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Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group Exhibition a resounding success

The Castle Keep Art Group Maynooth celebrated its 14th year in existence with its annual art exhibition in the Post Primary School on Friday 13th April at 8pm.

The exhibition “rocked” as one viewer put it. Sixty-nine paintings were on display which represented the work of 14 local artists from Maynooth, Celbridge and Kilcock areas. The exhibition contained local scenes such as Ladychapel, St. Patrick’s College Campus and Carton. Still life, landscapes, seascapes, abstract and figurative works were represented. Oils, acrylics, watercolours, pencil and prints and other media made for a wide variety of styles in the exhibition. The prices ranged from €50 to €480 which suited all purses.

Deaglán Ó Ceallaigh, chairman, opened the proceedings on the night and thanked all our supporters including the Maynooth Post Primary School and Mr. Tom Ashe, patron of the Group. He introduced Paul Croghan to open the exhibition. Paul gave due credit to the group for its survival over the years. He also highlighted our participation in the recent twinning event between Maynooth and Canet-en-Roussillon as one of our members was commissioned to do a painting for the visiting Lord Mayor of Canet. It was a beautiful and impressive painting of a Maynooth Street scene by Emma Boyce. Our thanks and appreciation to Paul for opening the exhibition.

It was with great delight that three new members who exhibited with us this year sold their first pieces of art. Congratulations to Lorna O’Connell, Martin Nugent and Paul Byrne. Indeed the sales were excellent considering the recessionary times we



Emma Boyce

are in. There was much discussion about the art works and it was great to hear comments and observations as one went about the room. Above all it was a wonderful social gathering for people in the community who have shown us great commitment and support over the years. Congratulations and thanks to all involved.

The exhibition which continued on Saturday and Sunday proved to be a haven of visual enjoyment for individuals and families to while away an hour as they were out and about in Maynooth over the weekend. Sunday was especially busy.

We will be taking part in an open air art exhibition at Maynooth Castle on June 14th, weather permitting. We will also be taking part in the Maynooth Harvest Festival in the autumn.

We would encourage anyone who would like to join our group. We meet on Wednesday nights in the Post Primary School 7.30-9pm. Our year goes from September to May. There is a fee of €30 per term which covers our insurance and exhibition costs. Beginners welcome. We do not have formal tuition at present but we happily share our knowledge, expertise and ideas in an informal and fun way.

Contact: Durackgs@eircom.net or Susan at 0877974582 for more information. Susan Durack, Secretary.

Points drop fears in 2012 competition as Tidy Towns reduced to just six regular volunteers

Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee is preparing the application for the National Tidy Towns Competition 2012 which must be submitted by May 25th but there is a major concern that they may have to abandon some of their projects for this year’s competition. Paul Croghan, Vice-chairperson of the committee explained that a town has to deliver on the projects that are outlined in our application otherwise points awarded by the judges are reduced.

Our problem this year is because of personal circumstances some of our key volunteers are unavailable for the three month campaign and despite appeals no new volunteers have come forward. With just a small pool of people it makes it very difficult to manage the workload and even a few more people for a couple of hours each week would make a big difference to us. We are grateful for the once off voluntary support that we receive but to mount a credible campaign for Maynooth we need volunteers to commit for the summer.

We have clean-ups and enhancement projects and we work on Wednesday evenings, Saturday and Sunday mornings. We had considered withdrawing from the competition but our members are motivated to do the work anyway because of their civic spirit. We are concerned about the condition of our town because the town we present to visitors in particular can have a lasting impact on the businesses in town and lost tourism potential. Maynooth has the potential to win the National Tidy Towns Competition but with few volunteers and a reduced service from Kildare County Council such an outcome is unlikely.

Maynooth Tidy Towns can be contacted on 087 3153189

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Letters to the Editor

A Eagarthóir, a chara

Tá feachtas láidir ar siúl anseo i Maigh Nuad leis na blianta chun Gaelcholáiste a bhunadh. Le 1.600 dálta ag freastal ar Gaelscoileanna sa cheantar tá éileamh thar na bearta ar Gaelcholáiste. D'fhógair an tAire Oideachais anuraidh go raibh méanscoil úrnua le oscailt i Maigh nUAD I 2014. Dúirt sé gurbh é mian na dtuistí áitiúla an slatthomhais a bheas aige maidir le léirshamhail na scoile. Faoi láthair tá 572 dalta cláirithe do Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad, ach fós tá an Roinn Oideachais & Scileanna ag brú scoil Béarla ar phobal Mhaigh Nuad. Táimid ag áiteamh ar an tAire Oideachais treoir a thabhairt dá Roinn aird a thabhairt ar cearta thuismitheoirí agus Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad a fhógairt gan mhoill.

The latest news on the Maynooth Gaelcholáiste is that the Department of Education and Skills are still saying that the second secondary school for Maynooth in 2014 will be a second medium English school. Minister Ruairí Quinn in announcing the new school last year stated that parental choice and diversity would be at the heart of the decision on the model type for the school. There are currently 574 students registered for Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad in 2014. The Coiste Bunaithe are appealing directly to the Minister to direct his Department to accept the wishes of the Parents and to announce the opening of Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad in 2014. Please find below a copy of the letter sent by the committee to the Minister.

A Ruairí, a chara,
Beatha agus Sláinte chugat!

In aineoinn cearta ár thuismitheoirí, atá tar éis 572 dá bpaistí a chlarú i Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad, tá an-díomá orainn go bhfuil an Roinn Oideachais & Scileanna fós a rá gur scoil Béarla seachas Gaelcholáiste a bheidh sa scoil nua atá le bhunadh i Maigh Nuad i 2014.

Is é an chúis a thugann an Roinn don chlaonadh seo ná nach bhfuil Maigh Nuad aitheanta mar cheantar do Gaelcholáiste. Ní ritheann an chúis sin le chiall ná le reasún nuair atá sé chruthaithe ag na dtuistí gur Gaelcholáiste atá ag teastáil uatha dá bpaistí.

Faraor ghéar, tá follús daonlathas agus easpa thuisceana taobh thiar den claonadh frith Ghaelach seo. Dúirt tú in agallamh ar 'morning Ireland' clár raidió RTÉ ar an 11ú Aibreán 2012 'It is through dialogue that progress is made in education rather than by dictate'.

Iarrimid ort, más ea, mar Aire Oideachais, treoir a thabhairt don Roinn an 'dictate' seo a tarraint síor agus eirí as an polasaí eagóireach mí-dhaonlathach seo agus aitheantas a thabhairt do Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad.

Téann feachtas Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad siar go dtí na seachtoidí sa ré chomhaimsirthe, toisc go bhfuil an teanga agus an chultúr Ghaelach seanfhréamhaithe sa cheantar seo.

Tá meadú an t-am ar fad ar na huimhreacha agus suim ag meadú lá in aghaidh lae i measc an phobal san eagóir mí-dhaonlathach seo. Leanfar leis an bhfeachtas i Maigh Nuad, Léim an Bhradáin, Chill Choca agus Dún Bóinne. Leanaimid ag obair i chomhphairtíocht le na heagraíochtaí Ghaelach go náisiúnta chun cothrom na féinne a bhaint amach dár phaistí.

Tá na tuistitheoirí thumanta don chuspóir agus táid díonbháilte Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad a bhunadh ar léas a phaistí.

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A link can be found from the Maynooth Community Council web site. <http://www.maynoothcc.com/> and also from the Maynooth Information Portal web site. <http://www.maynooth.info/>.

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The disease is easily prevented by proper vaccination – pups should receive two vaccinations between 6 – 10 weeks and an annual booster vaccination. Please note that when you are buying a pup it is quite common to be told that the pup is fully vaccinated at 6 weeks of age; this cannot be the case. We always advise that you should not buy a pup unless you are given a veterinary vaccination certificate. What signs will you see and how does it occur?



Usually there is severe vomiting and diarrhoea (this may or may not contain blood). These are the most common signs but there may also be loss of appetite, dullness and a high temperature. CPV can occur at any age but is most frequent in dogs less than one year old.

The virus exists in the faeces of infected dogs and so can get on to coat hair, paws etc. When ingested the virus causes inflammation of the intestinal wall resulting in the lining of the intestine coming away. This causes bleeding and extreme dehydration. The damaged intestinal wall also allows the bacteria that normally inhabit the intestine to cross the intestinal barrier and enter the bloodstream resulting in a septicaemia. This causes a very serious condition which is often fatal.

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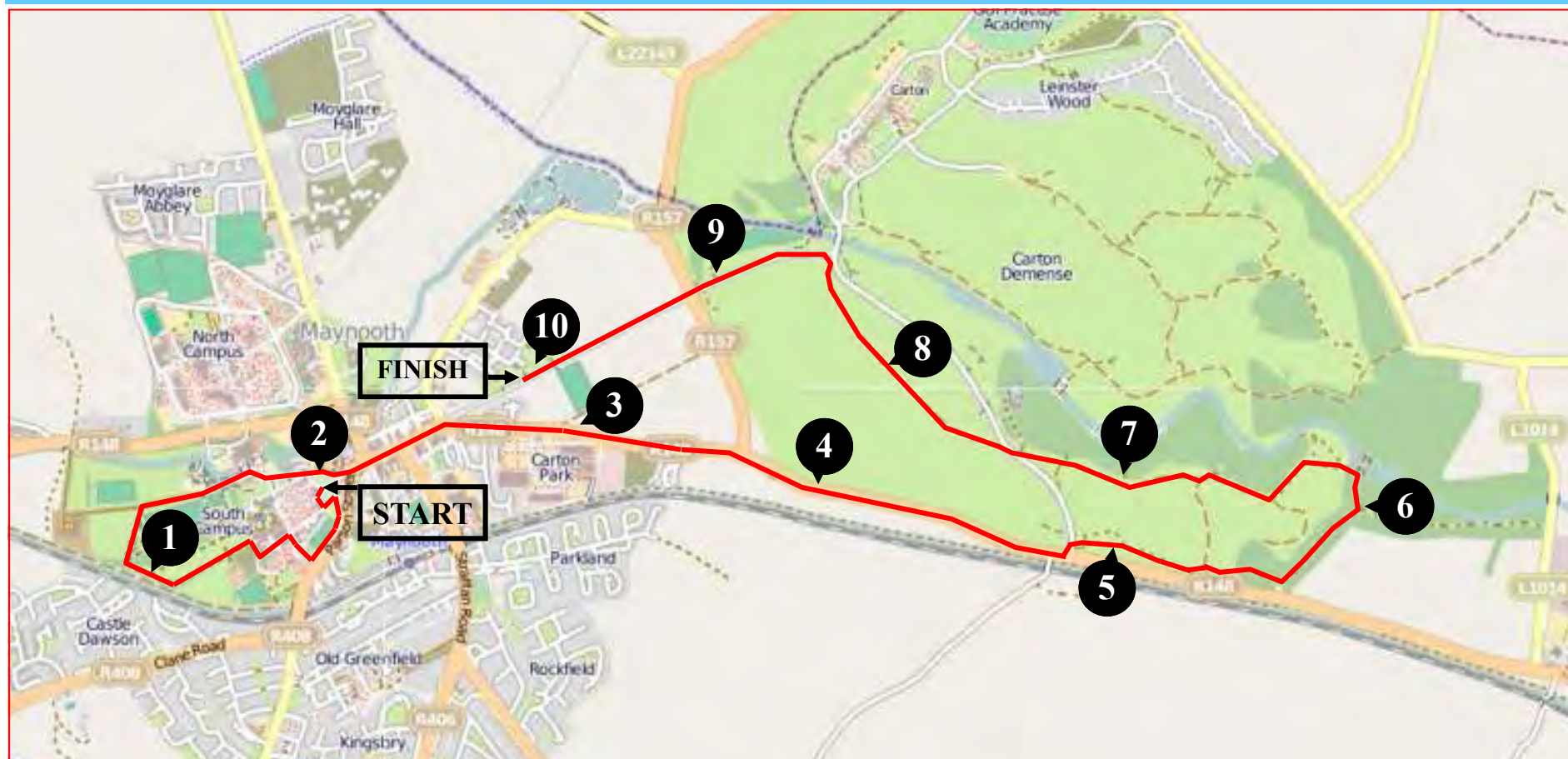
The diagnosis is based on clinical signs in conjunction with laboratory tests. Fortunately at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic we have the necessary laboratory blood testing equipment and we also use the very latest in CPV faeces testing kits. These allow us to arrive at a very rapid and accurate diagnosis while always considering the other causes of similar clinical signs.

Treatment is based on a rapid diagnosis in tandem with early presentation of an affected dog. The first priority is to correct the fluid and electrolyte loss. This is done by means of continuous intravenous drips. The parvovirus is not directly responsible for death – this is caused by rapid fluid/ blood loss and septicaemia. The fluid loss is corrected by the drips. Antibiotics are used to fight the septicaemia in conjunction with anti-inflammatory drugs and antispasmodics to reduce fluid loss from diarrhoea. Survival depends on early presentation and aggressive therapy which can continue for several days. However rapid death in young puppies often does occur. It is thought that the endocardium i.e. the lining of the heart can sometimes be affected.

Prevention:

This is by far the best means of addressing CPV. As stated vaccination is the method of choice to prevent your dog from CPV infection – pups must receive two Parvo injections as part of their overall puppy vaccination programme. We recommend that these shots are given between six and ten weeks of age. We consider it prudent that when this course is complete that the puppy remains at home for a further week to allow the vaccinations to “take” before he is brought out in public. Adult dogs should receive a Parvo shot as part of their annual vaccination programme. Please contact us on 01-6289467, maynoothvet@gmail.com, to arrange the proper vaccination schedule for your dog.

Maynooth Post Primary School 10k Challenge



Maynooth Post Primary School 10k Challenge

To facilitate the event a one way traffic system (East to West) will be in place on Sunday morning 20th May effecting; Main Street, Back Lane, Coates Lane, Pound Lane, Mill Street, Parsons Street, Dunboyne Road, Dublin rd, (10.15am to 11.15am) and for the duration of the event, from McDonalds roundabout to Pikes Bridge (10.15am to 12.15pm). Please follow diversion signs and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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- To access Tesco, Dublin Road, Carton House, Leixlip, Dunboyne, *please use* Celbridge road.
- To access Saint Patricks College, Saint Mary's Church (C of I), *please use* Meadowbrook Link Road, Meadowbank Road, Bond Bridge.
- To access Manor Mills, Saint Mary's Church (Catholic), Kilcock, Dunboyne, NUIM, Maynooth Post Primary School, *please use* Meadowbank Link Road, Meadowbank Road, Bond Bridge, Newtown Road, Crinstown Cross, Jackson's Bridge, Kilcock Road.

From all other areas:

- To access Straffan Road/M4 from Moyglare Road, Mill Street, Back Lane area *please use* Kilcock Road, Jackson's Bridge, Crinstown Cross, Newtown Road, Bond Bridge, Meadowbrook Road, Meadowbrook Link Road.
- To access Straffan Road/M4 from the Dunboyne road area, via Kilcock Road etc, *please use* Back Lane, Mill Street.
- To access Straffan Road/M4 from the Dublin Road area *please use* Doctor's Lane.
- To access Straffan Road/M4 from the Newtown Road, Meadowbrook Road area *please use* Meadowbrook Link Road.

Please note: The M4 Motor way is not affected by the diversions.

Your co-operation with An Garda Siochana and the stewards would be appreciated.

The professionally measured course which starts in St. Patrick's College grounds and runs through Carton Estate is one of the most historic and scenic routes in Ireland. The Maynooth Post Primary 10k Challenge will commence at 10.30 sharp from the front of The Long Hall in the shadow of the Yew tree that Silken Thomas sat under playing his lute in by gone days. The competitors will proceed straight ahead through a gateway into Riverstown car park. They will then proceed left around the pitch before turning right at Logic House: they will pass under the archway and will take a left at the Power House. Pass the museum on the right and the junior gardens/orchard on their left. Turn right at Loftus Hall and then left towards the graveyard and onto the **1k** marker. Continue on this path around the playing fields and follow the directional signs towards the church spire. Follow the path past the Columbus Centre and veer left at the Aula Maxima. Pass by the computer centre and St. Joseph's Oratory and the **2k** marker. Exit St. Patrick's College through the main gates.

The athletes will progress up the main street, passing The Roost on their right, O'Neill's on their left with Brady's Clockhouse on the right. Follow the course up past McDonald's roundabout on the Dublin road. Athletes will pass the 3k marker here, and will progress towards Leixlip. Participants will pass the Dunboyne road junction on their left the location of the first water station and will continue parallel to the Royal Canal, onto the **4k** marker. Continuing this course competitors will arrive at Pike's bridge. Veer left after the bridge into Carton Estate and take a sharp right off the driveway, through a gateway and onto a grass trail. Almost immediately athletes will pass the **5k**-halfway-mark. Continue along the boundary wall and follow the directional arrows through the forest where the **6k** marker is positioned. Follow this pathway to the left and up a grassy hill to join a pathway at the top following around the edge of the golf course. The athletes are now heading back towards the main driveway of Carton House passing the 7k marker and on to the next water station at the junction with the main driveway and turn right. Pass the 8k mark on the approach to Coach Bridge (built in 1739 for James Fitzgerald, the Duke of Leinster) with Carton House and Rye river in view: veer to the left to follow the pathway heading towards the gate at the Dunboyne road. The 9k marker is positioned just before the exit. Cross the Dunboyne road onto Carton Avenue for the home stretch of the challenge. The finishing line 10k is at the town end of the avenue.

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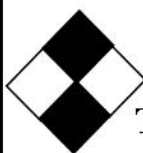
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Editorial

As this edition goes to print we will be coming to another of our four pre-Christian festivals, Beltene in Old Irish, Bealtaine (Mayday) in Modern Irish. There is not as much information on this feast as there is about others such as Samhain (Hallowe'en). The meaning of the word is not quite clear but it may mean 'the fire of Bel' and there was a god in ancient Gaul called Belenus. The word tene/taine may come from tene (fire). It was a very important date for the farming community, the cattle went out again and people were advised against certain activities such as whitewashing their houses. They brought the May bush into the house and it seems that fires were lit as they were for other festivals. It was thought that the dew of a Mayday could cure certain illnesses and all sorts of magic could happen. It was also a time of sexual permissiveness where the normal rules no longer applied and it may have been the time that marriages were contracted in medieval Ireland. The festival became associated with other European flower festivals and in England the maypole appeared. In the Christian period, the month is dedicated to Mary mother of Jesus when parades are held. Mary's statue is crowned and flowers are placed at her feet. In certain parades the figure of the female was taken by a cross-dressing man!

The past month has seen an increase in protests against the various charges and taxes being brought in by the Government. The handling of the household tax and the announcement of the water rates and the installation of water meters was ham fisted to say the least and has caused a lot of trouble for the coalition parties. Some of video footage of the lockdown at the Labour Party Conference in Galway was quite upsetting and shows a new level of anger at the state of the country.

The new opinion polls also show a huge decrease in the support for the Government parties and a move to Sinn Féin. This may be partly as a result of the various reports on corruption and the Mahon and Moriarty tribunals have both shone lights in dark corners of our behaviour and even of our psyche. Unfortunately, this has affected the reputation of all our politicians and much of the public seems to have lost faith in the entire political system. By the end of May, the next referendum will have taken place as well. There are indications that people do not understand the issues involved and that there is a danger that it will not be passed. But Ireland's destiny does not lie in domestic hands any more and it has as much to do with the election of a French president as with the decisions made by our own Government. How things can change.

The AGM of the Community Council took place on the 16th April and there are some new and younger faces on the Executive. This is a hopeful sign for the future of the Council that has a big birthday coming up in 2015. The Community Employment project has been central to the continuation of the Council itself as it carries out all the background work for the members of the Executive and for the sub-committees and affiliates. Congratulations are in order for the latest achievement of the office staff and the FÁS project. Over the past year, they have been developing a website for the Community Council and it can be found here: <http://www.maynoothcc.com>. Not only that, but they have been involved in archiving the old copies of this publication, the Newsletter, through the decades. The archive begins with 1975 and they have found copies all the way up until the present day. This is an extraordinary achievement, the history of Maynooth in the magazine that charted the events of the past nearly forty years. The website can also be found at <http://www.maynooth.info/>. The archive is here: <http://www.maynoothcc.com/Archives/javadropdown/Archivepage2.html>. And while we discuss the web, the Newsletter is also on Facebook so befriend and like us there. Share the information with your friends, colleagues, family abroad. It a good way to keep in touch with what is happening at home at a time when so many are emigrating again. Let us hope that both the project and the Council have a bright and successful future. There will be new plans and arrangements to be made in the near future.

The Council is always looking for new representatives from the various areas around the town and from the clubs and societies. To volunteer can be a very rewarding activity and it gives one an input into

Maynooth Community Council AGM

Chairpersons' Report:

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2012 AGM. I take pleasure in expressing my thanks to the others on the executive as without them nothing would be done. Muireann for her ongoing dedication to the MCC and her consistent and expert work as secretary. I do not know what we would do without her. Deirdre for her work as P.R.O. and also for the other tasks she undertook especially her development plan. Paul for his expertise in working on the office and community space, his knowledge and dedication in getting jobs done cannot be overemphasised. Andrew, for his continued work in trying to keep the festival going and as treasurer. I must implore people in all parts of the town and businesses to give input into this. Colm for his continued help and back up in lots of tasks undertaken over the last year, without these people I would be lost and so would the whole community. It is with people like these that have dedicated a lot of their time and effort to ensure the entire scheme is able to provide a service to the whole of Maynooth. I must pay special thanks to Paul, Eddie and Colm for all time they put in to bringing from start to finish the twinning with Canet en Roussillon, their dedication to the subject was fantastic. It is now up and running but it is up to the whole town to make it a great success, this can be done by having a holiday there or by going on to Canet facebook and sending them information and trying to make the residents there feel Maynooth would be a great place for them to come and visit us to encourage tourism. Also they must be thanked for all the work done in the community space especially Eddie who was down there day in and day out getting volunteer workers in to do the jobs that needed to be done to make it suitable for general use. It is also incumbent on me to give special mention to Brian and all the staff working in the office as without them there would be no Community Council, a lot of people here would not know the amount of work these people do so I think we should all give them a lot of thanks. Again my sincere thanks to those and my thanks to a lot of people who have helped the Council in their time of need.

Secretary's Report:

M. Ní Bhrolcháin read out a letter from Chief Superintendent in Naas. One of the main items this year was the successful twinning with Canet and the related events such as the signing of the Charter in both Canet and in Maynooth. Congratulations are due to all those who worked so hard to achieve this. The charter was signed in 4 languages. Another major topic discussed during the year was the matter of the two new post-primary schools. The minister has announced that there will be two new schools in the town and that both will be English speaking. There were a number of meetings, both public and private on this topic during the year. Another major achievement this year was the opening of the Community Space in the Manor Mills Shopping Centre. It is a multi-use facility and we (MCC) are looking after the administration. It is being used day and night; being the first of this model it is important that it works out well. Again, congratulations to all those involved in bringing this about. Kildare County Council were also involved. Our community employment project continues to work in the MCC office with the supervisor and the maximum 15

the community and the development of our town. If you want to get involved, get in touch with the office by phone, in person or through the email address.

San Ollscoil, tá na mic léinn ag tosú ar na scrúdaithe i lár mí Bealtaine and tá súil again go n-éireoidh go geal leo. Níl an saol amuigh ansin easca dóibh faoi láthair agus tá oideachas níos tábhachtaí anois ná riamh.

The Community Council would like to pass on our condolences to the family of Gerard Howard-Williams who died this month. He was very involved with the Maynooth community and particularly the Castle committee. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

workers - when they are allowed. I would like to thank Brian Curtis and the workers for all the quiet work that they do. Particularly the Newsletter. I would like to congratulate the Editorial Board of the Newsletter, again who work quietly without looking for recognition. The new format is very successful as is the new distribution, it is again the main fundraiser for the Council. There is a need for greater participation by the public submitting material. The position of these projects was a matter for concern as they were taken into the care of the Dept of Social Protection and letters were sent and received on this topic; our greatest expense is rent for the office-based schemes. There will be major developments in this area before September. The Pay-Parking for the town was discussed at great length and the Lyreen Residents Association expressed their concerns in particular.

The sub-committees and affiliates reported to the Council each month: the twinning committee, the Newsletter, the festival, tidy towns, senior citizens, scouts, local history, educate together, St Patrick's day parade. The parade was probably the best yet and congratulations to the committee and all participants. It has been agreed to change the dates of the festival this year, last year was not well attended and much needs to be done to involve people. The Tidy Towns saw an improvement of 4 marks and the Scouts saw a successful planning application for the Geraldine Hall. Other topics and issues raised: parking in Moyglare Village and Kilcock Road, policing in the context of a rise in burglaries in Maynooth and surrounding areas, lights not working, flag poles needed in the Square, the Post-Primary school's 40th anniversary and the visit of President, M. McAleese celebrate, the Christmas lights, the future of Community Care in Maynooth, policing during the replacement Rag Week. We made a submission to the OPW on guiding and the use of existing built heritage for tourism.

I would like to thank all the other members of the Executive for their help and support. Let us remind ourselves and others that all the work that we do is voluntary and for the good of the community.

Treasurer's Report:

Dear colleagues, First of all I would like to thank the executive for their support throughout the year, the office staff especially Brian and Vera whom without them would make my job a lot more hectic than it is. I look forward to a very challenging year ahead if re-elected. The Community Council has come along way this year, with the twinning of Maynooth and Canet, it was a very expensive project for MCC but in my eyes it was worth every penny and I'm sure you will all agree. The opening of the Community Space in Manor Mills was also very expensive but worthwhile project and to see it's been used by groups around the town. It shows a great achievement by and for MCC. This brings me to say that since the government's tough budget of 2011 we in the Community Council have a very tough financial year ahead of us and I'm asking all groups that are financially dependent on MCC to try and curb their spending. Lastly I'm asking you the members of MCC for fundraising ideas to help with the financial burden for the coming year ahead. (T. McMullon added that E. Tobin had reported that students have been to Canet, NUIM swimmers have been over, students have been over from Canet. Band may visit, U3A also interested.

Election of Officers

Chairperson: P. Croghan proposed, C. Ó Cearúil seconded T. McMullon, elected.
Vice-chairperson: P. Croghan not seeking re-election.
P. Croghan proposed, A. Ó Maoláin seconded A. Flynn, elected.
Secretary: T. McMullon proposed, A. McMullon seconded M. Ní Bhrolcháin, elected.
Treasurer: C. Ó Cearúil proposed, P. Croghan seconded A. McMullon, elected.
P.R.O.: W. Saults proposed, A. McMullon seconded A. Ó Maoláin, elected.
P.D.O.: A. McMullon proposed, M. Ní Bhrolcháin seconded P. Croghan, elected.
(All elected unopposed)



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Know Your Rights

Custody of children and Rent Supplement Question

I am separated from my partner. Our 2 children come and stay with me one night a week. I am getting Rent Supplement since I am currently unemployed. I'd like to rent a larger apartment to accommodate them and so I can work towards having them to stay for more time in the future. Can I qualify for a higher Rent Supplement payment?

Answer

The Department of Social Protection deals with the accommodation needs of children who do not live full-time with their parents on a case-by-case basis. You should check what the provisions are with your local Department's representative (formerly known as the Community Welfare Officer or CWO).

When you apply for Rent Supplement the Department must be satisfied that the apartment or house is reasonably suited to your residential and other needs.

In general, if parents have joint custody of a child, the needs of both parents to have adequate accommodation to look after the child are taken into account when assessing an application for Rent Supplement. Joint custody generally means that children spend an equal amount of time with each parent. If this is the case the Department will usually look for documentation showing that a joint custody arrangement is in place and in operation before a decision can be made.

If you do not have joint custody but have access to your children for a certain amount of time each week then the Department of Social Protection will examine your case with regard to all of the circumstances of the case. It may be the case that they will decide that you have a housing need but that your children are adequately housed with their primary carer. However you should always discuss your situation with the Department's representative.

If you are not happy with the decision made in your case you can appeal the decision to the Social Welfare Appeals Office.

Pay for public holidays Question

I work part-time from Wednesday to Friday each week. I was off work sick over the Easter period. My employer does not pay any sick pay for employees who are ill. However in my pay packet I was paid for Easter Monday but not for Good Friday. I never work on Mondays so I don't understand why I got this extra pay. Is this correct?

Answer

Easter Monday is always a public holiday but Good Friday is not. All workers are entitled either to paid time off or pay for a public holiday. (Part-time workers must have worked for the employer for at least 40 hours in the previous five-week period to be entitled to pay for a public holiday).

Generally you are entitled to one of the following:

- A paid day off on the public holiday
- An additional day of annual leave
- An additional day's pay
- A paid day off within a month of the public holiday

Your employer can decide which of these options you get. As a part-time worker, if you do not normally work on that particular day, you should receive one-fifth of your normal weekly pay.

In your case, even though you were on sick leave over Easter you were still entitled to paid time off work or to be paid for the public holiday. Therefore your employer paid you for Easter Monday. However since Good Friday is not a public holiday and you were not in work on that day (because of your illness) you did not receive pay for that day.

Retention of medical cards Question

I am going back to work after a period of unemployment. Can I keep my medical card?

Answer

If you are receiving a social welfare payment and return to work (either full- or part-time) you may retain your medical card for up to 3 years even if your income is above the limits. You must have been getting one of the following payments for 12 months or more:

- Jobseeker's Benefit
- Jobseeker's Allowance
- One-Parent Family Payment
- Illness Benefit
- Disability Allowance
- Blind Pension
- Or have been on an employment incentive scheme or educational opportunity scheme

If you take up full-time employment you will retain your medical card for 3 years from the date you start work. If you take up part-time employment the 3-year period starts from the date your income exceeds the relevant medical card guideline.

This provision also applies to people who are involved in Government-sponsored schemes including the Back to Education Allowance, Back to Work Enterprise Allowance, JobBridge (the national internship scheme) the Rural Social Scheme, Tús and Community Employment schemes.

Finding a lost dog Question

My children found a dog in our local park last week. It had no collar or identification. We'd like to keep the dog. What should we do?

Answer

If you have found a dog and are willing to keep the dog in your home (rather than bring it to the dog warden or to a pound) you must report your find to your local dog warden or your local Garda Station. You can find contact details for dog wardens on the website of the Irish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ispca.ie). Many dogs have had microchips inserted which carry details of their owner. Your local dog warden or vet can check whether the dog is microchipped.

If the owner cannot be found and you decide to keep the dog, you do not own it until a year and a day have passed from the date you found it.

If you take a lost dog in you can keep it for 28 days without a licence but you must then get a licence for it. You must be over 16 to get a dog licence. You can get a standard annual licence (€20 a year) from your local post office or a 'lifetime of dog licence' (€140) from your local authority.

If you decide to keep the dog, you should consider carefully the commitment required. You must be able to provide proper care, accommodation, food and veterinary care for the rest of its life. You are also legally required to ensure that your dog wears a collar with your name and address inscribed on it or on a plate, badge or disc. Dog wardens can issue on-the-spot fines if a dog does not carry identification. Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public. Tel: 0761078100 Address: Dublin Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare Information is also available online at citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, 0761 07 4000.

Maynooth Senior Citizens

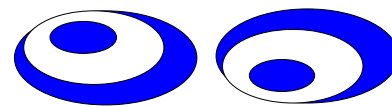
Our club has now settled back in to the ICA hall having spent the winter months in the Community Unit. Many thanks to the ICA for the continued use of their hall and to Margaret Merrick and staff of the HSE for all their kindness during the past few months.

Our Easter Parade was an enjoyable event and we thank the young people from the scout movement who came along and joined in the spirit of the occasion. Their efforts were rewarded as they won the top prize for their creation. Well done to all who took part. The rest of the evening was spent dancing in the company of Brian Mc. Dermott, who as usual provided excellent music. It was great to see so many people attend, not only from Maynooth but from all the surrounding areas.

Our next event will be our Bealtaine Festival which will take place on May 20th. This is an opportunity for all our older people to show their talent in whatever art form they choose. As we are continuing to celebrate "European Year of Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations" we hope to have some young people display their particular form of art. The music for the evening will be provided by "Footsteps." All Senior Citizens are welcome.

Transport continues as usual to all events.

Josephine Moore.



MEN'S SHEDS

It is proposed to start a branch of Men's Sheds in Maynooth.

This is a community based non commercial organisation which is open to all men. The primary activity is the provision of a relaxed friendly environment where men can chill out over a cuppa, exchange stories, play cards or identify a project that will benefit the local community. The uniting bond is, that all members have time on their hands and are looking for something to occupy that time. If you have a skill or are handy in any way, you will have the opportunity to share this with others.

The motto of Men's Sheds is: Men don't talk face to face. They talk shoulder to shoulder. As a rule men don't talk about feelings and emotions. They are not encouraged to take an interest in their health. As a result problems are swept under the carpet. Men's Sheds aim to change those attitudes.

If you would like to be part of this organisation why not contact me at: johnpfleming@hotmail.com You can also contact me through the Maynooth Community Office at 01 6285922. Please pass this message onto your friends.

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Maynooth Golf Society

Results Sheet 2012

Results of Outing To: **Knockanally Golf Club** Date **14th April 2012**

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| 1st Prize | Eamon Murphy | 35pts |
| 2 nd Prize | Pascal Dunne | 34pts |
| 3 rd Prize | Niall Farrell | 30pts B9 |
| 4 th Prize | Robert Tobin | 30pts |
| 5 th Prize | Brendan Leigh | 28pts B9 |
| 6 th Prize | Marty Maguire | 28pts |
| 7 th Prize | Paul Farrell | 27pts |
| Front 9 | Dave Weafer | 18pts |
| Back 9 | Gerry Smith | 15pts B9 |
| Nearest the Pin | Tom Coffey | |
| 2's Club | Ollie Bright, Eamon Murphy, Pascal Dunne | |
| Next Outing to Baltinglass GC 12th May Weekend away to Wexford (Seafeld/Rosslare) 25/26th May | | |

Maynooth Golf Society's outing to Knockanally Golf Club on 14th April saw the biggest attendance the year to date, 43 members and visitors played in windy but dry weather conditions. The course looked fantastic and was in excellent playing condition, but it was set out with very challenging pin positions for the next day's monthly medal competition. In first place with a score of 35 points was Eamon Murphy playing on his home course, second place was new member Pascal Dunne with a score of 34 points and third place was Niall Farrell with a score of 30 points. All other prize winners are listed on the results sheet.

The prizes were presented in Brady's Bar by our Captain Brendan Leigh to a large attendance of society members and friends. Brendan welcomed the many new members to the society who played on the day. He also thanked all of the committee for their hard work in sorting out the outing and for organising Grand National Sweep for all members playing Knockanally.

The sweep winners were

1st William Farrelly,

2nd Aaron Tobin,

3rd Dave Tobin

Archive Missing Issues

The Newsletter is currently updating our archives, we would be grateful if anyone has the following issues.

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

Help in acquiring these issues would be greatly appreciated.

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Maynooth Post Primary School

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(* = Must be completed)

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Entry fee €20 on the day €25

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

<http://www.runireland.com/events/maynooth-post-primary-10k-challenge>

Contact details will only be used to forward information about Maynooth Post Primary 10K Challenge

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

Teresa Murray, Chairperson of Maynooth Post Primary PTA



The People's Movement of Kildare North is calling upon the local electorate to reject government attempts to impose the E.U.'s fiscal pact, permanently locking Ireland into an austerity cul-de-sac. We do so at a time when householders of all the towns and districts of Kildare North are reeling from E.U.-I.M.F. imposed property and water charges; and when the prospects for our young people are reduced to a choice between dole queues, low-paid 'training' schemes, or emigration.

Ireland and other peripheral E.U. states are in a grip of sustained crisis. During the 1930s the U.S. cured the Great Depression with policies of investment and job growth, but the prescription from Berlin and Frankfurt is ever more fiscal austerity. Their diktats are not working – look at Spain now teetering on the cliff edge.

The so-called "European Stability Treaty" is a power grab by Germany and the E.U. bureaucrats to permanently vet smaller countries' budgets, and impose punitive fines on those deemed to have broken their rules. Yes, our governments need to conduct prudent financial policies. But, let's remember, we can 'sack' our politicians at the ballot box, but we cannot control the mandarins and bankers at the E.C.B.

During the referendum campaign we intend to expose government falsehoods on this Treaty. With advice from experts on E.U. and Irish law, we will outline responsible alternatives to assertions there is no other way than Frankfurt's way. However, to take on the financial and entrenched political might of the Yes machines, we need help and support from local communities and people. We urgently need volunteers and financial support in our local effort. To join us in this battle to save a vital component of Irish democracy from E.U. domination, please contact the below or visit our website at www.people.ie

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People's Movement
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Maynooth Tidy Towns

We would like to thank all who sponsored Prizes, gave Donations and participated in our Tidy Towns Table Quiz held in Brady's Clock House on 30th March. An excellent quiz was devised and presented by Gerry Kilmartin, The Coffey Family won after a play off. The evening raised €639.



WEEE Ireland, the Irish compliance scheme for electrical and battery recycling, held two free recycling events recently in Maynooth and in Celbridge in association with Kildare County Council and Maynooth Tidy Towns.

More than 40 tonnes of electrical waste material was collected in total across both events – 22 in Maynooth and 18 in Celbridge. Kildare has always been one of the leaders on electrical recycling in Ireland and the success of this and previous collection days held throughout the county proves that the people of Kildare are doing their part for the environment.

Richard Farrell, PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns said: "One of the roles of our committee is to encourage recycling and we were very happy with the collection. I would like to thank the voluntary committee members who worked tirelessly throughout the day to assist people bringing things to be recycled. In fact, in the weeks leading up to the WEEE collection they accumulated a large amount of dumped electrical goods from the highways and byways around Maynooth to be recycled at the WEEE event."

Leo Donovan, CEO of WEEE Ireland said: "Our free collections with Kildare County Council have been hugely popular with massive tonnage collected last year. We want everyone to come out and help us to recycle even more electrical waste in 2012, and these successful events in Maynooth and Celbridge are a very encouraging start."

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

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

For further information on all future recycling events in Kildare, or to find your nearest civic amenity site, please log on to WEEE Ireland's website www.recyclefree.ie. You can also like our page on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/WEEEIreland> for all updates.

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WEE IRELAND was in Tesco carpark on 24th March the collection yielded 22 tonnes of electrical products. A new collection record for Maynooth. Our thanks to all members of our committee who helped either on the day or leading up to the event.

National Spring Clean up took place on 21st April in various locations in Maynooth. We were very pleased to be assisted by members of the newly formed Kildare North Irish Wildlife Trust. Many bags of rubbish were collected and approximately 20 sacks of cans, bottles and plastic bottles were recycled.

At time of writing a major Spring Clean is being organised for Wednesday 25th April by NUI Maynooth.

Our Annual Collection will take place from 24th May to 27th May at Supervalu, Greenfield Shopping Centre and church gate collection, please support.

We are looking for volunteers to help with our work on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. We meet at the Square @ 7.30pm on Wednesday and on Sunday morning @ 7.45am outside the Garda Station. If you have an hour or two to spare once a month, please contact MTT 0873153189.

National Volunteering Week is being held from 14th May to 20th May. This year the emphasis is on co-operation between local Tidy Towns groups and Volunteering Ireland full details are available elsewhere in the newsletter.

Richard Farrell
PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns



Maynooth Spring Clean Up Group



Maynooth Tidy Towns
(L to R) John Kavanagh, Ross Kavanagh & Liz Callaghan

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We wish to thank Paul Croghan for organising alternative venue for us. U3A Maynooth offers our condolences to Maeve Moloney, our founder and member---- on the recent death of her brother Donal Mulryan RIP.

Forthcoming Events.

Memoir Writing to continue.

Wednesday May 9th

Punchestown Racecourse

Fun Day for over 55s. This is organised by Age Action and promises to be action packed..

Thursday June 14th.

Mid-Summer Madness in Geraldine Castle.

U3A members have been invited to perform songs and a craft display and we look forward to this event

We hope to have our website included in Maynooth Community Council website in the near future.

Helena.

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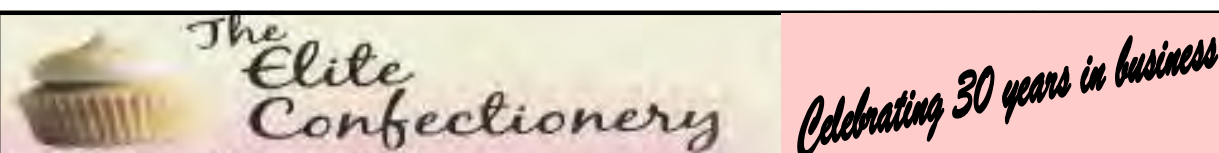
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1 The woman from lands unknown sang 50 verses on the floor of the house of Bran son of Febal. The royal house was full of kings but they did not know where the woman came from – the enclosure was shut.

2 This is where the story begins: one day Bran was alone at his dwelling when he heard music behind him. But when he looked behind him, the music was still behind him. Eventually, he fell asleep because the music was so sweet. When he awoke from his sleep, he saw the silver branch with bright flowers beside him. It was difficult to tell the flower from the branch and Bran took it and brought it to his royal house. The people had gathered in the house and then they saw a woman in strange clothes on the floor of the house. She sang 50 verses to Bran while they listened and saw the woman. She said:

3
A branch of the apple-tree of Emain,
Like those that are known, I bring,
White and silver twigs on it,
Crystal brows with blooms.

4
There is an island far away,
Sea horses shimmer around it,
A fair course against the bright-sided surge
Four feet hold it up.

5
A wonderful range, delights of the eye,
On the plain where the people play their games,
The currach against the chariot
In the southern Mag Finnargat.

6
Under it there are feet of white bronze
And they shine through beautiful times,
The lovely land through ages of the world,
The many blooms that drop upon it.

7
There is a tree with many flowers,
On which the birds call the canonical Hours,
Normally they sing in harmony
And together call each Hour.

8
All over the gentle-voiced plains
Splendours of every colour sparkle,
Joy is normal, placed around the music,
In the south, in Mag Argatnél.

9
Crying and treachery as not known
In this familiar cultivated land,
Here there is nothing rough or harsh,
But sweet music that strikes the ear.

10
Without sorrow, sadness or death,
Without illness or weakness,
This is the knowledge of Emain -
An unusual wonder.

11
The beauty of a wonderful land
With beautiful features,
Views of a fine country,
The mist is incomparable.

12
If Aircthech is seen afterwards
Where dragon stones and crystals drip,
The sea washes waves to the land
With crystal ringlets from its hair.

13
Wealth and treasure of every colour
In Ciúin, fresh beauty,
Listening to music that is the sweetest
And drinking wine that is the best.

14
Gold chariots at Mag Réin
Rise to the sun with the tide,
Silver and bronze chariots
Without a stain at Mag Mon.

15
There on the grass - gold-yellow horses
And more horses of purple colours.
More horses again with wool on their backs
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16
There comes, with the rising of the sun,

A fair man lighting up the smooth lands,
He rides the fair, sea-beaten plain
And stirs the sea until it is blood.

17
A crowd comes across the clear sea,
They show their rowing to the land;
They row to a striking stone
From which comes hundreds of melodies.

18
It sings music to the people
Through the ages, that is not sad,
The music expands, choirs of hundreds,
They do not look for decay or death.

19
Multi-shaped Emain by the sea,
Whether is be close or whether it be far,
In which there are many thousands of speckled women,
The clear sea surrounds them.

20
If he has heard the voice of the music,
The choir of the birds of Imchiúin,
From a height will approach a small band of women
To where he is at Cluichemag.

21
Happiness comes with health
In the land where laughter pours,
In each season at Imchiúin
Comes never-ending joy.

22
It is a day of everlasting weather
Silver showers on the lands,
A pure-white cliff on the range of the sea
From which the sun receives its heat.

23
At Mag Mon the crowds race along,
A beautiful game, not weak,
In the multi-coloured place above great beauty,
They do not search for death or decay.

24
At night, listening to music,
And going to Illdathach,
A multi-coloured land, lustre above a beautiful crown,
From this shines the bright cloud.

25
On the ocean to the west of us
There are 150 islands in the distance,
Each of them larger than Éire
By two or even by three.

26
After the ages there will come a great birth,
That will not be in a high place,
The son of a woman whose spouse is unknown,
He will rule over many thousands.

27
A Rule without beginning or end,
He created a perfect world,
He who earns his displeasure will be in despair
His are the land and the sea.

28
It was He who made Heaven
He who has a pure heart is lucky,
He will purify people under clear water
It is He who will heal your illness.

29
My speech is not for all of you,
Although it's great wonder is made known,
Let Bran hear from people of the world
The wisdom that he has been told about.

30
Do not fall and lie down in laziness
And do not let drunkenness overcome you,
Start the journey across the clean sea
To see if you can reach Tír na mBan.

31 With that the woman left them and they did not know where she went. She took the branch with her: it jumped from Bran's hand into her hand and Bran did not have the strength to hold onto the branch.

32 The following day, Bran went on the sea and the he had 3 nines of men with him. One of his foster-brothers and their companions was put in charge of the each of the 3 companies. They had been at sea for 2 days and 2 nights when he saw coming towards him – a man in a chariot on the sea. That man sang to him another 30 verses and introduced himself – he said that he was Manannán mac Lir. He said that he had to go to Ireland after a long time and that a son would be born to

him and that he would be called Mongán son of Fiachna. Manannán sang the following 30 verses to him:

33
Bran sees a wonderful beauty
Over the crystal sea in his boat,
I see him riding a flowery plain
In my chariot far away.

34
What is a crystal sea
From the peaked boat where Bran is;
To me, in my two-wheeled chariot,
Is a happy plain with lots of flowers.

35
Bran sees
Many waves beating the clear sea;
I see Mag Mon
With red-headed, faultless flowers.

36
As far as Bran has spread his vision
Sea horses sparkle in summer;
In the land of Manannán mac Lir
The tides pour a stream of honey.

37
The colour of the sea where you are,
The bright colour of the ocean where you row;
Yellow and green spread out,
It is land and not uneven.

38
From the womb jumps a speckled salmon
On the fair sea that you look at.
They are calves, they are coloured lambs
With friendship, without mutual killing.

39
Although only one chariot-rider is visible
In Mag Mell of countless blossoms,
On the surface there are many horses
Although you may not see them.

40
The size of the land, the number of the crowd,
Colours gleams with sheer glory,
Bright stream of silver, stairs of gold
Produce a welcome with every plenty.

41
A wonderful game, enjoyable,
They celebrate with wine,
Men and tender women under a bush,
Without sin, without crime.

42
Your boat swims over the edges
Over the tops of the wood,
Under the prow of your little boat
There is a wood full of wonderful fruit.

43
A wood with flowers and fruit,
And on it a true-smelling vine,
A wood without fault or flaw,
On which there are leaves of a gold colour.

44
We come from the beginning of the universe,
Without old age, without ancient people,
We do not expect to be weak
As sin has not reached us.

45
A bad omen when the snake went
To the father in his dwelling,
In this world time is twisted,
Decay came, not original.

46
He has killed us with gluttony and with desire,
He has destroyed his noble family,
The wasted body found a prison of pain
And a perpetual place of punishment.

47
It is a rule of arrogance in this world
To believe in the worldliness, to forget God,
Overthrown by illness and age
The soul destroyed by deception.

48
A splendid salvation will arrive
From the King who created us,
Across the sea will come a fair law,
He will be man besides being God.
(To be continued next month)

Maynooth Labour News

Draft Parking By-Laws for Maynooth

The Managers Report on the submissions by the public will be considered at a Special Meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee on 8th May.

Proposed Property Tax:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion to Kildare County Council on behalf of his Labour Party colleagues:

"That the following submission be sent to the Phil Hogan, Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government:

This Council acknowledges that some form of property tax forms at least part of the basis for funding of Local Government in many countries. We also acknowledge that a commitment to introduce same to Ireland is part of the Programme for Government and the agreement entered into with the Troika by the Government of Ireland. Learning from the administrative problems experienced in relation to the Household Charge Kildare County Council calls for the simplest and most transparent possible system for assessment and payment. When introducing a Property Tax to Ireland this Council suggests that the following principles apply:

- 1) Property Tax raised locally should be collected and retained by the relevant Local Authority in which the money is raised.
- 2) That recognition of the difference in purchase costs in some areas be recognized with appropriate banding for setting the rate to be established. The charge would also reflect the size and value of the property.
- 3) That an ability to pay clause be an essential element of any new Property Tax.
- 4) Recognizing the need for Equalisation Measures, but also the often higher costs associated with higher population areas that a maximum of 10% be taken from the sum collected as a contribution to an Equalisation Fund. Central Government should contribute any sums necessary to ensure adequate finance for the overall scheme
- 5) That Local Councils be allowed to vary the nationally set rate by a maximum of 5%.
- 6) That given the enormous sums expended in Stamp Duty that for the first five years following the introduction of a Property Tax that the following sliding scale would apply to cover the years 2008 to 1998:

90% abatement for First house bought in 2007 and 2008
80% abatement for First house bought in 2006 and 2007
60% abatement for First House bought in 2005 and 2004
50% abatement for First House bought in 2003 and 2002
40% abatement for First House bought in 2001 and 2000
30% abatement for First House bought in 1999 and 1998

- 7) That given the normal high costs incurred with the purchase of a first house that an abatement sliding from 70% to 20% be applied for the first five years of such purchase in future.
- 8) Provision be made for costs incurred in protecting and upgrading Heritage and Cultural properties that are open to the public.
- 9 That a penalty would be applied for any deliberate dereliction of property in an attempt to avoid payment. In short that there be no reward for dereliction of property."

Funding Approved for Safety Projects in Maynooth

The National Transport Authority (NTA) through Minister of State, Alan Kelly, T.D. has announced the following Grants for a variety of footpath, cycle path and other safety measures in Maynooth:

| KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL | | | |
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| | Project Name | Project Description | 2012 Allocation € |
| 1. | Entrance to Maynooth College from Parson's Street | Rationalise pedestrian movements at the Maynooth College Entrance | 75,000 |
| 2. | Kilcock Road Scheme - Maynooth | Appoint consultant to complete design of primary cycle route alignments in Maynooth | 40,000 |
| 3. | Convent Lane - Girls' School Entrance - Maynooth | Footpath, accessibility and public lighting improvements for approximately 230m along Convent Lane to the school entrance | 60,000 |
| 4. | Vulnerable Road User Improvements on R148 - Maynooth | Appoint consultant to undertake Road Safety Audit on R148 Kilcock Road and identify any safety improvements | 5,000 |
| 5. | R408 Castledawson to Football Club - Maynooth | Design of approximately 800m of footpath/cycle track and public lighting (includes crossing M4) | 15,000 |
| 6. | Vulnerable Road User - Maynooth | Appoint consultant to do a review to identify linkage improvements, prepare preliminary approvals and seek statutory consents for pedestrian, cyclists and traffic from the Moyglare Road/Mill Street/ Leinster Street to Railway Station. To include for a new Pedestrian bridge adjacent to Mill Street. | 100,000 |
| 7. | Cycle Parking Facilities | Cycle Parking Facilities at the following locations: 1. Maynooth/Celbridge/Leixlip Towns 2. and 8 other towns | 125,000 |

Cllr John McGinley very much welcomes most of these projects as he has been looking for work to be carried out on them for some time.

However, John would question the need for a new pedestrian bridge at Mill Street and the overuse of Consultants when Kildare County Council have engineers who could do the work.

The Council officials are meeting with the National Transport Authority on 25 April to discuss the Projects and they will also be considered in detail at the Special Area Committee on 8th May.

Safety on Moyglare Road

Cllr. McGinley's motion to reduce traffic speed and improve public safety along the Moyglare Road as far as Moyglare Hall will also be discussed at the Special Area Committee on 8 May

Dangerous Tree Planting at new NUIM Roundabout on Kilcock Road

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

"That the council arrange for the removal of the trees planted at the new roundabout on the Kilcock Road, at the entrance to NUI, Maynooth as they are a hazard to motorists."

Council Officials gave the following reply:

"The trees are planted in the middle of the roundabout and are considered appropriate for the location and are not considered a hazard. Therefore it is not proposed to seek their removal."

John disagreed completely with the officials and stated that the Leylandii type trees should be removed now as it will be much costlier when they get taller.

Approval to Seek Tenders for Final Phase of Lower Liffey Valley Sewerage Scheme Issues - Stagg

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the decision by the Minister for Environment to give approval to Kildare Co. Council to seek Tenders for the final phase of the Lower Liffey Valley Sewerage Scheme. The Final phase given the go ahead for tenders today stated Deputy Stagg will involve the upgrade and expansion of the actual Waste Water Treatment Plant at Leixlip at an estimated cost of €22 Million. The Plant is currently operating at 80,000 population equivalent capacity and when the upgrade is completed will cater for 150,000 population equivalent. Previous work under the Scheme included New Pumping Stations and Network improvements at a cost of €10.4 Million. Deputy Stagg stated that the work when completed will cater for predicted increases in wastewater flows from an expanding domestic, industrial and commercial population and he looked forward to the Council seeking the tenders as soon as possible.

Stagg Welcomes €30 Million Sports Capital Programme

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the allocation of €30 million in the Sports Capital Programme launched by Minister for Sports Michael Ring TD today (Wednesday 28th March). Any club in Kildare can apply for this funding to develop facilities and provide equipment. This stated Deputy Stagg is the first round of sports capital funding for four years and demonstrates the Government’s commitment to encourage more people to take part in sport. The Sports Capital Programme is the main channel of Government support for developing sports facilities and purchasing sports equipment for sports clubs and organisations across Ireland. The deadline for applications made online and those made in Irish (and hard copy of the signed application form and all supporting documentation) must reach the Department by 5pm on Friday 1st June 2012. Paper based applications (and all supporting documentation) must reach the Department by 5pm on Friday 11th May 2012.” The scheme will also be open to far more clubs and groups than ever before, because a strict requirement on landownership has been relaxed. In the past, all applicants had to own their land or have it on a long lease stated Deputy Stagg. “I am delighted the Minister has allocated this funding for sporting projects. This demonstrates the Government’s commitment to the sporting organisations that play such a vital role in our communities. The funding will also have a positive impact on job creation in the local areas. “It is important to note that the level of funding sporting clubs and organisations will have to match has been halved from previous programmes. Sporting Clubs and Organisations in Kildare will only have to raise 15% of the project cost instead of 30% previously. This will further reduce the financial burden on sporting organisations. “I would urge any clubs in Kildare interested in applying for funding to do so. Application forms and information about how to apply is available on the website

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The F Word – Feedback

Giving feedback can be about as popular as opening your email inbox after a 2-week holiday. Receiving it isn't always that popular either. Responses to the phrase 'can I just give you some feedback...' may vary from 'uh oh, what have I done wrong?' to 'here we go again'. Neither response sets the person up to be receptive to what we have to say – resulting in feedback falling on deaf ears (ever wonder why you have to ask a partner for the umpteenth time to put wet towels in the laundry basket?)

Where does it all go wrong?

Often, the reason that feedback goes wrong, or doesn't work is that we haven't been specific enough, or we've blurted out an accusation without really considering the impact our words might have e.g. 'you're aggressive' or 'you're lazy'. This can cause the person to become defensive or upset, and doesn't inspire them to change their behaviour. Instead of getting frustrated with the other person for not changing – we need to look at how we deliver the message.

Two simple questions

The only way we can get results is to give specific feedback based on behaviour. Whilst this is common sense its not always common practice. Asking two questions can help us be more specific – 'what did I see this person do?' and 'what

did I hear this person say?' If we can't answer one or both of those questions we're not in a good position to even consider giving feedback.

"You're aggressive"

becomes..... "I noticed that you stood really close to me, pointed your finger in my face and raised your voice"

A simple structure

The good news is that there's a simple 4-step framework that can help us give constructive feedback that actually gets results. Let's imagine that a colleague frequently talks over you at work and it's really starting to get you down. Instead of getting upset, ignoring it, or flying off the handle let's look at how we could handle this situation:

Step 1 – Set the scene

This is important so that the feedback doesn't come as a surprise or they think 'uh oh' e.g. 'I'd like to talk to you about what happens when we're in meetings together.....

Step 2 – Give specifics

The more specific we can be the better as this makes the feedback harder to deny. Report what you've observed. e.g. 'I've noticed that on the last 3 occasions that we've been in a

meeting together you've interrupted me and talked over me. It happened at that meeting last week to discuss budget cuts, on Monday when I was outlining our new client proposal and yesterday when I was presenting our end of month report'.

Step 3 – Describe the impact

This is an important step as it provides the bigger picture and helps people see the consequences of their actions e.g. 'The impact that this has on me is that I get very frustrated and upset that you don't seem interested in what I have to say. It makes me feel that my views aren't important'.

Step 4 – Discuss what needs to change

Most of us don't like being told what to do, so it's important to get the other person's perspective e.g. 'how do you think we can prevent this happening again...?' or 'how do you suggest we resolve this...' We may be able to reach a resolution there and then, or both parties may need some time to reflect. Only after we have given the other person an opportunity to share their ideas should we offer our solutions.

Feedback should be a two-way process. It's important to give the other person the chance to share their thoughts. The 4-step framework can be used to get our thoughts clear and make sure we handle the conversation constructively.

Why bother?

A study involving 19,000 employees by the Corporate Leadership Council found that giving fair and accurate feedback in this way could increase someone's performance by up to 39%. Imagine your partner doing 39% more housework, or an employee working 39% harder!

Of course, it's not always about telling people about what they've done wrong. Research shows that acknowledging when people have done something well is just as, if not more, important than pointing out their flaws.

When was the last time you gave someone some pure, unadulterated praise? Rather than give a generic 'well done' or 'you did that well...but...' – use the 4-step process to let someone know what it is that they do so well and chances are you'll see even more of this behaviour.

Conversely, if we're on the receiving end of feedback – be sure to ask for specific examples and the impact that your behaviour is having. Without it the feedback is of little value to you.

Go on. Give it a try. It works – at home and at work.

For further information contact tracy@beingatyourbest.com

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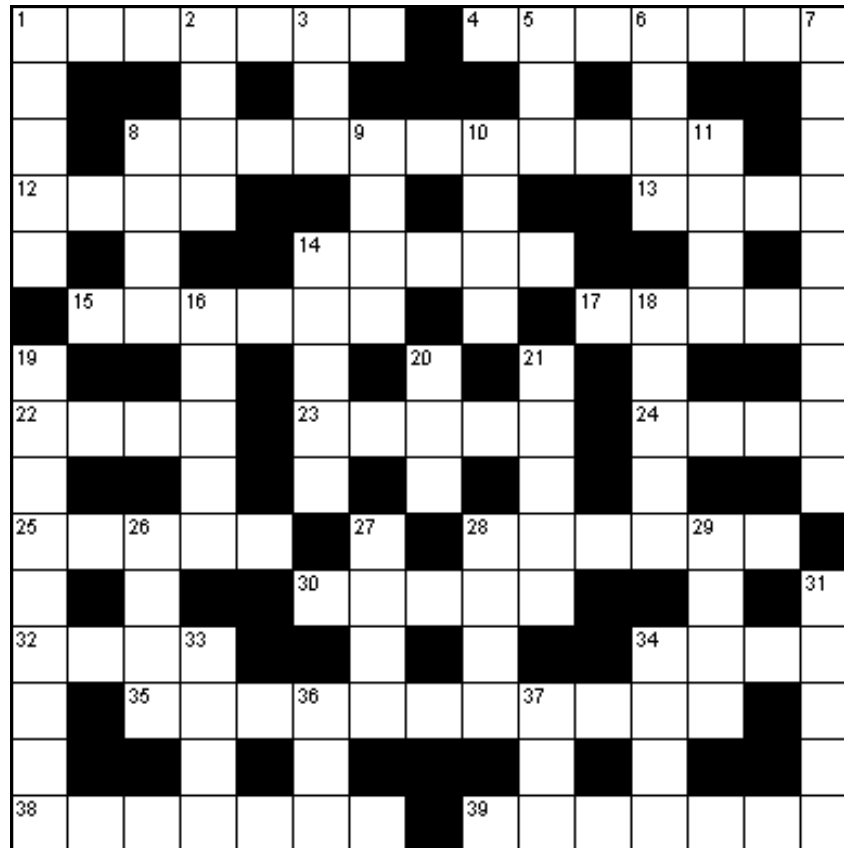
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Clues Across

1. Powerful dog (7)
4. Paving substance (7)
8. Superb (11)
12. Increase in size (4)
13. Yellow metallic element (4)
14. Toss (5)
15. Bequest (6)
17. Purchaser (5)
22. State in the central United States (4)
23. Make amends (5)
24. Canines (4)
25. Seraglio (5)
28. Minister (6)
30. Men (5)
32. Apparatus for weaving (4)
34. House rodents (4)
35. Using obscene language (4-7)
38. Sunset (7)
39. Opposes (7)

May 2012 Crossword - No: 402



Clues Down

1. Margarine (5)
2. Melt (4)
3. Amusement (3)
5. Not sweet (3)
6. Suspended (4)
7. Most tender (9)
8. Additional (4)
9. Indolently (4)
10. Charged particles (4)
11. Member of the Conservative Party (4)
14. Fragment (5)
16. Wine fruit (5)
18. Unwarranted (5)
19. Blind (9)
20. Leap on one foot (3)
21. Fruit (5)
26. Upper covering of a house (4)
27. Injury (4)
28. Republic in W South America (4)
29. Stated (4)
31. Trials (5)
33. Emotional state (4)
34. Lake or pond (4)
36. Not high (3)
37. Label (3)

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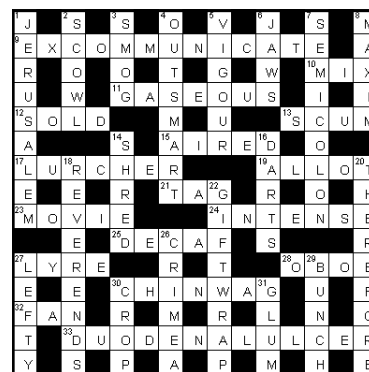
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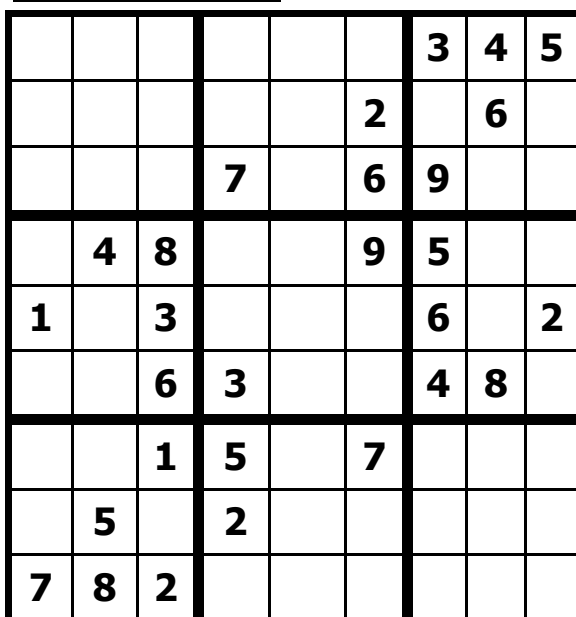
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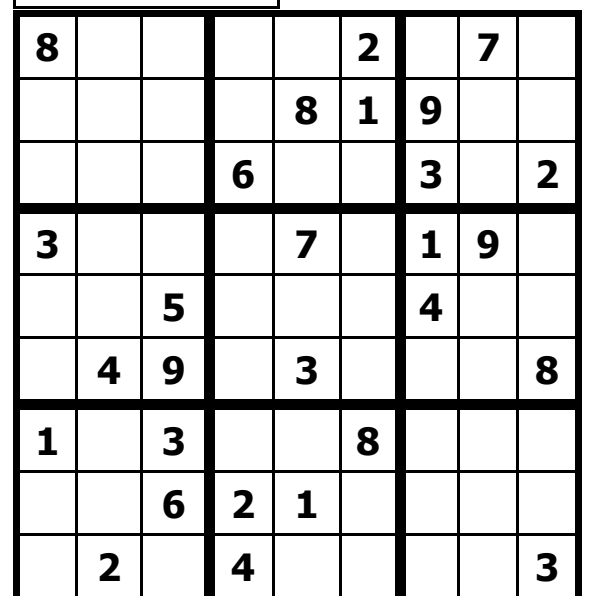


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May 2012



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MURPHY CONDEMNS GOVERNMENT OVER 'GROSSLY UNFAIR' HOUSEHOLD CHARGE; SAYS THE MILLION HOUSEHOLDS WHO WON'T PAY DEMONSTRATE THAT "PEOPLE ARE TAKING BACK POWER"

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Independent – Kildare North) today criticised the Minister for the Environment Phil Hogan over the “debacle” that has been the introduction of the Household Charge. To date just over 420,000 households have paid the charge, approximately one quarter of the 1.8 million households in the State.

“The failure to comply with the Household Charge has been characterised by some in Government as irresponsible. It’s clear to me that the numbers who are not going to pay – more than a million households across all spectrums of Irish society – demonstrate that opposition to the charge is rooted in a principled objection to both the ill designed and terribly regressive nature of the charge and the notion that closing the budget deficit overrides all concerns of fairness and equity in our taxation system. It also has given voice to the strong feeling amongst people that there is no end to the amounts they are being asked to pay while many of the architects of our economic collapse have received unlimited state assistance.

“For me, all direct taxation must be as fair and progressive as possible in its design. The Household Charge takes no account of ability to pay, contains very restrictive exemption clauses, and fails to adequately address the fact that very many people paid large sums in stamp duty in recent years.

“To implement a voluntary regressive charge on a population who have already borne four years of austerity shows a particularly profound lack of political judgement on the part of the Government. Minister Hogan and Fine Gael say that the EU/IMF are insisting upon a property tax – yet campaigned in the 2011 election, after the EU/IMF deal had been agreed, clearly stating that an annual, recurring residential property tax would be “unfair”. It’s clear that in the face of this dishonesty, people are taking back power en masse. I hope that the Government will listen to the people on this and fulfil the pledges they gave to the electorate at the last election.”

MURPHY WELCOMES ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE CLAMPING REPORT; CALLS ON GOVERNMENT TO REGULATE PRIVATE CLAMPING AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY

Speaking after the launch today of a paper on the regulation of vehicle clamping by the Joint Committee on the Environment, Transport, Culture and the Gaeltacht, Deputy Catherine Murphy called on the Minister for Transport to move forward with legislation to regulate clamping in Ireland at first opportunity, in particular to address clamping on private land. Deputy Murphy, who sits on the Joint Committee and was also a member of the Working Group which helped draft the report, broadly welcomed the recommendations.

“The regulation of both public and private clamping is long overdue. The report published today addresses a number of issues in the area which have become problematic for many residents in the country, particularly in high density population areas and areas with poor public transport.

“The report recommends the introduction of a new regime of regulation for the clamping of vehicles on private property, which up to now has been an area of very poor consumer protection. The report also recommends a new regulatory role in the area for the National Transport Authority (NTA) and a coordinated approach to public and private clamping regulation.

“The standardisation of penalties and signage, mandatory vetting and training of clamping staff, the introduction of a licence requirement for clamping operators (managed by the NTA) and the development of strict guidelines to allow clamping only in cases of genuine traffic disruption are all sensible measures which will provide certainty for both operators and vehicle owners alike.

“In addition, the recommendation that fines be set by Local Authority Councillors within a fixed scale and the introduction of a standardised appeals process brings needed elements of democratic control and accountability.

Minister Varadkar has been very supportive of the process we have undertaken and I welcome the opportunity to make these recommendations in advance of the drafting of the new bill. The recommendations I mentioned, amongst the several others included in the report, will I hope be taken on board by him when legislation is being drafted.

Deputy Catherine Murphy, Independent TD for Kildare North today confirmed that she has invited senior members of An Garda Síochána to Leinster House to discuss her concerns over the levels of Garda resources in Co Kildare. CSO figures show that Kildare is now the fourth most populous county in the country, yet figures obtained by the Deputy on Garda resources show that Kildare suffers most in terms of Garda deployment out of all other counties when population size is taken into account.

“The most recent figures show us that 316 Gardai are stationed in Kildare. Per head of population, that works out at 663 people per Garda. This compares significantly less favourably to areas such as Roscommon/Longford and Sligo/Leitrim where the figures are 371 persons per Garda and 318 persons per Garda respectively. Kildare is also at almost twice the national average figure of 390 persons per Garda. Even allowing for differences in crime rates across regions, clearly the rapid expansion of population in Kildare has not been met with a commensurate increase in Garda resources for the county.

“The situation whereby area with less than half the population of Kildare retain virtually the same number of Gardai must be re-examined. I’ll be raising these issues and associated policing matters with the Gardai in the hope of seeking a broad re-assessment of how staff are deployed around the country.”

Deputy Murphy also indicated that she had invited all of the TDs from Kildare North and Kildare South to the meeting.

CATHERINE MURPHY ADDRESSES OIREACTHAS COMMITTEE ON THE FISCAL COMPACT TREATY; OUTLINES CONCERNS ABOUT LACK OF DEBT WRITE-DOWN AND ONEROUS AMENDMENT WORDING

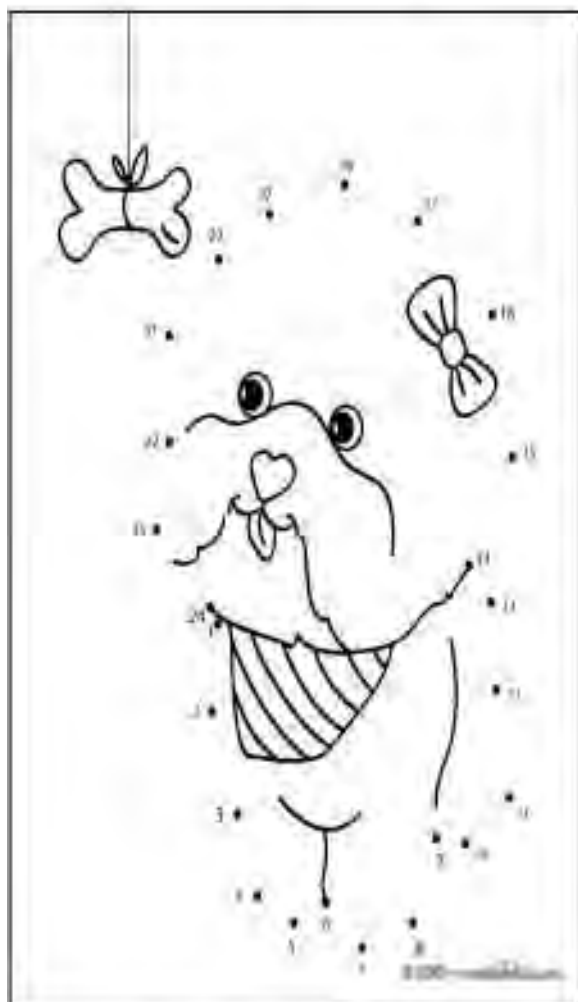
Speaking today at the Oireachtas Subcommittee on the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the EMU, Deputy Catherine Murphy (Independent – Kildare North) outlined in detail her concerns about the provisions of the Treaty, stating clearly that if any realistic plan to deal with the European debt crisis is going to succeed, it must specifically include proposals to write-down the unsustainable debt of peripheral countries. The Deputy also raised her concerns about the excessively onerous wording of the proposed constitutional amendment, which appears to place this treaty at a level equal in status to EU foundation agreements, but without the weight of the EU’s democratic oversight function.

Deputy Murphy heavily criticised the “practical effect” that the treaty will have, saying that Ireland is “locked into a fiscal adjustment plan that strips Government of any means of stimulating the domestic economy” and that “the fiscal compact treaty will extend this handicap well into the next decade.”

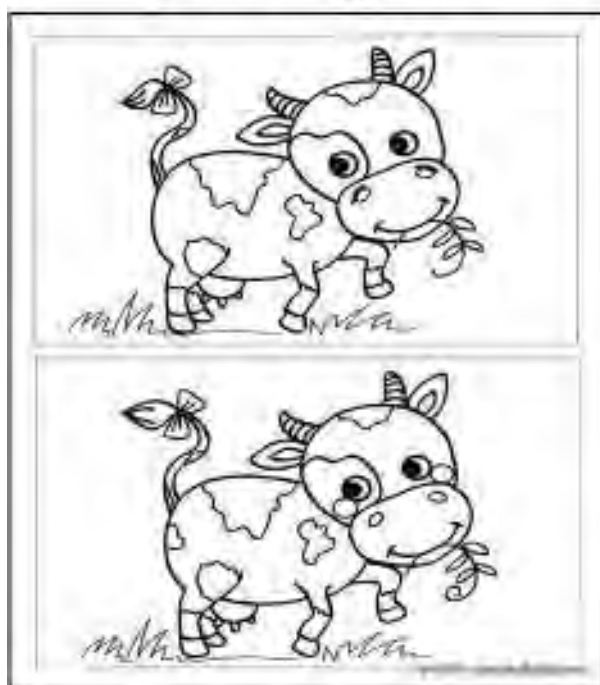
“If we are to reach the 3% deficit target and we don’t have the capacity to grow the domestic economy then the options will be down to a choice of two - cuts in services and new taxes. Under this treaty, I have to question if we will in fact have any money to spend within the domestic economy or indeed on essential public services.”

Deputy Murphy was invited to address the Subcommittee as whip of the Technical Group, though she stated at the outset that she did not represent the diverse opinions within the Group on the Treaty. The Subcommittee heard from Opposition deputies throughout the day.

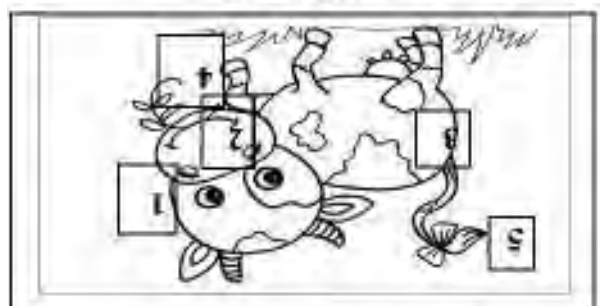
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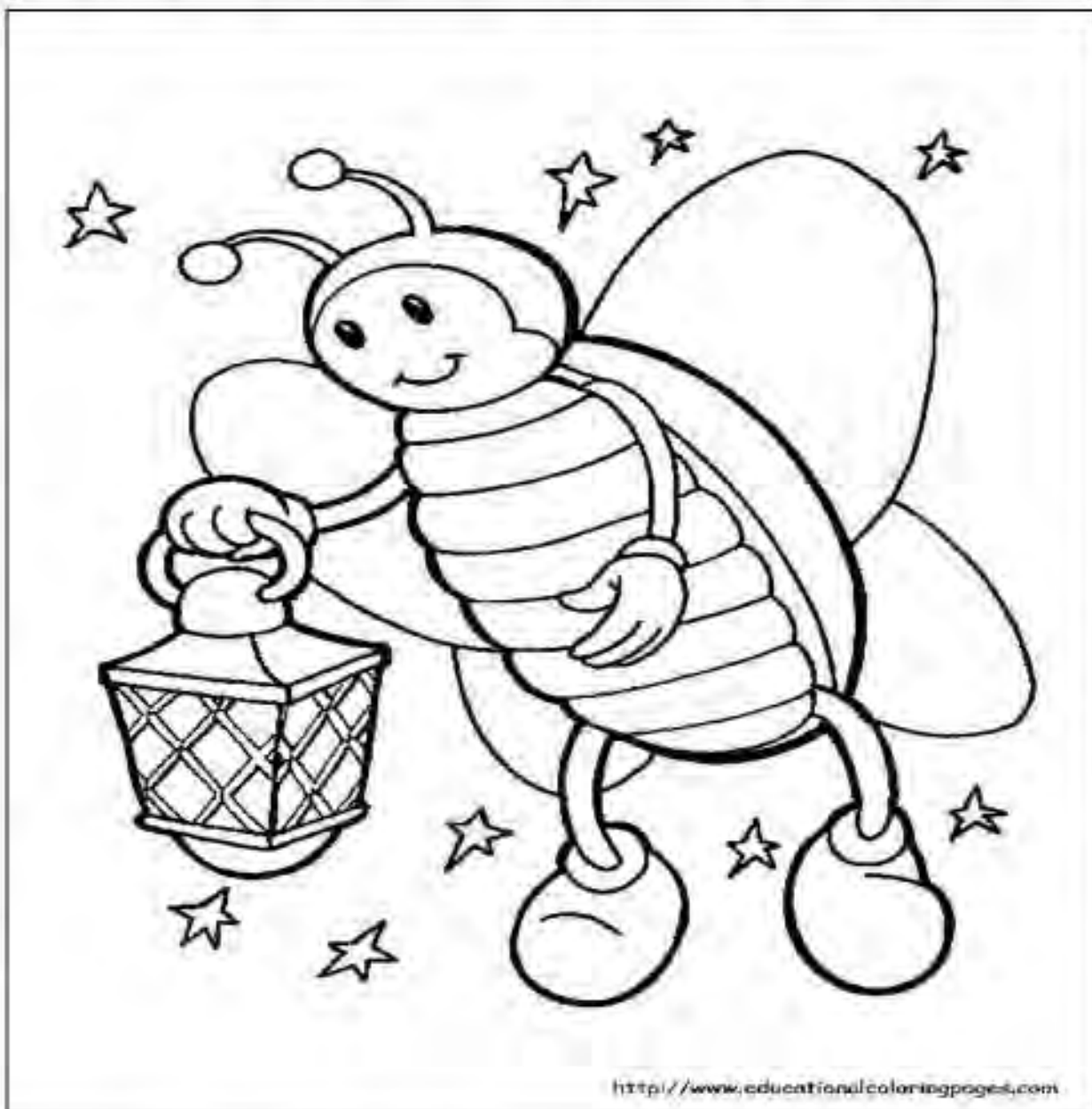
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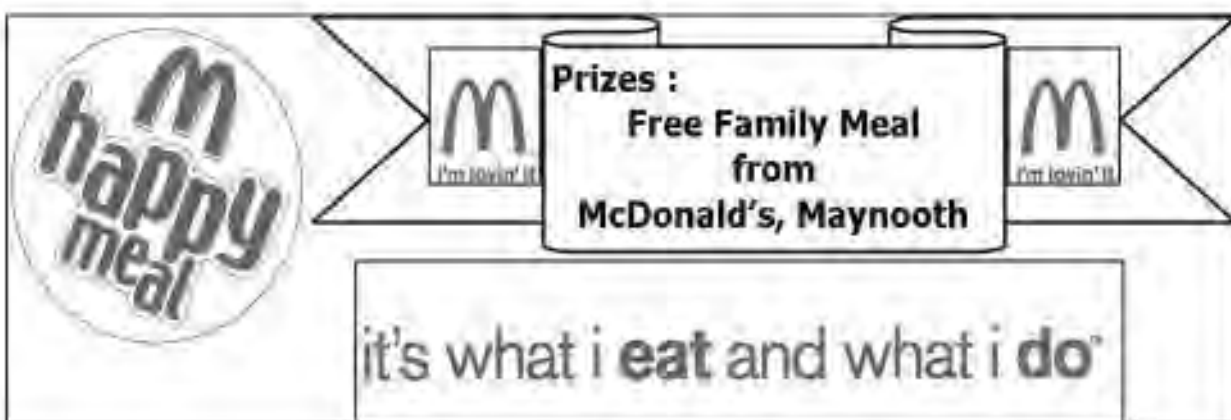
ANSWERS



McDonalds Children's Colouring Competition



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 Phone No: _____

April Winners:

Age: 3 - 5: Dylan Kiely, Parson Hall
 Age: 6 - 7: Conor McGee, Newtown Court
 Age: 8 & Over Cormac Grehan, Moyglare Abbey

Prizes for Colouring Competition can be collected at:
Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre.
Entries must arrive before: 22nd May 2012



THE RADHARC TRUST RECENTLY PRESENTED THREE SHORT FILMS TO MAYNOOTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Maynooth Historical Society recently hosted a very special night in the Clifden Suite of the Glenroyal Hotel, which featured films from the well-known and award-winning RTE Radharc series. There were over 400 Radharc films made by Fr. Joe Dunn and Fr. Des Forristal in 75 countries world-wide. These films were a challenge to the moral conscience of the audience and kept viewers abreast with new thinking and practices in the world of faith and spirituality. It was Fr. Dunn's brother Peter Dunn who brought these films to Maynooth, Peter is now the Director of the Radharc Trust which works to restore and maintain these historical documents. The first film shown was "The Late Dr Plunkett", a docudrama about the life and death of Ireland's newest saint Oliver Plunkett. The script was written by Des Forristal and became a play. In 1975 Oliver Plunkett was canonized and in 1997 he became Ireland's patron saint for peace and reconciliation, he has done a lot of work for us all!

The second film "The Year of the Congress", featured the footage taken of the 31st Eucharist Congress which was held in Dublin in 1932 to commemorate the death of St. Patrick. This was a huge gathering of Catholics from all over the world, over 350,000 people visited Dublin for this unique religious event. In fact, work on Ireland's first radio transmitter in Athlone was rushed so that the masses could be broadcast all over the world. Count John McCormack who sang at the masses might attribute his world-wide success to these transmissions! The film was accompanied by the voices of Dublin people reflecting on their memories of "The Congress". The film was discovered in the basement of the VERITAS shop in Abbey Street, Dublin and contains fantastic footage of all the events. Infact, the altar that was specially made for the procession can still be seen in the grounds of Cappagh Hospital.

The final film "Goodbye to Glocamorra", was filmed in 1968 in Inwood, a suburb of New York, which was described as an Irish/Jewish ghetto. The community was very closely linked to Ireland, almost all of its inhabitants came from directly from Ireland. The film showed how after mass on Sunday the people would go to Gaelic Park for both football and hurling matches,. There were up to 14 masses said on these Sundays!! The most famous Inwood residents were Isador and Ida Strauss, the owners of Macy's Department Store, who later died on board the Titanic. The film showed how the local people were afraid of immigrants coming to live in Inwood, which is now mainly inhabited by people of Dominican Republic heritage. Mr. Dunn informed us that this film is shown very regularly in New York still.

Each film was a fascinating look into how Irish people were dealing with issues of justice and peace in the world and they showed how much life has changed for us all. Peter Dunn and the Radharc Trust have now made a short clip from each film can be available on the radharcfilms.com website. They may also be purchased on the website too.

The next talk will take place on 24th May 2012 with Ida Milne from Celbridge, featuring the 1918 Flu, if you have any family memories or stories about this time why not come along and share them with us.



Peter Dunn from the Radharc Trust with Committee members— Peter Nevin, Bernie O'Connor, Declan O'Connor, Rita Edwards, Caoilfhionn Quinlan, Mary Cullen and Hilda Dunne.



Paddy and Mary Heneghan from Ladychapel enjoyed the Radharc Films in the Glenroyal.



Peter Nevin & Declan O'Connor

Anniversaries in Maynooth



The Elite Confectionery 30th Anniversary

When you think of Maynooth what comes to mind ! The College, The Church Spire, The Square and of course the Elite. Where else do you go for a nice friendly meeting or chat over Coffee/Tea and a treat. They also have a great range of Hot food, Breakfast Rolls, Sausage Rolls, Panini's, where the staff are always so friendly. While you are there you can order your Cake for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Confirmations, Communion and all occasions. Call in on the 10th May for a special treat. Looking forward to another 30 years.

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Manageress. Sally Rabitte.



K n B Music 10th Anniversary

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May 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 15th May in Glenroyal Hotel at 8.00p.m. Demonstrator: Margaret Collins All Welcome Non Members €5 Tea/Coffee served Maureen Fagan PRO

Irish Girl Guides

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

Parent & Toddler Group

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

University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Tuesday & Friday in Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills. New Members Welcome Enquiries : Bernadette Phone: 6289131

Maynooth Youth Café

For Senior Cycle, New X-Box Just In! Games, Music, Snacks and Chat. You decide, It's Your Caf. Thursdays 8 - 10pm Community Space Manor Mills

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

"Shout"

Shout Our Journey in Song A Concert With The Celbridge & Straffan Gospel Choir & Guests 8.30pm Friday 18th May 2012 St. Patrick's Church Celbridge Tickets €5 / Family €10 In Aid of London 2012 Olympian Mark Kenneally

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GARDENING IN MAY



Trees, Shrubs and Roses

Continue to spray rose bushes against blackspot disease, especially before and after wet weather.

All young trees should be checked for water shortage, which can occur even with plenty of rain as it does not always reach the roots. Signs are listless small leaves and slow growth.

Control weeds and grass at the base of young trees to remove competition, young trees need weed-free conditions for about five years.

Ensure a weed-free circle of at least one metre diameter. This can be achieved with old carpet, plastic or suitable weedkillers.

Flowers

Do not cut away the foliage of spring bulbs, such as daffodils and snowdrops, it is important that the leaves be allowed to die back naturally to feed the bulb for next year's flowers.

Spring bulbs can be lifted and moved while the green foliage is present. Perennial flowers can be planted from pots.

If there is no choice, most perennial flowers survive being moved at any time if well watered afterwards.

Stake perennial flowers that need it, well in advance of when they need it, especially in a windy garden.

Sow seeds of hardy annual flowers - candytuft, calendula, Californian poppy and nemophila are pretty, also nasturtiums.

Lawn

Regular mowing should be kept up and increased in frequency in the coming weeks to keep pace with the increasing surge of grass growth.

Most lawns grow strongly during these weeks but very hungry grass will only grow poorly. The removal of grass clippings removes nutrients. Mulch mowing returns the nutrients to the soil.

Feeding with lawn fertilizer or high-nitrogen fertiliser will bring the grass on but be careful not to put on too much - little and often is best.

Lawn weedkillers can be used to control broad-leaved lawn weeds in warm, fine weather when the soil is moist.

Use no fertilizer or weedkiller on wildflower lawn areas.

Fruit, Vegetables and Herbs

Vegetables sown in recent weeks are likely to need thinning now. Early thinning is a great help to young vegetable plants because they can benefit from the lack of competition right away.

Weeds among vegetables should be removed now while they are still small and before they get a chance to develop. The first flush of weeds is always the worst but if it is controlled, it will be easy to stay ahead.

Herbs seeds can be sown in warm soil.

If codling moth was a problem on apple trees last year, a spray of systemic insecticide should be applied at petal fall and two weeks later. The hormone traps do not work so well in a domestic garden.

The normal sprays for apple scab should be kept up, especially following wet weather.

Greenhouse and House Plants



Feed all bedding plants and tender vegetables for planting out at the end of May and keep them growing well. Space the pots adequately to ensure proper development.

If possible, plant out tomatoes now in the greenhouse.

Check for greenflies which can build up rapidly.

Remove excess shoots of a grapevine every couple of weeks to keep it under control and tie in new shoots that are needed for extension growth. Continue to feed and water generously to push growth on.

If tomato plants planted out earlier are flowering, ease off watering and feeding until the first truss of fruit is set.

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