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Maynooth Harvest Festival a resounding success!

One hardly knows where to begin... From our own observations and feedback the Maynooth Harvest Festival improved greatly on festivals of other years and was a big success. Huge thanks must go to the small number of people from Maynooth Community Council who in the past ensured that there was a festival every year and which provided the platform on which to build the Maynooth's first Harvest Festival in modern times. The theme of this year's festival was Maynooth in the early 20th century.

The Maynooth Community Council would like to express thanks to Mayor Nolan who opened the exhibition and launched the Maynooth Newsletter Online Archive. The archive contains digital images of the newsletters going back to the mid-seventies. It is a wonderful resource which traces the development of the community over that time. As Mayor Nolan pointed out, it also provides a good source for local school projects. The participation of Mario Corrigan in Newbridge Library and the Library NUI Maynooth was acknowledged in the project.

Tom McMullon, Chairman of Maynooth Community Council stated that this festival was a preparation and a framework for next year's festival in which we hope to invite our twinning partner neighbours from Canet-en-Rousillon. The festival included a film on Canet in the Community Library on Saturday morning. Andrew McMullon expressed thanks to the festival committee and the Maynooth Community Council office, who worked tirelessly on the festival, archive and photographic exhibition.

The festival began officially on Thursday 13th September, continued until Sunday

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Visit by Minister for Social Protection to the Maynooth Royal Canal Amenity Scheme. In picture left to right are Emmet Stagg TD, Minister Joan Burton, Cllr John McGinley and Matthew Kennedy on Tuesday morning 11th September.



**At the Festival Launch
L-R Catherine Murphy TD, Cllr. Michael 'Spike' Nolan 'Mayor of Kildare',
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Harvest Festival. Reggae, Rock Dance in the Park (Pound Park)



A great afternoon of fun and entertainment was had by all the young and not so young in the park organised by P, what a great job he did. He would like to thank the following for their time and help to make this event a great success (may we have more like this in the future).

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Maynooth History Group

Active Participation in Maynooth Harvest Festival

Maynooth Local History Group again played an active role in a successful Maynooth Harvest Festival on September 15th and 16th, meeting its mission of promoting history, art and culture locally.

An afternoon at Maynooth Geraldine Castle.

Hilda Dunne, a long serving member of the Group, organised a most entertaining afternoon on Saturday September 15th, in the Castle consisting of;

- Jazz and swing session by the old maestro himself Tony Savino (Barry Smith), much to the delight of his fans and audience, settling the mood for relaxation and celebration.
- Peter Nevin presented on his favourite County Meath poet, Francis Ledwidge (born Slane 19th Aug 1887 - killed WW1 near Ypres 31st July 1917), in particular his popular poem, "Lament for Thomas McDonagh". While Ledwidge is generally known for his pastoral style, Peter showed through this poem, that he was very much a man of his time in terms of closeness to the 1916 leaders, World War 1, and the Gaelic revolutionary and revivalist spirit.
- Peter Curran delighted his audience with his passionate poetry reading including Kavanagh's "My Mother", Joseph Campbell's "I will go with my father a ploughing" and many more unusual and all-time greats.
- Colm O'Ceirúil spoke on the progress of the Gaelic language "An Gaeilge" past and present. In 1851, 23% of the total Irish population spoke Irish, but with emigration and increased Anglicisation, this was reduced to very low levels towards the turn to the 20th century. Work by An tAthair Owen O'Growney (Interred in Maynooth College Cemetery) and the Gaelic league, halted this decline and created interest

and love for the language. Colm mentioned the role of An Gael-Scoil movement and its role in the new second level school in Maynooth being developed.

e) Kate Dempsey spoke on behalf of the Maynooth Writer's Group and the value it affords members in terms of prose, poetry and letter skills development. Noting some of the faults creeping into modern English i.e. sports commentators referring to "6 minutes of Normal Time remaining". What happens after normal time? The Group meets monthly, usually Carton House. So keep a look out for notices, if you have an interest.

f) Shauna Gilligan spoke about her recent book launch "Happiness comes from nowhere". Shauna read from her book to an enthralled audience, leaving a distinct impression that this book is well worth a read.

g) Meagan McLoughlin staged a variety of well performed songs with her Maynooth Music Society. The girls and boys on stage showed great music talent, enthusiasm and soul to an engaging audience. Meagan is looking for further volunteers for the Society and plans to stage "Calamity Jane" next March. So contact Meagan if you are interested.

h) The new Maynooth branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, played the afternoon out with some lively traditional music.

Walking Tour of Maynooth

On Sunday September 16th, Rita Edwards (Secretary of the Maynooth History Group) led a most enjoyable walking tour of Maynooth attracting great interest and even the weather obliged, staying dry for the 2 hour trip. See Rita's article below on this event.

Convent Cemetery

Rita Edwards walk ended at the Convent Cemetery. Hilda Dunne took us around this poignant, sacred and historical plot of land and spoke of her memories. For those older Maynooth people in attendance, many

of the memorials to Sisters of the Convent brought memories flooding back. Conversations flowed on stories of early school days, the Cinema on the Convent grounds, the 7 a-side summer football tournaments, the laundry and the part played by those interred in this timeless and sacred spot.

As a community we are eternally grateful for the role these wonderful sisters played in;

- Educating our children
- Contributing to the community in industry, entertainment and sport.
- Dedicating their lives to God.

Many thanks to Hilda for her commitment to this lovely cemetery.

Note the Maynooth History Group meet on the last Thursday of each month, in the Maynooth Community Office next to the Post Office.

Peter Nevin - Chairman



Hilda Dunne (centre) and guests in the Convent Cemetery

WALK AND TALK TOUR OF OLD MAYNOOTH

As part of the Harvest Festival, Maynooth Local History Group organised a 'Walk & Talk' - Tour of Old Maynooth, which was held on the afternoon of Sunday 16th. There was great interest in the event and the weather was kind. The guide on this occasion was member Rita Edwards. The tour commenced at the western end of the town of Maynooth and initially included a short talk on the FitzGerald's, their arrival in Maynooth and their influence on the development of Maynooth through the centuries. This was followed by a brief history of the renovated Gothic-style St Mary's Church of Ireland.

The main purpose of the tour was to view the many developments which were associated with the town in the late 1790s and throughout the nineteenth century. The late eighteenth century developments included Castle view House, Parson Street (c.1717-1735), the former Maynooth Rectory, Parson Street (c. 1726) and Buckely House, Main Street (c. 1750-1790). One of the major developments which took place at the turn of the century was the establishment of the Royal College of St Patrick (1795) which in turn included Stoyte House (c.1790) and Riverstown Lodge (c. 1790). A second development which had a major impact on the village was the construction of William Bridge (c.1795), which opened up the road to the west. The tour continued up Parson Street and then along the Royal Canal to the Duke's Harbour (c. 1796) where following a talk on the development of the canal (1790-1796) a member of the Royal Canal Amenity Group, Matthew Kennedy, (who is also a member of the history group) gave a short talk on the barge which had been moored there for a few days. The railway came to Maynooth in 1847. The group then walked down Leinster St (formally Canal Place) where it viewed the Tudor-style former



Rita with guests at the opening of the tour

Church of Ireland School (1855-1865). The next stop was in front of Harbour House (Bean House) (c. 1760) and this was followed by Maynooth Garda Station. The early development here commenced between 1780 and 1820, and then this was converted to use as a Royal Irish Constabulary Barracks in 1850. The barracks was burnt in 1920 and after extensive renovation it reopened again in 1927 to facilitate the Garda Station. The next stop was The Pound, Pound Lane, Mill Street (1820-1825) from which was viewed The Mill Wine Cellar building and the one beside it - possibly a pair (1750-1770). The next buildings included the former Catholic Church, Pound Lane (c.1755-1777) and the adjacent Schoolhouse (c.1840-1843). The 'new' Saint Mary's Catholic Church, with its Parochial House in Mill Street were developed c. 1834-1845. Unfortunately time did not allow for a talk on the

Market/Courthouse Square, Lyreen House, the Leinster Arms, the development of the Main Street, Carton Avenue or the Gate Lodge. Instead the group walked up to view Leinster Cottages, the development of which commenced c. 1773. This was followed by a short talk on the Charter School, Dillon's Row (c. 1750) and the subsequent development of the Presentation Convent (c. 1823) and National School in the early 1830s. The day concluded with a visit, led by history group member, Hilda Dunne, to the Presentation Sisters' small secluded graveyard, where many tributes were paid to the sisters who had contributed so much to Maynooth and to its people for over 170 years.

(Main Sources: Arnold Horner & the Royal Irish Academy, Irish Historic Towns Atlas No. 7 Maynooth and National Inventory of Architectural Heritage www.buildingsofireland.ie)





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Choosing a Pet: Points to Consider

At Maynooth Veterinary Clinic, Newtown Grove we are often asked to advise on the best type of dog or kitten that a new owner should get. It is when you start to discuss this topic that the complex nature of the question becomes apparent. A new puppy or kitten will bring great joy into a home but it is a big decision to commit to a pet for many years to come. In this month's article we will discuss the important points to consider in making the decision to acquire a new pet.

Pedigree or mixed breed?

With a purebred pup you know what size it will grow to, it's other physical characteristics and you will have a good idea of what to expect regarding its temperament and behaviour. A mixed breed pet may avoid some of the genetic problems that can be associated with some purebred dogs but unless the parents are known it may be difficult to accurately predict how it will develop.

Size of dog

A pup may be cute when it is very small but you do have to carefully consider whether you will be able to manage it as it grows and do you have enough space to accommodate it comfortably into family life?

Exercise

Pets, like people need to be exercised. Cats by nature are independent creatures and tend to look after their own exercise by roaming and hunting. Dogs of all breeds are dependent on their owners to exercise them on a daily basis and this is often a responsibility that is ignored. Pets that are not exercised share many of the health problems that sedentary people get: obesity, diabetes, cardiac disease, muscular skeletal problems. Large breeds of dog require a lot of exercise but so do many small breeds: for example Border Terriers (a small breed) were often used to follow hunting horses and can quite easily run or walk for miles, when fit. Exercising your pet is a good way of socialising him and is also an indirect health benefit to the owner. You should consider whether your daily routine allows you to devote the time necessary to exercise/play with your pet.

Cost of pet ownership

A well cared for pet will provide many years of pleasure and companionship but you must consider whether you are in a position to be able to afford the costs associated with responsible pet ownership. These costs will include good quality petfood, vet-

erinary fees and boarding fees. Insurance cover for your pet is always advisable but you will still have to pay for vaccinations, neutering and flea and worm prevention. Physical and Behavioural characteristics:

It is important to ensure that you select a pet whose physical characteristics such as adult size, coat type and appearance appeal to you and that you are confident that you can look after this pet in a responsible manner. Behavioural characteristics can be more difficult to assess due to the wide variety of behaviour types within breeds and also due to the difficulty of assessing mixed breeds. Never buy a puppy or kitten if you cannot be shown at least one of its parents and never buy one in a carpark

Research

When you have drawn up a short list of the type of pet you are thinking of getting do some research into it. This can include reading books on the characteristics, history of the breed and identifying health concerns that may be associated with the breed. When you meet the pet's breeder it is always good to be knowledgeable about the pet you are considering buying as this can help you to identify and be wary of breeders who may appear to be unscrupulous.

Pup or adult ?

Most people will opt for a kitten or pup as their new pet. The ideal time to acquire a puppy is between 6-8 weeks of age and 7 weeks for a kitten. This is in order to ensure that they have been well socialised with their litter mates and are ready to be socialised with their new owners in the critical first 14 weeks. However in some circumstances it is worth considering getting an adult pet, possibly from a rescue centre. Adult pets may be more suitable to homes where the time to train a puppy is limited or infrequent. It is important to satisfy yourself that the adult pet is well socialised and trained as behavioural issues may be difficult to resolve.

Will the novelty wear off?

This question can only be answered when you have given the above points serious consideration. It requires objective thought which cannot be influenced by the wish to fulfil the desires of yourself or other family members. An unwanted pet is a very sad sight and should be avoided at all costs.

We at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic are always very happy to talk with you on the above topic or any other matter concerning pet health and wellbeing. Please call into the clinic in Newtown Grove or contact us on 01-6289467, maynooth-vet@gmail.com. Visit our website www.maynoothvets.com for full information.



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Maynooth Golf Society

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2 nd Prize	Eamon Murphy	36pts B9
3 rd Prize	Francis Reilly	36pts
4 th Prize	Terry Moore	34pts B9
5 th Prize	Norman Kavanagh	34pts B6
6 th Prize	Joey Edwards	34pts
Front 9	Niall Byrne	19pts
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Nearest the Pin		
2's Club	T.Moore(2), D. Nyland, M.Fahey, F.Reilly, B.Leigh	
Visitor	Dominic Nyland	

Portarlington Golf Club was the venue for the John Ternan Cup on Saturday 15th September. 36 members and visitors competed on this well maintained and mature course. The pin positions were set out difficult, as a club competition followed Maynooth Golf Society on the course. The winners on the day were Mick Fahey with a score of 37 points, second and third were Eamon Murphy and Francis Reilly both with 36 points. All other winners listed above.

The prizes were presented by our sponsor Tom Nolan and our Captain Brendan Leigh to all of the winners in Caulfield's Bar which was previously owned by John Ternan who this outing commemorates. Our next outing is to Castleknock Golf Club on Sunday 21 October visitors and new members are welcome to attend.

Men's Sheds

Now that we are almost up and running we need to meet to put some structures in place. A meeting has been arranged for 7 pm on 10th October 2012 in the Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills.

In the meantime some further improvements are necessary with the 'shed' and an up date will be available at the meeting.

Men's Sheds is a community based organisation for men who have time on their hands. It offers an opportunity to get together, to chill out, share skills and talk shoulder to shoulder. Men's Sheds is now spreading world-wide, having originated in Australia.

If you have not joined us already and would like to get involved or just like information on the concept of Men's Sheds, please come along to the meeting on 10th October.

You will also find information by logging on to irishmenssheds.ie. I can be contacted at email johnpfleming@hotmail.com or mobile 087 2041334.

John Fleming

Editorial

The recent Harvest Festival was a success at many different levels and the Newsletter would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate the organizing committee. It was a strong beginning for a renewed event and the choice of September and the harvest theme seems to have captured the imagination of the community as well. The presence of the mayor of Kildare, Mr Nolan, marked the beginning as he launched the archive of the Newsletter as well as the Festival itself. The fact that events were free was a surprise to people, harassed parents having to fund their children's spare time activities were probably relieved to be able to bring their offspring to the table quiz and the children's events at Tesco free of charge. The move to culture and heritage of all kinds was obviously welcomed by people who attended the feast on offer. Between historical walks, Irish dancing, the local band, visits to the Church of Ireland, music in the Castle, music in the Pound, music in Pound Park and the Gospel Choir in the Church nearly everyone was catered for. There will be a further account and lots of photographs inside and suggestions would be welcome. Onwards and upwards now with the Gathering looming in 2013 and there are meetings being organized all over the country. Co Kildare has already started with a public meeting that was held on Tuesday 25th September and there were many important people from the County and the University involved. Hopefully, the Festival can find a place in this important forthcoming activity.

The travails of the Minister for Health, James Reilly, seem to be growing by the day as he came out in a spirited defence of his treatment of the then junior minister, Róisín Shorthall. The performances of his two junior ministers in the Dáil chamber during the debate on the vote of confidence could not have more different from one another. Kathleen Lynch could not say enough about what a great minister he is but Minister Shorthall managed not to mention his name at all and faulted the lack of openness and transparency. One wonders what drove her to go to such lengths before taking the decision to resign. Reading between the lines, it would appear that communications between herself and Minister Reilly have collapsed completely. Ní féidir a bheith cinnte cad atá ag titim amach taobh thiar de dhoirse dúnta ach is cinnte nach bhfuil cúrsaí go maith idir an bheirt acu agus b'fhéidir gur mhothaigh sí nach raibh bealach ar bith eile le haird a tharraingt ar a cás. There are many who would be very supportive of Minister Shorthall's references to the need for transparency as this would be part of the 'new government' that people thought they had voted for in the election. The public are getting increasingly frustrated and angry as there seems to be just 'more of the same'. Some of the references to R. Shorthall in the media are quite chauvinistic and there may be something else entirely going on as well. Politics is a strange game. Cynicism is increasing as well as the public feel that those who caused huge economic crisis are not paying for it in any way and as we behave like the 'good boys' of Europe, nothing seems to improve and there is no light at the end of the tunnel.

The tone taken by James Reilly in the interviews surrounding this incident seemed to have a hectoring quality to it that is quite common in Irish management style. There is huge amount of institutional, low-level bullying in the country and it is the next big problem that needs to be addressed and to be discussed openly. There is an understandable concern about children being bullied by their peers, but if adults are bullying each other and this is an accepted part of Irish society then what do we expect from children if this is what they see around them. The Internet is becoming more and more of a problem in the bullying of both children and adults; so much so that some teenage suicides are

Community Council Notes

Notes from the Community Council meeting, 10th September 2012

Much of the meeting this month was taken up with discussion of the events of the Festival. By the time we go to print, this will have taken place so it seems irrelevant to give an account of what happened. Reports on the Festival appear elsewhere. Next year there will probably be more emphasis and involvement with the twinned town, Canet and also with the countrywide Gathering 2013. This government initiative is designed to bring as many of the diaspora home as tourists and events will be organized all over the country. Kildare are organizing the first public meeting on the 25th September and representatives of the Community Council will be present.

The annual collection was not as high this year as it was in years gone by. This might be part of the economic downturn but it might also be due to the fact there were simply not enough collectors to cover the various locations and hours. It was agreed that notice of the dates for the collection should be pointed out to people at the July meeting of the Council in future and for next year. Following the visit of MEP Nessa Childers to the Community Council office during the summer, members of the Council have been attending seminars on funding for twinning towns. This has been a very useful contact for the future.

attributed to this. Under the radar, many large organisations are losing workers or have employees who are working way below their capacity due to the attitude and bullying from either colleagues or from the boss. There is an institutional laziness in trying to deal with this problem and it can have a really insidious effect on the smooth workings of any organisation.

While the wording of the Referendum is to be welcomed and the fact that the rights of children will be enshrined at last in the Constitution, things will not improve in Ireland until all rights are respected. While the bullying style is tolerated and, at times, even encouraged the quality of the workplace and of the commitment given by workers will not improve. Happy people work better than those who are unhappy and discontented. The huge increase in depression and in suicide cannot be ignored and the connections to bullying should not be denied.

We are approaching one of the main old Irish festivals, Samain in Irish and known as Hallowe'en in English. This was the most enigmatic of all our 4 festivals and associated with the Otherworld, death, rebirth and the landscape of Tara. This royal Co Meath site is mentioned often in association with this festival and with strange comings and goings to and from the Otherworld. This was the time of the year when it was believed that the dead could return or that the living could enter the netherworld. People were warned to avoid graveyards and in current folklore families laid a place for the recently deceased in case they wanted to return. This was the time when people dressed up to avoid being recognized and played pranks and tricks on their neighbours. It was also a time of divination when girls and boys might find the identity of their future partner or what was in store for them during the following year. The games played in fun now had a far more serious and prophetic meaning in the past. Hallowe'en was exported to America and has been imported back with the addition pumpkins and witches that were not part of the original Irish festival.

If you have an opinion on anything in the Editorial or anything at all indeed, do not hesitate to write a letter to the editor. Contact details on the cover of the paper. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

The Community Space has been very well used and now Foróige will be joining the other youth groups there as well. It was used during the Festival as well, a welcome addition to public space for such events. One of the main topics for discussion at the meeting were the results of the Tidy Towns competition and the IBAL competition (Irish Businesses against Litter) organized by An Taisce. There was an improvement of 2 points in the Tidy Towns and the group were congratulated on all the hard work that they carried out during the year. The issue of litter was discussed at length and some of the points that emerged from this: bins are not being emptied over the weekend and the birds are scattering the rubbish, Kildare/Wicklow are being promoted as a new tourism trail, there should be a means of knowing who exactly is responsible for what is done every week.

There was great disappointment about the judgment of IBAL about the littering of the town and it was felt that it was quite unfair. Despite the fact that the schools are promoting a non-litter project the litter seems to be worse than ever. IBAL should be asked not to include Maynooth in their judgment anymore. It was also noted that Abbeyshrule, winners of the Tidy Towns competition, had population of 200, the support of 2 councils and access to a FÁS project.

What emerged was that town needs an environmental plan, who does what and when, who is involved – the businesses, authority and the estates. It was agreed to devote the next meeting to this issue, and items or concerns to be sent to secretary or to the MCC office. The local councillors were thanked for looking after the town and it was stated that the town would probably be in a much worse state without the Community Council.

The Gaelcholáiste movement are pleased by the announcement that there will be Gaelcholáiste in Maynooth in 4 years. Preceding this there are two conditions: an Aonad will be established in the Post-Primary and that 70 students will register for this for all of the 4 years. There will be meetings and consultations soon.

The ambulance service is being curtailed, no service on Thursday 7am-7pm. Agreed to write to the HSE on this matter.

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Answer

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The reason for the change is that the EU has decided that all member states must stop broadcasting analogue television by the end of 2012 and so the analogue television service in Ireland will be switched off on 24 October 2012.

After Ireland goes digital on 24 October 2012 you can choose to watch free-to-air TV using a set-top box to convert your old TV or by getting a new TV (both must be Saorview-approved). Alternatively you can switch to a pay TV service provider.

Saorview is the free-to-air digital terrestrial television (DTT) service which will replace analogue television in Ireland. Saorview is the only place you will be able to watch the Irish TV channels (RTÉ1, RTÉ 2, TG4 and TV3) without paying a subscription. If you cannot receive Saorview, you can use Saorsat, a satellite service.

If you are currently using an aerial to get TV you will see a 'bug' on the bottom right corner of your TV screen which will be a permanent reminder. This 'bug' will remain on all analogue TV screens until 24 October or until those TV sets have been switched to the digital network.

You will still need a television licence for your analogue television set (whether it has a set-top box or not).

You can find more information about Saorview at saorview.ie and at goingdigital.ie. You can call a lo-call helpline on 1890 940 980 if you have questions about the switchover.

Registering to vote

Question

Last month, I returned to live in Ireland after living abroad for some years. How do I find out whether I am still registered to vote?

Answer

In order to vote in an election or referendum you must be registered to vote, that is, you must be listed on the Register of Electors held by the local authority where you live.

You can check if you are listed on the Register of Electors at checktheregister.ie. You can also inspect the Register in local authority offices, post offices, Garda stations and public libraries.

A new draft Register is compiled each year and is published on 1 November.

If you are not on the Register and you wish to be included on it you must fill in form RFA. If you need to correct or change your entry in the draft Register you

must fill in form RFA1. You can do this up to 25 November each year.

The updated Register is published in February each year. If your name is not on the Register of Electors in February, you may still make an application to be included in a supplement to the Register on form RFA2

You can make this application at any time, but in order to be included in the supplement used at an election, your application must be received by your local authority at least 15 days before polling day. (Sundays, public holidays and Good Friday are not counted as days for this purpose.)

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Transferring from State Pension (Transition)

Question

I turned 65 in June 2012. I am getting a reduced State Pension (Transition) since my yearly average of PRSI contributions was less than 948. I heard the rates for State Pension (Contributory) were changed in September. Will my pension be reduced when I turn 66?

Answer

No, it will not be reduced. People getting a State Pension (Transition) are automatically paid State Pension (Contributory) from age 66 and there is no need to re-apply. If you qualified for a State Pension (Transition) before 1 September 2012 you will stay on the same rate when you transfer to a State Pension (Contributory) when you turn 66. For example, if you qualified for a State Pension (Transition) before 1 September 2012 and your yearly average contributions were 24 you get a pension of €225.80 weekly. When you turn 66 you transfer to the State Pension (Contributory) and your payment will stay the same. However a new applicant (after 1 September 2012) for a State Pension (Contributory) with the same yearly average contributions would qualify for a pension of €196.00.

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ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP MAYNOOTH (RCAGM)

Mini - Canal Festival September 2012.

This mini-festival centred around the Group having possession of the Parent Group Passenger Barge. This Barge had been built in the 1890's and was used as a Transport Barge. It was rescued from its resting place at the bottom of the Royal Canal and restored and converted to an Amenity/Passenger Barge under a FAS Training Scheme at Killucan, Co. Westmeath. The Barge had earlier been in use at the Phiz Festival in Phibsborough Dublin.

Joan Burton, Minister for Social Protection made an official visit to the Community Employment Scheme at Maynooth Harbour on Tuesday 10th September, and was very complimentary about the scheme.

On the following Thursday Night the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Canal Amenity Group Limited was held on the Barge with 32 members in attendance principally from Counties Longford, Westmeath, Kildare, Meath and Dublin. Matt Kennedy, Chairman of the Maynooth Branch, was Elected, unopposed, as Chairman of the Parent Limited Company.

On the following Saturday, 15th September, the Maynooth Group sailed the Barge to Kilcock and back. This was a free cruise open to all members of the public. The Chairperson of Kilcock Business Association discussed joint Festival ideas during its stopover in Kilcock. We were reminded that it was the FAS Scheme operated by the Maynooth Royal Canal Group, which restored the Harbour area in Kilcock with Philip McDermott as Supervisor.

To conclude the mini Canal Festival on Sunday 16th September, members of the Shamrock Car Club attended with their Classic Cars at the Harbour, which Kildare Animal Foundation held a very successful Fun Dog Show; in addition the Downes Family from Kilcock brought a number of Kayaks to the Harbour, where a number of young people had their first experience in Kayaking. Group members Gerry Fitzpatrick and Philip McDermott with supporter, Christy Dempsey, played live music on the Barge for the afternoon.

In April and July 2013 there will be two important Boat Rallies which will make stopovers at Maynooth.

Tom Flatley retired as Supervisor of the Maynooth Environmental Groups Community Employment Scheme on Friday 7th September 2012. Tom was very well known to members of the public who walk through the Canal area and had spent 20 years working on the Canal Restoration Projects within Maynooth and in the Kilcock and Leixlip areas. Tom's technical and management skills are evident whenever one visits the Harbour area or walks on the banks.

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We are delighted that the Minister for Education and Skills, Mr. Ruairí Quinn T.D., has announced his decision to establish a Gael-Choláiste in Maynooth in 2016. The Minister's Department have instructed that the following conditions must be adhered to in the interim period. That an Aonad be established in consultation with An Foras Pátrúnachta. Should up to 70 students enrol in the Aonad, each year over a four year period, the Department will establish Gael-Choláiste Mhaigh Nuad.

We are disappointed because we have been attempting for years to establish a Gael-Choláiste in Maynooth and not an Aonad. The application for the Gael-Choláiste under the patronage of An Foras Pátrúnachta, 580 was equally as strong as the Vocational Education Committee's application 640. We are still receiving additional applications for places in the Gael-Choláiste. An Foras Pátrúnachta, as Patrons made the application on our behalf and the level of support received is a clear endorsement of our communities choice for Gael-Choláiste Mhaigh Nuad.

We have requested An Foras Pátrúnachta to seek clear guidelines from the Department of Education and Skills on how to implement the Ministers decision and to begin the process by which Gael-Choláiste Mhaigh Nuad will be established in 2016.

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(Continued from page 1)

16th September and was organised by the Maynooth Harvest Festival Committee under the auspices of the Maynooth Community Council. There was an online photographic exhibition of images of people, places and events in old Maynooth in the Community Library from the beginning of the week. This exhibition changed over to Tesco's TV section where was shown on all screens on Saturday and Sunday.

The committee members included Tom McMullon, Adrienne Flynn, Andrew McMullon, Susan Durack, Hilda Dunne, Bernie Kane, Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin and Eddie Tobin.

The U3A ladies choir accompanied by Cairdeas Music Group gave a great and hearty performance in the Maynooth Community Library prior to the opening and we were delighted to see them at the launch.

There was a visit to the Russell Library, St. Patrick's College on Friday which was taken up by a number of people. Such was the interest in the library and the Pugin exhibition that a couple of hours was spent there. Thanks to the Russell Library for taking part in the festival.

There was a huge turn out for the children's quiz in the Maynooth Boys' School. Well done to the winners and to all who took part. The community quiz in Caulfields saw a modest number of tables but that did not detract from the fun. There was an exciting tie in the end which saw the ladies from Moyglare Abbey emerge as winners.

On Saturday, the Square and Main Street was the main focal point of the festival where farmers' market, cakes and bakes, art exhibits, local businesses and organisations set up stalls and information points.

The Jazz Freaks provided a lively and fun opening to the festival on the Saturday at 12.30pm and bands such as Sonny Blue and Ian Tighe provided music throughout the afternoon. The Maynooth Brass and Reed Band provided wonderful entertainment during the afternoon. Irish dancing was provided by Rita Doyle, Catherine Maher and the Tully Schools of Dancing. The evening concluded with the fabulous Route 66 who played into the night. Local pubs and restaurants provided their own music entertainment and offers respectively.

Carton Retail Park activities were organised by Bernie Kane of Tesco and included the involvement of all of the smaller Maynooth businesses in the park. There was a family dog show which drew a large crowd and provided great entertainment. There was music and singing in the Pound from local traditional musicians, Push for Porter, an art exhibition from the Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group in the Community Space. Manor Mills provided a great family fun day. Our thanks to Grainne. An epic DJ event and live music by She's A Beauty which went on from 3pm to 9pm for younger members of the community was organised by Pat Farrell and took place in the Pound Park.

The Castle saw entertainment in the form of music, song, and readings from members of the Maynooth History Society, Maynooth Musical Society and the newly formed Comhaltas Ceolteoirí Eireann Maynooth branch. Barry Smith enthralled the crowd with his singing. There was readings from Peter Curran, Peter Nevin, Colm Ó Cearúil and Shauna Gilligan who read from her first novel. St. Mary's Church of Ireland Church opened its doors and saw about 60 visitors through its door. Duo Nancy Roe and her father Liam gave beautiful violin renditions.

Sunday was a quieter but a no less enjoyable day. Our thanks to Fr. Rigney for announcing the Sunday festival programme. The Maynooth Gospel Choir gave a lively and energetic performance in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

There was the Maynooth Local History Group's talk and walk of old Maynooth. Led by Rita Edwards, this event attracted a large crowd (approximately 60 people) and was a fascinating way to envisage what Maynooth was like in the past. Rita brought it alive. We were guided through from the Castle, St. Mary's Church of Ireland, the Dukes Harbour, the Charter School, Garda Station, the Pound and the cottages on the Back Lane. The talk and walk ended with a visit to the Nuns' Graveyard at the Presentation Convent where Hilda Dunne gave a very informative and moving talk on the graveyard and the some of the nuns there including her own aunt Philomena Mooney.

The Maynooth GAA provided some sporting fun for our young people with an underage hurling match. Later that evening there was a poetry reading in the

Glenroyal. There was a big turnout for a bat walk. Forty five people came for the walk which was organised by Anna Collins and Pat Bell of Bat Watch Ireland. This was a most interesting and informative walk. Some bats were spotted and a lot of information was provided as well as specimens which had adults and children enthralled. The children especially had lots of questions for Anna.

As we have said this is a building block to next year's festival and from our own observations and feedback we already have some ideas on where to improve and what might be added.

We would like to express our thanks to all those who took part to make it a great success – local businesses, local community groups and organisations, all those who gave wonderful Spot Prizes and we had many! Thank you to those who expressed a wish to get involved next year.

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L-R Colm O'Cearúil and Des Galvin
At the Festival Launch



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Winners at the Woofs Dog Show



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The youngest member of Maynooth Fire Brigade

Maynooth Harvest Festival in Pictures



Traditional Irish Dancing from Rita Doyle School of Dance, Catherine Maher School of Dance and Tully School of Dance



Stall on the Square



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Maynooth Harvest Festival in Pictures



Tony Savino singer Barry Smith,



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Maynooth Harvest Festival in Pictures



The organ in St. Mary's Church of Ireland, which was open to visitors



Liam and Rose Roe performing in St. Mary's Church of Ireland



The group waiting to start the History of Maynooth Walk on Sunday afternoon



The new Maynooth Comhaltas Group



Maynooth Gospel Choir, who performed in St. Mary's Church on Sunday afternoon



SpongeBob and Friend in the Square



Local lads enjoying the day



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Harrington was delighted, and wasted no time in sending a text message saying: "Well done to all the team. I'm delighted for them".

NUI Maynooth's success came with surprising ease against a fancied Banbridge team.



Professor Philip Nolan Addresses Graduates

Call for Graduates "to build a society we can be proud to live in"

Over 1,900 Students Conferred at NUI Maynooth's Graduation Ceremonies Prof Philip Nolan, President, NUI Maynooth, has called on graduates of the University to put the gifts that their lives and education has given to "the task of building a society we can be proud to live in".

Speaking at graduation ceremonies in NUI Maynooth, the President urged graduates to use their education to "make sense of and understand the world...to question, to argue, to think creatively and to imagine new things...to speak out when you see something wrong or a better way of being and doing."

Professor Nolan was speaking at this year's graduation ceremonies, which saw a record 1,900 students graduate from the University over three days. Included this year for the first time were graduates from two new BSc programmes: BSc Multimedia and BSc Science Education and a new Bachelor of Business Administration degree (Business and Management).

Among the graduating classes were the first graduates of the Higher Diploma in Primary Education at NUI Maynooth. This is the first year that students from the Froebel College of Education have been conferred with the NUI Maynooth Higher Diploma in Primary



Professor Nolan with Leixlip girls
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Maynooth Labour News

Pay Parking in Maynooth.

A special meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee will be held on 4th October to reach agreement on the Pay Parking Scheme for Maynooth. Consultants employed by the NTA will also brief the members at the "In Camera" meeting.

Cllr. McGinley Asks for the Large Signs on Celbridge Road to be Removed

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

"That the two large directional signs at the Barrogstown Road Junction with the Maynooth/Celbridge Road be removed as they serve no purpose and they are an eyesore."

John got the following reply at the Area Meeting on 21st September:

"The area office would contend that these two directional signs for Celbridge and Maynooth are important for advising motorists, who are not familiar with the area, of the direction for these towns. The hedge needs to be cut back at this location and this will be attended to as soon as possible."

Cllr. McGinley disagreed completely with the reply and he was supported by the other Councillors.

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Improvements at the Glenroyal/Straffan Road Junction:

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

"That a left filter light be put in place at the exit from The Glenroyal complex, Maynooth, to activate when the right filter light comes on, in order to help reduce tailbacks into The Glenroyal."

John got the following nonsensical reply at the Area Meeting on 21st September:

"As the committee is aware, the traffic signals in Maynooth operate under Urban Traffic Control (UTC). The signals are linked and the priority for traffic movements is along the main public roads. Additional green time for side roads is accommodated automatically when traffic demand is low on the main roads. The suggestion that traffic should exit the side road when the main road is on a green light is not recommended at this location. To do so would affect the UTC capacity to programme the signals efficiently. It is recognised that such a solution can improve traffic flows at junctions with specific geometry. However, the linking of the two turning movements in this case will constrain the operation of the signals and, therefore, reduce capacity at the junction."

Cllr. McGinley asked that the Council Engineers reconsider his motion as the reply makes no sense.

Cllr. McGinley Again Demands Action on the Gully at Leinster Street

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

"What progress has been made on getting the deep gully at the perimeter of Leinster Street, Maynooth, made safe and not a litter magnet?"

John got the following reply at the Area Meeting on 21st September:

"This matter is receiving consideration. It was referred to the Planning Department previously – there is no further report from the roads department. There are compliance issues which are being investigated by the planning department and the members will be kept informed."

Cllr. McGinley stated that it was extraordinary that after nine months the Planning Department were still not able to answer the simple question that he asked i.e. Was the developer of the new car park conditioned by Planning to

leave an open gully?

John added that it was not as if the Planning Department was overburdened with work.

Cllr McGinley Queries IBAL's Decision Making:

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

"Is it the council or the Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) that decides on what towns to include in the IBAL judging?"

John got the following reply at the Area Meeting on 21st September:

"It is IBAL who decides on the towns to be monitored in the Anti-Litter League. Towns with a population in excess of 6000 are eligible for inclusion in the competition. It involves An Taisce regularly monitoring litter levels in towns and cities across Ireland according to international standards."

Cllr. McGinley stated that it was very demoralising for Tidy Towns Committees when they got poor markings from IBAL. It is as if all of their hard work was for nothing.

The Councils Director of Services agreed with John and he stated that IBAL's judging was very subjective and not as robust as the Tidy Towns Judging. The Director stated that if Maynooth Tidy Towns wanted to remove the town from IBAL's judging they should advise IBAL.

Cllr McGinley Asks that the "Trench" on the Straffan Road Opposite the Glenroyal be Repaired:

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

"That the public light cable trench across the Straffan Road to the bus terminus, opposite the Glenroyal Hotel, be reinstated before it causes an accident."

John got the following reply at the Area Meeting on 21st September:

"This item is on a list for attention when manpower is available."

Cllr. McGinley Again Asks for the Completion of the new "High Road" at Old Greenfield.

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

"What progress has been made on getting the new road at Old Greenfield, Maynooth, completed?"

John got the following reply at the Area Meeting on 21st September:

"It is presumed that Councillor McGinley is referring to the road constructed by High Degree Construction / Mason Homes as part of their private housing development. The roads and transport department is not in a position to give any further update on this matter. When contact was last made with the developer, in October 2011, the developer stated that he was not in a position to complete the road either at that time or in the foreseeable future."

Cllr. McGinley stated that children and teenagers are entering the site and behaving in an anti-social manner. John asked that the Council write to the developer asking him to make the site secure.

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Repairs to the Cycle Path from Kingsbry to Old Greenfield

John was given the following update to his motion at the Area Meeting on 21st September

"The council has commissioned a review of the North-South Transportation Corridor in Maynooth (Moyglare Road, Mill Street, Leinster Street and Straffan Road). The recommendations made in this report will be brought forward for a decision by the National Transport Authority regarding the funding of works in 2013. As the report will make recommendations on changes to

pedestrian and cycling infrastructure it is prudent to await the findings in advance of any remedial works."

John stated that as the cycle path was unsafe repairs should be carried out now.

John was given the same reply to his motion on repainting the cycle lanes on Mill Street and Main Street.

Vehicular Access to Laraghbryan Cemetery

Cllr. McGinley was given the following reply to his motion at the Area Meeting on 21st September:

"The proposal to provide parking facilities on the Kilcock Road was assessed by our roads design staff. Roads design section do not recommend any provision of parking from a safety perspective. Existing parking arrangements fully conform with road design standards."

John and other Councillors disagreed with the reply and the Officials were asked to re-consider the suggestion. John again asked if vehicular access was being denied at all times.

Referendum will enshrine child protection in the Constitution- Stagg

Labour T.D. for Kildare North Emmet Stagg has said the referendum on children's rights is a progressive step which will enshrine the protection of children in the Constitution.

Deputy Stagg said the passing of the referendum will have a profound impact on the way children are treated in this country - by the state, by our legal profession and by all who work with children.

"This referendum will copper fasten the protection of children in the Constitution. It will ensure we all take a child-centred approach, by making children the focus of every decision that is taken about their welfare. It will mean that when decisions are taken affecting them, their rights would have to be taken into account."

"The wording of the referendum says that the State recognises and affirms the natural and imprescriptible rights all children and will protect and vindicate those rights. It also crucially states that the views of children will be taken into account in legal proceedings. Putting children's rights specifically into the constitution will mean that in those rare enough cases where children are being abused or neglected within their families, the state can step in more quickly to protect them."

"Childhood is a precious time. Children must be protected and their rights promoted to ensure that they are consistently treated with the respect and dignity they deserve. We have a plethora of reports highlighting the neglect, abuse and exploitation that happens when children's voices are silenced and their best interests ignored."

"Successive Governments have made promises to strengthen children's rights in the Constitution. This issue was first raised in the Oireachtas by former Senator, and later President, Mary Robinson over thirty years ago during the 1976 debate on the powers of the Adoption Board. With this in mind, I heartily welcome both the publication of the wording and the setting of the date for this crucial referendum."

"The decision to hold the referendum on a Saturday is extremely pleasing as it will facilitate the likes of students and people who have busy work schedules during the week. Hopefully it will lead to a large turnout on the day which will ultimately give the result greater legitimacy. I look forward to engaging in the upcoming debate and will be campaigning for a yes vote so that the rights of Irish children can be strengthened in our Constitution."

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Many congratulations to all the children who participated in a very successful year in Community Games. We had outstanding success in many areas both individual and team events.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Art, Handwriting, Gymnastics, Athletics and Swimming with some children going to the All Ireland Finals

TEAM EVENTS

Table Quiz 4th in Kildare
Boys U10 Gaelic beaten in Leinster final
Chess semi final in Kildare
Soccer Girls U15 beaten in Leinster final
Gaelic Girls U 12 beaten in Kildare final (after extra time)
Camogie Girls U 14 beaten in Kildare final (aet)

Soccer Girls U 12 beaten in Kildare final (aet)
Tag Rugby Boys lost in first round
Soccer Boys U 12 highlight of the year came 4th in the ALL IRELAND FINAL after winning the Kildare Final with 9 men.

As you can see lots of children were involved this year in MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES and it would not have been possible without our fantastic coaches and parents who helped during the year.

WELL DONE BOYS AND GIRLS.

Looking forward to 2013 already, if anyone is interested in getting involved with your children for any of the above events or new ones (check website www.communitygames.ie.) please contact

Meave Millett 085 7250110 or
Margaret Houlihan 087 2054854



Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth loses "Clean to European Norms" designation in latest IBAL League results

There was much disappointment when the latest IBAL Litter League results came out where Maynooth was one of two towns to lose this designation and slipping down the table with a designation of "Moderately Littered". While IBAL is not a judgement on the work of Tidy Towns groups it is nonetheless disappointing considering the work done by Maynooth Tidy Towns' volunteers throughout the summer. The comments from the IBAL Judge sums up the significance of the result "Very disappointing result for an important university town. Maynooth was one of only two towns to lose its Clean to European Norm's status. There was a total of three Grade A sites – Maynooth College, St. Mary's Boys Secondary School and Tesco. Unlike other towns it is largely the areas being cleaned by the local authorities which are scoring badly e.g. approach roads, Main Street and park. Maynooth, part of our national heritage, with so many young people probably needs more cleaning than a town of a similar size". Maynooth Tidy Towns has called for a new comprehensive Litter Management Plan to be finally put in place for the town so that we can get back the designation of Clean to European Norms.

Maynooth Gains two marks in the National Tidy Towns Competition 2012

There is always a danger that a town can drop marks so any increase is welcome. Maynooth scored 281 marks out of a potential score of 400 marks. Incidentally, the national winner Abbeyshrule, Co. Longford scored 312 marks so we are doing relatively well and when compared against other towns in the area we are performing very well. The competition rates each entrant under ten headings and Maynooth held our 2011 score in all ten but increased in two for 2012. The two additional marks were gained for "Litter Control" and "Overall Development Approach". The latter is particularly pleasing as we rank as one of the highest in the competition for the quality of our application. Some disappointment that the judge commented so favourably on our Flagship Project (the Island in the Harbour) but did not award any additional marks for Wildlife. The full report will be published in the November newsletter as there was no space this month.

Maynooth Tidy Towns Volunteer Night 2012

We made an appeal for volunteers earlier in the year and we got a great response. To thank all our volunteers we are holding an evening in the Glenroyal Hotel in October to acknowledge the support that we received this year.

Dublin Bus Honours Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth Tidy Towns was among a number of community groups that were honoured by Dublin Bus in September. Maynooth Tidy Towns received the "Dublin Bus Community Spirit Award" in recognition and support of its work in the local community. The award came with a financial donation of €1,000 which was much appreciated.

Paul Croghan
Vice-Chairperson
Maynooth Tidy Towns



Calling all past and current members of Maynooth Guild ICA. This November this guild will celebrate 60 years in Maynooth. A special Service for deceased members will be held at the Guild Meeting on 1st November. All past members are invited to come along on that night. Meeting starts at 8 o'clock.

The October meeting takes place Thursday October 4th at 8 o'clock as usual. The annual "Auction" takes place at this meeting. The money raised will go towards part-scholarship to An Grianan so don't forget to bring along something.

The "shoebox collection for Team Hope" will also be collected at the November meeting. These boxes may be filled with suitable gifts for children between age 5-15 years and will be sent to less well off children in many countries.

The Guild competition for October is "a handmade Halloween Card".

Winners of September Competition: 1st Mary McNamara, 2nd Catherine O'Reilly & Rosemary Hanley, 3rd Mary Dunne.

New members always welcome.

Rosemary Hanley PRO

MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS

By the time you have read this article our Senior Citizens will have returned from their week in Kerdiffstown and I have no doubt that they will have enjoyed their stay as much as in previous years. Our morning club will have re-opened and so we will be right back in the swing of things. Don't forget that all Senior Citizens in the Maynooth/Lady chapel area are welcome to all our activities. Our club is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30am-12.30pm in the I.C.A. Hall and our monthly Tea-Dances are held in the G.A.A. Club on the Moyglare Road. There is transport to all events if you should need it.

Our next event will be our Halloween Tea-Dance on 21st October and the Tony Smith Memorial walk will also take place on that afternoon, courtesy of the Labour Party.

Our Annual Sale of Work will take place this year on November 18th in the Aula Maxima in Maynooth College, so now would be a good time to start your Christmas clear out. Remember what is one person's trash could be another's treasure.

Our next two dates are December 5th for our shopping in Supervalu and December 9th when our Annual dinner will take place in the Glenroyal Hotel.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the I.C.A. the G.A.A., The Labour Party, Maynooth College, Supervalu, Thorntons, Bartons, all the business people and of course the community in general. Without your support our work would be very difficult indeed.

Now that's 2012 done and dusted
What a depressing thought.

Josephine Moore,
Chairperson

Susan Webster

Susan Webster is the solicitor on Clem Ryan's Kildare Today show on KFM. She has an honours law degree from Trinity College Dublin and on graduation took the Barrister-at-Law degree course at the Honourable Society of King's Inns, being called to the Bar in June 2006. Susan has recently set up Susan Webster & Company, Solicitors, on Main Street, Maynooth, a small general practice specialising in family law.

Where are you from?

I'm from Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, and now live in Straffan.

Did you always want to be a lawyer?

I have always been very inquisitive, I love reading and I always took part in public speaking and debating in school, so I think it was natural for me to want to study law and to advocate for people. When I was four my father said to me, "You're going to be a lawyer". I didn't even know what that meant, but maybe it stuck in my head!

You have worked as both a barrister and solicitor. How did that come about?

I was always drawn to the bar and that's the route I took after Trinity, however I saw that I would have more interaction with clients as a solicitor. Now I get to meet clients and also advocate in court for them, so I have the best of both worlds.

What drew you to family law?

I actually specialised in Environmental and Planning Law and Employment Law in Kings Inns. However, once I began practising I began with family law, had a number of repeat clients and eventually built up a reputation and a practice in that area. I get great satisfaction in knowing that I have assisted people, particularly elderly or vulnerable people, in resolving a matter that may be very sensitive and stressful for them.

What do you enjoy about the law slot on Clem's show?

I believe that everyone, whatever their means, should be aware of their legal rights and obligations and should be able to access information. People feel nervous about going to a solicitor and that's why I love doing Clem's show. I can reach listeners from all walks of life and help them understand aspects of the law that may be affecting them.

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HAMILTON WALK 2012

On Tuesday 16 October 2012, the staff and students of the Department of Mathematics at NUI Maynooth and members of the general public will take to the banks of the Royal Canal to mark a famous day in the history of science and mathematics. On this day in 1843, William Rowan Hamilton, one of the world's most outstanding mathematicians ever, created the quaternions in a flash of inspiration while walking along the banks of the Royal Canal in Dublin. Anyone interested in participating in the walk is welcome to come along. The walk will be part of the 7th annual Maths Week Ireland. The aim of Maths Week Ireland is to promote the understanding, awareness and appreciation of Maths. Check <<http://www.mathsweek.ie/>> www.mathsweek.ie for a schedule of events for Maths Week 2012.

Each year the Mathematics Department at NUI Maynooth commemorates the event by retracing Hamilton's steps. The walk begins at Dunsink Observatory and heads south to meet the Royal Canal before going east along the canal to end up at Broombridge train station in Cabra, where a plaque marks the area where Hamilton scratched his formulas for the quaternions on the bridge. The walk is about three miles long and passes through some pleasant countryside.

A quaternion is a certain type of four-dimensional number and was a totally new concept in mathematics. Quaternions played an important role in some major breakthroughs in science. For example, they were fundamental in Maxwell's formulation of his theory of electromagnetic waves in 1864. This theory ultimately led to the invention of the first wireless telegraph by Marconi in 1895 and then radio, television and radar all followed. Also, vector analysis, which is indispensable in modern physics, is an offspring of quaternions.

Quaternions are now also important in computer graphics, designing computer games and special effects in movies. For example, quaternions were used to create the famous character, Lara Croft, in the computer game Tomb Raider and also some of the special effects in the movie, The Matrix Reloaded.

Hamilton has been called the 'Liberator of Algebra' because his quaternions shattered the previously accepted convention that a useful algebraic number system should satisfy the rules of ordinary numbers in arithmetic. The mathematical world was shocked by his audacity in creating a system of 'numbers' that did not satisfy the usual 'commutative rule' of multiplication (this is the rule which says that it does not matter in which order you multiply two ordinary numbers, i.e. two times three equals three times two. The quaternions do not satisfy this rule). Hamilton's quaternions opened up a whole new mathematical landscape in which mathematicians were now free to conceive new algebraic number systems that were not shackled by the rules of ordinary numbers. Thus, one can say that modern algebra was born on 16 October 1843, on the banks of the Royal Canal in Dublin.

William Rowan Hamilton (1805-1865) is Ireland's greatest mathematician. He was born in Dominick St. in Dublin and spent his youth on the banks of the River Boyne in Trim, Co. Meath. Hamilton was appointed Professor in 1827 while still an undergraduate at Trinity College, and lived at Dunsink Observatory for the rest of his life.

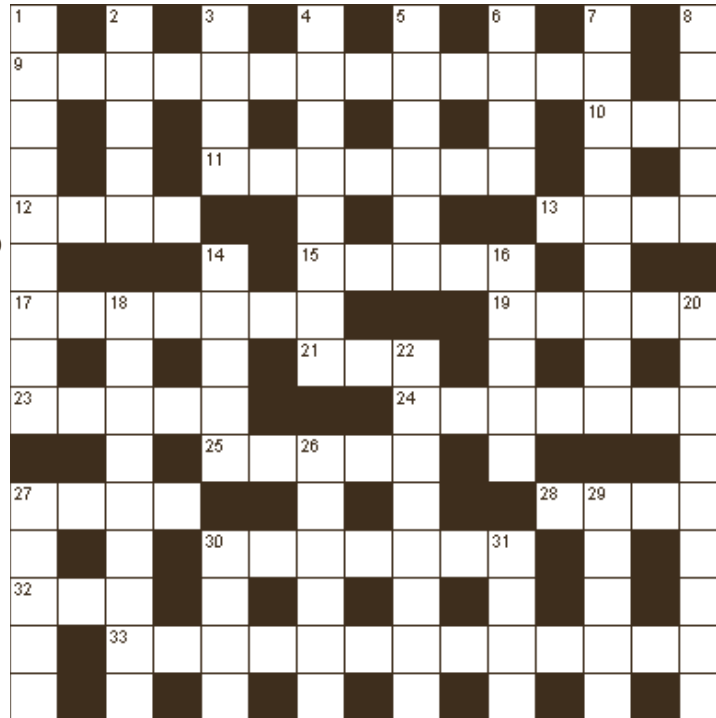
All are welcome to participate in the walk. Contact Dr Fiacre Ó Cairbre in the Department of Mathematics at NUI Maynooth (Tel: 01-708 3763 or <<mailto:fiacre.ocairbre@maths.nuim.ie>> to book a place on the walk.

Clues Across

9. Not proper (13)
 10. Weep (3)
 11. Necessary (7)
 12. Underground part of a plant (4)
 13. Agitate (4)
 15. Monetary unit of Saudi Arabia (5)
 17. Corridor (7)
 19. Accustom (5)
 21. Finish first (3)
 23. Long (5)
 24. Against (7)
 25. Chaff (5)
 27. Membership fees (4)
 28. Goad (4)
 30. Capital of Iraq (7)
 32. Contend (3)
 33. Prekindergarten (7,6)



October 2012 Crossword - No: 407



Clues Down

1. Written history of a person's life (9)
 2. Courtyard (5)
 3. Duration (4)
 4. Beer made at home (4-4)
 5. Cunning (6)
 6. Metal fastener (4)
 7. Pruning shears (9)
 8. Aviator (5)
 14. Threads (5)
 16. Speaks with impediment (5)
 18. Something stated (9)
 20. Tolerable (9)
 22. These days (8)
 26. Tattered (6)
 27. Sofa (5)
 29. Hinge (5)
 30. Obstructs (4)
 31. Wharf (4)

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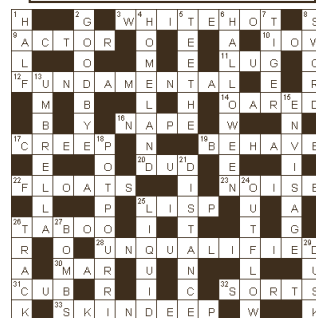
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Answers to Crossword 406

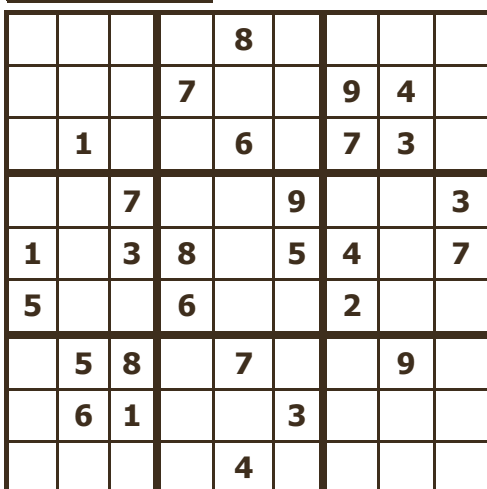


Winner of Crossword No. 406 September

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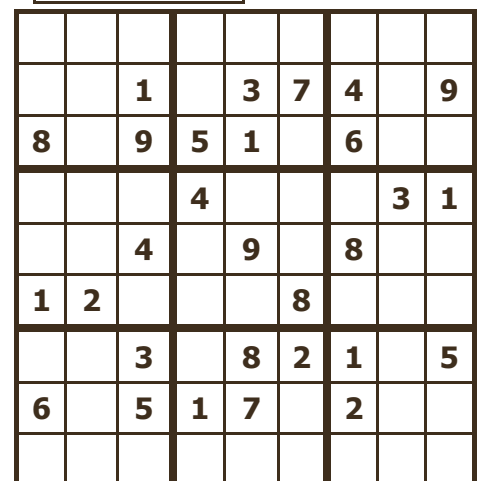


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Children's Rights Referendum wording is 'strong, specific and child-centred' -Murphy

Deputy Catherine Murphy today commended Minister Frances Fitzgerald for her work in bringing about the anticipated Children's Rights Referendum.

Following a briefing with Minister Fitzgerald this morning in which the detail of the referendum proposal was discussed and after initial consideration of the wording, Deputy Murphy has said she is very happy to support this Referendum.

"Minister Fitzgerald has clearly given extensive thought, time and commitment to producing this vital document and I think the wording is a positive move towards finally defining the rights of Ireland's children.

Water infrastructure needs to be resolved before anyone is charged for water, flat rate or metered.

Catherine Murphy, Independent TD for Kildare North,

today blasted the haphazard and hasty way in which the charge is due to be implemented.

Irish Water, the subsidiary of Bord Gáis charged with managing the water charge system, have admitted that the metering process will not begin until 2015 at the earliest, and therefore a flat rate will most likely be applied in light of Minister for the Environment Phil Hogan's comments that water charges will start in 2014.

Deputy Murphy insisted that water charges cannot be implemented unless investment in infrastructure is carried out first.

"42% of our water supply is leaking from the system. We have a leakage rate worse than most developing countries so to ask people to pay for water without first investing in the infrastructure is preposterous."

Car Boot Sale

Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club will be running a Car Boot Sale on Bank Holiday Mondays starting Mon 29 October, 2012 10.00 to 14.00 in the Boys National School Car Park in Maynooth.

Monies raised will go to specific projects in the Maynooth Kilcock area.

Details will be posted on the Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club website Calendar: <http://www.maynoothkilcocklionsclub.org/calendar-news-maynooth-kilcock-lions.html>



Irish Rugby Team back at Carton House for Training.

Welcome back to the boys in green for a two day training camp. They will be taking part in the Guinness Series in November at the Aviva, where they will play South Africa, Fiji, and Argentina. Below in the picture is Brian O' Driscoll, Paul O'Connell and Jonathan Sexton who launched the Series. As they have said many times before, they always enjoy their stay in Maynooth and look forward to meeting their fans from the area. We wish them well in their upcoming games.



Maynooth Band Bulletin

Firstly, the Committee and members of St. Mary's Band would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who supported their recent flag collection. As always, the people of Maynooth and the surrounding areas have been exceptionally generous in their support of the Band which thankfully is going exceptionally well at this point in time. We are currently in the process of applying for a grant to part fund the cost of a new uniform to replace the temporary one we have at the moment and the result of this collection will go a long way towards the balance of the cost should our grant application be successful.

The Band are particularly busy at this time of the year with a recital in the Square on the 15th September and at a huge fundraiser for the Simon Community in the Phoenix Park on Saturday 6th October. On Sunday 4th November at the 12.45 Mass we have our Annual Mass for Deceased Members to which relatives and friends of those members who have passed on are warmly welcomed. This year we will be remembering in particular our late Hon. Secretary John Curran who we lost earlier this year. This Mass, apart from its special significance to the Band, allows us an opportunity to perform some very different and beautiful music which is suited to the occasion and is always very warmly received by the congregation.

On the following Friday night the Band are organising a Big Band Fundraising Night in the Glenroyal Hotel at 9.30pm. The music will be provided by the Route 66 Big Band who were a huge success in the Square for the recent Harvest Festival where they had the audience "Dancing in the Street". Tickets are only €10 and they can be had from Catherine Heslin at 087 9008554 and they are also available from Maynooth Office Supplies on the Dublin Road between 9am and 5.30 from Monday to Friday. This promises to be a great night's dancing to this fabulous big band so get there early.

Finally the Band is always on the lookout for musicians who live in Maynooth and the surrounding areas and we have already recruited new members from Germany, Belgium and the United States and on a national level from Drogheda. Rehearsals take place in the Bandhall on Pound Lane at the back of the Main Street every Monday night, excluding Bank Holidays, from 7.45 to 9.15 and you will be made very welcome. As far as beginners are concerned the band hopes to commence new music classes in the New Year so if you want to be included in the waiting list please email all your relevant details including music ability, if any) to maynoothbandclasses@gmail.com and we will be in contact with you early in January. The minimum age is 8 years and there is no upper age limit. A sizeable number in the current Band have come in through this manner and are now very accomplished musician. We would particularly welcome students from the local schools who may already have some music experience.

Maynooth Youth Café

Pool, Music, X Box,
Tea, Coffee, Snacks
Every Thursday
Community Space
Manor Mills

7.00-8.15pm (2nd and 3rd Years)
8.30-10.00pm (TY, 5th, 6th Years)

Compert Mongáin ocus serc Duibe-Lacha do Mongán (The conception of Mongán and the love of Dub Lacha for Mongán)

(A continuation of the longer version of Mongán’s life that follows him into his adult and complicated married life.)

5 Fiachna Finn gave the Caillech Dub her land; seven castles with lands and grounds with a hundred of every cow. Then the king returned to Ireland to find his wife heavily pregnant and she gave birth to a son when the time came. Fiachna Finn had a servant called An Dam and his wife gave birth to a son on the same night. The two boys were christened together; Fiachna’s son was called Mongán and An Dam’s son was called Mac An Dam (son of the Dam). There was another king ruling with Fiachna – Fiachna Dub son of Demmán and he relied heavily on his rule. On the same night, a daughter was born to him as well and she was given the name Dub Lacha Lámgel (Black Duck of the white hands) and she and Mongán were engaged to one another. When Mongán was 3 days old, Manannán came for him to rear him in Tír Tairngire (The Land of Promise). He promised that he would let him return to Ireland when he was 12 years old.

6 Fiachna Dub waited until he saw that Fiachna Finn had only a small army with him and then he went to his headquarters and burnt and destroyed it. He killed Fiachna Finn and forcibly took the kingship of Ulster. All the men of Ulster wanted Mongán to return from the Otherworld when he was 6 years old but Manannán refused to bring him back until he was 16. When Mongán returned to Ulster, they made peace. Fiachna Dub gave Mongán half of the Ulster kingdom and Dub Lacha as his wife.

7 One day when Mongán and his wife were playing fidchell they saw a dark-haired, little cleric standing at the door: ‘This silence of yours Mongán,’ said the cleric, ‘it is not fitting for the king of Ulster. You should avenge your father on Fiachna Dub even if Dub Lacha thinks that I should not tell you this. He only has a small company with him. Come with me now and we can burn his stronghold and kill him.’ ‘We do not know how this will turn out, cleric,’ said Mongán, ‘but we will go with you.’ And that is what happened, Fiachna Dub was killed. Mongán took the kingship of Ulster and the little cleric was Manannán the great and mighty.

8 The nobles of Ulster were gathered around Mongán and he said: ‘I want to go to receive hospitality from the provincial kings of Ireland so that I can have gold, silver and wealth to give away.’ ‘That is a good idea,’ they said. Mongán left and visited Leinster. The king at the time was Brandub son of Eochaid and he gave the king of Ulster a great welcome. They slept there and in the morning when Mongán woke up he saw the 50 white, red-eared cows with a white calf with each cow. As soon as he saw them he loved them. The king of Leinster noticed this and he said: ‘You love the cattle.’ ‘By my word,’ said Mongán, ‘apart from the kingdom of Ulster, I have never seen anything that I wanted as much as them.’ ‘By my word,’ said the king of Leinster, ‘but they are a match for Dub Lacha. She is the most beautiful woman in Ireland and they are the most beautiful cattle in Ireland. I would only give them away if we can make a friendship without refusal.’

9 They agreed this and they were each bound to the other. Mongán returned home and he brought the cattle with him. Dub Lacha asked: ‘What are these, the most beautiful cattle that I have ever seen? And how did you get

them?’ Mongán told her the story of how he got the cattle. They were not long there when they saw a crowd coming to this place. There he was, the king of Leinster. ‘What have you come for?’ asked Mongán. ‘By my word, if you are looking for the province of Ulster, then you will have it.’ ‘It is for Dub Lacha that I have come,’ said the king.

10 Mongán fell silent. ‘I have never heard,’ he said, ‘of a man giving away his wife.’ ‘You may not have heard of it,’ said Dub Lacha, ‘but give her away - honour lasts longer than life.’ Mongán was angry and he allowed the king of Leinster to take her with him. Dub Lacha called the king of Leinster to one side and said: ‘Do you realise that the men and one half of Ulster would fall for me, except that I have already given my love to you? By my word, I will not go with you unless you tell me with your own lips.’ ‘What do you want me to tell you?’ said the king of Leinster. ‘That you fulfil your word,’ she said. The king gave his word. ‘For a year then,’ said Dub Lacha, ‘I ask that we are not brought into the same house for one night. If, during the day, you come into the same house as me; do not sit with me in the same chair but sit in another chair. I am afraid of the great love that I have given you, that you might hate me and that I might not be acceptable to my husband. If we court each other for the next year – our love will not ebb.’

11 The king agreed with her conditions, he took her to his house and she was there for a while and Mongán suffered wasting sickness all the time. On the night that Mongán took Dub Lacha, Mac an Daim took her foster-sister who was her trusted servant. She had gone to Leinster with Dub Lacha. Mac an Dam came to Mongán and he said: ‘Things are going badly for you Mongán,’ he said, ‘and your journey to the Otherworld to Manannán’s wife was not good. You did not learn anything apart from eating food and foolishness. It is hard for me that my wife has been taken to Leinster and I have not made any friendship without refusal with the king of Leinster’s servant as you did with the king and you cannot follow your wife.’ ‘That is not worse to anyone than to me,’ said Mongán.

12 Mongán said to Mac an Daim: ‘Go to the cave of the door where we left the basket of coals, a sod from Ireland and a sod from Scotland and I will go with you on your back. The king of Leinster will ask his druids for news of me and they will say that I have one foot in Ireland and another in Scotland – while I am in that place I am not a danger to him.’

13 They went off in that way and that was at the time when the feast of Mag Liffey was held in Leinster. They came to Machaire Chill Chamáin in Leinster and saw the crowds there and the king of Leinster going by them to the feast. They recognized him. ‘That is said,’ said Mongán, ‘this is an evil journey that we have taken.’ Then they saw the cleric going past them, he was Tibraide the priest of Cell Chamáin and he had the four gospels in his hand. There were clerics with him and they were reading their offices. Mac an Dam was wondering what the clerics were saying and he kept asking Mongán: ‘What did he say?’ Mongán said it was reading and he asked Mac an Daim if he understood a little of it. ‘I do not understand,’ said Mac an Daim, ‘except that man at his back says “Amen, Amen”.’

14 Mongán made a huge river through the middle of the plain in front of Tibraide and then a large bridge across it. Tibraide wondered at this and then he began

to bless himself. ‘My father and my grandfather were born here,’ he said, ‘but I never saw a river here before. But if there is a river there it is just as well that there is a bridge across it.’ They went to the bridge and when they reached it middle, it fell under them. Mongán grabbed the gospel from Tibraide’s hand and sent them [clerics] down the river. He asked Mac an Daim if he should drown them. ‘Certainly, let be drown!’ said Mac an Daim. ‘We will not do that,’ said Mongán. We will let them a mile down the river until we have finished our work at the fortress.’

Notes (numbers refer to the paragraphs)
5 The word Dam usually means an ox, a stag and a cow.

Fiachna Dub was king of the Dál Fiatach, a tribe in Ulster c. 622

7 fidchell was a type of board game very like chess. Kings in these texts use the royal “we” as happens today.

8 Brandub died 605. Red-eared cows are usually associated with magical food and the Otherworld.

10 Mongán himself was conceived as a result of adultery and now he is being forced into what seems a similar situation. In another story that we will see later about Cú Chulainn in the Otherworld, Manannán’s wife cheats on him.

11 Love sickness/wasting sickness is found in other texts as well.

13 Feast of Mag Liffey, Machaire Chill Chamáin in Leinster.

14 Bridges of this type are found in other sagas as well.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin



A Wooden Gaming Board

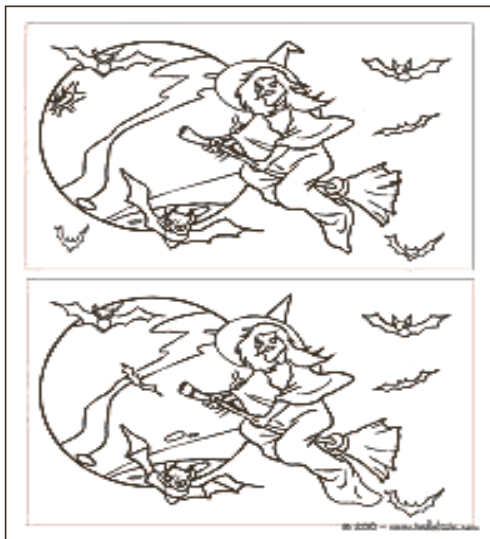
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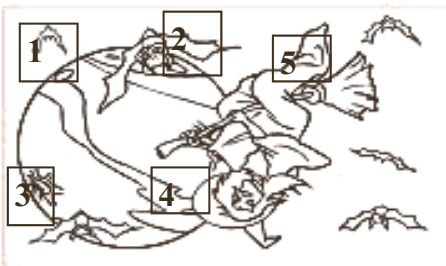
McDonalds Children's Colouring Competition



Spot The 5 Differences



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September Winners:

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Age: 6 - 7: Blathnaid Brennan, Rockfield Rise

Age: 8 & Over Paris Moodley, Rinawade Glade

Prizes for Colouring Competition can be collected at:
Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre.
Entries must arrive before: 23rd October 2012

September 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 Tuesday in Presentation Girl's School, 6.30-7.30pm for Children 7.30-8.30pm for Teens/Adults Fridays in St. Mary's Boys National School 6.30 p.m.—7.30 p.m. For details: Contact Stephen Doyle 087 6986491

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Thursdays 8 - 10pm
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Senior Citizens Club

Club opens on Tuesday and Thurs. 10.30am to 12.30pm in the I.C.A. Hall.
Halloween Tea-Dance will be held on the 21st October and the Tony Smith Memorial Walk will also take place that afternoon.
Josephine Moore,
Chairperson

History Group

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

Bridge Club

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

Irish Girl Guides

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

Parent & Toddler Group

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

Flower & Garden Club

Blooms Slide Show by Rosemary Smyth in the Glenroyal Hotel on Tuesday 16th October
All meetings to be held at 8.00pm on 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth (except where otherwise stated)
Exhibits should be staged by 7.45pm
Visitor Welcome
Maureen Fagan PRO

If you would like your event for November put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter

WALK TO CROKER 2012

MAYNOOTH GAA RAISE €10,000 AFTER WALKERS FOLLOW IN FAMOUS FOOTSTEPS

SUNDAY, 9 September, was a memorable day for the GAA but it was also a momentous occasion for Maynooth GAA on All-Ireland Hurling Final when the famous Kildare club completed its third annual Walk to Croke, raising close to €10,000 in the process.

After an early power breakfast at Twist cafe, thanks to head chef Niall Gillick, at 6.30am, the walkers – all 130 brave men and women – travelled to Croke by foot along the banks of the Royal Canal. With the wise words of local curate, Fr David Halpin, fresh in their minds after their 7am departure from the town square, the walkers retraced the steps of a famous group of Kildare men who followed the same route along the Royal Canal from Maynooth to Drumcondra to play their role in the 1916 Easter Rising.

The walkers travelled the 14-mile route in four hours arriving into Cross Guns Bridge for 11am, where they set off again at 11.45am for the final leg of the journey as far as Jones' Road. By then the rest of the pack had caught up with the fittest walkers in Ireland - Tom Fox, Dermot Canning, Brendan McGrath and Dan Casey, who had covered the stretch to Cross Guns in just under 3.5 hours. Proudly wearing the black and white colours of the Crom Abú club, the Maynooth walkers assembled outside the entrance to the Hogan Stand where they were met by legendary GAA commentator, Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh.

"I hope the next time ye walk in, Kildare are playing," said Michéal. His son Eamonn, a physiotherapist based in Maynooth, had provided the walkers with plenty of advice ahead of the walk at their information night the previous Thursday, and all told it was a huge community effort.

"It was a great day and a fantastic event," said Maynooth coach and Walk to Croke organiser, Pat Power. "There was a great atmosphere, especially when we were walking through the crowds around Croke Park."

Power, together with Kieran Duff, had spearheaded the organisation of this year's Walk, although they had huge support from their sponsors and supporters too.

Mark Nolan (Maynooth) and Conor O'Dwyer provided transport while Sean Donovan (Greenfield Shopping Centre, Maynooth), Mark Carroll (Spar, Sallins Road, Naas), John Condron, Dermot Nee (Superquinn) and SuperValu Maynooth kept the walkers fed and watered along the route. "We're already looking forward to next year," says Power, "the hurling final replay will come too soon for us to walk again!"

Brendan Coffey



OCTOBER GARDENING

Just because summer is over, it doesn't mean that you put the gardening tools away for the year. As every gardener knows there is always something to do.

There is still time to plant perennial seeds & bulbs such as spring flowering Tulips, Daffodils, Hyacinths etc even though the ground temperature has dropped significantly. Dahlia & Begonia tubers should be stored in a box of slightly moist peat moss. Gladiolus corms can be stored in a paper bag without additional packaging. You can still plant Winter Pansies, Ornamental Kale & Cabbage & Fall Mums.

You can keep your Asters & Chrysanthemums plants blooming for quite a while longer if you take precautions & give them some frost protection. Use old net curtains or an old bed sheet. Mulching keeps the ground warmer longer, allowing new growth to continue. Dig over empty beds & incorporate as much organic matter as possible to improve the structure of the soil.

Evergreen & deciduous trees & shrubs can still be moved as they will only suffer minimal shock. Keeping weeding for as long as possible as this reduces weeds next year. This is a perfect time for laying turf, make sure the soil is carefully prepared first. Clean & oil your garden tools for winter storage. This prevents them from getting rusty. Remove saucers from under container plants to prevent frost damage & water logging. Weed paths before winter - safer to walk on.

Cut back raspberry canes that have grown too long, to prevent damage caused by winter winds. Root crops such as Carrots, Onions & Parsnips can be left in the ground in cold climates. After you have finished harvesting your summer vegetables, plant a cover crop of Clovers, Cow Peas & Soy bean. Sow Winter Lettuces under doches. When the Strawberries have finished tidy up the bed, cut off the tops, remove dead leaves & rotting berries. Plant Lilies in pot now to flower in May & June inside or July & August outside.

Deadhead Roses to continue blooming. Climbing Roses should be pruned now if not done last month. Check tree ties & stakes before winter gales cause damage. Spray or dust roses to discourage mildew. Plants & trees that provide great colour in the month of October are Burning Bush, Camellia, Ornamental Cabbage & Kale, Pansies Viburnum, Crape Myrtles, October Glory Maple, Red Sunset Maple, Nandina, Sweet Gum & Virginia Creeper.

Continue to place nets over small ponds to prevent autumn leaves falling in. Reduce the feeding of fish now the days are getting shorter and the fish are becoming less active. Its also a great time to tidy up the pond & take out the submersible pump to clean it & store for next year.

Not forgetting to clean all bird feeders before the hard winter sets in, the winter bird feeding begins. One part bleach to 9 parts water and rinse thoroughly.

Why not make your own bird food — the kids can help!!!

Fat Balls

Ingredients: Nuts, seeds, dried fruit & scraps (such as bread, cake, biscuits). Solid fat such as lard or suet.

Weigh the mix of nuts, fruit & scraps. Weigh the lard - you only need to use 1/2 the weight of the nut mix. Cut the lard into lumps & melt it slowly over a low heat. It just needs to be melted. Pour the lard over the nut mix. Using a spoon mix it until it starts to clump together. Divide the mixture into equal sized pieces. Apple sized. Keep rolling them until they are tightly packed. Cover each ball in cling film & put them in the fridge to harden. When they are hard, they are ready for the garden.

There are no gardening mistakes, only experiments!!!!!!



Halloween Treats

Decorated Sugar Cookies

2 1/4 cups all purpose flour
12 tablespoons butter, softened
1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 egg

Makes 5 dozen

1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon lemon zest



Place a sieve over a medium mixing bowl & add the flour and salt. Sift the dry ingredients into the bowl & set aside. In a mixing bowl, combine the butter & sugar, using a mixer cream the butter & sugar together until the mixture is light in colour & has a fluffy texture. Then add the vanilla extract, lemon zest & egg.

Beat until blended. Gradually add the sifted flour & salt, mixing until just blended. Remove from the bowl & divide into 2 balls. Place each half between 2 pieces of greaseproof paper & roll into 5-inch diameter disks. Place the dough on baking sheets & refrigerate until firm, at least 2 hours or as long as 24 hours. When you are ready to roll & bake the cookies, preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.



Line a baking sheet with greaseproof paper. Place 1 disk of the cookie dough on the table & remove the top sheet of paper. Lightly dust the surface of the dough with flour. Roll the dough out. Using decorative cookie cutters cut the dough on the greaseproof paper. Use a spatula to transfer the dough to the lined baking sheet. Place the cookies at least 1/2-inch apart. Reroll to make additional cookies. Bake the cookies for 10 to 12 mins or until cookies are golden around the edges & firm to the touch. Transfer to a wire rack to cool. Once cool, they are ready to ice.

Spider Bites

Makes 24

1 (12-ounce) package semisweet morsels
1/2 cup creamy peanut butter 6 cups pretzel sticks

Place greaseproof paper on baking sheet; set aside. In a large glass microwave-safe bowl combine chocolate chips and peanut butter. Melt on high for 2 to 3 minutes.

Remove and stir until smooth. Stir in pretzel sticks. With clean hands grab pretzel sticks and drop on prepared baking sheet in clusters to look like spiders. Place in freezer for 5 minutes or until to chocolate is hardened. Remove and serve.



Spooky Shortbread Tombstones

Makes 24

1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter 1/4 cup icing sugar
1 cup all-purpose flour Pinch salt
3/4 cup chocolate chips

Cream the butter & sugar until smooth. Add the flour & salt & mix well with your fingers. Wrap the dough in cling film & chill in the fridge for 2-3 hours. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. On a lightly floured surface, roll half the dough until it's 1/4-inch thick. Using a small knife, cut out tombstone shapes, about 3 inches tall. Place on an ungreased baking sheet. Roll & cut the second half of the dough, & place the baking sheets in the fridge for 10 mins. Bake for 15-20 mins, until the shortbread is very lightly golden. Do not brown. Remove to a wire rack & cool. When the cookies are cool, melt the chocolate chips in the microwave in a heatproof bowl for 1 min. Stir the chips with a spoon to see if they have actually softened before putting them in for another minute, if necessary. Decorate tombstones. Leave to cool.

Frankenstein Finger Cookies

1 1/4 Cup Sugar	1 Egg +1 Egg yolk
1 tsp Coconut Extract	1 tsp Vanilla Extract
2 1/2 Cup All-Purpose Flour	1 tsp Baking Powder
1/2 Cup Chopped Nuts	Shredded Coconut
Almonds	Whole Raw
1 Cup Butter	Green Food Dye
	Red Gel Frosting

Mix Cookie Dough

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream butter & sugar until light & fluffy. Add egg & egg yolk, vanilla & coconut extract. Mix well. Stir in nuts & green food dye. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, & salt. Add flour mixture to creamed mixture. Stir to blend well. Also chilling the dough makes for easy shaping.

Shape into Fingers

Shape dough into 3-4 inch tapered rolls. Pinch a knuckle in the centre of the roll. Place rolls onto a cookie sheet lined with greaseproof paper. Press an almond into the pointed end and add coconut to knuckles. Refrigerate extra dough wrapped in cling wrap between batches. Bake for 10-15 mins or until coconut is toasted & cookies are slightly golden. Cool on a rack. Dip flat end of cookie into red gel frosting & enjoy!



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