very proud, with their new Christian tradition to produce stories like this. In verse 41 in the previous piece, there are references for example to love-making under bushes without sin and this was a custom particularly associated with the month of Bealtaine (May). With the restrictions of the early Church on sexual activity, this does not seem very Christian!

Here two worlds merge and there is room for boat and chariot, wave and flowers, fish and calves and lambs. It has been likened to the two sides of the one coin, flipping back and forth: Manannán in his chariot, and Bran in his boat. The unseen wonder about us. Next month we will look at other stories about Bran, Mongán and others. These are quite short, relatively unknown and quite magical and mysterious stories of druids, prophets, wells, visions, hidden knowledge and an out of body experience.

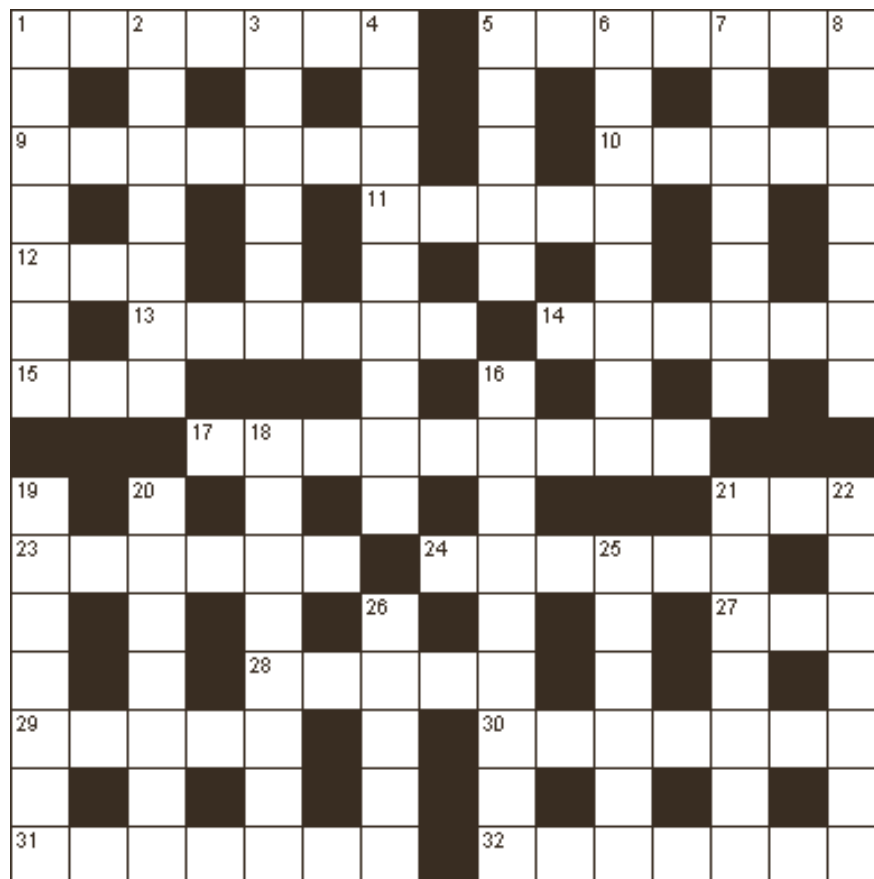


## Clues Across

1. Official sitting (7)
5. Saloon (3,4)
9. Tool for chipping ice (7)
10. Many times (5)
11. Living in a city (5)
12. Russian secret police (3)
13. With ease (6)
14. Complete (6)
15. Strike lightly (3)
17. Six (4-5)
21. Used for resting (3)
23. Make possible (6)
24. Russian sleigh (6)
27. Extinct flightless bird (3)
28. Son of Abraham (5)
29. Inanimate object (5)
30. Exterior (7)
31. Knitted jacket (7)
32. Burst violently (7)



## June 2012 Crossword - No: 403



## Clues Down

1. Holdup (5-2)
2. Fruit-flavoured sweet powder (7)
3. Foolish persons (6)
4. Capital of Tonga (9)
5. Sphere (5)
6. Midday (8)
7. Meantime (7)
8. Very long (7)
16. Eighty (9)
18. Yes (3,5)
19. Governing bodies (7)
20. Prisoner (7)
21. Baby (7)
22. Expert marksman (4-3)
25. Part of the foot (6)
26. Coming after (5)

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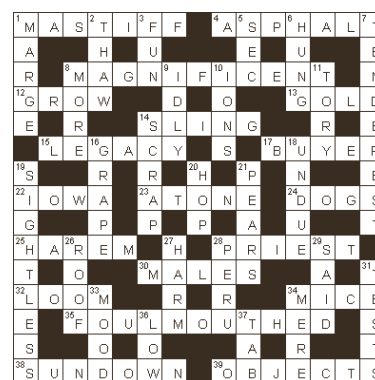
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### Murphy warns on continued reliance on tiger-era planning strategies as Minister Hogan publishes updated Retail Planning Guidelines.

The publication of new Retail Planning Guidelines in Ireland is a cause for concern to those who value local, independent retailers as a vital part of a town's economy and community life, says Independent TD for Kildare North Catherine Murphy. The growth of large-scale retail outlets and retail parks across the country has had a devastating effect on traditional town centres throughout Ireland, particularly in medium sized towns, and the failure of the new guidelines to reduce limits on the size of these developments in areas like Kildare continues to undermine the viability of the Main Street as a focal point for communities, according to the Deputy.

"Towns like Naas have seen huge retail developments spring up at the expense of long serving, local retailers. Naas, with a population of just over 20,000, now hosts Ireland's largest Tesco store as well as two of the large DIY retailers, and many other chain retailers. Whilst many argue that these large developments create jobs, the reality is often different. The resultant closure of local retail outlets simply means job displacement rather than creation in many cases.

"The updated guidelines do not significantly address this problem. In fact, the very weak role that regional-level planning is given means that the enormous Hypermarkets will now be allowed to develop along areas like the M50 and greater Dublin hinterland, very close to medium sized towns like Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth. Existing small local retailers are already losing the footfall needed to remain above water, while new ventures cannot get enough business to get off the ground. Many community cores now have several vacant shops – this makes no sense for prime retail spaces located in the heart of towns.

"Given that we have 88 planning authorities in Ireland at the moment, I have to cast doubt on our ability to restore a town-centre planning focus to the heart of our development guidelines. To achieve a real level of sustainable development I would encourage the Minister to develop a greatly expanded role for regional planning so we can take a wider, consolidated view of how we develop our communities – particularly in relation to retail planning."

### MURPHY BLASTS GOVERNMENT DITHERING ON INDEPENDENT PLANNING INQUIRIES

Speaking after questioning Minister Jan O'Sullivan in the Dáil today, Deputy Catherine Murphy demanded the immediate reinstatement of the independent planning inquiries scrapped by this Government.

She stated that "the Minister's assertion that the previous Government had not commenced planning investigations is simply untrue". Independent planning investigations were commenced by Minister John Gormley in June 2010 following the review of an Internal Departmental Report detailing complaints received from the Ombudsman, An Taisce and members of the public regarding planning irregularities in six local authorities including Carlow County Council.

The Local Authorities concerned were asked to formally respond to the issues raised and responses were received in July 2010. In September 2010 an invitation to tender was issued inviting planning consultants to tender for a panel of planning consultants charged with independently reviewing the complaints. The tenders were reviewed and planning consultants were ready to be appointed when the previous Government fell. However, on assuming office Minister Penrose scrapped the Independent Inquiries.

The Deputy stated that the Dublin planning problems detailed in the Mahon Report are "by no means an isolated issue". This is evidenced by a letter in February 2010 from the Ombudsman to the person who made a complaint regarding planning practice in Cork City Council. The Ombudsman referred to planning "difficulties of a systemic nature which may need to be dealt with on a systematic basis".

Deputy Murphy continued "to restore credibility in our fractured planning system we need the Internal Departmental Report to be published and the external Independent Planning Investigations to be reinstated.

"The outrage felt after the findings of the Mahon Tribunal cannot be allowed to be temporary."

### Technical Group Schedules Dáil Debate on Shocking Refusal and Appeal Rate of Domiciliary Care Allowance Applications

The Dáil's Technical Group, which is made up of 12 Independent TDs and 5 United Left Alliance TDs, will next week table a Dáil motion calling on the government to radically reform the system of payment known as the Domiciliary Care Allowance which has seen some of the most vulnerable people in Irish society forced to, as the group puts it,

"exhaust the precious time and resources at their disposal in lengthy application, review and appeals processes"

The group of 16 TDs has scheduled three hours of debate time between Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th during which the motion will be discussed by

representatives of the opposition and government alike. In the motion the Independent group highlights the fact that vulnerable families have encountered significant problems in accessing and retaining this vital support since the role of administering the DCA was transferred from the HSE to the Department of Social Protection in 2009.

While welcoming the original motivation for transferring this function, which was to ensure consistency and transparency in the way that applicants were assessed throughout the country through the institution of a centralised application facility, the lack of appropriate levels of expertise in the relevant fields of disability among those assessing the eligibility of claimants is problematic, to name but one area of concern.

The decision to schedule time for the discussion of this very emotive topic was made by the group in response to ongoing and escalating appeals among constituents and representative organisations of children with special needs to pursue the government in the aim of addressing the worrying escalation in application refusals, rulings of ineligibility for the allowance among those who have come to depend on the payment and the excessive lengths of time that appeals are taking to be heard and adjudicated upon.

### MURPHY WELCOMES MOVE TO END "SHAMEFUL" PRACTICE OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS REFUSING TREATMENT TO PATIENTS LIVING OUTSIDE CATCHMENT AREAS

Following the tabling of a Parliamentary Question on the topic, Deputy Catherine Murphy (Independent – Kildare North) today broadly welcomed the Minister for Health, Dr James Reilly's confirmation that the practice of refusing in-patient and outpatient treatment services to individuals purely based on their address is to be immediately addressed. In some cases, said the Deputy, essential treatment had been refused "even where it was unavailable at any other location in the State."

In a parliamentary reply issued today, Minister Reilly said that the practice is "unacceptable" and confirmed that a letter has been issued from the National Directors of the HSE and the Chief Operating Officer of the Special Delivery Unit (SDU) to all public hospitals in the country requesting that, with immediate effect, all hospitals should refrain from any further limiting of historic catchment areas. The Minister also stated that the requirement will be retrospective to the start of 2012 in most cases, and will apply to new referrals and existing patients receiving long term treatments.

"This move comes not a moment too soon. Recent figures show that almost 170,000 people are on waiting lists for outpatient services around the country, so it's very important that we guard against the practice of refusing patients from becoming an acceptable means to reduce these lists. I applaud the healthcare workers operating under extremely difficult circumstances, particularly with the moratorium on recruitment. I call on the Minister to ensure that they are adequately resourced to tackle our waiting lists while ensuring access to treatment is based on need, and not address."

**Catherine Murphy, TD  
KILDARE NORTH**

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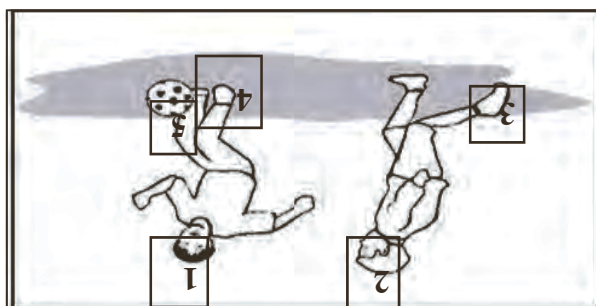
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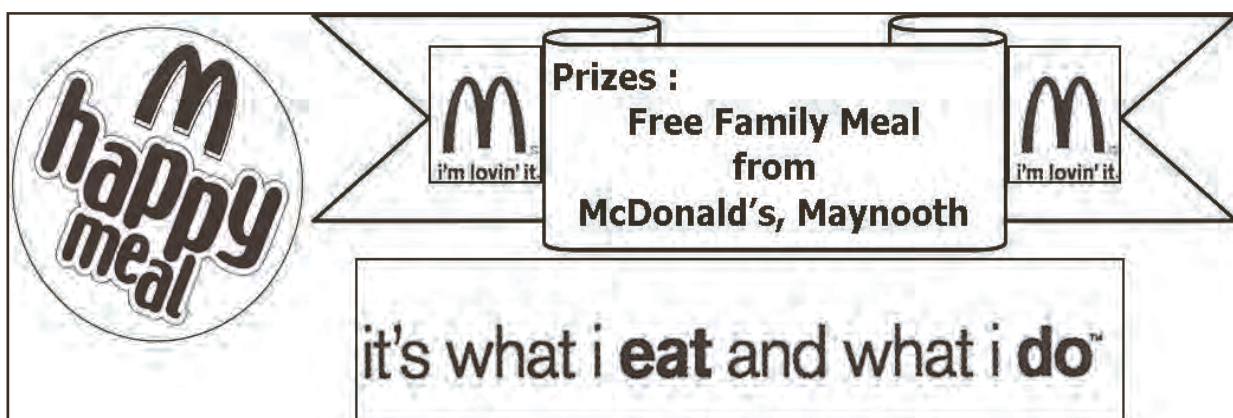
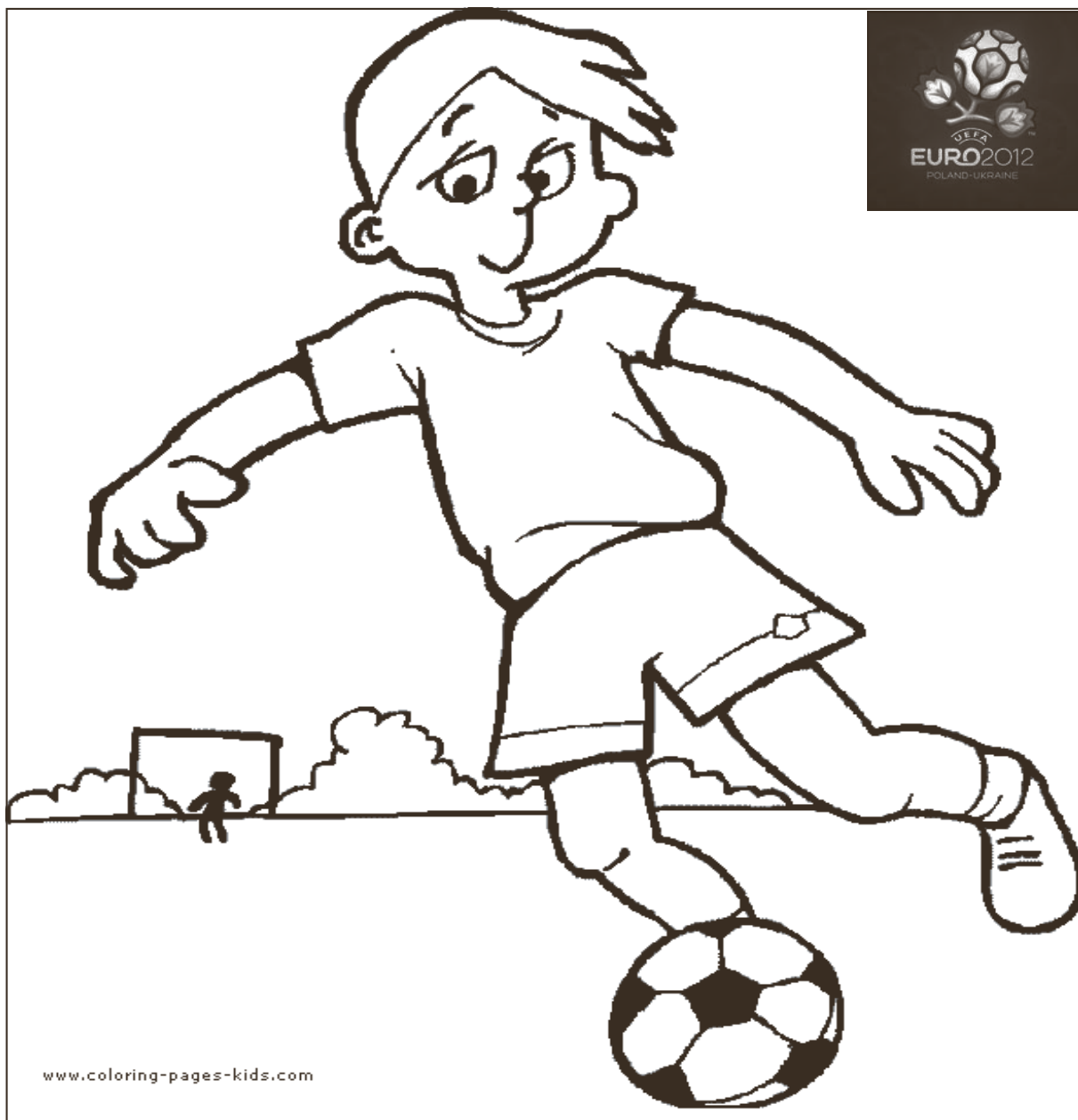
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## ANSWERS



## McDonalds Children's Colouring Competition



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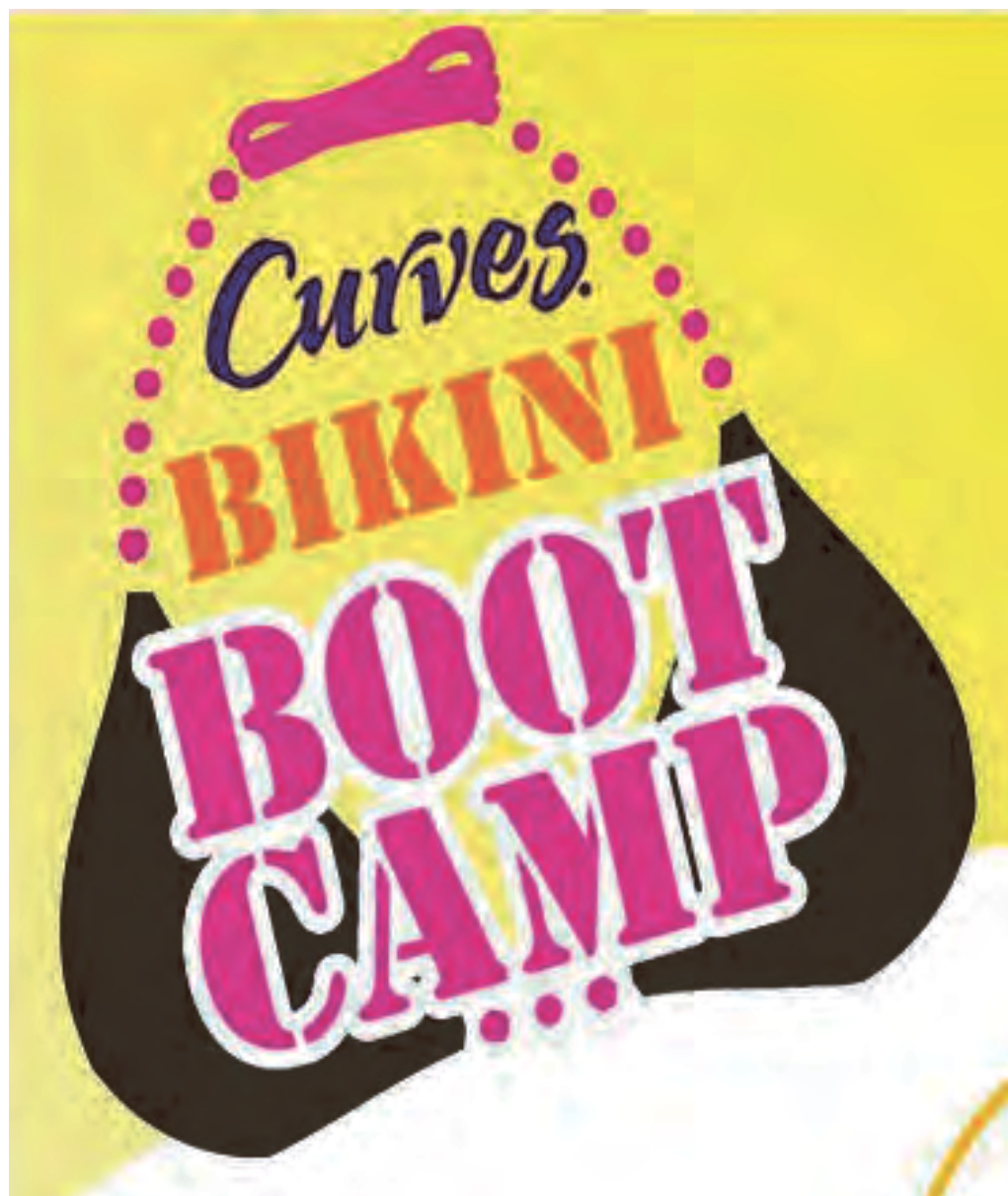
### May Winners:

Age: 3 - 5: Conor Poole, Straffan Way

Age: 6 - 7: Saoirse Grehan, The Paddocks

Age: 8 &amp; Over: Conor Van Duyverwoorde,

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With summer on its way, many women worry about getting back into a bikini or swimsuit and want to lose a few of those extra pounds put on during the winter. Of course, we always get asked if they can lose weight in time for their summer beach holiday. At Curves, our new five-week Bikini Bootcamp now means you can look and feel great in no time, and wear your swimwear with confidence.

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You will also receive weekly tips for healthy eating and through regular measurements, you'll start to see results straight away. To reward you for all your efforts, we will invite you to celebrate with the club at the end of the 5 week programme."

At Curves you can do an effective workout specially developed for women and lasting just 30 minutes. With the extra intensive Bikini Bootcamp, which also focuses on your eating habits, you'll lose pounds in no time.

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## June Diary Planner

### I.C.A.

Meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm. in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour. Crafts Every Monday Night at 8.00pm. New members welcome

### Taekwon-Do

Children's Classes for 5 years and up held every 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

Tuesday 19th June in Glenroyal Hotel at 8.00p.m. Demonstrator: Bernadette Scanlan All Welcome Non Members €5 Tea/Coffee served Maureen Fagan PRO

### 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

### 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

### 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](http://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](http://www.irishgirlguides.ie)

### Maynooth Youth Café

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

Maynooth Newsletter Archive now on the Web [www.maynooth.info/](http://www.maynooth.info/) and follow the link

If you would like Your event for July put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter Phone 01 6585922/6285053 or E-mail [maynoothcc@eircom.net](mailto:maynoothcc@eircom.net)

## Maynooth Tidy Towns

We thank all who answered our appeal for volunteers this has enabled us to undertake revamping various flower beds, weed removal and litter picking around the town and indeed enter the National Tidy Towns competition once again.

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

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

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

Please keep Maynooth tidy as our Judges will be with us anytime from 1st June to 31 August.

If you require any further information or wish to join our volunteering team please contact 087 3153189

RICHARD FARRELL

PRO

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS



L-R Liz Green, Elizabeth Callaghan, Moira Baxter, Eamon Carton & Eileen Neary



### BEFORE

Planting shrubs outside St. Mary's BNS



### AFTER

Planter outside St. Mary's BNS

## MAYNOOTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOST A TALK BY IDA MILNE ON THE INFLUENZA PANDEMIC OF 1918-1919

On Thursday May 24th the Maynooth Historical Society held a very informative and sometimes sombre talk on the effects of the world-wide Flu Pandemic of 1918. Ida Milne a Celbridge local, who has completed a PHD in Trinity College on the subject, gave us an insight into the causes, treatment and the huge effect the Flu had on Kildare. The 1918 Flu was one of three world-wide pandemics that were regarded as a "natural disaster" along with the Plague and the Black Death. It is thought that up to 100 million people world-wide died from the Flu, in Ireland it is thought that up to 900,000 people caught the Flu. The Flu hit Ireland in 3 different waves during the 2 year period, which crippled the country. Libraries and schools were closed, the All-Ireland finals were postponed, priests advised the banning of wakes, funerals were shortened and fasting before mass not encouraged, all to try to stop infection.

There was also a coal shortage, this meant that the power supply was limited, the water supply was turned off at night, even recovery was made harder.

A Community Kitchen was set-up in Naas, local farmers and landlords donated food and the soup was delivered to the sick. Lady Barton from Straffan House was said to have delivered food to her sick staff around the estate in her carriage.

The Flu devastated many families, in Celbridge the Gogarty family lost 5 members in 3 different countries within 5 months. Local newspapers listed the numbers of sick and the number of deaths that had occurred from the Flu on a daily or weekly basis.

Our own College was also affected. In October of 1918 the College had to close, 60 sick people stayed in the College, none died, but 11 students that left became ill and died.

The Flu started with sudden pains and aches with a very sore throat, bad cough and a fever. It caused the lungs to fill with blood which gave the skin a purple colour. Cyanosis then occurred which meant the victim literally died suffocating in their own blood. The advice given to stave it off or for helping to deal with it was to keep warm, keep your feet dry, eat warm meals, complete bed rest and drink plenty of liquids.

The treatments given were Calamel (mercury chloride) which had a laxative effect, Quinine for a fever, a Linseed Poultice for the chest, a Creosote gargle for the throat but the best treatment seems to have been whiskey, it really does cure all ills! Even though aspirin had been invented by Bayer, it wasn't widely available.

Ida Milne is a member of the Oral History Network of Ireland, which is looking for more stories on the Flu, if you have any family history of the Flu, you can contact them at: [www.ohni.ie](http://www.ohni.ie)

The next event the Historical Society is hosting will be the Geraldine Night of music and dance in Maynooth Castle on June 12th, all are welcome, also new members are most welcome to join the Society, we meet on the last Thursday of each month at 8pm in the Newsletter Office beside the Post Office.



Ida Milne with Rita Edwards



Maura Grogan, Ida Milne and Peter Corry with the Historical Society Members in the Glen royal Hotel

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