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It's **Christmas** time again and it doesn't seem that long since the last one. Maybe its because of the current economic climate but the pressure that people are under at this time of year only makes it harder to cope. We worry about all the extra bills and how to manage on a very low budget. How are we expected to get it all right. We can't let down our loved ones especially the children, who don't know the pressures that their parents are under, their friends seem to get everything they want and they can't see why they can't get every thing they want. This is where we have to get creative and try to steer them in



another direction, by putting new ideas to them and get them to be different from their friends, after all a week after Christmas they just forget what they got and look for something else. Just look at the bike that they got last year, dumped in the back yard or punctured in the shed. The only thing that will make us feel better is that there are lots of people in the same boat including your **Local Businesses**, but maybe we can help each other, if we shop local we can find things that are not in the big stores and maybe get better ideas on presents, while also helping to keep our shops open. If possible buy Irish. How about getting our turkey, ham and all

our meat needs from the **Local Butcher**. There is a great **Fruit and Vegetable Shop** in Maynooth plus the **Supermarkets** such as **Supervalu, Donovans, Centra** have great offers. The **Local Pharmacies** have great deals on gift sets. There are lots of stores like **Next, Boots, Dunnes, Tesco and Heaton's** who have some great offers, so we need to support them to keep them in Maynooth. There are also lots of stores in **Manor Mills** like **Click, Carraig Donn, Sorrento, Elverys, Mexx, Divine, Bernard Johns Jewellers, The Carphone Warehouse, Cicero, Easons, Paul Byron Shoes, Catch, Golden Discs, Manic Clothing** and of course **Dunnes Stores**. It's only when you start to think local that you realise how many shops that are out there and we haven't even gone as far as the **Main Street** with **Maynooth Jewellers, Maynooth Bookshop, J'miells, The Beauty Boutique, Dawsons Mens Shop and McCormack's Pharmacy** not forgetting all the **Restaurant's** that have gift vouchers, something to look forward to after Christmas. With all that's available local I'm sure you will find something to suit all your needs.



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Pets at Christmas

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There are a few pet matters which Christmas brings every year and in this article I wish to highlight the more serious matters:

Pups as presents:

Santa is often asked to bring a pup as a present and sometimes this can be a very difficult request for him to decline. However, the novelty factor has to be given serious consideration. It is very important to remember the lifelong commitment that is being undertaken when a new pup arrives and all of the associated duties and costs involved. Every year we see the aftermath of rejected Christmas pups and it is a very sad experience to see the trauma that an unwanted pup can go through. Visit Maynoothvets.com to read our October 2012 article on choosing a pet.

Diet:

At Christmas time, despite our best intentions we all eat too much!! So do our pets. Very often our dogs can be thoughtlessly turned into unwanted food disposal units. In Maynooth Veterinary Clinic we see the consequences of this – pets present with

vomiting and diarrhoea and frequently with serious symptoms of food poisoning. Owners will often say “he likes turkey so we gave him a few slices”. What they do not realise is that turkey is very high in protein and cannot be viewed as simply an oversized chicken. This will cause your pet to have a digestive upset and can be very debilitating and unpleasant for him. Other unfamiliar rich foods such as ham, sausage meat etc. are also often fed to excess.

Please ensure that your pet remains



on his normal diet over the festive season as any sudden changes in diet are very difficult for pets to cope with. Be sure to remind visitors that they are not doing your pet any good by giving him treats and that he will be fed as normal!

Exercise:

Here I have some conflicting advice to give – pups should never be brought out in public until one week after they have received their final vaccination (please visit our website maynoothvets.com for details). When they are ready to go out in public it is important that they receive the appropriate amount of exercise and that this is gradually increased in combination

with a good quality puppy food. Pups also require enormous amounts of rest and this should be catered for.

Mature dogs need their routine exercise and this should be continued over Christmas – think of the man walking his dog at midnight on the Guinness ad. Your dog can often be the focus of great interest for visiting youngsters – resist the temptation to stay in and watch “The Great Escape” and instead take the opportunity to go out for a walk with your dog, family and friends.

Once again Happy Christmas to you all and please remember that as ever we at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic, Newtown Grove have our own vet on-call in Maynooth over Christmas but this service is restricted to our registered clients. In the event of an emergency please phone 01-6289467 to speak with our on-call vet.





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Cathal McCauley, University Librarian said "This was a wonderful opportunity for the Russell Library to assist a successful local business support three important charities. The surroundings of the Russell Library provided a unique back drop for this photoshoot". For details of the charity collection see

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Editorial

Christmas is mainly a time for children and for those families with children or grand-children. And children have been in the news in one form or another for the last number of weeks. Firstly, there was the referendum to place a section in the Constitution on their status and to allow those who are fostered to be properly adopted in certain circumstances. The turnout for this was abysmal and appalling. The disconnect between the public and the political system seems to be increasing although the recent protest march was not particularly well attended. Irish people have apparently lost the fight and the ability to come to protest. This has been the case for every call to march with the notable exception of the opposition to the so-called ‘war on terror’. Much good that huge turn-out did however with the Government of the time ignoring the calls on the use of Shannon. The closeness of the result was something of a shock to all the political parties and it calls into question what this ‘no’ vote actually meant? Was it really ‘no’ to the article to be added to the Constitution or was there something else behind it. Is there such a fear or suspicion of the state that people did not want to entrust their children to it? But it was not the state that would be responsible for the child if they were to be adopted; it would be the new parents. Was it perhaps a way of trying to get back at the Government. If so, it is disgraceful that anyone would use such an important issue simply to protest.

Secondly, we have the renewed debate on abortion, termination and the life of the unborn after the dreadful death in Galway and the expert group’s report that the politicians received this week. The content was leaked to the press leading to the whole 20 year debate being opened up again. For those of us who have been through the debates since the early 80s, it is incredible that this issue has not been resolved and it was said by many that it would take a woman’s death to bring it to the point when legislation might be enacted. The country has been severely embarrassed all over the world, with Facebook and Twitter and the open nature of the news now, everyone is aware of the terrible tragedy and suffering of the Halappanavars, both husband and wife. This appalling vista has sent us back 2 decades.

Both these issues raise the question of Irish people’s attitude to children in general. It is often said that we are a very child-oriented society but the reality seems to fly in the face of this contention. Children are far more welcome in the southern countries of Europe. Visit the Canary Islands and there are children everywhere in restaurants and bars in the evening. They bring their children out at night with them, no one bats an eyelid. There is a serious need for Ireland to decide what sort of society we want in the future. Are we caring and compassionate or hard-hearted and cold?

At this time of the year, with dark nights and shorter days, people are increasingly aware of the extraordinary features of the Newgrange monument. Sitting on the banks of the iconic Boyne river; this passage tomb, Brú na Bóinne (the hostel on the Boyne), releases the winter sun into the chamber for a number of days around the 21st of December. There are very few references to Christmas (Notlaig) in early Irish texts, it was celebrated more in the religious communities than in the general population. The important early Irish festival was Hallowe’en at this time of the year.

The Christian festival in honour of the birth of Christ was originally a pagan feast. The holly, ivy and mistletoe were associated in early Ireland with the druids originally. The date was probably associated with the solstice originally, but it was moved slightly. There was a festival held by the Romans in honour of Saturn at the same time of the year and the 25th was fixed about 354AD by Bishop Liberius and the feast was not mentioned until 200AD. St Nicklaus died on the 6th January and from that comes the tradition of giving gifts. Christmas is celebrated in many countries on that date instead. The tree was used by the Romans who put candles on them, but the Scandinavians also had evergreen plants and it was Victoria and Albert in 19th century England who made the modern tree a fixture.

Nollaig shona dosna léitheoirí uile a bhíonn again anseo. Níl a fhios ag éinne cad atá romhainn don bhliain nua ach tá súil again go mbeidh sí níos fearr ná na blianta beaga anuas. Cá bhfios.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

Community Council Notes

The Community Council meeting was held on Monday 12th November at 8.30pm in the Glenroyal Hotel.

The minutes were agreed and there were no matters arising. Maynooth Community Council chairman, Tom McMullon acknowledged with thanks, the monetary contribution made by Noones to the Harvest Festival. It was received a little time after the Festival and was therefore not included in the list of acknowledgements in the Newsletter.

ILLEGAL PARKING

Correspondence was received from NUI Maynooth, the Garda Sergeant and Kildare County Council in reply to letters from MCC regarding the parking issue. It was noted that illegal parking did not cease during the mid-term break and most cars are already illegally parked very early in the morning which suggests that the cars belong to rail commuters. All parties agree to look at the issue with a view to solving the situation. NUI Maynooth continually monitor the parking situation on campus and have already increase there car allocation spaces by 70 and another 70 spaces will become free when the new library extension is completed. The problem continued parking of buses on the Kilcock road was raised. The buses cause an obstruction and cars have to use one centre strip of road for coming and going. It is an extremely dangerous situation particularly at night. The gardaí are represented on the Council. It was suggested that the gardaí be invited to the next meeting to discuss the matter.

NEW FAS SCHEME

The Chairman and Secretary have met with FAS and the Department of Social Protection and the new scheme will begin in January and will operate under the auspices of the MCC, Maynooth Tidy Towns, and the Soccer Club.

TOWN COUNCIL

A question was raised about the impact of the abolition of the town councils. Municipal districts will be established. If Maynooth is included in the Celbridge/ Leixlip area it will mean 10 less councillors. According to the Minister, the councillors in the municipal areas will have the same powers as county councillors however details have yet to be worked out.

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

In the context of reviewing and celebrating Maynooth Community Church’s their five years in Maynooth, Rev. Keith McCrory invited members of the MCC to a service and reception on November 25 at 6.30 in the Post Primary School.

MAYNOOTH LOCAL AREA PLAN 2013-2019 GOING ON DISPLAY

John McGinley drew attention to the MAYNOOTH LOCAL AREA PLAN 2013-2019 which will go on public display from the second week in January. The community will have six weeks to comment on it. The MCC will have a meeting on the 11th February to discuss it. John McGinley asked that people read it before attending the meeting.

ST PATRICK’S DAY PARADE

The parade will take place on Sunday 17th March. It is hoped to invite representatives from our twinned town Canet-en-Rousillion.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior citizens will be having their annual Sale of work on Sunday 18th November. Maynooth Scouts are helping with this event. Senior Citizens will have their annual Christmas shopping day on the 5th December in Supervalu.

MAYNOOTH SCOUTS

The scouts reported on their upcoming events. Firstly their help with the Senior Citizens Sale of Work on the 18th, a fundraising bag pack in Tesco’s from 16-18 November. They will also attend the National Jamboree 2013 in Stradbally and will be organising a 12 days of Christmas draw at Manor Mills. It was stressed that Maynooth Scouts were very interested in any Gathering project that the

Community Council is organising for the Harvest Festival and would like to attend any planning meetings.

EDUCATE TOGETHER SCHOOL

Over the past month the Maynooth Educate Together School held a Spooky Sponsored Walk around the University grounds and back to Loftus Hall. Kildare Bat Walk Group, who was approached through connections made at the Harvest Festival, took part on the night. Children from 3rd to 6th class put on performances, and everyone had a great night.

On the 9th and 10th of November the school held a bag pack in Tesco which was again very successful. The staff and customers of Tesco were thanked for their support. This year Barnardo’s have teamed up with Tesco, pupils from the Maynooth Post Primary and Maynooth Educate Together. Tesco will be providing vouchers for the 5th and 6th class children to buy gifts for Barnardo’s children. A representative from Barnardo’s came to the school to talk to the class about the work they do. The Educate Together pupils will be using the vouchers to choose gifts from Tesco and give them to Barnardo’s. The school’s Christmas concert and craft fair will be held on 14th December. The concert is held in the Gael Scoil follow by the craft fair in the Educate Together School. Every year parents, volunteers come into the school to work with the children to create crafts for the fair

MAYNOOTH BRASS AND REED BAND

The band had a very successful fundraising night in the Glenroyal thanks to the band Route 66 (mainly made up of former Maynooth Brass and Reed members). The fundraising was for the purchase of new uniforms for the band. The MBRB will have their Christmas concert in the Glenroyal on Sunday 16th December. This was a very good year for the band. They came second place in the National Bands Championships in Cork. They took part in the Maynooth Harvest Festival and expressed their thanks to the Maynooth Community Council. They played in Maynooth Castle during the summer. They also played in Croke Park and the Phoneix Park.

GAELCHOLÁISTE MHAIGH NUAD

As directed by The Department of Education and Skills, representatives of An Foras Pátrúnachta and Co. Kildare Vocational Education Committee have met to discuss the implementation of the Ministerial directive stating that an Aonad (all Irish Unit to Leaving Certificate level) be established in Maynooth.

To date over 580 students have enrolled with An Foras in Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad as opposed to 620 students enrolling in an English medium school with the V.E.C.

The Department have directed that should 70 students per year enrol in the Aonad over the next four years, that they will establish Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad in 2016.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND THE GATHERING

There were two very positive responses from the presidents of NUI Maynooth and St. Patrick’s College regarding their willingness to join with and support the Harvest Festival and any Gathering events that the Maynooth Community Council organise. One member of the MCC committee is to attend a free “Organising your Gathering event” workshop in Naas on Wednesday 14th November. Planning is ongoing.

OTHER MATTERS IN BRIEF

It was suggested that another letter be sent to Irish Rail to remind them to use the correct spelling of the Irish translation of Maynooth.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

There will be a meeting of the New FAS Scheme management structure and the Maynooth Community Council Executive. There will also be a Harvest Festival/ Twinning and Gathering meeting. Both meetings were organised for Wednesday 21 November in the Community Council Offices.

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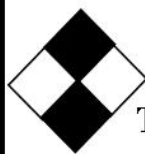
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I lost my job some time ago and am now getting Jobseeker's Allowance. I was recently diagnosed with a serious illness. What other social welfare payments can I get?

Answer

You may qualify for Illness Benefit. To get Illness Benefit you must be under 66 and unable to work because of illness and you must satisfy the PRSI contribution conditions. You must have at least 104 contributions paid since you started work. You must also have 39 contributions paid or credited in the relevant tax year of which at least 13 weeks must be paid contributions. You can also qualify if you have 26 paid contributions in the relevant tax year and 26 paid in the year before. The relevant tax year is 2011 for claims in 2013. People who have been getting long-term Jobseeker's Allowance (for at least 15 months) and have enough PRSI contributions do not need to have 13 contributions recently paid. If you were getting Jobseeker's Benefit for a period before going onto Jobseeker's Allowance, you can include this time in the 15-month requirement.

If you have 260 PRSI contributions or more paid since you first started work you can get the maximum rate of Illness Benefit for up to 2 years (104 weeks). If you are getting a reduced rate of Jobseeker's Allowance your Illness Benefit payment may be reduced. If you have between 104 and 259 PRSI contributions paid you can only claim Illness Benefit for 1 year (52 weeks) and you may not qualify for the maximum rate of benefit.

If you do not qualify for Illness Benefit you can apply for Disability Allowance, which is a means-tested payment. You can only get this if your illness is expected to last for at least one year. Extra benefits are paid with Disability Allowance (such as Fuel Allowance and a Free Travel Pass) so this payment may be a better option if you qualify.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Retiring in 2013

Question

I will be 65 in 2013 and plan to retire from work. What do I need to know about pensions and other benefits in retirement?

Answer

There are 3 State pensions available. If you have enough PRSI contributions and you retire at 65 you are entitled to the State Pension (Transition) which is paid for 1 year. This pension will no longer be paid to new claimants from 1 January 2014. However, if you qualify for the State Pension Transition in 2013 you remain entitled to it for the duration of your claim.

At 66, you are entitled to the State Pension (Contributory) if you meet the PRSI contribution requirements. If you have not made enough PRSI contributions, you can apply for a State Pension (Non-Contributory), which is means-tested. You should apply for all State pensions at least 3 months in advance and 6 months if you have ever lived and paid contributions abroad.

If you move from employment to retirement during the year, you should get a PAYE Balancing Statement (P21) from your tax office at the end of the year. This will trigger a refund of any overpayment of tax you might have made. All your income is taxable (your State

pension plus any occupational pension). However people aged 65 or over pay less tax since they have some extra tax credits and special tax exemption limits (below which no tax is payable).

Everyone over 66 is exempt from paying PRSI and people over 70 pay a lower rate of Universal Social Charge. At 66 you are also eligible for a Free Travel Pass and may be eligible for the Household Benefits Package, which includes the free TV licence, electricity/gas allowance and telephone allowance. Income limits for medical cards are much higher for people over 70.

The Citizens Information Board publishes a book Entitlements for over sixties which covers your rights, entitlements and the services available as you approach retirement age. You can request a copy from your local Citizens Information Centre.

Shopping in the Sales

Question

I'm looking forward to shopping in the post-Christmas sales. What are my consumer rights when shopping during a sale?

Answer

You have exactly the same rights when shopping in the sales as you do at any other time of the year. This means that anything sold in a sale must be of merchantable quality, fit for its intended purpose and as described to you. If an item is faulty, your rights do not change just because it was on sale. However, you may not have grounds for redress if you were told about the defect before you bought the item (for example, if the goods were marked 'shopsoiled'). If an item is faulty, you are entitled to a repair, replacement or refund. The legislation does not specify whether it is the retailer/supplier or the customer who decides which form of redress is offered. Many retailers state which option they offer you at the point of sale. If you have a problem with goods you bought at full price which are now on sale at a reduced price, you are entitled to a refund of the full price (if the shop is willing to offer a refund rather than an exchange or repair). However you are not entitled to an exchange (or a refund or a credit note) simply because you change your mind about something you've bought in a shop, whether this is during the sales or at any other time of the year. Many shops do allow you to exchange goods that you've had second thoughts about, but this is at their discretion. It's a good idea to check the shop's refund policy before buying anything. If you buy goods at full price but change your mind about them, and they are now on sale at a lower price, you may only be offered the reduced amount (if the shop is willing to offer your money back). You should always keep your receipts as proof of purchase and the price paid.

Keeping warm in Winter

Question

I hear it's going to be another cold winter. I am on a very low income. What help is available for the costs of heating my home?

Answer

Low-income households can get help with the costs of fuel for home heating. There are also schemes to help you insulate your home to make it warmer and to cut your heating costs. A Fuel Allowance of €20 per week is paid to people who are dependent on long-term social welfare payments and who are unable to provide for their own heating needs. The scheme operates for 26 weeks from October to

April. If you are getting certain social welfare payments or are over 70 you may qualify for the Household Benefits Package which includes an electricity or natural gas allowance.

The Better Energy Warmer Homes scheme aims to improve the energy efficiency and warmth of homes owned by people on low incomes. It is operated by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), and is available nationwide. You must be a homeowner and your home must have been built before 2002. You are eligible if you are getting Fuel Allowance or Family Income Supplement, or if you have children under 7 and are getting Jobseeker's Allowance for 6 months or more.

If you live in private rented accommodation your landlord may be able to get a grant under the separate Better Energy Homes scheme to make your home warmer and more energy efficient. The work funded under both of these schemes includes attic insulation, draught-proofing, lagging jackets, low-energy light bulbs and cavity wall insulation. You can also get energy advice. The wellandwarm.ie website gives advice on keeping warm in the winter and gives details of services available to people who may struggle to keep their houses warm. You can also get a Keeping well and warm booklet by emailing warmerhomes@seai.ie or calling 1800 250 204. Winterready.ie also gives advice on coping with bad weather.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Hi all,

The good news is we have completed another successful year and the great news is we raised €10,005 at our sale of work. This is a wonderful result given the current climate. Of course it is all down to the excellent community spirit we have in Maynooth. Whether it is in times of plenty or recession, or whatever is tugging at your purse strings you have never failed to support us over the past forty seven years and for that we are extremely grateful.

I would also like to thank our sponsors who also play an important role in the success of our organisation; The I.C.A, the G.A.A, The H.S.E, Pat Barton, Thornton's, Frank Walsh, Willie Kiernan, Supervalu, Tesco, St. Patrick's College, the labour Party, the 8th Kildare scouts, Eugene O'Reilly, Sean Donovan and the business association. If I have forgotten anyone I apologise. It's not because your contribution is insignificant, it just means that my memory is not what it used to be.

So to complete our 2012 programme, our shopping night will be on Wed. Dec. 5th at Supervalu and our Christmas dinner will take place on Sun. Dec 9th at 4pm in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Finally, may I wish you all a very happy and joyful Christmas and peace and prosperity in 2013.

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Home Security

Christmas Holidays

Christmas holidays are a special time when families and friends come together to celebrate the season. It is also the time of year where families and friends are most generous and practice the tradition of gift giving. It should be a joyous and happy time for all of us.

Unfortunately for us, home burglars view the holiday season a little differently. For them, it is a time of opportunity to burglarize your home for cash, credit cards, and all the new gifts of small electronics, computers, jewellery, and easily sold valuables.

Here are a few tips of what they look for when shopping for a house to burglarize. These tips will help you enjoy the holidays without incident.

- Burglars look for an easy entry with good escape routes. Don't openly display your Christmas tree and gifts in the front window so it's easily visible from the street. It's too tempting for them to smash the window and grab the wrapped packages.
- Burglars look for occupancy cues like outdoor lights burning 24 hours a day, piled up newspapers, or advertising flyers hanging on the door knob. Use an inexpensive light timer when you are away and ask a neighbour to keep the front of your home clean of papers and debris.
- Burglars know to look for the hidden door key near the front entrance. Don't hide spare keys under rocks, in flowerpots, or above door ledges. Instead give the spare key to a trusted neighbour.
- Burglars prefer to enter through unlocked doors or windows. Sliding windows that are not secure can be seen from distance. One holiday problem can occur when exterior Christmas light extension cords are run inside through a window and prevent it from being secured. Hire an electrician or handyman to install an inexpensive exterior outlet for your holiday lights.
- Don't post your family name on your mailbox or on your house. A burglar can call directory assistance to get your telephone number and call your home while in front of your house to confirm that you are away.
- Don't leave descriptive telephone answering machine messages like, "You've reached the Wilson's...we're away skiing for the Christmas holidays...please leave a message." Burglars love to hear that they have plenty of time to break in and completely ransack your home.
- After Christmas day, don't pile up empty gift boxes from your new computer, DVD player, or stereo receiver on the street for the garbage man. Burglars appreciate knowing that you have expensive gifts inside for them to steal. Break them down or cut them up to conceal the items better. After a lucrative burglary, the chances of being burglarized again are increased to steal the new replacement products.
- Last, but not least, fortify your home by installing solid core doors, heavy duty locks, longer screws in the lock strike plates and door hinges, and install secondary security devices on all accessible sliding windows.

Wise Quotes

Here is our collection of wise quotes from the famous. Every occasion will benefit from at least one of these pearls of wisdom.

I have long been of the opinion that if work were such a splendid thing the rich would have kept more of it for themselves.

Bruce Grocott

People want economy and they will pay any price to get it.

Lee Iacocca

An idealist is a person who helps other people to be prosperous.

Henry Ford

You know everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects.

Will Rogers

I can think of nothing less pleasurable than a life devoted to pleasure.

John D.

Before God we are all equally wise - and equally foolish. -

Albert Einstein

There are no wise few. Every aristocracy that has ever existed has behaved, in all essential points, exactly like a small mob.

GK Chesterton

When they discover the center of the universe, a lot of people will be disappointed to discover they are not it.

Bernard Bailey

There is no pleasure in having nothing to do; the fun is in having lots to do and not doing it.

Mary Wilson Little

Ability will never catch up with the demand for it.

Malcolm Forbes

A wise man gets more use from his enemies than a fool from his friends.

Baltasar Gracian

Friends are far more dangerous than enemies, they know everything about you and will not pause to use it against you.

Terra Castle

Look wise, say nothing, and grunt. Speech was given to conceal thought.

Sir William Osler

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.

Sir Francis Bacon

When people are free to do as they please, they usually imitate each other.

Eric offer

When I do good, I feel good; when I do bad, I feel bad, and that is my religion.

Abraham Lincoln

Walk to Ban Fracking

By Brian O'Neill

Cecily Gilligan is a lady who decided to act on her convictions and protested by walking 133 miles across Ireland from Leitrim to Dublin, ending at the Ha'penny Bridge. As she passed through Maynooth on Saturday afternoon 3rd of November she kindly stopped to say a few words and have her picture taken. Cecily, a national school teacher from Manorhamilton, was walking in protest against Fracking, the controversial method of hydraulic fracturing of rock layers with pressurised fluid to create fractures and fissures through which natural gas can be extracted. This trek along the roads and through the towns and villages along the way was to gain signatures on a petition and highlight the potential environmental impact of this method of extraction and how it may have some negative result such as on the water table. Cecily and her friend, Mairead Higgins who is a social worker and walked most of the way with her, say that not only is this a "vast industrialisation of the landscape", but it may also have a further impact on animal contamination and impact on wildlife through the affect it may have on the water system. They are also further concerned about the impact it may have on the local economy and its effects on tourism, whereby such businesses as hotels, bed & breakfasts and sports and leisure outlets may be adversely affected.

Fracking has been banned in countries such as France and Germany and its usage has been a contentious issue throughout many countries and communities. This particular campaign by Cecily was inspired and supported by the Love Leitrim community group, who believe that the government's commissioning of a report into Fracking does not go far enough and that the Department of Health should have an input. When Cecily and Mairead arrived at the Ha'penny Bridge they were met by a number of well-wishers and supporters including the well-known singer Eleanor Shanley and as Cecily stated that they have also gained support from other such notable celebrities as Christy Moore and Glen Hansard. While this campaign successfully completed the aim of highlighting the contentious issue of Fracking and its local economic and environmental impact on society and the community, the campaigners also intend to submit their petition to the Dail. If you would like to show your support for this campaign you can contact them on their twitter page @loveleitrim or they can also be contacted on Facebook.



Cecily and Mairead outside of the Maynooth Library.

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Are the people of Maynooth and Ireland being encouraged to get involved too? Yes. At the heart of it, The Gathering Ireland is a people-led project. Everyone is being encouraged to create local gatherings and invite relatives and friends from abroad to come and visit Ireland in 2013.

Why should I bother? Ireland has had its share of doom and gloom over the last couple of years. The Gathering is an opportunity to do something positive for our town and country and to help stimulate our local economy.

What kinds of events are happening? There are a number of Gathering occasions and events being planned for Maynooth: The Maynooth 10K and the Harvest Festival will have a Gathering dimension to them, a writing programme and an athletic club reunion are also planned. Ireland has always been great for festivals and reunions, but 2013 is going to be bigger and better. see www.thegatheringireland.com

When and where is it happening? In Maynooth and all over Ireland, during 2013. The Maynooth Post Primary School 10K Gathering Weekend is on from the 17th – 19th May

I live in Maynooth, how can I get involved? Think about who you'd like to invite to Maynooth in 2013. Maynooth Post Primary School PTA is asking the people of the Maynooth area to include an invitation to the 10K Gathering Weekend in their Christmas post.

Help spread the word, Please include an invitation in your Christmas Post

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The 10K is a fundraising event organised by Maynooth Post Primary School Parent Teacher Association. Funds raised are used for the development of new multi purpose playing fields for school and community use. The 10K will be the centre piece of a Gathering weekend that will include an exhibition of photographs from the school archives and from local collectors. On Friday evening a welcoming reception will be held. On Saturday guided tours of Maynooth, St Patrick's College, Maynooth Castle and Carton House will take place and a visit by bus to a working farm. The 10K will be held on Sunday morning followed by a Gathering Party on Sunday afternoon.

Our Gathering plan is to INVITE by mail shot, internet, and family post

- **FORMER MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY STUDENTS**
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- **FORMER MAYNOOTH RESIDENTS AND STUDENTS**
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CHRISTMAS LEFTOVER MEALS

Speedy Spicy Turkey Rice

Serves 2

Ingredients

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| 2 tsp sesame oil | 2 eggs, beaten |
| 1 red chilli, sliced (optional) | a bunch spring onions, chopped |
| 85g frozen peas | 2 thick slices ham, chopped |
| 100g/4oz shredded leftover turkey | |
| 300g cold cooked rice (or a pouch of straight-to-wok rice) | |
| 2 tbsp each soy sauce and sweet chilli sauce, plus extra to serve | |

Heat half the oil in a wok or frying pan. Add the eggs, swirl to coat the base of the pan & allow to set to an omelette, flip and cook for 1-2 mins. Once cooked, remove, shred & set aside. Add the remaining oil to the pan, then stir-fry the chilli, if using, & spring onions for 1 min.

Add the remaining ingredients & the egg, and heat through, stirring, until piping hot. Serve immediately with some extra soy and sweet chilli sauce, if you like.

Smoked Salmon & Potato Frittata

Serves 4

Ingredients

6 small (about 850g) coliban (washed) potatoes
 Olive oil, to grease
 2 x 100g pkts Tasmanian smoked salmon
 150g (1 cup) frozen baby peas
 2 tbs coarsely chopped fresh dill
 8 eggs, lightly whisked
 Rocket & mixed pea salad (see related recipe), to serve

Place the potatoes in a medium saucepan and cover with plenty of cold water. Bring to the boil over high heat. Cook for 15 minutes or until just tender. Refresh under cold running water. Drain well. Cut into 1cm-thick slices.

Preheat grill on high. Brush a 27cm-diameter (base measurement) non-stick frying pan with oil to lightly grease. Place over low heat. Arrange half the potato, in a single layer, over the base of the pan. Top with half the salmon, peas and dill. Pour in half the egg. Repeat with the remaining potato, salmon, peas, dill and egg. Cook for 7-8 minutes or until frittata is set around the edge but still runny in the centre.

Cook under preheated grill for a further 5 minutes or until golden brown and just set. Remove from grill. Cut into wedges and serve immediately with rocket & mixed pea salad.

Spiced Vegetarian Biryani

Serves 6

Ingredients

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| 2 tbsp vegetable oil | 1 small cauliflower |
| 2 large sweet potatoes, peeled and cubed | 1 large onion, sliced |
| 1l hot vegetable stock | 3 tbsp hot curry paste |
| 1 red chilli, seeded and finely chopped | large pinch of saffron strands |
| 2 tsp mustard seeds (black or white) | 500g basmati rice |
| 140g trimmed green beans, halved | 2 lemons, juice only |
| a handful of fresh coriander leaves | 50g packet roasted cashew nuts |
| poppadoms and raita, to serve | |

Preheat the oven to 220C/gas 7/fan 200C. Pour the oil into a large roasting tin or ovenproof dish and put in the oven for a couple of minutes to heat through. Add all the vegetables to the tin, except the beans, stirring to coat them in the hot oil. Season with salt and pepper and return to the oven for 15 minutes until beginning to brown.

While the vegetables are roasting, stir together the stock, curry paste, chilli, saffron and mustard seeds.

Mix the rice and green beans with the vegetables in the tin, then pour over the stock mixture. Lower the oven to 190C/gas 5/fan 190C. Cover the dish tightly with foil and bake for 30 minutes until the rice is tender and the liquid has been absorbed.

Stir in the lemon juice and check the seasoning, then scatter over the coriander and cashew nuts. Serve with a pile of poppadoms and a bowl of raita.

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Queen Elizabeth - Kildare Ancestors and the Maynooth Connection

Maynooth History Group held their first talk of the new season on Tuesday, 20th November in the Glenroyal Hotel in Maynooth. It was a very intriguing talk based on the Irish ancestors of Queen Elizabeth, also known as the Queen Mother, with special attention paid to her Maynooth and Carbury ancestors. A very knowledgeable Seamus Cullen was the speaker on the night.

Queen Elizabeth could claim 20 Irish ancestors from the 16th Century up to 1846 when her last Irish-born ancestor died. These ancestors included Brian Boru. Her first Irish ancestor was Maurice Fitzgerald, 1st Lord of Maynooth Castle, who with a further 13 generations, all of whom lived in Maynooth. In fact, Maynooth Castle could be called one of Queen Elizabeth's

ancestral homes. Her Carbury ancestors began with the Colley family who lived in Carbury Castle and 10 of Queen Elizabeth's ancestors are buried in the Colley family Mausoleum in the grounds of Carbury Graveyard. All of the Colley family members made excellent marriages and her most famous of these ancestors were the Wellesley brothers, Arthur who became Duke of Wellington and Richard who became the Governor General of Bengal, he conquered the rest of India and it became part of the British Empire. He later became the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and his wife was the first Catholic woman to live in the Vice-Regal lodge. Richards daughter Ann Wellesley, who was unhappily married to Sir

William Agby, eloped with Charles Cavendish-Bentinck. They married after her divorce and her great-grand daughter was Elizabeth Bowes-Lyons, the Queen Mother. In the last 800 years there have been ten visits by reigning monarchs to Ireland, starting with King Henry II and ending with Queen Elizabeth II. Her mother, Queen Elizabeth never got to visit Ireland but she often spoke of her desire to do so. In the spirit of a "shared history", we welcomed her daughter Queen Elizabeth II to our shores and her visit was both emotional and historical for everyone.

The History Group meets on the last Thursday of every month in the Community Council Office at 8pm and new members are always welcome.

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Maynooth Local History Group members



Seamus Cullen, who presented the talk on Queen Elizabeth's ancestors



Susan Durack and Catherine Strickland

Venture Annual Camp 2012

Once upon a time, Saturday 28th July, five sleepy-eyed Venture Scouts (and their most fearless leader) met at Maynooth train station to embark on their journey of the north-west coast. Having said our goodbyes we departed the train station at 9.37am with a destination of Sligo. On our train journey, to one passenger's amusement and another's annoyance we played some quite hilarious "figure it out as you go" games. We also played cards and at one point Darragh's coke can exploded in his bag of its own accord (like literally)! We arrived in Sligo where our other leaders and a 10 month old baby joined us and we set off on foot with our tents and rucksacks to Coney Island. During our trek Ross was sent apple fishing as he temporarily forgot the rules of "leave no trace" and flung his apple over a wall into the wilderness. After emerging without the apple and nettle stung from head to toe, he picked up another piece of rubbish to compensate and had to carry it with him for the rest of the journey. (Sucks to be you Ross!)

We staggered across the causeway at low tide, battling the gale force winds and torrential rain, to arrive at the island with a full-time population of two. A kind old man/native stopped his jeep and offered us a lift but surprise surprise, Nadine said "No!" *Angry face*

After pitching our tents in front of the "No-camping" sign near the pier, we cooked dinner on the Trangias, played cards and then went to bed.

Day 2:

After awaking and striking camp, we wandered the island in search of St. Patrick's Wishing Chair aka The Rock. On the way we saw and tormented an anemone, a little sea creature that clings to rocks and acts like a Venus Fly-Trap when touched. We then got a boat ride to Rosses Point and pitched our tents beside the den there. After lunch we had a tour of the RNLI and then went swimming in the sea. That evening we played some more games and flew a kite. Darragh then spent the next 3 ½ hrs untangling the kite strings.

Day 3:

After breakfast we left for Benbulbin. This was the best weather we had all camp. Our guide for the hike, Aisling, became an example of why it's so important to wear sunscreen! It took us 3 hrs to hike to the top, where we had lunch with a spectacular view of the Sligo and Donegal coastline. Baby Teagan had the best view from her carrier on her daddy's back and seemed to enjoy it as much as us. We explored a cave we found near the summit and one of the leaders went for a dip in a bog pond! On the way down we met Superman (a man wearing a blue cape) and it was so warm that we all had a paddle in the mountain stream to cool down. When we got back to Rosses Point we went for a quick swim in the freezing cold sea before dinner. After dinner we baked a yummy chocolate cake, played with the baby and had her in hysterics laughing and then planned our route to Grange for the following day.

Day 4:

UGH!!!

18 k on foot in the rain, carrying rucksacks! On the way we stopped at Yeats' grave and placed some flowers on it. Ross was like a deadman walking so we missed our bus from Grange to Ballyshannon and had to wait for the next one. We had a short walk from Ballyshannon to the lakeside campsite. We checked in, pitched our tents and had much-needed showers and washed and dried some clothes. We hung out in the TV room for an hr and then went to bed because we were so tired after our long walk to Grange.

Day 5:

We woke up at 8am, had breakfast and then Karl dropped us into Bundoran where we struggled into wetsuits and went surfing. This was great fun, we all enjoyed it and some of us were actually quite good! When the surfing was finished we walked through Bundoran in our wet swimsuits to Waterworld and went on the slides etc. After we went to Lidl to buy lunch. Darragh got a "lidl" seasick right at the check-outs! Check this out Lidl! Right outside Lidl we decided this was as good a place as any to cook our lunch, so we took out the Hexi and made soup. We got a few worried looks from customers as we looked a bit dodgy! We then decided to go to the Hurdy

Gurdys and go on the amusements. After drinking some tea we decided maybe we should just play mini-golf, Laura won. Woop woop ? go Laura! (guess who wrote that bit) We missed the last bus so we got a taxi back to Ballyshannon, which turned out to be cheaper than the bus anyway. We got pizza, burgers and chips from Macari's which we ate beside a statue of Rory Gallagher. Then we walked back to the campsite, watched a beautiful sunset, some tv and went to bed.

Day 6:

We had a lie in on the Thursday which was bliss. Breakfast consisted of noodles, pan fried bread and oranges. We relaxed for the morning and enjoyed the rare bit of sunshine, then took down our tents. At 2 o'clock we went kayaking on the lake at the campsite for a couple of hrs, then it was off to Sligo town scout den where we were to spend the next 2 nights.. That evening we made delicious home-made pizzas and got a bit giddy due to over-tiredness and too much Coca-Cola!

Day 7:

A free day, yay! We went shopping in Sligo town and saw Ted in the cinema. That evening we took down the tents we had pitched in the den to air and packed them away. We changed into some clean clothes especially packed for tonight and went out for a really nice meal with our leaders in a restaurant with ice-cream for dessert. Eoin actually licked his plate clean! After dinner we walked around the town for a bit, got some more ice-cream and headed back to the den.

Day 8:

Up earlyish, cleaned the den, packed up our stuff and headed off to the train station to go home *sad face*. We all agreed that the week had flown by and we would happily have stayed on for another week. On the train home we did the banana song and dance and got some strange looks off other passengers. Tired (and probably smelly) we arrived back in Maynooth to our anxiously waiting parents. Overall it was a very successful camp and we can't wait for the next one!

Irish New Year Traditions

Originally the New Year was rung in during the end of October, during the Pagan festival of Samhain. Over time we converted to Christianity & this full moon date followed annual Christmas celebrations instead.

Many of the modern ways to celebrate the New Year can be traced back to the middle ages. Irish Superstition makes the first person to enter your house after midnight on New Year's Eve will bring you of special luck - good or bad!!!! If a tall, dark & handsome man is first across the threshold, he brings good luck. If a real hunk woman enters first, she will bring all kinds of trouble.

The fear of red-heads could possibly be superstitions regarding witchcraft. Red hair was considered the "mark of a witch" just as being left-handed (in fact), or having green eyes might be looked on with suspicion from the old townsfolk.

Another belief is that misdeeds would bring misfortune. Slaves to Irish women on New Year's Eve. The magical properties are associated with misdeeds on Christmas. According to Irish New Year traditions, women who have a bouquet of mistletoe under their pillow will receive special luck in love. In the New Year, they will find their true love, due to the magical powers of this romantic winter plant.

Many homes still honour their dead loved ones by placing an extra place setting for them on New Year's Day. Years ago another custom was to leave the front door unlocked, to allow spirits move in & out of the house.

One Irish New Year custom is a simple toast of bread. You had to go around & wave the loaf of bread across the walls of your house on New Year's Eve. This strange ritual is believed to scare away bad spirits & allowing good spirits to enter the home.

Believe it or not, New Year's Eve is the best time to get a divorce. When you are in a bad relationship, it is better to get a divorce on New Year's Eve. When you are in a bad relationship, it is better to get a divorce on New Year's Eve.

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Maynooth Tidy Towns

**Would like to wish all the readers a
Happy Christmas and a
Wonderful New Year**

If you are buying a Christmas Tree you can help Maynooth Tidy Towns by purchasing one locally from Jim Doyle, who will be selling Christmas Trees adjacent to the Garda Station in Buckley's Yard.

In January, Christmas Trees can be recycled in the Council yard, courtesy of the Environment Section KCC

At this time we ask you to recycle your bottles and cans in the following locations:

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Finally, we would like to thank our Committee members, Volunteers, Business supporters and anyone else who has helped us during the year.

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New Year Global Good Luck Traditions

Austria - The Suckling Pig is the symbol for good luck for the New Year. It is served on a table decorated with small edible pigs. The desert often made with green mint ice cream in the shape of a four-leafed clover.

England - The British place their fortunes for the coming year in their guests hand. The visitor should be male & bearing gifts. Traditional gifts are coal for the fire, a loaf for the table & a drink for the master. For good luck, the guest should come in one door & leave by another.

Wales - At the first toll of midnight, the back door is opened & then shut to release the old year & lock out all its bad luck. At the twelfth toll the front door is opened & the New Year is welcomed in with all of its luck.

Spain - In Spain, when the clock strikes midnight, they eat 12 grapes, one with every toll to bring good luck for the next 12 months.

Poland - Poland's New Year is known as St. Sylvester's Eve. Originally from Pope Sylvester 1 who was supposed to have imprisoned a dragon called Leviathan who was able to escape on the first day of the year 1000, devour the land & the people, & was supposed to set fire to the heavens. One New Year's day when the world didn't end, there was great rejoicing & from then on this day was called St. Sylvester's Eve.



Maynooth Labour News

Cllr. McGinley Objects to the NRA's Proposal to Replace the M4 Motorway Junction at Maynooth:

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

"That the National Roads Authority (NRA) be advised that we are totally opposed to the replacement of the M4 Motorway junction on the Straffan Road with a new junction on the Kilcock Road west of Maynooth."

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Overgrown Trees to be Trimmed:

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

"That steps be taken to have the overgrown palm trees, on the opposite side of the Moyglare Road from the Maynooth Post Primary School, trimmed back as they are completely blocking the two public lights and they are hazardous for pedestrians and large vehicles as they are hanging over the footpath and part of the roadway."

John got the following reply:

"When the landowners details are confirmed a hedge/tree cutting notice can be issued to them."

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Potholes to be Repaired:

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

"That the potholes on roads at the following locations in Maynooth be repaired before they cause traffic accidents:

- At house 757 Old Greenfield
- At house 819 Old Greenfield
- At the back lane, Old Greenfield, behind houses 826 to 837
- At house 1 Parson Hall"

John got the following reply:

"The potholes in Old Greenfield have been attended to and the one in Parsons Hall will be done as soon as possible."

Cllr. McGinley Demands Action on Main Street Litter

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

"That the food take-aways on Main Street and Mill Street, Maynooth be written to outlining their obligations under the Litter Act, also advising them that they should combine to hire someone to clean the litter from 7am each day and that the footpath outside their premises should be steam cleaned to remove the grease and that if they don't take such action that the council will issue them with fines under the Litter Act."

John got the following reply:

"The food take-aways on Main Street will be written to in respect of their obligations under the Litter Act. The proposal regarding their hiring of someone to clean litter at 7.00 am each day and the removal of grease will also be raised."

Cllr. McGinley Demands Action on Illegal Parking at Parson Street

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

"When will Water Services be laying the watermain along Parson Street, Maynooth to enable re-surfacing and yellow lining to take place?"

John got the following reply:

"Kildare County Council has carried out site investigation works on Parson Street. The scheme design is currently being finalised and we anticipate, following full approval from the Department of Environment Community and Local Government to go to tender on the works in Spring 2013. These works are listed for discussion with the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government at the next Steering Group meeting in mid November. These works form part of the Water Conservation works listed on the current Water Services Investment Programme."

As a result of this delay in laying the water main Cllr. McGinley asked the Area Engineer to place "No Parking Cones" on the College side of Parson to deter motorists from parking there and turning it into a one-way street.

Provision of Green Filter Left Turing light at the Exit From the Glenroyal Complex;

It is 3 months since Cllr. McGinley asked for a filter light to be installed and incredibly the engineers still don't understand the thinking behind the proposal.

Cllr. McGinley is meeting the relevant Council staff on site to explain this very simple proposal.

Flexi bollards at Carton Court, Maynooth

As a result of Cllr. McGinley's proposal Council Road Design staff will meet members of the Carton Court Residents' Association on site to discuss their proposal for the installation of flexi bollards on the central white line at the entrance to their estate.

Gully at the perimeter of Leinster Street, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley got the following update on his motion at the Area Meeting on 15 November:

"The gully in question was examined, along with other compliance issues on 2 November 2012. The report of the planner has been referred to our transportation department for comment. We will then contact the developer regarding the outstanding issues relating to this development and if necessary will take the appropriate enforcement proceedings in due course"

Proposed Draft Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) 2013-2019

The Celbridge Area Committee had discussions on the Planners Proposed Draft Maynooth LAP at two meetings on 8 November and 22 November. It will now go before the full Council on 17 December for approval to go on Public Display for 6 weeks from mid January. This does not mean that Councillors agree with everything in the Proposed Plan.

In the meantime Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the 13 December Meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

"That the rezoning of the 0.9ha adjacent to the M4 (beside Carton Court and opposite the bottom of Greenfield Drive for 31 housing units) from Open Space & Amenity to housing be removed from the Proposed Draft Local Area Plan 2013 -2019 for Maynooth as there is enough land zoned for housing without rezoning Open Space & Amenity Land."

Court House Must be Retained in Kilcock

Following a decision by the Courts Service to review all Court venues which resulted in a recommendation to close Kilcock Court House, Deputy Emmet Stagg has made a submission to the Courts Service calling for the retention of the Court House in Kilcock.

In his submission Deputy Stagg outlined the long battle to secure a 24 hour Garda Station in North Kildare located in Leixlip which had led to the creation of a Sub-Division within the new Kildare Garda Division. Deputy Stagg stated that it was essential that a Court House be retained within that Sub-Division for the effective operation of the Law in the North Kildare area. Effective enforcement of the Law needed to be seen to be done and transferring the District Court to Naas or perhaps Trim in Co. Meath would be counterproductive in terms of public perception. Deputy Stagg further stated that scarce garda resources would be lost should Kilcock Court House be closed. If case's were transferred to Naas or Trim, local Gardai giving evidence would have further to travel taking them from their duties in the Towns in North Kildare. Garda resources are already stretched and such a move would exacerbate the problem.

A further difficulty identified by Deputy Stagg was the fact that Kilcock is served by Public Transport whilst there is no direct link between North Kildare and Naas. This affects not only those appearing before the courts but also witnesses. Effectively people would have to travel into Dublin and then out to Naas if Kilcock was to close.

In his submission Deputy Stagg also stated that Kilcock Courthouse was not in an ideal condition and that with some improvements it could continue to operate effectively as the District Court for North Kildare

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Funny Words of Wisdom

If we're not supposed to have midnight snacks, why is there a light in the fridge?

1. I can please only one person per day. Today is not your day. Tomorrow isn't looking good, either.
2. I love deadlines. I especially like the whooshing sound they make as they go flying by.
3. I'd explain it to you, but your brain would explode.
4. Someday we'll look back on all this and plough into a parked car.
5. There are very few personal problems that cannot be solved by a suitable application of high explosives.
6. Tell me what you need and I'll tell you how to get along without it.
7. Accept that some days you're the pigeon and some days you're the statue.
8. Needing someone is like needing a parachute. If he isn't there the first time you need him, chances are you won't be needing him again.
9. I don't have an attitude problem. You have a perception problem.
10. Last night, I lay in bed looking up at the stars in the sky and thought to myself, "Where the heck is the ceiling?"
11. My Reality Check bounced.
12. On the keyboard of life, always keep one finger on the Escape key.
13. I don't suffer from stress. I'm a carrier.
14. You're slower than a herd of turtles stampeding through peanut butter.
15. Do not meddle in the affairs of dragons because, to them, you are crunchy and taste good with ketchup.
16. Everybody is somebody else's weirdo.
17. Never argue with an idiot. They drag you down to their level.
18. Am I getting smart with you? How would you know?
19. Always forgive your enemies - Nothing annoys them so much.
20. If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?

21. When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
22. I used to have an open mind but my brains kept falling out.
23. I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder.
24. For Sale: Parachute. Only used once, never opened, small stain.
25. Do you have trouble making up your mind? Well, yes or no?
26. If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
27. Many people quit looking for work when they find a job.
28. When I'm not in my right mind, my left mind gets pretty crowded.
29. Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.
30. You know the speed of light, so what's the speed of dark?
31. Join The Army, visit exotic places and meet people.
32. I poured Spot remover on my dog. Now he's gone.
33. Evening news is where they begin with 'Good evening', and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
34. Before borrowing money from a friend, decide which you need more. (Friend or Money !)
35. Death is hereditary.
36. There are three sides to any argument: your side, my side and the right side.
37. An consultant is someone who takes a subject you understand and makes it sound confusing.
38. Never argue with a fool. People might not know the difference.
39. When you're right, no one remembers. When you're wrong, no one forgets.
40. Cheer up, the worst is yet to come.
41. Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else.
42. Everyone makes mistakes. The trick is to make mistakes when nobody is looking.
43. They say hard work never hurts anybody, but why take the chance.
44. Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.
45. I like work. It fascinates me. I sit and look at it for hours.
46. If you can't see the bright side of life, polish the dull side.
47. Where there's a will, there are five hundred relatives.
48. Everybody wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die.



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Two Christmas Events in Maynooth Community Library,

Christmas Storytelling with Julie Duane

Storytelling for Preschool Children will take place on Monday 10th December at 10:00 am in
Maynooth Community Library

All children up to 5 years old and their parents/guardians are welcome to come along.

Christmas Carol Singing

Members of the U3A Choir will gather in Maynooth Community Library on Friday 21st December at 2pm for an afternoon of Christmas Carol Singing.

All are welcome to come along and join in the festive spirit

Maynooth Golf Society

Result Sheet 2012

Knockanally Golf Club Date 24 / 10/ 2012

Tommy (Shot) Flanagan Scramble

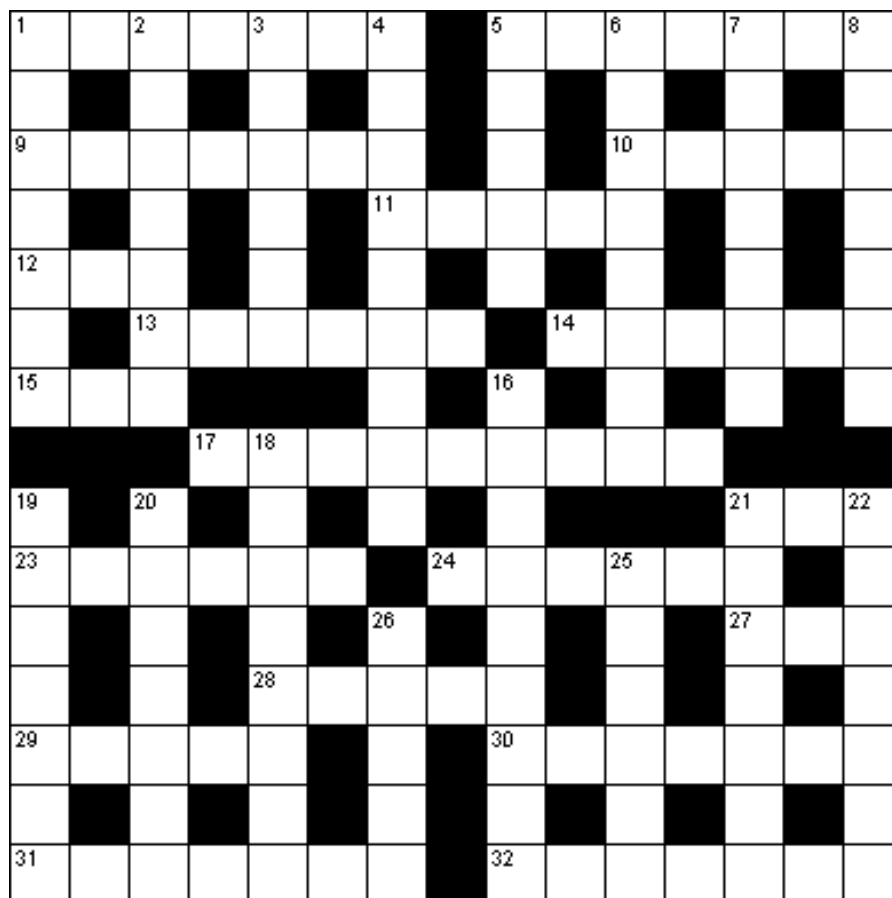
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| 1st Prize | Barry Desmond William Farrelly Paul Scanlon | 58 pts Nett |
| 2nd Prize | Mark Kehoe Terry Moore Tim Mullane | 60.7 pts Nett |
| 3rd Prize | Derek Murray Joey Edwards Joe Kennedy | 60.8 pts Nett |
| 4th Prize | Paul Finan Joey Glynn D. Finan | 61.3pts Nett |
| Nearest the Pin | Pat Connolly (9th) Mark Kehoe (15th) | |
| 27 Teams Took Part. | | |
| Thanks to everyone who supported this charity event. | | |

Maynooth Golf Society's Scramble to Knockanally Golf Club on 24/11/2012 was a fantastic success. 27 Teams took part in this charity event. Despite the frosty weather and the delay in teeing off all teams finished the course. All results are listed above. The success of this event was possible because of the wonderful Local Sponsorship we received.

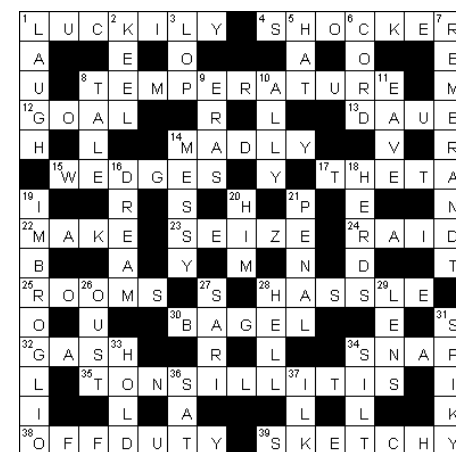
We wish to thank, Jim's Shoe Repairs, Paddy Conroy Pharmacy, Coyne Family Butchers, The Maynooth Bookshop, CPL Motor Factors, Euro Farm Foods, Sean Tracey Bus Hire, John Gillick Plumbing, MAOR Scaffolding, Casey's Supervalu, George Hutton, Tom Nolan, Seamus Flanagan, Pat Connolly, Miley Scanlon, Paddy Dunne, Sean Farrelly, Mick O'Rourke and Liam Farrelly for their sponsorship of this event.

Clues Across**December 2012 / January 2013 Crossword - No: 409****Clues Down**

1. Provide with new housing (7)
 5. Ambitious (7)
 9. Rather tall (7)
 10. Become liable for (5)
 11. Choose (5)
 12. Uncooked (3)
 13. Spain and Portugal (6)
 14. Become sad (6)
 15. Container used for cooking (3)
 17. Water fallen as rain (9)
 21. Nevertheless (3)
 23. Flowering shrub of the genus Rhododendron (6)
 24. Small stone (6)
 27. Meadow (3)
 28. Keyboard instrument (5)
 29. First prime minister of India (5)
 30. Personal view (7)
 31. Strategic withdrawal (7)
 32. Systematically arranged body of facts (7)



1. Device for catching rats (3,4)
 2. Fool (4-3)
 3. Incomparable (6)
 4. Book of the New Testament (9)
 5. Card game (5)
 6. Piece of luggage (8)
 7. Enclose (7)
 8. Republic in central Europe (7)
 16. Resembling a cavern (9)
 18. Tavern (8)
 19. Person who drives a wagon (7)
 20. Hearing distance (7)
 21. Inhabitant of Belgium (7)
 22. Learner (7)
 25. Two-piece bathing suit (6)
 26. Heron (5)

Answers to Crossword 408**Special Prize Book Voucher**

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Entries in before: 22nd January 2013

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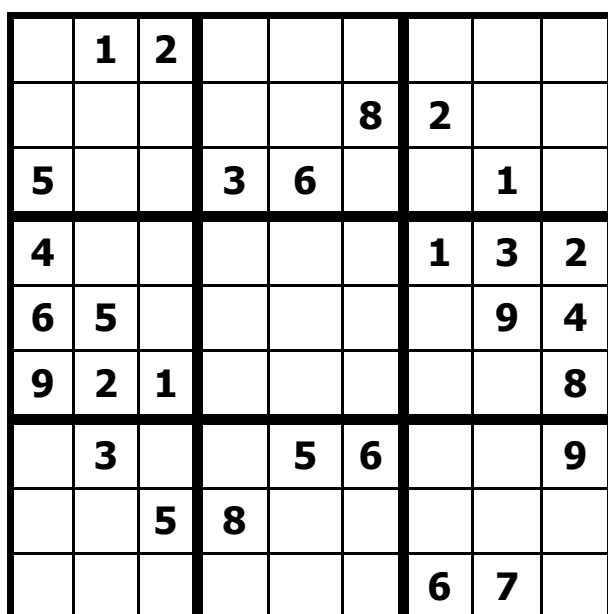
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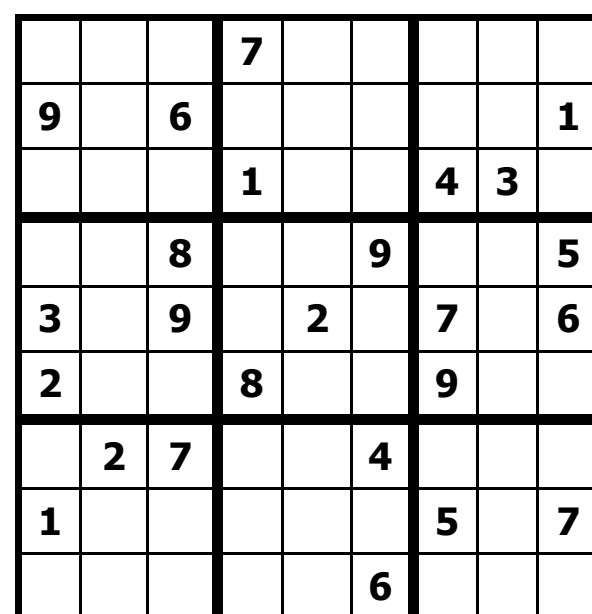
Winner of Crossword No. 408 November

Jim Fleming
 Maynooth Park
 Maynooth

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

Difficult**Sudoku Challenge**

December 2012 / January 2013

**Super Difficult**

Win a €10 book voucher if you are the first entry drawn with both puzzles correct.

Send completed puzzles to
 Maynooth Newsletter
 Unit 5 Tesco S/C Maynooth.

Entries must arrive before: 22nd January 2013

Collect prize from MCC office

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Congratulations to November**Winner:**

Michael Dillane
 Railpark
 Maynooth

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

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Independent TD

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4pm: Keogh's The Corner House, Clane
6pm: The Monread Lodge, Naas



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Taoiseach is 'out of touch' with Rent Supplement Reality

'To say that many successful applicants are not paying 'top-ups' is ludicrous'

Independent TD Catherine Murphy expressed dismay at Taoiseach Enda Kenny's comments in the Dáil today that the rent supplement scheme is operating efficiently and that 42,000 successful applicants in 2012 were able to secure accommodation under the maximum limits set out by the scheme.

Yesterday Focus Ireland reiterated the points that Deputy Murphy has been highlighting all year; that the changes to the scheme are forcing many families into homelessness or risk of homelessness. The report found that many tenants can only achieve accommodation if they are willing to break the rules and engage in 'top-ups'.

"The Taoiseach cannot genuinely believe that these 42,000 applicants are not engaging in the practice now widely known as 'topping-up' whereby tenants are forced to make up the difference between the rent limit and the actual market rent. If he says this is news to him then he is severely out of touch with the reality on the ground."

"Many parts of the country, including my own constituency of North Kildare are witnessing families being forced into homelessness. Many more will be affected before Christmas if we don't act now. It is clear that this policy is underpinned by a lack of research; is a policy that has failed and is a policy that must be reversed immediately. This Government is presiding over, and indeed defending, a policy that is fundamentally flawed."

TD Allowances Must Change

Vouching and Reductions are Essential

Independent TD for Kildare North, Catherine Murphy has once again called for mandatory vouching for allowances paid to public representatives.

Deputy Murphy has consistently called for amendments to the way in which the allowance system is administered and the abolition of the excesses within the political system.

"We have not even scratched the surface when it comes to allowances. I want to put on record that it is completely unacceptable that some allowances are not vouched...including the leader's allowance paid to Independent TDs. I have time and again sought to highlight these issues and to have them changed but I am coming up against stone walls."

"Political reform is about more than just box ticking, it is about turning the Oireachtas into a strong and functioning parliament that is not stymied by the whip

system or an over dependence on what are, quite frankly, excessive payments. "

"Any changes made will be a drop in the ocean but they will be drops into an ocean that is already overflowing with cuts to home help hours, job losses, home losses etc. and social solidarity through political leadership is essential."

A Blow for Democracy

Ceann Comhairle decision to block discussion on today's Supreme Court decision is baffling

Catherine Murphy TD (Ind. N.Kildare) was left flabbergasted today after the Ceann Comhairle's office refused to allow a Private Notice Question on the ruling by the Supreme Court that elements of the Referendum Campaign have been biased in favour of one side.

As the news broke at lunchtime, Deputy Murphy, acting in her capacity as Whip of the Technical Group immediately contacted the Ceann Comhairle to instigate a debate on this extremely urgent issue by way of a Private Notice Question which sought to determine what action it is proposed to take to respond in a timely and effective fashion to the judgement.

"What we are seeking is basic democracy. It is imperative that the legislature question the executive on matters of national importance such as this. This referendum is happening on Saturday, if this is not timely for debate then I don't know what is. I have actively campaigned for a YES vote; that is not in question however individual beliefs cannot be allowed to overshadow democracy."

"What we are seeing here is another abuse of power, firstly we have an abuse whereby public funds have been ruled to have been used to support the Government's side of the Referendum campaign and now they are going to follow that up with another abuse of power by refusing to allow this discussion."

Catherine Murphy calls for a Dail debate on the Supreme Court's decision as soon as can be facilitated

Says "no gain" to be had in postponing referendum

Independent TD for Kildare North Catherine Murphy has urged the Government to schedule time in the Dail to debate the implications of today's Supreme Court decision in the McCrystal challenge.

"As both a supporter of the referendum and a supporter of the principles of the McKenna judgment, I believe it's vitally important that the Dail set aside time to debate the decision. A solution can be found for future referendum campaigns that can allow people, including the Government, to advocate their genuinely held opinion without compromising the principles of McKenna. It's our duty as legislators to do this."

"There is no sense in postponing the referendum at this stage. We must, however, have time to debate these matters for future votes."

Maynooth Post Primary School First Year Welcome Ceremony.

When Maynooth Post Primary School first opened their doors to the public in 1971, they welcomed only 173 students. This year, Maynooth Post Primary School welcomed the largest first year group to date, with 239 pupils and fifteen different nationalities being represented.

The first year students of 2012 make up nine classes, and for the first time there are two Irish stream classes. This shows an increased interest in Irish, compared to the small Irish classes in the past.

With nine classes comes a lot of responsibility on behalf of all staff, with three Year-Heads, Mr McDonagh, Ms Murphy and Ms McLaughlin, along side the nine tutors and the selected Transition Year mentors, making sure the first years settle in to secondary school life.

Mr Johnny Nevin, Principal of Maynooth Post Primary School addressed these students and their parents at the First Year Welcome Ceremony, which took place in the school on the 20th of September. He gave an inspirational and thought provoking speech, outlining the schools objectives and rules to guide the students through a successful and enjoyable education. In welcoming the students into his school, Mr Johnny Nevin told the eager first year pupils "All we want from you as students is to do your best so you can be the best."



Mr. Jonny Nevin Principal Maynooth Post Primary

The ceremony was co-ordinated by the school's religion department, with guest speakers from local religious groups, Rev Dr Keith McCrory, Rev Janice Ayton, Fr Paul Bogle, Fr Liam Rigney and Sister Pius Madden. Music on the night was provided by the school's trad. group and the first year choir. The ceremony acknowledged the variety that can be seen within the first year group, with presentations about each subject and introductions to the culture of the fifteen different nationalities.



Mr. Tom Ashe speaking at the Welcome Ceremony

The Welcome Ceremony also gave the students a chance to witness the presentation of the second inaugural 'Tom Ashe Bursary Award' to an outstanding past Leaving Certificate student. The purpose of this Bursary is to assist students of Maynooth Post Primary School who qualify and are

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All Ireland Scholarship Award Ceremony.

Katie Curran a past pupil of Maynooth Post Primary School is a recipient of a 2012 All Ireland Scholarship 3rd level education award. In recognition of this achievement, JP McManus, sponsor of the scheme, hosted an award ceremony at the University of Limerick on Saturday, on the 17th November. Mr Nevin accompanied Katie Curran on stage as she received her award from President Bill Clinton. In addition JP McManus presented the school with a commemorative gift and a photograph of the event.



Katie Curran

The following students also received University Entrance Scholarships:

NUIG Excellence Scholarship (560 points +)

Aisling Ní Chatháin

DCU Excellence Scholarship (550 points+)

Thomas Quinn

UCD Entrance Scholars (540 points +)

Aimee O Keefe Ahern

NUIM Entrance Scholarships (500 points +)

1 Hugh Clarke

2 Katie Curran

3 Louise Doran

4 Aoife Dunne

5 Luke Hare

6 Megan Marshall

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accepted for a third level course of their choice. The student selected will receive a €4,000 one-off payment to help defray the costs of third level education. A committee of the Principal, two Deputy Principals, Career Counsellor, Year Head and one representative nominated by the sponsors select the student deemed most worthy every year. This year's award recipient was Aisling Bonass, a worthy inspiration for this year's first years. Aisling is a first year student of Arts in NUI Maynooth.

Overall, the night was a great success, with the first year's feeling welcome and confident that they will be happy in second level education.

Written by Mikaela Egan & Ciara Heslin. Photos by Aaron Hurley.



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Maynooth's St Patrick's Day Parade!

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- Do you wish to do a demo (3-4 mins) at Reviewing Stand? Yes ☐ No ☐

Entrance Fee:

- **Commercial Float ~ €50**

- **Club/Organisation ~ €20**

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The categories for which prizes will be awarded are as follows:

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| 1 | Best Commercial Float | Trophy | 2 | Best Club Float | Trophy |
| 3 | Best Band | Perpetual Cup | 4 | Best School Float | Trophy |
| 5 | Best Portrayal of Irish Culture | Trophy | 6 | Best Portrayal of Environmental Awareness | Trophy |

Applications with entry fee to be sent to Community Council Office
Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
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Research Volunteer Notice

The Psychology Department in NUI Maynooth is currently researching memory and walking gait/fall-risk across the lifespan. This research looks at age-related changes in memory and fall-risk, and is now seeking adults aged 55 and over to volunteer to take part. The natural ageing process leads to a natural change in memory performance and fall-risk. Sometimes these changes can leave people vulnerable to scams, accidents, falls and injuries in later life. Research gives us valuable information to help those at risk of memory problems and falls, by studying those in the general population. If you are aged 55 and over and are interested in participating in either of these research areas, please contact Noeleen Brady at 0863522517 or NOELEEN.BRADY@nuim.ie, or Elizabeth Walshe at 0857136153 or elizabeth.walshe.2009@nuim.ie.

Join The Dots



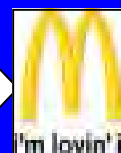
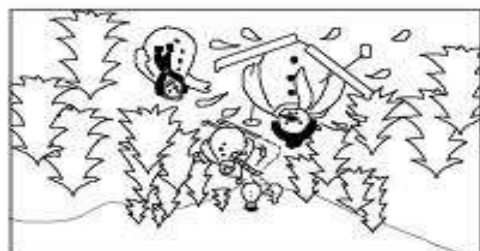
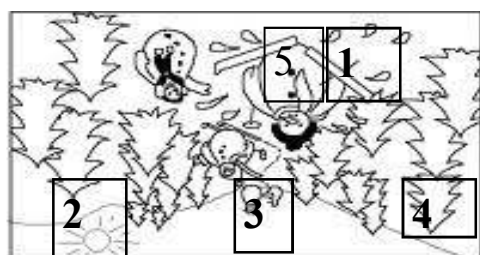
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November Winners:

Age: 3 - 5: Oisin Grehan, Moyglare Abbey

Age: 6 - 7: Lilly Bean, Cabinteely

Age: 8 & Over: Mia Ward, Griffin Rath

Prizes for Colouring Competition can be collected at:
Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre.
Entries must arrive before: 22nd January 2013



Dec12/Jan13 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. There will be no monthly meeting in January. Crafts Every Monday Night at 8.00pm. New members welcome

Community Library

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

History Group

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

Senior Citizens Club

Club opens on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30am to 12.30pm in the I.C.A. Hall. Annual Sale of Work will take place on Sunday 18th November at 3.00pm to 6.00pm in the Aula Maxima, Maynooth College. Christmas Shopping in SuperValu on Wednesday 5th December and Annual Dinner in the Glenroyal Hotel on Sunday 9th December Josephine Moore, Chairperson

University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Fridays at 11am in Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills New Members Welcome Enquiries: Helena Phone: 087 6717062

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

NUI Maynooth Prizes 2012

Each Year, the University provides prizes for each of the local schools for students who achieved high standards in their Fifth Year examinations, who are now Leaving Certificate year. They propose to offer the prizes again for the forthcoming year; each subject prize having a value of €150.

This year the receivers of the awards were Katie Donnellan in Arts, Katie Scanlon O'Callaghan in Science, Roisin Flanagan in Business & Finance and Stephen Colfer in Engineering. They were presented with the prizes by Dr. John McGinnity.

Dr. John McGinnity gave the one hundred and fifty four Leaving Certificate students a very inspirational talk about going to college. This talk took place on the 22nd October.



(L to R) Mr. Jonny Nevin, Dr. John McGinnity, Stephen Colfer, Katie Donnellan, Katie Scanlon O'Callaghan, Roisin Flanagan, Ms Eunice Finley, Ms Mary Spring (Guidance Counsellors)

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NEW YEAR PARTY FOOD

Cheesy Garlic Breadsticks

Ingredients

½ recipe Basic Pizza Dough
2 tablespoons softened butter
2 cloves garlic, crushed
¼ cup grated parmesan cheese
2 cups grated mozzarella cheese
dried parsley, optional

Instructions

Preheat oven to 260°Celsius degrees.

In a small bowl, mix butter and garlic together and set aside. Roll pizza dough out into a 12-inch circle on parchment paper. Spread the butter and garlic mixture over dough. Sprinkle with parmesan followed by mozzarella cheeses. Transfer parchment and dough to pizza stone or baking sheet. Bake at 500 for 9-10 minutes. Use a pizza cutter and cut into stick shapes. Sprinkle with a little dried parsley if desired.



Cajun Devilled Eggs

Makes 12

6 eggs
2 tablespoons mayonnaise
1 teaspoon prepared Dijon-style mustard
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/4 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper

Instructions

Place eggs in a medium saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring water to a boil and immediately remove from heat. Cover and let eggs stand in hot water for 10 to 12 mins. Remove from hot water, cool and peel. Slice eggs in half lengthwise. Remove yolks and place in a medium bowl. Set aside egg whites. Mashing with a fork, mix mayonnaise, Dijon-style mustard, salt and black pepper with the egg yolks. Fill the hollowed egg white halves with the yolk mixture. Sprinkle with cayenne pepper, adjusting the amount to taste. Cover and chill in the refrigerator until serving.



Hot Dog & Bacon Roll-Ups

Makes 12

Ingredients

1 (12 ounce) dozen hot dogs, cut in half
brown sugar
1 lb bacon, cut into in the middle

Instructions

Take a piece of hot dog and piece of bacon, wrap bacon around hot dog. Stick a toothpick through bacon to hold. Place one layer in bottom of Crock Pot and cover with brown sugar. Repeat until all the hot dogs have been used. Cook 3 to 4 hours.



Easy Sausage Cheese Balls

Makes 3 Dozen

Ingredients

1 pound sausage
4 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
3 cups baking mix
Check All Add to Shopping List

Instructions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).

In a medium bowl, combine the sausage, cheese, & dry baking mix. Mix together, & shape mixture into walnut-sized balls. Place on a foil-lined cookie sheet. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes. Serve hot.



Chicken Nut Puffs

Makes 6 Dozen

Ingredients

| | |
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| 1 1/2 cups finely chopped, cooked chicken meat | 1/3 cup toasted + chopped almonds |
| 1 cup chicken broth | 1/2 cup vegetable oil |
| 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce | 1 tablespoon dried parsley |
| 1 teaspoon seasoning salt | 1 teaspoon celery seed |
| 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper | |
| 4 eggs | |
| 1 cup all-purpose flour | |

Instructions

Combine chicken, almonds & set aside. Preheat oven to 450 degrees F (230 degrees C). In a large saucepan, combine the chicken broth, vegetable oil, Worcestershire sauce, parsley, seasoned salt, celery seed & cayenne pepper. Bring to a boil. Add flour all at once; stir mixture until a smooth ball forms. Remove from heat & let stand for 5 mins.

Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Beat until smooth. Stir in chicken & almonds. Drop by heaping teaspoonfuls onto greased baking sheets. Bake in preheated oven for 12 to 14 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.



WINTER GARDENING

DECEMBER



Now is the time to catch up on boring maintenance jobs that you have put off all year. Minimize traffic on a frozen lawn to reduce winter damage. Set up water butts to collect rain water from roofs.

Check fruits, vegetables, corns & tubers that you have in storage. Sort out any that show signs of disease & dispose of them. Take care not to let leaves gather around alpinas - they will die if left damp for a while. Enough though its winter you still need to check shrubs & trees for water. Plants & shrubs which are growing beneath evergreens or under the eaves of the house, may be dry by this time. Lack of water in the cold months can be fatal to many of these plants.



December is a good month to take cuttings of rhododendrons, azaleas & other evergreen shrubs. The cuttings should be taken from new tip growth & kept in bright light at about 70°. Watch out for pale blotches & fuzzy grey mould on leaves of winter flowering pansies.

In the vegetable garden, don't forget to work in some organic material. Cover empty vegetable beds with fleece or clear (not black) plastic. This will warm the soil making it easier to work with. Get cold frames ready now so they can be started first thing in spring. Plants such as cordylines & fuchsias shall be kept out of the frost, so put them in the greenhouse. Plant bare-rooted fruit trees & bushes this month.



Greenhouse - ventilate whenever there is a sunny day to keep the atmosphere dry. The strawberry bed should be covered with straw, pine needles or peat moss once the ground has frozen. Raspberry beds will also benefit from a load of composted cow manure at this time.

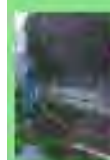


Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



JANUARY

Please continue to feed the birds & other small creatures that might not be able to find food on the ground if there is snow or the ground is frozen. In the event of snow, be sure to shake or brush off the snow from the branches of your evergreens & shrubs. The weight of the snow might damage or break them.



Fireplace ashes should be used to as a fertilizer for your iris & other alkaline soil plants. If the ground isn't too wet & not frozen, turn the soil. To prolong bloom, protect poinsettias from drafts & keep them moderately moist. To clean crusty clay pots, add one cup each of white vinegar & household bleach together to a gallon of warm water & soak the pots. For heavily crusted pots, scrub with a steel wool pad after soaking for 12 hours.

If you have time this winter, paint the handles of garden tools orange / white. They will be easier to find if they fall on the grass in the summer. Don't wait until late winter to order seeds. Many varieties sell out early. Its not too early to begin to think of a plan for next year's garden & where to plant new seedlings. Create a map of your garden & use this as a guide when ordering new seedlings & plants. Order your summer flowering bulbs now such as gladioli, dahlias & begonias to ensure that you have colourful borders.



When the weather permits, carry on clearing the paths of moss & leaves. At this time of year, apple & pear trees are dormant so it is a good time to prune them. Cut back new growth to one or two buds. Thin out branches that are twisted or rubbing off other branches. Apply a top dressing of sulphate of potash to all fruits & nuts trees.



Deadhead winter flowering pansies & bedding plants. Divide congested herbaceous perennials, prune winter jasmine to cut back flowered shoots. Choose a day to go out to the shed & sort it out. Take a note of what you will need for the upcoming spring season. Repair lawn edges or patches on lawns.

*To a gardener - there is no such thing as bad weather,
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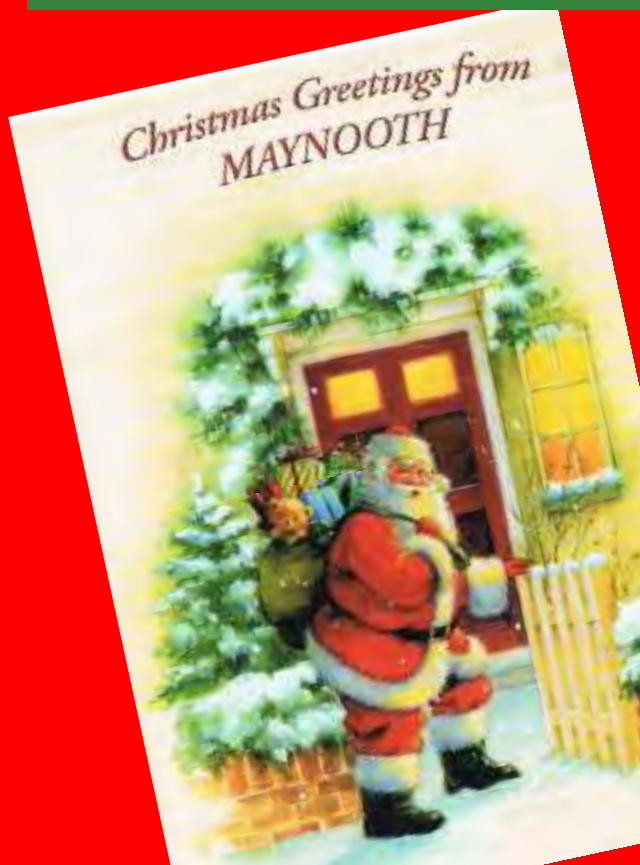
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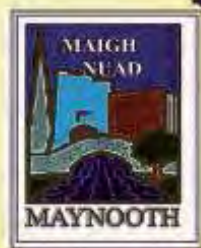
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Meetings every last Thursday of the month in Maynooth Community Council Office
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Tuesdays & Thursdays 1pm to 8pm
Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm
Saturday 9.30am to 1pm

University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Fridays at 11am in Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills
New Members Welcome
Enquiries: Helena
Phone: 087 6717062

Toastmasters

Toastmasters meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month in Glenroyal Hotel at 8pm.
The meeting are very enjoyable but with a good learning input.
They stop for tea half way through and end at 10pm.
All visitors are welcome.
Felicity Cuthbert PRO

Flower & Garden Club

Next meeting takes place in the Glenroyal Hotel on 19th February at 8 pm
Demonstrator: Brid Coonan
Visitors Welcome
Day School also on the 20th February by Brid Coonan
Maureen Fagan PRO

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

Bridge Club

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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 Thursday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. in the Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills

If you would like your event put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter 01 6285053/01 6285922

Finesse

Healing herbs and helping hands to provide you with the healthier option.



Finesse is the new health store and fitness studio, which had its official launch in Maynooth on Saturday 3rd of November. It is conveniently located beside the Credit Union on the main street. Eleanor Finn is the owner of finesse and not only has she a passion for health and fitness in all aspects whether of the mind or the body but she is also a fully qualified physical therapist and

fitness instructor. Eleanor says that "I started my career as a fitness instructor a decade ago but I was never really sold on the gym environment. What I liked about the smaller centres was that I got to know the clients really well. Knowing the clients means you can push them harder to achieve their goals."

Finesse aims to cater for people of all fitness levels and will be bringing an



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inspired range of person- centred fitness classes to Maynooth, including TRX, Turbo Cycling, Box-Fit, Boot camp, Pilates, Kettlebells, Pre & post Natal Pilates, Hip Hop, Meditation among others. There are also rooms for alternative therapies and treatments such as acupuncture which benefits include stress relief, pain reduction, emotional balance and other forms of healthy attributes. These rooms are also available to lease by therapists who wish to bring their own form of healing to the studio. There is also a nutritional advice service at Finesse along with personal training, Reflexology, Acupuncture, physical therapy, Reiki Therapy and more. Finesse also carries a range of healthy supplements, organic foods and products to promote and sustain a healthy balanced lifestyle. As well as selling health foods, they also retail sports nutrition and sports equipment.

So why not call in and talk to the staff at Finesse and find out more about classes and therapies available. The friendly and helpful staff caters for a wide variety of customer requirements and needs. As Eleanor says "whether people are looking to work out like an Olympic champion in one of our Box-fit classes, the one-to-one guidance of a personal trainer, or unwind in a meditation class we feel there is something at Finesse for everyone."

Classes are on all day and evening to make it easier for you to avail of the benefits and services to start living a happier and healthier lifestyle. The class timetable is available on the website www.finesse.ie or in the shop during the day.

The classes are €10 each or buying a bulk of 10 classes costs €80 in which you can mix and match in the 10 classes you wish to go to. Student Prices are also available. Signing in for classes is essential to reserve your place. Opening times for the shop are Monday- Saturday 9.30am-5.30pm. For further information or to make a booking phone (01)- 5054584 or log onto www.facebook.com/finessemaynooth, or alternatively you can find us on twitter.com/finessefitness1.



The owner, Eleanor Finn chatting with customers at the launch



In the mean-time Catherine is ready to help the customers

By: BRIAN O'NEILL

10 Everyday Ailments & Home Remedies

Sore Throat

- 1 Gargle with warm salt water. ½ teaspoon salt to a cup of warm water & gargle every 3-4 hours. This cuts phlegm & reduces inflammation.
- 2 Gargle with Listerine. The mouthwash gets rid of any germs that cause the infection. Do it a couple of times a day.
- 3 Use citrus. Sip lemon juice. Mix 1 tablespoon each of honey & lemon juice in 1 cup of warm water & sip away.

Ear Infections

- 1 Warm olive oil. Put some oil in a bowl & heat in microwave till it becomes warm. Before putting it your ear, always check that the oil is not too hot. Put 2 drops of the warm oil into the ear & put a little cotton wool in the ear to keep the oil in.
- 2 Salt. Heat 1 cup of salt in microwave for 3 mins. Then put salt into a cotton sock & place it near the infected ear. This will bring down the pressure inside the ear by helping to drain out the liquid build up. Repeat several times a day.

Cold Sores

- 1 Cover it with petroleum jelly - this will speed up healing & help protect it from secondary infection.
- 2 Change your toothbrush after a cold sore appears & when it disappears. Toothbrushes hold germs.
- 3 Milk. Soak a cotton ball in milk & apply it to the sore to relieve pain. Better still before it appears. When you get that tingling feeling, head straight to the fridge.

Fatigue

- 1 A well balanced diet will beat fatigue. Eggs are loaded with good things such as proteins, iron, vitamin a, folic acid, riboflavin & pantothenic acid. Eat 1 a day, whatever way you like & you will be feeling better in no time.
- 2 Drink plenty of water, juice, milk or other beverage to keep you hydrated as dehydration can cause fatigue.
- 3 Get more sleep.

Bad Breath

- 1 Keep your mouth clean & your tongue too.
- 2 Baking soda - sprinkle some into your palm, dip a damp toothbrush into the baking soda & brush.
- 3 Cheese - fights plaque & mouth odour. Opt for a low-fat cheese for a snack.

Stress & Anxiety

- 1 Almonds - Soak 10 raw almonds overnight to soften, then peel off their skins. Put almonds in blender with 1 cup warm milk, a pinch of ginger & a pinch of nutmeg. Drink at night to help you relax before going to bed.
- 2 Baking Soda - Add 1½ cup baking soda & ½ cup of ginger to a nice warm bath. Soak in the bath for at least 15mins to relieve tension & anxiety.
- 3 Orange juice - for a racing heart rate associated with anxiety - stir 1 teaspoon honey & a pinch of nutmeg into 1 cup orange juice & drink.

Joint Pain

- 1 One of the simplest ways to ease the pain & improve circulation is to have a warm bath.
- 2 Eat a banana every day. This provides the joints with sufficient grease 7 strength.
- 3 Carrot & Lime Juice - mix them together & drink on a regular basis. This is a very efficient home remedy for pain in the joints.

Stomach Bugs

- 1 Peppermint Tea - relieves all kinds of tummy related aches & pains. It acts as an anti-spasmodic, which means it can relieve stomach intestinal cramps & hyperacidity. It also dispels gas & bloating.
- 2 Chamomile Tea - does the same as peppermint tea.
- 3 Fluids - keep your fluids up by drinking sports drinks with electrolyte formulas & by sipping water.

Tonsillitis

- 1 Gargling with warm salt water several times a day. 1 teaspoon salt & 240ml warm water.
- 2 Drinking warm or cool liquids or eating ice pops, or ice cream.
- 3 Milk - 1 glass of pure boiled milk, add a pinch of turmeric powder & pepper powder. Drink every night for 3 days.

Nasal Congestion

- 1 Onion - taking a whiff of an onion causes stimulation in the nose that leads to runny results & temporary unblocks congestion.
- 2 White Vinegar - add ¼ cup to white vinegar to a basin of hot water. Put your head over the bowl & put a towel over your head. Breathe in & out. This will loosen up the congestion.
- 3 Mustard - Slather mustard on your chest & soak a wash cloth in hot water, making sure to ring it out. Place the wash cloth over the mustard & lay still for instant relief.

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Separation Anxiety in Dogs



Roddy, a tail wagging Labrador cross was sitting happily beside his very stunned looking owner in the waiting room, one morning recently. I brought them into the consulting room and the owner took out his iphone and showed me some shocking photos of a demolished armchair which Roddy had chewed to pieces. He reported that Roddy was very attached to him and always barked

as he left for work. What could have gone wrong?

At Maynooth Veterinary Clinic, Newtown Grove we have seen many cases, of differing severity of this condition in dogs. Dogs that suffer from separation anxiety are usually overly attached or dependent on their owners. It is characterised by barking, soiling and destructive behaviour in the owner's absence. It is important that it is not confused with poor house training, being left alone for longer than the dog can "hold-on" or barking back at neighbouring dogs. Most of the displays of anxiety will occur within twenty minutes of the owner's departure

Dogs are very aware of your behaviour and are keenly tuned in to your actions so they do pick up on routine activities such as putting on your coat, getting your keys etc. With dogs that suffer from Separation Anxiety such actions can trigger them to become overly anxious and excited, in some cases the dog will become quiet and withdrawn.

This can be a very difficult condition to treat and it requires a lot of time and dedication in retraining the effected dog. Drugs alone are not the answer. However there is a product called DAP which produces a pheromone spray that appeases the dog. In combination with appropriate retraining we have found this to be very useful. At Maynooth Veterinary Clinic, Newtown Grove, we always advise that retraining should be done by one family member. This is to achieve consistency and to avoid confusing a dog which may already be over anxious.

The aim of retraining is to reduce the levels of anxiety in your dog. This requires several stages to be reached:

- Your dog should be taught to stay in his bed or den area for progressively long periods of up to 30 minutes or more. This can be done by using a favourite treat – hold it in front of the dog and have him lie down and then give the treat while quietly praising him. Lengthen the periods of lying down until one minute is achieved. Next practice the stay command – have your dog lie down and walk

back 2 steps while saying stay. Try to achieve a 60 second "stay" period and then walk back and give the treat and quietly praise him. Gradually build up the length of stay and the distance that you go across the room before returning with the reward.

- Next you can start to leave the room, once more building up the length of your absence until 30 minutes is achieved. Note that this overlaps the 20 minute after leaving period when most of the adverse signs of Separation Anxiety occur. We often find that leaving a talk radio station on or quiet background music can be very helpful both during training and also during times of owner absence.

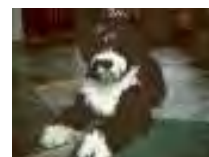
- You are now at the point where you have done the initial basic training with your dog but you want to be able to confidently leave him behind.

- Always try to give him a period of hard exercise followed by 15 minutes of rest before you leave. It is a good idea to distract your dog by giving him some favourite toys at this stage – the ones that you can hide treats in are very good as they provide long periods of distraction. We have these in stock in Maynooth Veterinary Clinic. Leave quietly and do not say goodbye to him – all Junior Infant teachers will agree!!

- As previously stated your dog will be sensitive to departure signals such as putting on your shoes, getting your keys etc. It is best not to do these activities in front of him. Your dog should already be kept distracted and out of sight at this point.

- When you come home ignore your dog if he becomes overexcited as he will interpret your attention as a reward for his over excited greeting. Equally do not scold or punish him for any misbehaviour during your absence. This is because dogs have no ability to relate past events to current punishment, therefore he will not associate the damage with the punishment. This can cause further anxiety and confusion for your dog.

This article shows just how complex and difficult Separation Anxiety can be to treat, however we have always found that a dedicated and consistent approach will pay off and that the effort can be very rewarding for the owner and the pet! At Maynooth Veterinary Clinic, Newtown Grove, our experienced vets and nurses are always very pleased to advise our clients on all pet related matters. Please feel free to contact us on 01-6289467, maynoothvet@gmail.com. Visit our website www.maynoothvets.com for more pet information.



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U3A Maynooth News

A belated thank you to everyone who supported our Carol Singing efforts for charities during December, (NCBI in Manor Mills and AWARE in Tesco Shopping Centre). Particular thanks to Joe Buckley for also giving of his time and skill during rehearsals, and to members of the band who supported us in Tesco's.

Thanks to the staff of Maynooth Community Library who invited us to participate in the pre-Christmas cheer with their public.

As a group, we have a variety of musical talents. Pat's keyboard skills have kept us in tune over the years, so many thanks to all. Finally, despite the challenges we all face during the current cut-backs, the generous spirit of the people of Maynooth continues and the above named charities are most grateful.

U3A Maynooth welcomes new members and information can be obtained at the following numbers:

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Editorial

Welcome to the first issue for 2013. The long month of January is over at last.

There was no break from study over Christmas for university students as they went straight into their exams after the holiday and they will be on their way to the second semester by now and they have a new library in which to study. The new library offers different types of study areas to suit different types of learning -for the student who likes the formal traditional quiet space and those who prefer to work in groups to prepare presentations or to tease out concepts and ideas. Study rooms are kitted out with the latest technology. A coffee shop on the ground floor is an added attraction. Members of Maynooth community are welcome to drop in for a coffee. We wish all our students the very best in their exams. It is planned that the new library will host various exhibitions and launches throughout the year. We will keep you posted.

The Maynooth Harvest Festival will take place 26-29 September and we would welcome university students and international student involvement.

We express our sympathies to the family of the late Kevin O'Sullivan, St. Patrick's Park Celbridge who died tragically following an accident. We also express our sympathies to the family of Msgr. Corish, former Professor of Ecclesiastical History, St. Patrick's College Maynooth. Msgr. Corish was buried in the College Cemetery on Monday 14th January. He wrote the definitive history of Maynooth College for the bicentenary celebrations in 1995 "Maynooth College 1795-1995". Msgr. Corish also set up and organised the Maynooth College Archive. A considerable task but one feels it was done as a labour of love. The Archive is wonderful resource covering all aspects of college life - its beginnings, development, professors, seminarians, college employees and the college farm. Researchers from all over the world have consulted the archives over the years. It is a lasting legacy to Msgr. Corish.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh siad.

What is happening in Maynooth in the coming year? Maynooth's St. Patrick's Day parade promises to be as good an event if not better than last year. Any help is greatly appreciated by the organisers and any new ideas are also very welcome. Already there is a good number of groups wishing to take part. The more the merrier.

NUI Maynooth will host the Gathering Morpeth Roll Exhibition tour on the 15 March. The Morpeth Roll is a unique testimonial document signed by 275,000 people across Ireland in 1841 on the departure of George Howard, Lord Morpeth from the Office of Chief Secretary for Ireland.

We have the Maynooth Gathering 10k Weekend from the 17-19 May. This is a fundraising event organised by the Maynooth Post Primary School Parents Teachers Association. Funds will be for the purpose of the development of new multi purpose playing field for school, college and community use. There will be a photo exhibition from the school archives and other ancillary events over the weekend.

The Irish Open will take place in Carton from 27 June-30 June.

Maynooth Harvest Festival 26-29 September. We hope to invite our Canet-en-Rousillion visitors to the Festival and will run some events around this. This will be our contribution to the Gathering events in Kildare.

Community Council Notes

The first meeting of the Maynooth Community Council Meeting for 2013 took place in the Glenroyal Hotel. The main reports concerned the new CE scheme and the sub-committees

CE scheme

The amalgamation of the old scheme and the new is in process. The MCC has now responsibility for the office and what was formerly the Canal scheme. Mr. John Doogan is now the assistant administration with responsibility for the outdoor part of the scheme which is up and running. The combined scheme will have 30 people employed. A plan of work is in place which includes the extension of the canal path up to Leixlip, work at the Soccer Club and the care of the Community Space.

Sub-committees

Scouts: Assisted at Kerdiffstown for Senior Citizens. They organised a bag pack fundraising event in Dunnes Stores. The highlight for December was the Peace Light which travelled from Bethlehem to Vienna/Europe to England, presented at Fairview Church on 13th December and brought to Maynooth for Christmas Eve Masses St. Mary's Catholic Church and Ladychapel. A number of outings are planned for 2013. On Feb 24th there will be a national Challenge Cub Scouts at NUI Maynooth. Over 300 scouts are expected to attend the one day event. The Scouts will also take part in St. Patrick's Day Parade and will have their climbing wall in the Square.

Senior Citizens: Had their Christmas Dinner in the Glenroyal in December. The next church gate collection will be at the end of February. The re-instated monitored alarms scheme was welcomed.

Educate Together: The new extension is going according to plan. The school will take part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and will be having a meeting to plan for that.

Tidy Towns: Thanks were expressed to Paul Croghan and John McGinley for their support and defence in the face of the dismal IBAL survey. The importance of getting people to take responsibility for the litter situation in the town was stressed. Numerous examples of litter and unauthorised advertising placards in the

town and surrounding areas were noted. There is a substantial fine for littering and the Litter Warden can be contacted. The canal, from Pike Bridge to Maynooth and the Greenfield Shopping Centre were noted for their tidiness. The Tidy Towns committee will be raising awareness in local schools.

The issue of the Christmas lights was raised. It is understood that there is no funding to repair the lights which have broken due to rotten branches and high winds. Trees need to be pruned. It was felt that it would be preferable not to have the lights switched on unless they all were in working order. The MCC does not have responsibility for the lights but as the elected body it can advise on such matters. The need for a Maynooth Chamber of Commerce was stressed. Contact with the North Kildare Chamber of Commerce would be a positive step to begin this process. The town lighting situation was raised. It was agreed that the MCC send a letter to KCC regard the repair/replace of various lights around the town.

St. Patrick's Day: There are 36 entries so far. Sponsorship letters are being sent out. Businesses have been very good in supporting this event. Particular mention was made of the support of the surrounding stud farms. All help and new ideas are always welcome, just contact the organising committee via the MCC office.

Maynooth Local Area Plan: The Draft Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) has been on public display from 9 January for six weeks. Members of the public have until 19 February to make their submissions to the Council. John McGinley asked that members a look at this plan before the next meeting when it will be discussed. (See Page 23)

Maynooth Local History Group: There will be a memorabilia night on January 23rd in the Glenroyal Hotel. People were invited to bring items of historical interest e.g. postcards, pictures, medals etc which they might like to talk about. The reprint of a booklet of local interest is in discussion at present.

U3A: During December there was Carol Singing at Manor Mills which raised funds for the National Council for the Blind. This was very useful in raising public interest in the work of the NCB. Five hundred euro was raised in funds. U3A also had a fundraising carol service in Tesco's for AWARE. There was also a concert in the Community Library just before Christmas. Meetings are ongoing on Fridays in the Community Space.

Festival/Gathering: Plans are ongoing for the festival. Eight hundred euro has been granted by KCC for a Gathering element in the festival.

Teenspace: There will be events for secondary school students on Friday 3rd February from 7.45-9.30. Gaelcholaiste: Colm Ó Cearúil invited members of MCC, parents and local representatives to a meeting regarding the gaelcholaiste developments and implementation, on 23rd January at 8pm in the Glenroyal. There will be feedback from meetings that were held in the three local gael scoileanna - Maynooth, Kilcock and Leixlip.

Walk of Unity: Keith McCroary of Maynooth Community Church invited members of MCC to take part in its annual Walk of Unity on Sunday 20th January at 4pm. The walk will start at St. Mary's Church of Ireland continue to St. Mary's Catholic Church and conclude at the Maynooth Community Church at Maynooth Post Primary School. The service will take a little over one hour.

Sympathies: MCC extended its sympathies to the families of Msgr. Corish former Professor of Ecclesiastical History, St. Patrick's College Maynooth and to the family of the late Kevin O'Sullivan.

You will get more details of the above events on the Gathering Webpage. At present there are 10 Maynooth related events.

I would also like to inform our readers of the wonderful work that local community groups do to enrich the town and which a lot of time goes unnoticed. I became very aware of this from the enthusiastic participation of these groups in last year's Harvest Festival and as a recent member of the community council where their activities are reported on regularly. I would encourage people to support any events that these groups, clubs and organisations are organising.

Spring is in the air and there is a stretch in the evenings. I have noticed more and more people out walking and running which is inspiring and should encourage us all to get out there. It doesn't cost anything and its benefits to the body and mind cannot be underestimated. So out we go and bring your camera. Having your camera makes you see and get you noticing your natural surroundings. You will be surprised at what you never noticed before. Enjoy!

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Self-employment and Jobseeker's Allowance

Question

I'm self-employed and only just getting by. I want to keep my business going but there is very little money left to live on at the end of the month. My friend told me I can apply for Jobseeker's Allowance and still keep working at the business. Is that right?

Answer

If you are self-employed, you may be entitled to Jobseeker's Allowance (JA) if your income from the business is below a certain level. You do not need to close your business or stop working as self-employed in order to get Jobseeker's Allowance.

You can apply for Jobseeker's Allowance at your local social welfare office. All your income, including the earnings from your business, will be assessed in the means test for JA. The assessment must reflect the income you may reasonably be expected to get from your business over the next 12 months. Income for the last 12 months will be taken as a guide but allowing for any factors that you know will vary. You should be prepared to discuss these factors when you are assessed for JA.

Earnings are assessed as gross income from the business, less work-related expenses over 12 months. There is no exhaustive list of all expenses allowed, as expenses vary with the nature and extent of the self-employment. Your expected annual earnings from self-employment are divided by 52 to find your weekly means from self-employment.

To prove the level of income from your business you must give your receipts and payment records or audited accounts to the person dealing with your application in the social welfare office.

If you have claimed a jobseeker's payment but it has not yet been paid and you have no other income, you may qualify for Supplementary Welfare Allowance while you are waiting for payment. You may also be eligible for other benefits such as a medical card or GP Visit Card, and possibly for Rent Supplement.

School closure due to bad weather

Question

My daughter is sitting her Leaving Certificate in June 2013. What happens if we have a spell of bad weather this winter and her school closes? Will the days lost be made up?

Answer

Post-primary schools are obliged to open for 167 days per year. The decision to close a school rests with the school management authority. Any decision to close is taken in the interest of children's safety, having assessed the local risks and having consulted, as appropriate, with school transport operators. Decisions on how to make up for lost days will be taken locally by the school authority, following their assessment of tuition lost. The Department of Education and Skills Circular 0034/2011 provides guidance for schools in relation to making up for time lost due to unforeseen closures, including severe weather. Where other measures are not considered adequate, the school may decide to shorten the February mid-term break.

Post-primary schools are due to close for a week, from Monday 11 February 2013 to Friday 15 February 2013 inclusive. So, if your daughter's school has to close in the New Year due to bad weather, the school authorities may shorten the mid-term break by staying

open up to and including Wednesday 13 February 2012.

Students in Junior or Leaving Certificate classes may be due to take an oral or practical test during the time a school is closed during severe weather. If this happens, the State Examinations Commission will contact your daughter's school to make alternative arrangements. If you need further information about school arrangements during severe weather, you should contact the school to discuss the plans in place locally. Contact telephone numbers and details for primary and post-primary schools are available from the website education.ie.

Receiving unsolicited text messages

Question

When I cancelled my membership of my local leisure centre over a year ago, I opted out of any further contact. Recently, the leisure centre has been sold and I have been receiving unsolicited marketing texts from the new management. Can I stop receiving these texts?

Answer

Data Protection legislation takes the sending of unsolicited direct marketing very seriously and offers protection against this practice. The Electronic Privacy Regulations (SI 336 of 2011) give you the right to prevent organisations from using electronic means (phone, text, email, fax) to contact you to sell you a product or service.

Under the law, companies may not send marketing emails or texts, or make marketing calls to individuals, unless those individuals have opted to receive them. Furthermore, they can also only hold contact details on file for 12 months without renewing consent. It is also illegal to pass on contact information to others. In your case, it is over 12 months since you left the leisure centre and you requested that your contact details be removed from their database. Instead it would appear that these details have been passed on to someone with whom you have had no previous contact. In all of these instances, the law is being broken and you have every right not to receive these unsolicited marketing texts.

You can make a complaint to the Data Protection Commissioner in writing, via e-mail or online.

When making a complaint, you should provide as much information as possible, including your own contact details, time and date of the message, a copy of the message if possible, or a summary of contents if not. You should also provide information about any previous dealings with the sender of the message as well as a statement that you are making a formal complaint. Additionally, if the Commissioner decides to prosecute an offender, you may be asked to give a sworn statement or to appear in court to give evidence. Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Changes to household benefits

Question

I'm living alone, aged over 70 and getting the Household Benefits Package. I understand it has been affected by Budget 2013. Can you tell me what the changes are?

Answer

Yes, the Household Benefits Package has been changed in Budget 2013. The value of the Electricity/Gas Allowance and the Telephone Allowance will be reduced for new and existing recipients from January 2013.

The Electricity Allowance is being adjusted from a unit-based allowance to a fixed amount of €35 per month. The Gas Allowance was previously paid at different winter and summer rates. From January 2013 it will be paid at a new standard monthly rate of €35.

These allowances can be paid either as a credit on your bill or as a cash allowance, depending on your supplier and your payment method.

This change does not affect your choice of supplier and you can choose the supplier who can best meet your energy needs. There are various commercial websites that allow you to compare energy prices. The Commission for Energy Regulation (CER) accredits cost comparison websites if they meet certain standards. You can check accredited websites on energycustomers.ie.

The Telephone Allowance is a payment towards your mobile phone or your landline phone bill. The value of this allowance will be reduced from €22.58 to a new monthly rate of €9.50. This will show as a credit on your bill or can be paid as a cash allowance.

There is no change to the Free TV Licence, the Fuel Allowance, Free Travel or Living Alone Allowance.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

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For many favours. This
Time I ask for a special
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Jesus and place it
Within your own
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Eyes it will become
Your favour not mine.
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Maynooth ICA Guild Report



Congratulations to Maynooth Guild ICA on who celebrated 60th anniversary in November. Members celebrated with a lovely party in the hall. The evening began with the Annual Service for deceased members. This service was arranged by Guild member Eilis O'Malley. Many past members attended on the night and were welcomed by President and current members

The December meeting was Christmas Party Night. Members dressed in Seasonal costumes and enjoyed the night in the specially decorated hall. There were lots of raffle prizes and Kris Kindle on the night with lovely Party Food provide by our hostesses. Guild competition winners in Dec: 1st R Hanley, 2nd Catherine O'Reilly, 3rd Mary Halton, Mary O'Gorman & Nell McLoughlin

An Grianan

Many members attend courses at The ICA Education College An Grianan near Drogheda, Co Louth. This college is open to members and non ICA Members. Courses available are varied and include crafts, cookery, art, jewelry making, ballroom dancing, digital photography and many more. You can also have a pampering session in the Beauty Room or go for a walk(or a dip) on the nearby beach and pay a visit to the very interesting museum in the grounds

Crafts

A very successful Craft Day, organised by Federation was attended by some of our members. Crafts on the day included Card Making, Christmas Crafts, Fascinators, Padded Boxes & Beading

Guild craft nights continue on Monday nights in the hall at 8 o'clock. We hope to have lots of new ideas for New Year. This Winter our project was knitted hats and scarves for The Simon Community.

The February Guild meeting will have A French Theme. Our International officer Eilis O'Malley is busy organising all things French for the night.

There was no monthly meeting in January. Next meeting February 7th at 8 o'clock in the hall. New members always welcome

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

With all the buzz of Christmas behind us we now embark on another year of activity. Our morning club is back in full swing in the community Unit where we will stay nice and warm for the winter months and I thank Margaret and all her staff for their hospitality. We will have our first committee meeting for 2013 on Feb. 5th and our Valentine's Tea-Dance will take place on Sun. Feb. 17th in the GAA club with music from Brian Mc.Dermot. We will have some nice prizes, especially for the most romantic couple and the most romantic card on the day. These occasions are open to all retired people and we welcome all our friends from the surrounding areas. Our Annual collection will take place on the 2nd and 3rd of March and all we ask is that you give a little, as it means a lot.

Our A.G.M. will take place on Tuesday March 5th in the Health Centre at 8pm. This is an open meeting to which all are welcome. To those who have expressed an interest in helping or joining our committee, the A.G.M. would be a good place to get a feel of what our work entails. Our audited accounts will be presented on the night so you will hear in detail how we spend your money. We then look forward to our Easter Tea-Dance and Bonnet Competition on April 21st. Music by "Unity" All this information and more can be found on our web page. Go into the parish website and click on groups. Finally if there are older people out there that we don't know about and you think our club is for you, contact me on 087 9002296 / Patricia Cusker on 087 2982455 or email jo@greenvilla.eu

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Maynooth Tidy Towns

IBAL Report

**Maynooth: 41st out of 42 towns / cities surveyed.
Moderately Littered.**

A major University town, Maynooth should be Clean to European Norms. A little extra effort will get you there in 2013. In Survey 2, 2012 there was a slight improvement with no seriously littered sights but just two top ranking sites (Tesco and Maynooth College – North Campus). The remaining sites were moderately littered, including all four approach roads. The Main Street has frequently been littered in previous IBAL Anti-Litter surveys and things were no different this time around.

Kilcock Approach Road: Grade B. There was a wide variety of litter scattered along this route – all of it food related. The overall appearance was of a route which requires more maintenance.

Dublin Approach Road: Grade A. There was an absence of litter along this route which passes through a mature setting.

Dunboyne Approach Road: Grade B. This has been a littered site in previous IBAL Anti-Litter surveys and things were no different this time around – as with Kilcock Approach Road, all the litter was food related. Some of the litter bins were scruffy in appearance.

Celbridge Approach Road: Grade B. As with the other three approach routes into Maynooth this route was moderately littered. Perhaps the range of litter wasn't as wide as the earlier routes but still present.

Main Street: Grade B. It is not unusual for this main street to be littered and there was no improvement this time either. Fast-food wrappers, cigarette butts and chewing gum were particularly pronounced with lower levels of sweet papers, cans, etc.. It would seem that the base of the trees require a more thorough approach to cleaning as they harboured much of the litter.

Maynooth Railway Station: Grade B. Much of the litter at the train station was in the car park, particularly up against the railings. Perhaps a more thorough approach to cleaning might address this?

Public Park: Grade B. (off the Main Street and beside the river). The most prevalent forms of litter were sweet papers and cigarette butts with minor levels of cans, plastic bottles and fast-food wrappers. There was just one litter bin in the area surveyed.

Tesco: Grade A. This was one of two top ranking sites surveyed in Maynooth. The extensive area is clearly very well maintained – there was a complete absence of litter throughout.

Aldi: Grade B. The main surface of the car park was in good order but it was let down by the litter in the surrounding shrubbery area and the recycle facility. If these two separate areas were addressed it could be a clean site, like that of most food outlets.

Maynooth College – North Campus: Grade A. This site extends over a vast area and it is a credit both to the users of the facility and those responsible for the maintenance that it was in such good order. Not only was it clear of litter but it has been very nicely maintained.

Vincent's

The shop for bargains and a charitable cause



There is a new Society of St. Vincent de Paul shop on the main Street in Maynooth. The shop, called Vincent's, is located next to the Paddy Power Bookmakers Office and just a few yards away from the bus stop. This new shop is not a replacement for the one in Greenfield, which remains open to customers and those who would like to make donations. The difference in the new premises, which is in the centre of the town is that, at present, its stock consists mainly

of clothes and all items range in price from one to three euros. There is a wide range of clothes for all; men, women and children alike. The official opening day was on Wednesday 30th January and the business hours are 10.00 am to 5.30 pm Monday to Saturday. Though the stock mostly consists of clothes and garments, there are two new rails of clothes put on display for the customers to have that added selection to choose from. Vincent's are the only charity shops that offers loyalty cards, whereby the customer can have points added to their cards no matter what branch they are doing their shopping in and when the customer has spent 50 euros in one go or over a period of time these cards can be used to purchase items in any of the Vincent's outlets. The supervisor of this particular shop, Michelle Doyle, indicates that they are hoping to extend their range of products to include jewellery at some point in the future. There will also be a variety of events through-out the year such as customer days, which will include tea/coffee with finger food for the customer's enjoyment, but there will also be some promotional days.

So if you are looking for that bargain and would like to be part of a very worthy cause then look for the big blue shop in the main street with the Vincent's sign over the door. You can buy quality clothes or even purchase that greeting card you want to buy for the special person in your life and at the same time you will know that you are supporting your local community. All of the money raised in Vincent's goes to help existing programmes and a helpful resource facility for people in your immediate area. Volunteers are always welcome to lend a hand and if you feel that you can spare some hours in your busy week you can call into the shop and ask for an application form or you can call them at 01 601 6654 or you can phone the head office for information about volunteering and applications on 01 819 8413 and the email address is info@sypdublin.ie. Duties for volunteers are; customer service, sorting hanging and tagging of clothes. While the Vincent's charity shop in Greenfield remains in business as always, the helpful and friendly staff in both the Greenfield premises and the new main street outlet welcome donations of saleable items and financial offerings to support and sustain what is a very necessary and helpful charitable institution in our society.



By: Brian O'Neill

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Trivia About Valentine Kissing:

The science of kissing is called Philematology

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A French kiss moves about 29 muscles in the face

One little kiss burns up to 3 calories. The longer the kiss: the better the exercise

The world's longest kiss took place in New York City, lasting 30 hours, 59 minutes, and 27 seconds

It is thought that men who kiss their wives every morning before going to work live 5 years longer than men who don't

70% of people aged 16 to 24 years had their first kiss by the age 15, whereas only 46% of their parents had kissed by the same age

Couples may transfer an average of 9 milligrams of water, 0.7 milligrams of protein, 0.18 milligrams of organic matter, 0.71 milligrams of fat and 0.45 milligrams of salt to each other with each open-mouthed kiss

It is said that an average woman kisses about 29 men before getting married

A kiss can contain up to 278 strains of different bacteria, most of which are harmless

An average person spends two weeks of his or her life kissing

Two out of every three couples turn their heads to the right when they kiss

Eskimos, Polynesians and Malaysians rub noses instead of kissing

First movie kiss was in 1896 when John C Rice

kissed May Irwin in the film called 'The Kiss'

Kissing helps reduce tooth decay because the extra saliva it creates helps clean out the mouth

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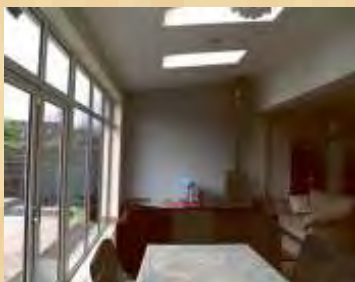
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The man to talk to for a job well done.


Gerry Nally, who is originally from Belcarra near Castlebar, Co. Mayo, moved to the locality in 1985 and started his construction business in 1999. He is a carpenter by trade and worked with his uncle in the construction business in Dublin for a number of years where he learned the necessary skills for his business such as plumbing, plastering and general construction. As Gerry says that "there is no job too small" and he has considerable experience in the construction of various sizes of extensions, conservatories and the installation of windows and doors among many other various requirements that a customer may have. He employs two people from the locality to complete the larger construction jobs, contracts which he achieves from recommendations from previous satisfied customers. Gerry is also an avid sports fan who is a supporter of the North Kildare Rugby Club, but he is also a selector for the Blackhall Gaels Football Club, clubs which his own fourteen year old son, Ciaran, plays with at present. But this is not the only connection that Gerry and his family have to the world of sports. The Nally stand in Croke Park is dedicated to and named after P. W Nally, who was a relative of Gerry's. Patrick William (Pat) Nally was born in Balla, Co. Mayo in March 1856 and his father, William Nally, had been an agent for the local landlord, Sir Robert Lynch-Blosse. At that time the ordinary members of the public were not allowed to take part in athletic meetings, so Pat organised an event called the The National Sports of Mayo in 1879, which was held on his father's land with refreshments afterwards at the family home, Rockstown House. This meeting was so successful that it was held again the following year. These events were very distinctive due to the fact that they were open to all who wanted to participate. The standard tradition at this time was for the local landlord the patronise such public events, but Pat Nally broke from tradition by having Charles Stewart Parnell, the leading anti-establishment politician at that time, to act as Patron for the fixtures. It was with such successes as this, that paved the way for the foundation of the Gaelic Athletic Association and the acknowledgement of that association for all of Pat Nally's vision and efforts by dedicating the stand to his memory.

While Gerry can happily recall such a notable person and events in his family's history, he also has a keen eye for the future and it is with such enthusiasm and hard work that he has founded his construction business upon. The owners of the premises in which he has just completed his latest construction work have given us permission to portray what a completed Gerry Nally project looks like, a project whose out-come this particular local Maynooth family are very pleased with. So if you are thinking of having that attic converted, adding on a new sun room or maybe even building a complete house, why not think of Gerry Nally Construction Limited. With years of extensive experience and a long list of customers satisfied with completed work such as that shown in the pictures. Gerry would like to thank all of his customers and welcomes anyone thinking of construction work for the future.



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SPARKLING REVIEW FROM THE SUNDAY WORLD PUB SPY FOR O'NEILL'S

O'Neill's, Maynooth

Good pints, great atmosphere and immaculate toilets - that was the general consensus among pub spy and the commandos after our visit to O'Neill's in Maynooth.

The toilets consisted of three urinals, three sinks, two cubicles and two dryers and they are easily the best we have seen in a long time. There was also hot water provided, something we consider basic but which many pubs don't provide. The bar staff were efficient, but they simply hadn't time for a conversation as they were experiencing a fantastic trade during our call. The mixed clientele were young, perhaps all under 35, and the young commando was delighted. We counted two TV's as we relaxed in the exquisite brown leather seating. There was also finger food passed for all the customers. A nice touch that all pubs should replicate.

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TONY SMITH MEMORIAL WALK 2012 RAISES €7,554

The proceeds of the Tony Smith Memorial Walk 2012 which amounted to €7,554 were handed over to the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee at their Christmas Party in the Glenroyal Hotel on Sunday December 9th.

The Annual Walk, which was held on Sunday 21st October this year, is organised by Maynooth Labour Branch and all funds raised go directly to the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee who use it in their various supports for senior citizens in the area.

The Sponsored Walk was first held in 1979 and was the idea of the then Treasurer of Maynooth Labour Branch, Tony Smith, who wanted to assist the senior citizens of the Town. Tony died tragically at the age of 33 in 1982 and the Walk was then renamed in his honour.

This years proceeds of €7,554 were handed over by Deputy Emmet Stagg to the Chairperson of the Senior Citizens Committee, Josie Moore, at the Christmas Party on December 9th.

We would like to thank the participants and all those who sponsored us for this worthy cause, and we would also like to thank Carton Estate for their continued support in allowing us to hold our walk in their wonderful grounds.



L-R Mrs. Ellen Leavy (Highest Sponsored Walker), Fr David Halpin, Josie Moore, Deputy Emmet Stagg and Rev Fr Liam Rigney PP, Maynooth.


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Saturday 2nd February 13.30 Ireland V Wales
Millenium Stadium (Cardiff)

Sunday 10th February 15.00 Ireland V England
Aviva Stadium (Dublin)

Sunday 24th February 14.00 Ireland V Scotland
Murrayfield (Edinburgh)

Saturday 9th March 17.00 Ireland V France
Aviva Stadium (Dublin)

Saturday 16th March 15.30 Ireland V Italy
Olympic Stadium (Rome)

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL REUNION ***17th 18th 19th MAY***



Maynooth Post Primary School are inviting the fifteen thousand plus former students to a school reunion on the 17th 18th 19th May being held in conjunction with the Maynooth 10k Gathering
 L-R Mr Brendan Weld,(Chair of the BOM), Mr. Andrew Dunne,(VP Rtd), Mr. Senan Griffin (Rtd principal), Teresa Murray (Chair PTA), Mr Tom Ashe (Founding Principal Rtd), Mr. Johnny Nevin (School Principal)

Students Launch Reunion Invitations



Students and cast members from the Maynooth Post Primary School musical 'Westside Story', lit up the night sky on Thursday 25th January with Chinese lanterns, one for each year the school has been open.
 The lanterns carried invitations to the school reunion.

MAYNOOTH 10K GATHERING

17th 18th 19th May

The 10k is a fundraising event organised by Maynooth Post Primary School Parents Teachers Association. Participants are invited to walk, jog or run a 10k route of Maynooth, starting in St Patricks College, taking in Carton House Demesne and finishing in Carton Avenue. Funds raised are used for the development of new multi purpose playing fields for school and community use.

This year's 10K will be the centre piece of a Gathering Reunion for former students, relatives and friends, and will include an exhibition of photographs from the schools archives and local collectors. On Friday evening a welcoming reception will be held. On Saturday guided walking tours of St Patricks College, Maynooth Castle and Carton House will take place. There will also be visits by bus to a working farm.

The 10K (www.runireland.com)

will be held on Sunday morning followed by a gathering party at Maynooth Post Primary School on Sunday afternoon.

If you have photographs of your Maynooth school days, or of the Maynooth area, please contact us by phone at 087 602 2492 or email, maynooth10kgathering@gmail.com

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BUILDING THE WEST SIDE STORY



Staff and students from Maynooth Post Primary building the stage for the school's 20th annual musical 'West Side story'. The musical will open on Wednesday 30th January and will run for 5 nights in the school's sport hall. Speaking to the Maynooth Newsletter, School Principal Mr. Johnny Nevin thanked the staff and students, sponsors and patrons whose hard work and support made the shows possible.



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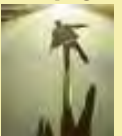
You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist



Worry often gives a small thing a big shadow

The real tragedy of life is not being limited to one talent, but failing to use that one talent

Never look down on anybody unless you are helping them up



Don't be afraid that you're life will end, be afraid that it will never begin

Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realise they were the big things

Kindness is like sugar, it makes life taste a little sweeter

He who walks in the middle of the road, gets hit from both sides

Do not undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others. It is because we are different that each of us is special



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Charm is a woman's strength, while strength is a man's charm

The best mirror is an old friend

No matter how you slice it, there are always two sides



Anger is only one letter away from danger

True friendship comes when silence between two people is comfortable

A boy makes his girl jealous of other women, but a gentleman makes other women jealous of his girl

Hurt me with the truth, but never comfort me with a lie

Choose your love, and love your choice

It's better to be alone than in bad company



Love & appreciate your parents. We are often so busy growing up, that we forget they are growing old

You can't start the next chapter of your life if you keep re-reading your last one

Beauty is not in the face, beauty is a light in the heart!

No-one can drive you crazy unless you give them the keys

One kind word can change someone's day

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Man is incomplete until he marries after that he is finished

Unusual Irish Facts & Customs



The Irish alphabet has only 18 letters - J, K, Q, V, W, X, Y, Z are not used

Irish women received the right to vote before American women

Emmett Square in Birr, Co. Offaly marks the centre of Ireland

Swallowing a live frog was an old Irish cure for stomach problems

St. Patrick was the first person in history to speak out against slavery and he is the Patron Saint of the Excluded. By the time of his death, the Irish stopped slave trading & never took it up again

Kevin Street Garda Station was once the Palace of the Archbishop of Dublin

In the old days it was customary for the oldest girl in the family to marry first and then her sisters according to age afterwards

In 1986, a 900 year old cheese was found preserved perfectly in a Tipperary bog

Ireland is the world's 20th largest island

The original Abbey Theatre in Dublin was opened on the site of a morgue in 1904

The popular song "Do they know its Christmas" was written by Bob Geldof

Ireland is the best place on the planet to avoid an earthquake! No epicentre has ever been recorded here

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God Save Ireland was once our national anthem

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MAYNOOTH MEMORIBILIA NIGHT IN THE GLENROYAL

On Wednesday 23rd Jan, 2013, the Maynooth Historical Society held a well-attended Memorabilia Night in the Glenroyal Hotel. The cold evening didn't deter the local memorabilia fans and a very informative night was had by all.

Declan O'Connor (below), presented to us a postcard he had bought at an Antiques Fair recently. This postcard was sent to a Mrs Sarah Davy who lived in Carrick Fergus from her husband Allan, who was fighting in France in 1916 with the Royal Irish Fusiliers. Declan has researched the Davy family and has been able to find out that Allan Davy died in April 1918. He hopes some day to re-unite the postcard with the Davy family who still live in Carrick Fergus.



Rita Edwards presented a Copy of the Census of 1841 which has helped her trace her family tree. This Copy was used to confirm her great-grandfather's age when he went to claim his Old Age Pension in 1909.

Peter Nevin (below) brought along a Victorian sword he found in a bog in Westmeath, he also had a Copy of The Census of 1841 containing his own great-grandfathers details.



Another collector brought along his various items from the Irish War of Independence along with some pieces from more exotic places. He owns various German military helmets from World War 1 along with some dangerous looking bayonets. His most treasured piece was a section of the portrait of Queen Victoria which had been taken from The College of Surgeons and destroyed during The Emergency. Also in his possession was the Combatant Medal from the 1916 War of Independence belonging to local Maynooth Volunteer Thomas Mangan.

Fergus White (below), displayed some very old books he has in his possession since the mid-seventies. One of these books was printed in Dublin and dates from 1795. Fergus then read an excerpt from his own self-penned family history which was very witty, we eagerly await the full version of his own 50 Shades of White.



Ger McCarthy (below), who was visiting from the Naas History Group brought along his family's Ration Books from 1951. He has the set from the whole family which haven't been used, this was a rare find.



Hilda Dunne showed us the beautiful hand stitched collage (below), which had been presented to the Historical Society by Felicity Satchwell. This currently resides and can be viewed in Maynooth Library. Hilda also had her uncles Gladstone Bag which survived (along with her sailor uncle) two torpedo attacks while her uncle was at sea with the merchant navy.



Seamus Cullen brought a copy of a Report of Arrest for a Patrick Colgan, another Maynooth Volunteer, who was arrested in 1920 for being a member of the IRB. Seamus found this Report in the Imperial War Museum in London; he also has some other Arrest Reports which mention other Maynooth and Kildare Volunteers.

Martina Reilly (below), showed us a beautiful ladies pocket watch which her grandfather's sister received for her 21st Birthday and Iris Hildebrent had a dainty statuette that was given to her father.

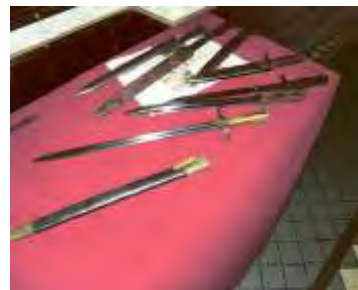


Liam Kenny presented two books to the History Society which he had found recently which were concerning Maynooth College, the first being The Silhouette Magazine from 1955, written and produced by the Seminarians in the College and a copy of Má Nuad written by Tomas O Fiach in 1972 as gaeilge.

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Ger McCarthy and Sean Sourk from Naas Local History Group



A collection of Victorian Bayonets

The Maynooth Historical Society meet in the Community Council Office (beside the Post Office) on the last Thursday of every month, new members are assured of a warm welcome.

Maynooth Labour News

Draft Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) Going on Public Display

The Draft Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) will go on public display for six weeks from 9 January. Members of the public have until 19 February to make their submissions to the Council.

Cllr. McGinley Objects to the NRA's Proposal to Replace the M4 Motorway Junction at Maynooth:

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

"That the National Roads Authority (NRA) be advised that we are totally opposed to the replacement of the M4 Motorway junction on the Straffan Road with a new junction to the west of Maynooth."

As a result of John's motion it was agreed that the Area Engineer would write to the NRA seeking details of their proposal and the rationale behind their thinking.

Proposed Traffic Calming Measures for Parson Street

The Council Officials have finally agreed to Cllr. McGinley's proposals and have advertised its intention of placing Double Yellow lines/parking restrictions at Parson Street.

The proposals can be viewed in the Library or on the Council's website. The closing date for submissions is 13 February.

Cllr. McGinley Asks that the Hand Rail on the Steps From Bond Bridge to the Canal be Repaired:

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

"That the hand rail on the steps leading to the canal from Bond Bridge be repaired as it is very unstable and dangerous for users.

John got the following reply:

"A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 12 December 2012 stating that this was a matter for Waterways Ireland and that they will contact them in this regard."

Councillor McGinley stated he would like an update on this matter as the hand rail was very unstable and dangerous and needs urgent attention. And he queried if this work was done as part of the Bond Bridge contract.

Cllr McGinley Wants to Know What is Delaying the Bus 66 Route Extension to Newtown Road, Maynooth:

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

"What progress has been made on extending the Route 66 bus to the Newtown Road, Maynooth?"

John got the following report:

"A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 12 December 2012 stating that it was the Council's understanding that the NTA was waiting for a business case from Dublin Bus. Funding of the project could be discussed pending a successful outcome from the business case put forward."

Councillor McGinley informed the committee that on the 20 July 2012 a Dublin bus representation attended

the Area Committee meeting and he told the council that a business case had been made for the extension of the 66 Bus Route.

Councillor McGinley would like the Council to follow up with the NTA and query what the hold up is on extending the Route 66 bus.

Cllr. McGinley Asks for update on Proposed Parking By-Laws for Maynooth

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

"When is the proposed parking bye-laws for Maynooth going on public display for the Lyreen area?"

John got the following reply:

"A report was received from the roads and transportation department dated 12 December 2012 stating that a section 38 public consultation process has to be progressed in the New Year. Surveys were required before drawings could be prepared and the staff involved were already committed to completing other works before the year end."

Cllr. McGinley Demands that the Rezoning of Amenity Land at Carton Court be Removed from the Draft Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP)

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

"That the rezoning of the 0.9 ha adjacent to the M4 (beside Carton Court and opposite the bottom of Greenfield Drive for 31 housing units) from open space and amenity to housing be removed from the Proposed Draft Local Area Plan 2013 -2019 for Maynooth, as there is enough land zoned for housing without rezoning open space and amenity land. "

The Planners have removed this rezoning proposal from the Draft Maynooth LAP as a result of Cllr. McGinley's motion.

Cllr. McGinley Seeks Update on Safety Measures outside the Girl's School

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

"That an update be given on the revised design scheme for the approved 60,000 for safety improvements outside the Girl's School, Convent Lane, Maynooth"

Cllr. McGinley Seeks the Repair of the Ramps outside Carton Square, on Dunboyne Road.

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

"That the developer of Carton Square, Maynooth, Glenmoy Developments, be asked to repair the two traffic calming ramps that he installed on the Dunboyne Road as a result of Condition 32 of Planning Application 03/2084"

Cllr. McGinley Demands that the Public Light be Replaced Opposite the Band Hall:

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

"That the public light that was removed from opposite the Band Hall at Bartons, Pound Lane, Maynooth, be replaced without any further delay, in the interest of public safety."

Cllr. McGinley asks for a Footpath at the Celbridge Road/ Laurence Avenue Junction

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

"That a footpath be constructed from the Celbridge Road to Laurence Avenue (9m in length) at the junction in order to make it safer for the school children attending the Gael Scoil and Educate Together School."

Stagg Raise's Reduced Ambulance Cover in North Kildare with Minister - Minister concedes If Health Risk associated with change it Must be Addressed

Deputy Emmet Stagg raised with the Minister for Health under the Topical Issues Debate in the Dail on January 16th, the appalling decision to reduce Ambulance Cover in North Kildare whereby on Thursday's from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. there is no direct dispatch of an Ambulance from the Maynooth Ambulance Base, and instead Ambulances have to be sought from Athy, Naas, Dublin or Cavan in case of an emergency.

In his address Deputy Stagg pointed out the importance of early treatment for those requiring Emergency Treatment arising from Accidents, Heart Attacks or Strokes and he praised paramedical staff on the tremendous work they do, often in horrific circumstances.

Deputy Stagg pointed out that there were 86 Ambulance Stations throughout the State. Under the Croke Park agreement the issue of inefficiencies in rostering arrangements at Ambulance Stations was referred to the Labour Court. The Labour Court subsequently issued a recommendation directing the National Ambulance Service and the Trade Unions representing Paramedics to address a number of overtime generating inefficiencies within rostering arrangements. Discussions have concluded at 30 of the 86 Stations. Of these 30 stations, 25 of them will operate with Ambulance dispatch from them 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. However the stations in Maynooth, Baltinglass, Swords, Athy and Arklow will not have an ambulance on stand-by for immediate dispatch for 12 hours per week. This means no local cover for the equivalent of 26 days per year, almost a month, each year.

Maynooth Ambulance Station, pointed out Deputy Stagg, covers a population of 60,369 people in the towns of Maynooth, Celbridge, Leixlip, Clane, Kilcock and Straffan. Between 7 am and 7 pm, every Thursday, no ambulance is available for dispatch directly from Maynooth Ambulance Station. In the event of an emergency an Ambulance would have to come from Athy, which is 90 minutes away, Naas, which is an hour away or Dublin or Cavan. Pointing out that he was not scaremongering Deputy Stagg stated that it would be inefficient to allow this situation to continue if it put people's lives at risk.

Concluding Deputy Stagg asked why has Full cover been maintained in 25 stations and this cannot be achieved in Maynooth. He questioned what was the cost of re-instating the dispatch from Maynooth on a 24 hour basis, 365 days per year. He asked that the matter be reconsidered and stated that he could not see how savings could be made through the changes that have been introduced.

Minister of State Alex White T.D. responded to Deputy Stagg and reiterated the position in relation to

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the Croke Park agreement and the Labour Court ruling. The Minister stated that the National Ambulance Service was not a static service and deploys its resources in a dynamic manner and works on an area and national basis rather than on a local basis. The dynamic deployment of ambulance resources ensures that the nearest appropriate resource is mobilised to an incident. Emergency cover is provided by advanced paramedic motorcycle response units and in addition two new Rapid Response vehicles are operating in the South Dublin and Kildare areas. Changes to inter hospital transfers have also released additional ambulance cover for emergency work. The Minister stated that Maynooth and the other stations without full cover benefit from the dynamic and rolling cover improvements due to their proximity to each other and the road network.

In response to Minister White Deputy Stagg reiterated his questions about the lack of any savings from the curtailment of the service in Maynooth. He rejected the assertion that Maynooth and Athy were adjacent and stated that a person could have died from a heart attack ten times in the time it would take for the special ambulance to come. Perhaps the man on the motorbike would arrive to help. The man on the motorbike would probably cost more that it would cost to send the ambulance which was lying idle in Maynooth, all because somebody decided that 5 stations would have no direct ambulance cover for 12 hours per week. Deputy Stagg again asked the Minister to establish what savings there were from this decision. He stated that he had fought for years to get an ambulance service in Maynooth and he was not about to allow it to be whittled down or reduced so as it will eventually disappear into some larger centre. Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that what has occurred is nonsense.

Further responding to Deputy Stagg, Minister White stated he would ascertain the level of savings as they apply to Maynooth. He stated he could not explain the broader issue any further but did indicate that all of us would be concerned if any decisions being made in order to achieve efficiencies brought an associated risk with them or they introduced any kind of public health risk into the system.

Deputy Stagg interrupting the Minister stated 'Of course there is a risk'.

Concluding Minister White stated 'Our primary concern is to ensure the health and well-being of the population, including access to emergency care if needed. If it can be demonstrated there is some risk associated with this change, that must be addressed.'

Commenting on the Minister's concluding statement Deputy Stagg stated of course there is a Risk to Health caused by the fact that no ambulance is available for dispatch from Maynooth Ambulance Base for 12 hours Every Thursday. Deputy Stagg stated that he was now writing to the 28 Doctors in the area seeking their views and anecdotal evidence where lives were put at risk due to delays in Ambulance Services on Thursdays when no service was available from Maynooth. He stated that he would also contact Paramedical Staff in Maynooth and members of the Public who had evidence should also contact him. When the evidence is available Deputy Stagg stated that he would present it to Minister White and demand the re-opening of Maynooth Ambulance Base on a full 24 hour basis, 365 days a year.

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Jobs Boost for Leixlip

4,300 new jobs on cards as Intel gets planning permission to build US \$4bn 14nm chip plant in Ireland

Ireland's lead planning agency An Bord Pleanála has given chip giant Intel the go-ahead it needs to construct a massive US\$4bn chip plant that will produce the next generation of 14 nanometer (nm) microprocessors. The two year-project will generate 3,500 construction and 800 full-time technology jobs.

In early 2011, Intel revealed plans to begin a substantial new US \$500m construction project at is Leixlip campus in Co Kildare, where it already employs around 4,000 people. The new build, a redevelopment of the former Fab 14 operation at Leixlip, is to develop the next-generation facilities to handle future products.

At the time, Intel said the project would create 200 high-level technology jobs, as well as 850 construction jobs.

Now it appears that number of jobs will be quadrupled as Intel moves to the next generation of computing technology as it keeps pace with Moore's Law.

In May last year, Intel CEO Paul Otellini confirmed Intel Ireland's Leixlip plant is one of three global sites that has been chosen to produce its next-generation 14nm chips. The two other sites that have been chosen are Intel's Oregon and Arizona plants.

Intel is moving from a 22nm process to a 14nm process and aims to create 10nm, 7nm and 5nm chips beyond 2015.

The plans for Intel's new chip fabrication plant in Ireland

It is understood that Kildare County Council approved the plans in August 2012 but they were appealed to An Bord Pleanála.

The final go-ahead was granted a week ago on Thursday, 17 January, with some revised conditions.

According to the inspector's report, the development consists of a new semiconductor wafer fabrication facility with a total stated floor area of 244,819 sq metres within the existing Intel manufacturing complex which will operate alongside existing site infrastructure and buildings.

According to the plans, the facility will cost US\$4bn to develop in full and will employ about 3,500 construction workers over the two-year build programme.

The project will provide for an estimated 800 full-time permanent jobs on site.

The new buildings will include a three-storey main fabrication facility (FAB) with a floor area of 101,000 sq metres and will comprise IC assembly equipment within an open clean room supported by two utility floors, an air conditioning mezzanine and utility trenches.

Other buildings include a process specific support system building to house liquid chemicals and collection of waste water, as well as a facility support building, a two-storey boiler/chiller facility, a water treatment building and emergency generation and electrical buildings with backup electrical capacity supplied by diesel turbines.

The plan also includes a multi-storey carpark extending over five levels, a new chemical storage building, as well as ancillary works and a new retention pond to catch additional surface water runoff.

Proposed Local Area Plan for Maynooth 2013-2019

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

PROPOSED LOCAL AREA PLAN FOR MAYNOOTH 2013-2019

Pursuant to Sections 18-20 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2012, notice is hereby given that Kildare County Council, being the Planning Authority for the area, has prepared a Local Area Plan for Maynooth.

A Local Area Plan is a statutory document that sets out the planning and development objectives of the Council for the designated area and is prepared in accordance with the Planning and Development Acts, 2000-2012. An Environmental Report has been prepared as part of a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the proposed Local Area Plan. The proposed Local Area Plan has undergone Appropriate Assessment Screening under the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC.

Copies of the proposed Local Area Plan and Environmental Reports may be inspected for a period of **6 weeks from 9 January 2013 to 19 February 2013** inclusive at the following locations:

Planning Office, Kildare County Council, at the address below.

Opening times: 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m., Monday to Friday

Maynooth Library, Main Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Opening times: Monday 2.00pm to 5.00 pm; Tuesday 1.00pm to 8.00pm;

Wednesday 9.30am to 1.00pm & 2.00pm to 5.00pm;

Thursday 1.00pm to 8.00pm; Friday 2.00pm to 5.00pm;

Saturday 9.30am to 1.00pm

And on the Council's website
www.kildare.countycouncil.ie.

Submissions or observations in writing should be marked 'Maynooth Local Area Plan' and addressed to Mary Foley Administrative Officer, Forward Planning, Kildare County Council, Aras Chill Dara, Naas, Co. Kildare or emailed to mfoley@kildarecoco.ie to be received **no later than 5pm on 19 February 2013**.

Children, or groups or associations representing the interests of children are entitled to make submissions or observations to the proposed Local Area Plan.

Please make your submission by one medium only i.e. in hard copy or email. This will avoid the duplication of submission reference numbers and will streamline the process. Your assistance on this issue is appreciated. Faxed submissions will not be accepted. Submissions or observations in respect of the proposed Local Area Plans and Environmental Reports made to the Planning Authority after the stated period shall not be taken into consideration in deciding upon the proposal.

NB: Please note that all submissions will be published on our website and personal information such as your address, phone number, email address should be listed on a separate sheet.

Maynooth Post Primary School 10k Challenge

Runners Joggers Walkers

Sunday 19th May, 10.30am

Entry Form

First Name(s): *

Last Name: *

Address: *

Gender: *

Email: *

Age Group:
(Over 16s) Under 40 ☐ 40-59 ☐ 60 + ☐

Mobile Number: *

Completed applications to be returned to reception of Maynooth Post Primary School, Moyglare Road, Maynooth, in an envelope marked "Maynooth 10k", along with cheque or postal order made out to Maynooth 10k

Entry fee €20 On the day €25

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

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

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

A Chara,

Registration, parking and cloak room facilities for Maynooth 10k will be available at Maynooth Post Primary school from 8:00am on Sunday the 19th May. You can register on Saturday 18th between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. On behalf of maynooth Post Primary P.T.A. I would like to invite you to our prize giving ceremony at the school where refreshments will be served. I wish to thank St. Patrick's College and Carton House for the use of their grounds and also our sponsors, An Garda Siachana Maynooth Newsletter and all who are volunteering their time to make the day a great success. All funds raised are used for the development of multi-purpose playing fields, a walking/running track and changing room in association with Maynooth GAA.

Mise le meas

Teresa Murray, Chairperson of Maynooth post Primary PTA

(Fields marked * Must be completed)

A Brief History Of Maynooth Post Primary School

Maynooth Post-Primary School was established in 1971 to replace a Secondary Top which was operating from the boy's primary school. Maynooth Post-Primary School began in the vacant old Presentation school building, now Charter House, with 120 pupils which included a full range of classes from first year to leaving cert. A year later it moved to its present site on Moyglare Road

From the outset the school was supported by the parents of the town and as a result along with a dedicated teaching staff and ambitious cohort of pupils the school quickly developed into a highly regarded well respected educational establishment. In the intervening years four extensions have been added and now a proposal to move to a new site further up the Moyglare Road in a new school for over a thousand pupils is already well into the planning. Maynooth Post-Primary School teaching staff, together with its very supportive parents association, dedicated itself to the development of the school over a wide area, social, cultural, sporting etc but above all to academic excellence. While examination results are important and the students of the school are encouraged and exhorted to reach their full potential school can also be fun. To this effect a very wide range of sporting activities GAA, soccer, rugby and athletics are provided not to mention debating and public speaking and of course the annual Musical which has now established itself as one of the highlights of the year not just for the school but for the entire town and vicinity. Over the 41 year history of the school many highlights have been achieved and now the staff, students and parents can confidently look forward to the future and further success.

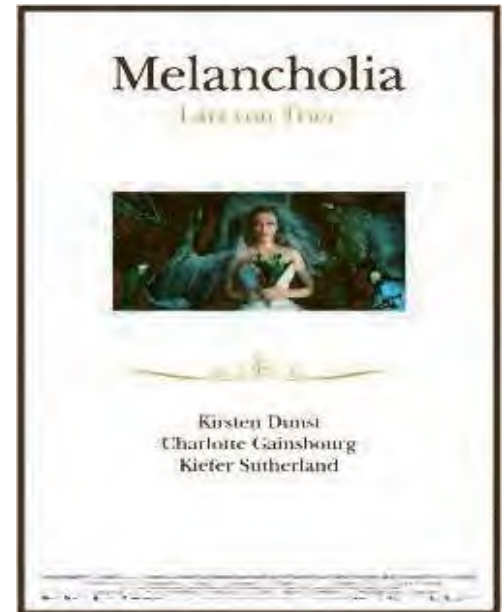
Tom Ashe Founding Principle Maynooth Post Primary School

**MAYNOOTH FILM FOR ALL
PRESENTS: MELANCHOLIA**

WED 6TH FEB 2013 @ 8PM

**Venue: Iontas Building, NUI
Maynooth**

Admission €6.00 / €4.00



**Dir: Lars Von Trier Denmark/
Sweden/France/Germany 2010**

**135 mins Starring: Kirsten Dunst,
Charlotte Gainsbourg, Kiefer
Sutherland, Charlotte Rampling
Winner Best Actress Cannes Film
Festival 2011**

A mesmerising opening salvo delivers Kirsten Dunst iconic in close-up, lashing rain, clashing planets and Wagner's Tristan and Isolde.

Meanings and connections fall into place from then on, as an obviously troubled Dunst attends a plush wedding hosted by her filthy rich family.

Charlotte Rampling is a beastly mum, dad John Hurt a charming gadfly, and sibling Charlotte Gainsbourg seemingly the only sensible one. She can't quite explain away increasingly forlorn Dunst's aching fears though, not least when a rogue planet approaches on a collision course with Earth!

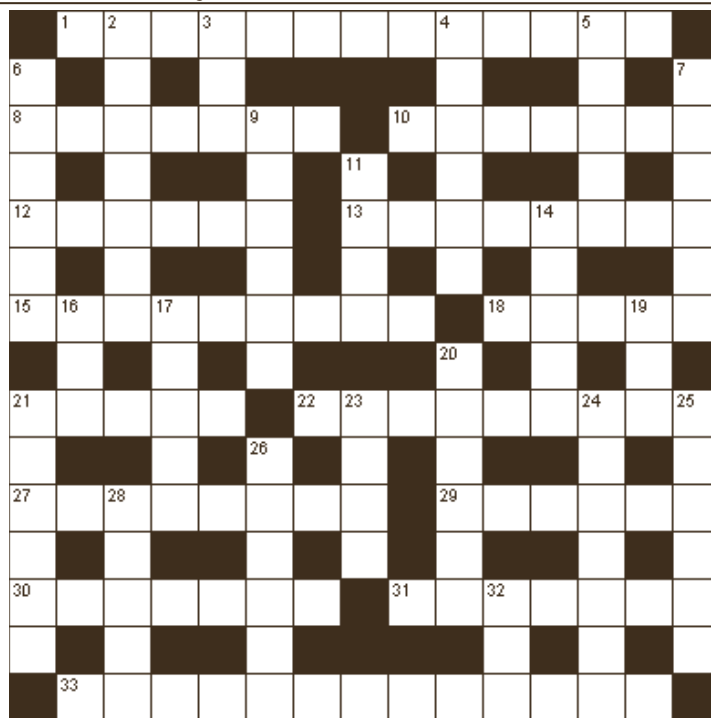
Von Trier conveys to perfection the woozy dislocation experienced by those gripped by the black dog of melancholy, adding strong performances and painterly effects to the mix. As a sufferer himself, it's an obviously personal project for the great Dane, and quite possibly the most sincere film he's ever made.

Clues Across

1. Study of the structure of metals (13)
8. Musical entertainment (7)
10. Squeeze together (7)
12. Where two streets meet (6)
13. Salad sauce (8)
15. Contented (9)
18. Friendly (5)
21. Penniless (5)
22. Benefit (9)
27. Substantial (8)
29. Locomotive (6)
30. Voter (7)
31. Armed conflict (7)
33. Doctor of gynaecology (13)



February 2013 Crossword - No: 410



Clues Down

2. Extract (7)
3. Disposed (3)
4. Swayed to and fro (6)
5. Capital of Vietnam (5)
6. Builds (6)
7. Unkempt (6)
9. Drifting (6)
11. Verge (4)
14. Stylish (5)
16. Diving bird (3)
17. Grecian architectural style (5)
19. Fall behind (3)
20. Photographic device (6)
21. Become sick (6)
23. Animal (4)
24. Creatures (7)
25. Grommet (6)
26. Previous to (6)
28. Destitute (5)
32. Floor covering (3)

Answers to Crossword 409

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Entries in before: 19th February 2013

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Winner of Crossword No. 409
December / January

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Sudoku Challenge February 2013



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Entries must arrive before: 19th February 2013

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time the results are made public.

CATHERINE MURPHY

Catherine Murphy labels 2013 Policing Plan as 'a work of fiction'

Deputy calls for development of a new policing plan in light of severe budget cuts

Joining in the widespread concern that Garda staffing numbers will have to be cut significantly further than previously thought in light of the severe cuts in December's budget, Independent TD for Kildare North Catherine Murphy today called for the development of a new Policing Plan for the national force which "reflects the reality of the changed situation. On these figures, there will either be a severe cut in Garda numbers or a severe depletion in the service Gardaí will be able to provide".

"Since the announcement of a range of station closures and expected Garda retirements under the Plan, it's become clear that the €26 million cut to the Garda payroll section will present very serious difficulties to achieving the aims set out in the Plan. Given the current imbalance in Garda staffing levels across the country, it's almost certain that many Garda districts will struggle to even provide the most basic of services this year, while some other districts are comparatively much better-staffed. This is completely unacceptable. Either the cuts must be scaled back or a new Policing Plan must be developed to ensure the best deployment possible in these difficult economic times."

Murphy urges swift development of legislation to aid Pyrite victims

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Independent -Kildare North) today pressed the Taoiseach in the Dáil on the long-promised measures intended to address pyrite damage in homes around the country. The Deputy questioned the Taoiseach following confirmation sent to her by Minister Phil Hogan that the remediation proposals will in fact form part of a stand-alone piece of legislation, and not part of the forthcoming Finance Bill as had been thought.

"Now that we have confirmation that a stand-alone bill is being prepared, I would urge Minister Hogan to give top priority to bringing the bill to cabinet as soon as possible. I have had daily queries from people wondering where they stand in relation to what's proposed. We need certainty and closure for the thousands of people who continue to endure the nightmare of pyrite-related structural problems."

The Taoiseach, responding to Deputy Murphy's questions, promised that every effort would be made to bring the legislation to the Oireachtas as quickly as possible.

Jobs Boost for Leixlip Welcomed

Intel Announcement is 'Fantastic News' for Leixlip and Kildare

Catherine Murphy, Independent TD for Kildare North, today warmly welcomed the announcement by An Bord Pleanála that Intel has been given the go-ahead to proceed with construction of a €4bn chip plant in Leixlip which will generate 3,500 construction jobs and 800 full-time technology jobs.

"Both Leixlip itself and Kildare, as a County, will benefit immensely from this major boost which puts Leixlip at the centre of the technology industry. The creation of these jobs will be a tremendous stimulus to the local economy and the knock-on effects will benefit business throughout the county."

"The fact that Intel continue to invest in Leixlip is testament to the quality of the locality and the local infrastructure."

Catherine MURPHY
independent TD

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Co. Kildare

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Phone: (01) 615 6625
e-mail: catherine.murphy@oireachtas.ie
website: www.catherinemurphy.ie

Advice Service:
Advice Centres will take place on the last Friday of every calendar month at the following locations:

2pm: The Turn Inn, Derrinturn
4pm: Keogh's The Corner House, Clane
6pm: The Monread Lodge, Naas



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MEN'S SHEDS

Maynooth Men's Sheds are up and running. We meet every Wednesday morning at 11.00 hours in the Newsletter Office (beside the Post Office). New members are always welcome.

We are currently collating information on the waterways in the Maynooth area, and input from local experts would be appreciated.

If you would like more information on Men's Sheds please contact :

John Fleming on email
johnpfleming44@gmail.com
or phone 087 2041334.

U3A MAYNOOTH Bus Eireann

Bus Eireann service from Maynooth to Dublin Airport
Bus No's 22 and 23 from Terminus (across from Glenroyal Hotel). This runs three hourly from 9.45am daily. There is also an early morning service, but all information can be obtained on web which is www.buseireann.ie
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Does the US need stricter Gun Laws?

Yes, Yes, Yes! How can anyone justify mindless acts of violence by saying its your god given right to carry weapons. Why allow the National Rifle Association write the gun laws, when they are pushing for more rights to carry guns. It doesn't make sense. Its like the drinks industry writing the drink driving laws here.

Every state in America has different laws and are independent of existing federal firearms laws. Some states have created assault weapon bans that are similar to the federal assault weapons ban. Basically firearm owners are subjected to the firearms laws of the state they are in and not just their state of residence. It is madness that state and local police departments are not legally obligated to enforce federal gun law.

Gun politics in the United States is a very controversial topic especially in politics. A lot of the politicians are afraid to say whether they are for or against people owning guns as they are all the time thinking of the elections instead of putting peoples safety first. There are and always will be arguments for carrying guns be it for protection or as part of their job. Either way it is far to easy for people to get their hands on powerful weapons. You can go into a supermarket, do your shopping and buy a gun.

Guns in the home - I don't think so. If you think that your kid doesn't know where the gun is, you are kidding yourself. How many kids are killed each year while playing with their parents gun - 500 a year. That is 500 too many. 500 families devastated. Children are precious and should not be near guns. I suppose it is easy for me to say that considering we don't live in a gun society. Kids have a right to go to school and come home, people have the right to go to the cinema and come home. People should not have to go out and be afraid. Now yet again, unfortunately, more innocent young children & their teachers are killed at the hands of another madman. The number of school shootings is totally mind-blowing and still they do nothing to sort out the gun laws. Worse - it is still happening.

Just look at some of the stats which include killed & injured:

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| Texas Massacre | 1/8/1966 | 16 |
| Columbine High School | 20/4/1999 | 13 |
| Virginia Tech massacre | 16/4/2007 | 32 |
| Long Island Massacre | 7/12/1993 | 25 |
| Sandyhook Elementary School | 14/12/2012 | 27 |

The Long Island Railroad massacre was the last time a mass killing really moved people to demand tighter restrictions, leading to the 10yr ban on assault rifles. But the ban expired in 2004 with little congressional effort to renew it. Even the shooting of one of their own, the Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, who was almost killed in a mass shooting in Tuscan last year. 6 people died and nothing was done or questions asked. The list is endless. Does a whole school need to be wiped out before they even start to see sense. When are they going to realise that every life is important and precious. Why is it more important to have the right to bear arms? How many more innocent people and children have to be murdered senselessly before something is done. Bad and all Ireland is at the moment, I am glad to live here where life is more important and kids can go to school without metal detectors at the door - where you can go to the cinema - where you can go shopping with your children. America land of the free - if you own a gun it is!!!!

Letter to the Editor

A Éagarthóir, a chara,

Bhailigh slua idir thuismitheoir, ionadaí phobail áitiúil agus an pobal i gcoiteanna in Ostán an Glenroyal chun uasdhatú a fháil ar feachtas Ghaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad. Chuir Cathaoirleach an Coiste Bunaithe Máirín Ní Chéileachair fáilte roimh gach éinne agus mhínigh sí cúla an feachtais agus an díomá atá uirthi faoin líon is lú ri-amh ag dul ar aghaidh go dtí iar-bhunoideachais trí gaeilge in Mhaigh Nuad. Mhínigh Caoimhín Ó hÉara, Ard-Rúnaí, an Foras Patrúnachta go raibh deacarachtaí faoi chruthú múnla sásúil don Aonad a forbhróidh ina Gaelcholáiste idir an ROS (Roinn Oideachais & Scileanna), CHO(Coiste Ghairm Oideachais) agus AFP (An Foras Patrúnachta).

Thug Úna Ní Fhlatharta, tuairisc ar an cruinnithe a bhí a reachtáil ag Coiste thuistí i Maigh Nuad, Cill Choca, Léim an Bhradáin agus Dún Bóinne faoin Ghaelcholáiste ón mhór cruinniú dheirigh. Tá an dul chun chinn déanta ag na thuistí agus thugadh ard mholadh dóibh as ucht a dhiograis.

Rinne an O.C.P. tagairt do Phlean Forbartha Mhaigh Nuad 2013-2019 (Comhairle Chontae Cill Dara). Ina inchur chuig an Plean mhol Comhairle Phobal Mhaigh Nuad ag glacadh le mholadh an ROS go bhunófar an dara iarbhunscóil ar an taobh ó dheas den baile, mhol CPMN go chuirfí suíomh ar fail le haghaidh Ghaelcholáiste. Bhí áthas air le fógart go raibh idirbheartaíocht tagtha faoi bhláth agus go mbeidh iarratais a chur isteach le haghaidh suíomh don Ghaelcholáiste ar an taobh ó dheas den baile.

A representative body of Parents, Public Representatives, Community activists and the public attended the public meeting organised by An Coiste Bunaithe, Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad in the Glenroyal Hotel.

The Cathaoirleach of the Committee Máirín Ní Chéileachair welcomed all to the meeting but was dismayed to report that due to the uncertainty surrounding the future of the Gaelcholáiste that the lowest number ever of students would this year be availing of the limited facility of secondary Irish medium education as currently offered in Maynooth.

The Ard-Rúnaí of An Foras Patrúnachta, Caoimhín Ó hÉara reported that this uncertainty stemmed from the lack of progress in discussions between the Dept. of Education & Skills, Co. Kildare V.E.C and An Foras in the creating of a satisfactory model of Aonad, which is to develop into the Gaelcholáiste as per the Ministerial directive.

The Parents representative Úna Ní Fhlatharta reported on the progress to date of the meeting held by the Parents Committee in Maynooth, Kilcock, Leixlip and Dunboyne. She stated that the Parents felt that the Coiste Bunaithe should be more pro active and vocal in promoting the Gaelcholáiste.

In reference to The Maynooth Local Area Plan 2013-2019, Kildare County Council, the O.C.P. informed the meeting that in its submission to Kildare County Council, Maynooth Community Council being in compliance with the Department of Education recommendations for Maynooth, September 2010, 'Reserve a site now for an additional second level school on the Straffan side of the town', made the following submission.

'The siting of new school campuses in Maynooth needs to be sustainable in terms of accessibility to all parts of the town, 'walkability' and to acknowledge the social and commercial importance of the daily presence of school pupils to the town centre. Planning for a site for a Gaelcholáiste has been a long term aspiration of Maynooth Community Council'

The O.C.P. pointed out that The Maynooth Local Area Plan 2013-2019, states that the future growth and development of the town impinges upon alleviating the traffic congestion which is choking the centre of the town. The O.C.P. was delighted to report that discussions with interested parties had reached the fruition stage and that a submission for a site for the Gaelcholáiste on the south side of Maynooth through social gain will be made as part of the Plan.

The Cathaoirleach conducted a question and answer session. It was felt that the parents who had enrolled 580 students for the Gaelcholáiste under the aegis of An Foras were not being treated fairly. The parents of 6th class students accept that it's a lost cause for their children, but the parents of 5th class students are furious and determined that the same fate shall not befall their children. It was agreed that further time should be allowed for discussion between the Dept., the Foras and the V.E.C. before the campaign enters a more proactive stage. The Cathaoirleach concluded the meeting mar focal scoir that the Parents will be informed by newsletter as to the progress in the discussion between the three education bodies, and that failing this alternative methods will have to be considered.

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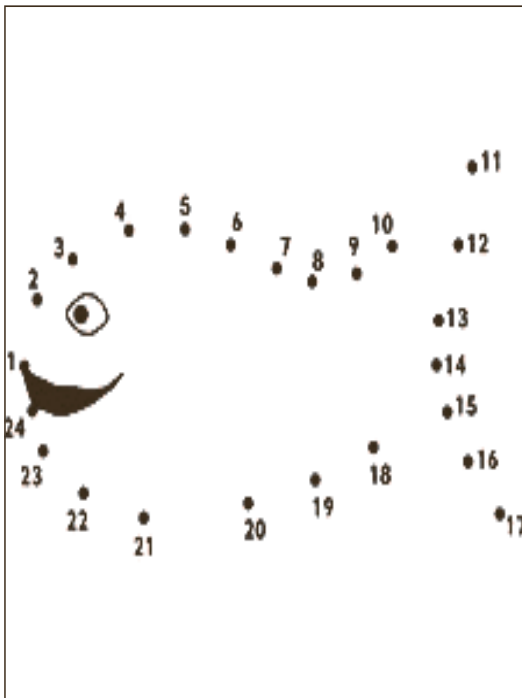


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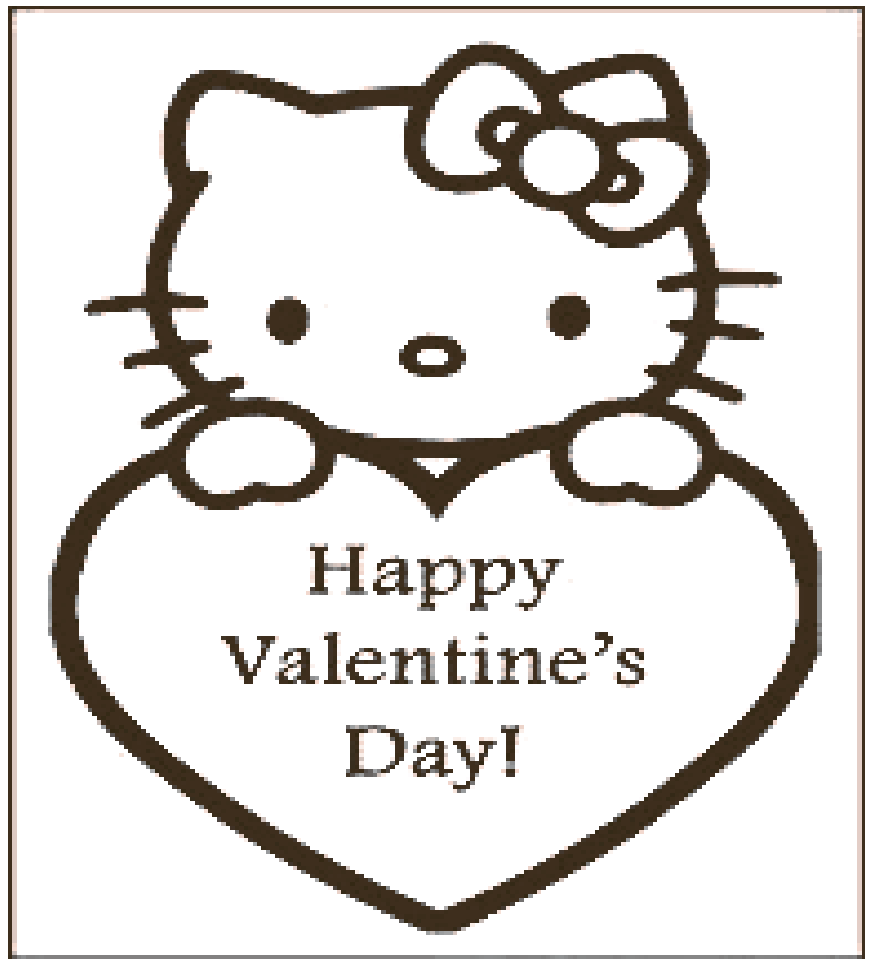
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Ingredients

500g sweet potatoes, cut into bite size pieces
1 tbsp olive oil
4 skinless chicken thigh fillets, cut into large chunks
1 large red onion, cut into wedges
2 tbsp rogan josh curry paste
2 large tomatoes, roughly chopped
125g spinach



Instructions

1. Cook the sweet potatoes in boiling, salted water for 5-7 mins until tender. Drain well, then set aside. Heat the oil in a large frying pan, then add the chicken & onion. Cook for 5-6 mins until the chicken is browned & cooked through. Stir in the curry paste, cook for 1 min, add the tomatoes, then cook for another min.
2. Pour in 100ml boiling water & mix well. Simmer for 5 mins, add the spinach, then cook for 2 mins until wilted. Fold in the potatoes & heat through. Serve with rice & naan bread.

Cheesy Tuna Pesto Pasta

Serves 4

Ingredients

400g penne
3 tbsp olive oil
100g cheddar, grated
250g punnet cherry tomatoes, halved
200g tuna
190g basil pesto



Instructions

1. Boil the pasta. Tip the tuna and olive oil into a large bowl with the pesto. Mash together with a wooden spoon. Stir in a third of the cheese & all the tomatoes. Heat the grill to high.
2. When the pasta is cooked, drain & toss through the pesto mix. Tip into a shallow baking dish & scatter with the remaining cheese. Place the dish under the grill for 3-4 mins until just melted, then serve.

Veggie Sheppard's Pie with Sweet Potato Mash

Serves 4

Ingredients

1 tbsp olive oil
1 large onion, halved & sliced
2 large carrots, cut into cubes
2 tbsp thyme chopped
200ml red wine
400g can chopped tomatoes, or fresh tomatoes
2 vegetable stock cubes
410g can green lentils
950g sweet potatoes, peeled & cut into chunks
25g butter
85g vegetarian mature cheddar, grated



Instructions

1. Heat the oil in a frying pan, then fry the onion until golden. Add the carrots & all but a sprinkling of thyme. Pour in the wine, 150ml water & the tomatoes, then sprinkle in the stock cubes & simmer for 10 mins. Tip the can of lentils, including their juice, then cover & simmer for another 10 mins until the carrots still have a bit of bite & the lentils are pulpy.
2. Boil the sweet potatoes for 15 mins until tender, drain well, then mash with the butter into a pie dish, spoon the mash on top, then sprinkle over the cheese & remaining thyme.
3. Heat the oven to 190c/170c fan or gas 5. Cook for 20 mins until golden & hot all the way through.

Meatball Curry

Serves 4-6

Ingredients

2 tbsp vegetable oil
1 pound meatballs
2 tbsp sliced onion
1 clove garlic - minced
½ cup of red, green & yellow peppers
1 cup chicken stock
½ cup pineapple bits - drained
1 tbsp cornstarch
1 tbsp sweet curry powder
2 tbsp brown sugar
4 cups hot cooked rice



Instructions

1. Heat the oil in a large, shallow pan over medium-high heat. Add onions & peppers & cook for 5 mins. Add garlic, pineapple & meatballs. Stir until well combined.
2. Blend chicken stock, curry powder, brown sugar & cornstarch together until sugar & cornstarch dissolve. Pour over meatballs & peppers. Simmer, stirring often, until meatballs are heated through, around 10 mins. Serve over the hot cooked rice.

FEBRUARY GARDENING



Though it is early, it is time to start off the slower-growing half hardy annuals & perennials. Pelargonium, begonia & osteospermum are easy from seed if you have a warm windowsill or a heated corner in a glasshouse. Don't prune roses until next month, as it will encourage growth & frost can burn new cuts.

Now is ideal to plant roses. Shrubs in containers can suffer from death & dehydration in freezing weather. Move them into a unheated greenhouse. Choose a warm day to hoe beds, to clear any weeds & break up the soils surface. In dry weather plant lily bulbs in well-drained soil enriched with rotted-organic matter, in a sunny spot.

Starting feeding your well-established hedges with a general purpose fertiliser & give them a good, moisture-retaining mulch. Vines such as ivy, virginia creeper & boston ivy can be cut back now to keep windows, gutters & roof tiles clear. If you notice the roots are beginning to come through the base, repot the plant in a slightly larger planter for a fresh look.

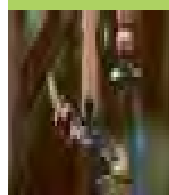


Onion sets & seed potatoes should also be ordered now. Beware, seed



potatoes need to be kept in a cool, light environment. Cut autumn-fruiting raspberries back to ground level. Sow cauliflower & summer cabbage seeds. Sow parsley in mild weather. Plant fruit bushes such as currants & gooseberries. Fruit trees, especially apple trees will do well if you prune towards the middle of the month. Feed apple, pear & plum trees with nitrogen & potash fertiliser. Rhubarb, horseradish, asparagus & artichokes, can be planted this month. Plant them at the edge or at one end of the vegetable garden, so that they are not in the way when you start digging or tilling. Sow garlic bulbs now.

Check plant supports & do any repairs before plants start growing. Clear & mulch round the base of fruit trees. In fine weather continue to dig over the vegetable garden, adding compost or manure where required. Sow sweet peas in pots & pinch out shoot tips. Fork & rake over the soil in border areas where you want to sow hardy annual flowers. Avoid walking on lawns when frozen.



On days that you can't get out to the garden, do a garden plan. Decide what colour scheme you want & what seeds & bulbs you need. Order in good time as if you leave it too late, you might end up with a very limited choice. Birds are hungry now & will start to raid the vegetable beds. Onion sets & young brassicas are at most risks. Cover with netting or you will lose the crop. So keep feeding the birds to keep them away from the new growth.

Don't forget that February is the standard month for dormant spraying. Spray your deciduous shrubs & trees that are insect or disease prone to help prevent infections during the growing season. Dormant spraying damages the leaves that's why it is done when the plant is dormant.



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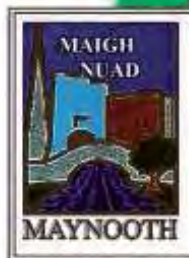
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And twinkle on the Milky Way
They stretched in never ending line
Along the margin of a bay
Ten thousand saw I at a glance
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance
The waves beside them danced, but they
Outdid the sparkling waves in glee
A poet could not but be gay
In such a jocund company
I gazed - and gazed - but little thought
What wealth the show to me had
brought
Far off, when on my couch I lie
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Friend's success in Slimming World



Karen Before

Two lovely ladies, who have lost weight with Slimming World, are celebrating their amazing weight loss, in the 1st Birthday celebrations of the Maynooth/Kilcock group. Karen O'Sullivan from Kilcock has lost an amazing 6 ½ stone and her friend Reenagh Maher from Clane has lost over 3 stone with the Food Optimising plan. They want to share their stories to help others like themselves who have found losing weight a never-ending battle in the past.

Karen has tried every kind of diet over the years and has spent a fortune in the past trying to find a plan that would suit her and help her shed the lbs.

'I have tried every way possible to lose weight but nothing worked until Slimming World. I had completely given up hope of ever shedding the lbs. This really was my last chance. I had decided if this didn't work I was going to have to live with being overweight. I joined Slimming World Maynooth/Kilcock in May 2012 and 9 months later I am over 6 ½ stone lighter. I never thought I would see the day'.

"Since that night, I have never looked back" says Karen, "On the Food Optimising plan, the choice of food is endless. I am literally eating myself slim. I never really ate breakfast or lunch before but now I cannot function if I skip a meal!! Slimming World is a life changing experience, it's definitely not a diet – it's a way of life"

It only took a couple of weeks and Karen was able to convince Reenagh that it was a great way to lose weight and they both now love eating in a healthier way and friends and family can't believe the amount of food they eat and still lose weight every week.

Lovely meals like stews, curries or roast dinners with plenty of meat, potatoes and vegetables and not forgetting a glass or two of wine.

Reenagh was sick of her clothes not fitting and really didn't want to go up another dress size.

'I was struggling to find something to wear for a family night out and shopping became a chore. I refused to go up another dress size, so when Karen spoke to me about Slimming World I decided to give it a go too. Karen was so excited about the plan and how well she was doing. It was



Karen After



Reenagh Before

the best decision I have ever made. Now I go shopping and have no trouble finding something to wear. My confidence levels have increased and I feel great about myself, for the first time in a long time. I am so happy I joined Slimming World and I am very grateful for the support I get at group each week.'



Reenagh After

The ladies agree that going to group each Thursday in the North Kildare Rugby club has been a great help to them, the support and encouragement from Michelle their Slimming World Consultant and the rest of the group is fantastic, with lots of recipe ideas and tips to help with the week ahead. Members help each other out and nobody feels alone as everybody no matter how much or how little they have to lose, always gets supported in the same way.

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The Stone Haven

The Award Winning Restaurant

The Stonehaven is a basement restaurant on Mill Street Maynooth, and even though it is underground it retains a charm and grace along with a unique sense of romance. Karen Reid, the owner, says that she got the idea for the name when she first saw the old-world style stone walls and alcoves. Karen and the staff are celebrating the ten year anniversary of the opening of the Stone Haven or as she likes to refer to it as its tenth birthday. This is a family run local business with two of her brothers working for her and she is proud to tell you that her mother made all of the table-cloths and furniture coverings. This is also a business that supports neighbouring industry where possible by sourcing its products from local suppliers, except the obvious exotic and varied products on the menu such as the Kangaroo and other striking dishes. There is a spacious garden seating area at the rear of the restaurant which is nestled next to the Rye River for those who wish to dine outside in those warmer-weather days and evenings. The customer is greeted with a cosy intimate candle-lit atmosphere where you can dine in the privacy of one of the inviting alcoves. But they also cater for the larger parties such as those celebrating christenings, communions or engagements among the many and varied momentous events. There is an a-la carte menu on offer from Monday to Saturday 5.00pm till close and Sunday from 1.00pm till close and also a meal deal from Sunday to Thursday all evening and from 5.00pm till 6.45pm on Fridays. The deal on offer consists of a



two course meal for 17 euro or the three course meal for twenty euro which can be enjoyed with a choice of wine from a wide selection from around the world. The experienced and friendly staff have been serving in the Stone Haven for a number of years and is well known by the satisfied regulars who return for the quality of the food, the service and the affordable prices. In appreciation for the loyalty and custom of her clientele, Karen also supports

community groups such as the local GAA, the Rugby Club and other social bodies within the neighbourhood. This restaurant has won many awards over the years and has also been recommended by the R.A.I for "The Best Casual Dining Kildare".

So if you are thinking of celebrating that special occasion in a cosy and intimate setting or booking a venue for a larger party whereby the seating arrangements can be designed to accommodate your requirements, why not think of the Stonehaven. The ambience and relaxing atmosphere of this restaurant, which is set-back from the main street, is ideal for the perfect dining experience. Karen has brought the skills and expertise she gained through years of working in restaurants around the country and her Catering and Management studies at R.T.C back home for your enjoyment. To celebrate Stone Haven's 10th Anniversary and for the limited time of 18th - 27th March there is a special meal deal offer of 2 main courses for 20 euro plus an appetiser to share. The appetisers on offer are a choice of Spicy Chicken Wings, Nachos or Garlic Mushrooms. The choices for the two full main course are; Chicken Curry, Stone Haven's Home-made Beef Burger, Guinness, Steak & Mushroom Pie, Vegetarian Fajitas or Boiled Bacon & Cabbage. The main course offer also includes side-orders.

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At Maynooth Veterinary Clinic, Newtown Grove, we see many couples who have a pet and who are in the happy situation of expecting their first child. They are often quite anxious about how their dog will react to their baby's arrival. This feeling is both natural and sensible. We are often asked for our advice and this month's article outlines the approach we take:

It is quite common for a pet to be an established member of a household prior to the birth of the first child. The excitement and expectation of the newborn baby is often mixed with anxiety relating to possible problems that may result with the family pet. Preparation and planning are necessary in order to promote a smooth transition. It is impossible to generalise how your pet may react to this new situation but the following article is intended to give some guidance.

Has your pet been previously introduced to babies or toddlers and if so how has your pet behaved? If there has been any evidence or suggestion of aggression take this very seriously and consult your vet who should be able to help. In certain circumstances he may consider it prudent to refer you to a professional animal behaviourist. If your dog has shown no adverse reactions to infants this is a tremendous start but never take his continued good behaviour for granted. Be positive and reward his good behaviour towards infants with a treat or a period of play. This helps him to associate children with positive thoughts. Basic obedience skills such as "sit", "stay", "leave" etc should be practised and reinforced where necessary before the arrival of your baby. It is good practise to introduce your dog to items associated with the pending newborns arrival – prams, carrycots etc. Some people have found it to be very effective to play recordings of babies crying, laughing etc. You will have many months to prepare for the wonderful arrival of your new baby.



Use this time wisely and include your pet's needs in adapting to the new household environment.

When your dog appears to be comfortable with the household changes preceding the arrival of your baby, it can be useful to expose him in a very controlled manner, to another infant. Perhaps a relative or friend with a baby would help with this –

while under very strict supervision, including having the dog on a lead restraint in the hands of the owner, the baby can be carried into the room while the dog is talked to and kept calm at the other end of the room. The initial period of socialisation should be kept very short and gradually increased. At no stage should you assume that all is well and leave your dog in a situation where he can make contact with the baby or upset it. Your dog should never be given access to the baby's room without the owner being there and being in full command.

You do not want your pet to regard your baby negatively. This can often happen by accident if the dog associates the presence of the baby with confinement, lack of attention or other negative experiences. In the presence of another family member have your dog in the room with you sometimes when your baby is being fed. Have the other person talk and play with the dog at this time - this promotes positive associative thinking in the dog's mind. If you are bringing your baby out for a walk try to bring your dog with you – again the dog associates the positive benefits of the walk with your baby. All of the time you are imprinting in your dog's mind that good things are associated with your baby.



As always we are glad to advise on any matters relating to pet care and health. If you have any matter which you would like to discuss with us please contact Maynooth Veterinary Clinic, Newtown Grove on 01-6289467 or e-mail maynoothvet@gmail.com.

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Editorial

The Magdalene laundries report must be welcomed but for decades these women, like children who were locked away and/or abused, tried to speak but nobody listened. While the apology from the Taoiseach on behalf of the State is also to be welcomed it was a pity that it took so long. The issue of the Promissory Notes probably overshadowed the Magdalene Report but it was obvious that the Taoiseach was somewhat wrong-footed in his original reaction. It was a very heartfelt apology and his feelings were clear as he drew a depressing picture of Ireland at the time. Although the hard attitudes shown by people in that period, parents threatening children with the laundry, might have softened today, there is still a core of hardness in many Irish people. This can be seen most clearly in the attitude to depression, to mental illness in general and to suicide. This along with bullying is one of the biggest problems that modern Irish society needs to address. The tragic deaths of some high profile people in the past number of months is a clear indication of this.

This culture of attempted whistle-blowing has not changed. Even today, institutions may make mistakes but they are very slow to admit this and to put things right. The moves by Ruairí Quinn on bullying and the way in which it occurs in cyberspace is also good but until institutionalized bullying is dealt with what hope is there? If bullying is endemic amongst adults what can we expect from young people.

The finding of Richard III in a car park in England has sparked a huge amount of interest in archaeology. He is to be reburied in Leicester cathedral apparently. Young children are fascinated by such stories – even in Ireland. It is difficult to understand why the education system still does not cover the early literature and history of Ireland. This deficit means that Irish people do not really know much about their early history, mythology and legends apart from scraps that they learn in national school. There might be a better sense of identity in the country if people learned more about themselves. It is all very well to talk about the Gathering and/or promoting tourism; until Irish people themselves appreciate our heritage it is ridiculous to expect others to appreciate it. Selling culture or heritage to tourists for the sake of income will not work if those in the industry do not have a proper understanding of their importance. There is little or nothing being done at various levels within the education system to address this lack of information. The Departments of Early Irish in most universities tend to be overly academic with little more than a nod in the way of cultural heritage. Guides and heritage workers need to be educated if the tourism industry is to thrive. It is known that between 50-60% of tourists come to Ireland for heritage. But there is more to be seen than the Book of Kells or Newgrange and they certainly do not visit so that they can fly by archaeological sites on shiny new motorways. On a brighter note, the latest musical in the Post-Primary School shows what dedicated teachers and past pupils can achieve when working with talented young people. The competition to be on stage is huge and we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone involved. They are a credit to their parents, their town, community and teachers.

The Taoiseach also mentioned that Ireland in the 30s, 40 and 50s thought itself to be a Christian and good place. We know so differently now. We are good at deluding ourselves, we refer to early Christian Ireland as ‘the island of saints and scholars’ as if we were a haven of peace in war torn Europe. While there were undoubtedly saints or saintly figures as well as scholars writing great manuscripts like the Book of Kells, Ireland was at least as war torn as any other country of the time. Recent archaeological excavations of pre-Viking burial sites show the extraordinary levels of

Community Council Notes

The Community Council meeting was held in the Glenroyal on 11 February at 8.30

There is much going on in the community at present. Maynooth Community Council congratulates the Post Primary School on their very successful and excellent production of *Westside Story*. Great credit is due to all involved.

The next big events is St. Patrick’s Day Parade. There has been great interest expressed in St. Patrick’s Day Parade. There are 10 entries so far. The organising committee have requested volunteers to act as stewards particularly between 8am and 9am on the day to help set up barriers and the stand. All help would be appreciated on the day.

Local Area Plan

John McGinley outlined the major points of the plan – the link road, the upgrading of the town centre, improvements to the appearance of the Square, and Lanes and the provision for college expansion to the west. Overall it was felt that it was a good plan. Some concerns were raised about the lack of a car park on the north side of the town. John McGinley noted that extra car parking spaces available on the south side of the town would be deemed town centre parking. John McGinley informed the group that any concerns from individuals can be submitted to KCC. He stated that it was Maynooth Community Council’s function to see the plan achieved.

Maynooth Scouts are taking part in a National Cub Challenge Day for 8-10 year olds on the 24 February in Maynooth College. Teams were selected on a competitive basis and include a team from Maynooth and one from Celbridge. The Maynooth Scouts will take part in St. Patrick’s Day Parade and will have a climbing wall and traditional music in the Square. This promises to add great excitement and interest for St. Patrick’s Day.

The Educate Together School will be celebrating World Book Day on the 7th March. Children will dress up as the characters in their favourite books. The school will take part in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade

violence that was an everyday occurrence in battles at the time. One man had been stabbed 140 times and both men and women were victims. In the early eighth century St Eunan enacted a Church law to ensure that women were no longer to be present on the battlefield and would be excluded from this awful violence that is also found in the early sagas and the annals. Yes, delusional. What a great little country?

Finally, we are approaching St Patrick’s Day, when the world will turn green. Just a reminder of the Parade and the great work carried out by the committee. But also a time to consider; Patrick was a British Roman not an Irishman, one of the very few foreign names of the period associated with the early Irish Church. We know very little about him or where he came from but he has become our patron saint rather than our native Colm Cille or Brigit, our own local Kildare saint. That in itself begs a question about how we view ourselves. The stories about shamrocks and snakes were all made up hundreds of years after the fifth century, the date of his arrival. We are unsure about the date of his arrival as well. History has also eradicated his predecessor, Palladius, who visited with the Pope’s blessing but apparently was not taken with the place and left after a year. We hope that you all enjoy the day and give a thought to this question – what is that makes you Irish?

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

We would like to remind readers that we welcome letters to the editor particularly if the views expressed are not yours.

and will be celebrating different cultures and nationalities of the children in the school. There will be a fundraising Pub Quiz in Bradys on 21 March for the kitting out of the new autistic unit. Regular Festival meetings are being held. Plans going ahead for the Festival/Gathering (26-29 September). Maynooth Local History Group organised a very successful Memorabilia night in the Glenroyal with over 30 people in attendance and the event was covered in the *Newsletter*. There will be a talk in the Glenroyal on the 13 March at 8pm by Pat Given on the *Historical Profile of Distilling in North Kildare*. Tidy Towns: The litter pick up has recommenced. There was a good turn out for this. A very successful WEEE collection was organised. It was noted that trees in the town need pruning which has to be done in the next month.

Senior Citizens have planned a Valentine’s Tea Dance on Sunday 17th February. The annual collection is planned for the 2nd and 3rd March.

There was a well attended meeting about the Gaelcholaiste on 28th January in Glenroyal Hotel. The Dept of Education’s recommendation was that a gaelcholaiste would be provided if there were 30 children over 4 years. Concerns were raised by parents about the uncertainty of the project and its future development. The Local Area Plan may offer a chance for further discussion and development.

The new CE scheme is working according to plan and interviews are being held for placements on it. The Community Council encourages people in the locality to enquire about these employment opportunities.

The Teenspace continues with its monthly meetings the Community Space. The second monthly event will take place on Friday 15th February. The last event was very well attended.

The Youth Café will be meeting to discuss aims and objectives and to re-focus to stimulate interest and encourage participation of young people.

The U3A reported that new members are very welcome.

Work on the lights on the bridge opposite the Castle will be looked at. The potholes outside the entrance to the college were noted. Illegal and dangerous parking just before the entrance to Manor Mills underground car park was noted and will be followed up. A reminder to our readers that Mens Sheds meet every Wednesday in the Maynooth Community Council Office at 11am.

Susan Durack

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Driver licensing:

Question

What are the new driving licence fees?

Answer

From 1 January 2013, the cost of driving licences is as follows:

- Ten-year driving licence costs €5
- Three-year driving licence costs €3
- One-year driving licence costs €2
- Learner permit costs €3

Motorists over the age of 70 can get their driving licence renewed for free.

Exchanging a driving licence, for example, to add a new category, costs €5 from 12 January 2013.

The driving licence or learner permit now takes the form of a card similar to a credit card.

You can get an application form for a driving licence from your local motor tax office or you can download it from rsa.ie.

Further information is available on the Road Safety Authority's website, rsa.ie

Redundancy payments:

Question

I have been working for a company for four years and I am facing the prospect of redundancy in 2013. How do I calculate what I might be entitled to if this happens?

Answer

The Redundancy Payments Scheme provides for the compensation of workers for the loss of their jobs by reason of redundancy. It is the responsibility of the employer to pay a statutory redundancy payment to all eligible employees. This is a minimum entitlement and in some cases employers may pay more. An employer who pays statutory redundancy payments to employees is no longer entitled to a rebate from the State when the date of dismissal is on or after 1 January 2013.

To qualify for a statutory redundancy payment, you must have at least two years' continuous service; be in employment which is insurable under the Social Welfare Acts; be over the age of 16; and have been made redundant as a result of a genuine redundancy situation, meaning that the job no longer exists and you are not replaced.

If eligible under the Redundancy Payments Acts, you are entitled to two weeks' statutory redundancy payment for every year of service, plus an extra week. Your redundancy payment is paid in a lump sum and is based on your weekly pay subject to a ceiling of €600 per week. *Pay* refers to your current normal weekly pay including average regular overtime and benefits-in-kind, but before tax and PRSI deductions - your *gross pay*. The statutory redundancy payment is tax-free.

There is an online redundancy calculator to help you work out the payment at welfare.ie.

Medical card means test:

Question

I think I may be eligible for a medical card. I have some savings - will the HSE take this into account in assessing my application?

Answer

When assessing your savings, the HSE disregards the

first €6,000 of savings and property for a single person and €7,000 in the case of a couple. Your family home is not taken into account. If you have savings or investments above this amount they are assessed either by taking into account the actual rate of interest received or the HSE will apply a 'notional rate of return' to your savings.

If you wish to have the actual rate of interest used you must provide a certificate of the interest paid on in the last full calendar year - from the institution(s) in which the savings are held.

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| Balance | €4 per €1,000 |

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Consumer rights:

Question

I bought a clock in the sales, but it has turned out to be faulty. What should I do about this?

Answer

When you buy goods, you enter into a contract with the seller. As a general rule, the seller can either repair or replace the item. Alternatively, they can refund the cost of the item. You may also have extra protection if you have a [guarantee or warranty](#) from the manufacturer. You should return the faulty item to the seller as soon as possible and explain the problem. Some shops display "No Refunds/No Exchanges" notices, particularly during the sales, but this does not take away your rights if the goods are faulty.

It is important to remember that if you caused the fault, the seller is under no obligation to offer you any type of compensation.

The shop is entitled to request proof of purchase, but this doesn't necessarily have to be the shop receipt. If you are not satisfied with the seller's response, you may be able to take a claim to the Small Claims Court. Further information is available from the National Consumer Agency, nca.ie and from the Citizens Information Centre below.

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The Glenroyal event is a joint fundraiser for the local St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band and the 8th Kildare Maynooth Scout Troop. Tickets for the Fundraiser cost only €10 and are available by calling 087 2537906 or 087 3352387. You can also pay at the door on the night. Doors open at 9.30 and dancing gets under way at 10oc. A large crowd is expected so get there early as numbers are strictly limited for this event.

Route 66 still have some dates free for this year and you can learn more about this great band by visiting their website www.route66bigband.com

Maths Support

Free Second Level Maths Support at NUI Maynooth

The Mathematics Support Centre (MSC) in the National University of Ireland Maynooth (NUIM) continues its provision of free drop-in maths support for local secondary schools. This service is supported by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, and the Admissions and Access Offices in NUIM.

It is available to students, from first year to leaving certificate regardless of level. These sessions will run on Monday evenings from 6-8pm in Rye Hall, North Campus of NUIM. A location map, a full list of the schools currently involved, the dates that the service is available and additional free online resources can be viewed at the website <http://supportcentre.maths.nuim.ie/secondlevel>.

This support is not a replacement for the classroom; rather it complements the current services provided. It has a relaxed, non-judgemental atmosphere for students so they can see maths as an approachable and accessible subject which can be discussed with their peers.

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Community Notes

Creative writing group for adults:

This group meets on the first Tuesday of the month : 6.00 pm to 7.45 pm, places are available, next meeting is March 5th.

Saturday afternoon Book Club

Note: Beginner writers are welcome, commitment to attend every month is required.

This book club meets once a month on Saturday afternoons from 2.30 to 4.00 pm, places also available.

Please contact Maynooth Community Library for details: telephone 01-6285530, email maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie or call in and book at the desk.

Maynooth Local History Group

Presents

A historical profile on distilling in North Kildare

By Pat Given

At the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth on March 13th 2013 at 8p.m.

Whiskey distilling was widespread in Ireland in the 19th century, with consumption, not just for leisure activities but as a remedy for all ailments for both human and animal. It brought with it great social issues, but as knowledge and time progressed, marketing and branding of whiskey, delivered business consolidation, sophistication and challenges socially and for the discerning pallet.

Pat Given is a qualified and experienced expert on the subject with a unique perspective on the history of distilling.

For a fascinating and enlightening evening be sure to be on time at the Glenroyal on March 13th. Note: **No free samples.**

Volunteers needed in Co Kildare for Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind

Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind are looking for volunteers in Maynooth and the Kildare region to help make their annual **SHADES** Fundraising Campaign a big success.

From April 29th to May 5th they will be selling **SHADES** pins in shops and businesses and streets across Kildare and right now they need to hear from people who are willing to be part of collections and events in their area.

All monies raised will go towards funding services for blind and vision impaired people and families of children with autism. These life changing services are provided free of charge and the organisation relies on fundraising for over 85% of its annual income.

With waiting lists for some services running up to three years the organisation is determined to increase the number of people it trains annually, to do this it urgently needs additional funds. The organisation wants to make this year's event the biggest yet. To do so they need 500 new volunteers who will give a few hours during **SHADES** week to make sure that North Kildare and Maynooth are covered.

You can help by joining a group in your area who will be selling the two **SHADES** pin or by organising a fundraising event or pin sale in your school or workplace.

To join the hundreds of volunteers who will be working across the country to raise funds for Irish Guide Dogs during **SHADES** please contact Kerry MacMahon Community Fundraising Manager on **1850 506 300** or email kerry@guidedogs.ie.

Maynooth Girl Guides Cake and Craft sale

**On Sunday
10th February**

The Maynooth Girl Guides Rangers and Brownies held a very successful cake and craft sale in the Boys' National School Maynooth. Since Maynooth Girl Guides opened its doors in 2008, we have provided opportunities for the members to explore new interests, build confidence, contribute to the community and meet other Girl Guides in Ireland and abroad. Continuing on with this tradition, we plan to travel to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts World Centre, Our Chalet, in Switzerland in August 2013.

The theme was of course Valentines and as such we had many handmade crafts and cards with a Valentine's theme, such as jars of candy hearts and jars with candles covered with hearts. There were felt hearts and some wonderful owls. The homemade Valentines cards were a big hit also with everyone. We had a great day with face painting and tea, coffee and Valentines cookies in the relaxed atmosphere of the school hall in the boys' national school in Maynooth the girls experienced new skills. The girls worked hard in the run up to the event and on the day they developed planning and organising skills in sales and marketing and public relations.

From 1911 to the present day, the association aims to encourage the best out of each of the girls and gives them the opportunity to discover new ideas, skills, experiences and friendships. All through the year, Guides is a fun place to be: they cook outdoors, go away on trips, camp in tents and earn badges for all kinds of things including making chocolate. These are just a few examples of how learning is done through fun, in a friendly safe atmosphere that helps each girl to reach her goals. It is a place where the girls can be themselves and we welcome new members.

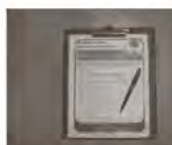
The mission of the Irish Girl Guides is to enable girls and young women to develop to their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world. The Irish Girl Guides (IGG) has a membership of over 11,500 throughout its 4 branches: Ladybirds (5-7yrs), Brownies (6 ½ - 11yrs), Guides (10 ½ - 14 yrs) and Senior Branch (14- 21 yrs).

There are also over 1,000 adult leaders. IGG is a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) which is the world's largest international voluntary organisation for Girls and Young Women. WAGGGS has over 11 million members in almost 150 countries worldwide and is an important advocate for the rights of women globally.

Irish Girl Guides in Maynooth meet once a week and we welcome new members and adult volunteers to help with the group. Brownies are 6 ½ to 10 ½ years Guides are 10½ - 14½ years, and Ranger's are from 14½ years and over. So if you have a skill to share, can make time to help the girls, and if you want to be involved - just phone Jackie or Catherine: 085-1413787 or 087-7724235.

An Garda Síochána

Crime Prevention Information Sheet



Home Security Checklist Challenge



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| 8 Do you lock the doors out of your view when working in the garden / yard? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 Have you installed an additional lock(s) to your sliding glass / patio doors? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 Can you close and lock your garage / outhouse doors? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| 13 Are all your windows secure? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14 Can the window openings be restricted for ventilation? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15 Do you check to see if all windows are secured when you leave your home? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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We would like to thank the business in Maynooth who were more than generous. We held a great raffle with many superb prizes including the following: our top

prize of a wonderful Gingerbread house made by one of our girl guides. Thanks to Glenroyal Leisure Centre, McCormack's Pharmacy, Boots Pharmacy, Callaghy's Pharmacy in Supervalu, The Uniform Warehouse, The Elite Bakery, Flower Shop Manor Mills, SuperValu Maynooth, The Rye Institute, Occasions Hair Salon and Superquinn in Lucan. We also want to say thanks to the community, who came to support us after every mass on Sunday, and the boys' school and all the volunteers who helped on the day and made it all possible.

The Maynooth Girl Guides and Maynooth Rangers are units of the Irish Girl Guides. Our members are a mix of students from Maynooth Primary and Secondary schools as well as members from other areas. The mission of the Irish Girl Guides is to enable girls and young women to develop to their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world. Irish Girl Guides is a non-profit organization and a registered charity (CHY4726).

Vincent's Grand Opening

Supporting the work of St Vincent de Paul



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul had its grand opening of a new shop on the main street on Wednesday 30th January. It was officially opened by Cllr John McGinley who cut the ribbon on what is hoped to be a very successful venture.

While the Vincent's shop in Greenfield remains open for business as usual, this new premises is mainly stocked with clothes, cards and jewellery for all occasions; all items in stock range in price from between one and three euro. Michelle Doyle, the new shop's supervisor, said that the launch-day was a resounding success and that there will be a variety of open days throughout the year and there will also be a range of offers and bargains to suit everyone's pocket. The S.V.P regional shops manager, Dermot Gilloway, was also in attendance for the grand opening and was on hand to welcome the first customers. Michelle, Dermot and Bernie Byrne, supervisor of the Greenfield shop, on behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society, would like to thank all the customers for the many years of loyalty and support for what is a very worthy cause in our community.



No one needs any reminders about the state of the economy at the moment and its impact on communities, people and families throughout the country. Support of S.V.P, whether through generous donations of articles of clothing or small furniture, your time or financial contributions, is very much appreciated by the Society. Donations of books, clothes, bric-a-brac and small items of furniture etc will be gratefully received in the Greenfield Branch. All moneys raised locally stays local.

The opening times for the new premises are 10am to 5.30pm Monday to Saturday and, like the premises in Greenfield, welcome any donations from the public. If you would like to volunteer to work in the new shop you can get an application form from one of the friendly and helpful staff or you can contact them



at 01 601 6654 or if you would like to volunteer some hours in the Greenfield Branch then contact 01 629 643; you can contact the Head Office for information on volunteering at 01 838 6990 or email info@svp.ie.

By Brian O'Neill

March Diary Planner

History Group

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

Community Library

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

University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Fridays at 11am in Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills
New Members Welcome
Enquiries: Helena
Phone: 087 6717062

Toastmasters

Toastmasters meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month in Glenroyal Hotel at 8pm.
The meeting are very enjoyable but with a good learning input. They stop for tea half way through and end at 10pm.
All visitors are welcome.
Felicity Cuthbert PRO

Flower & Garden Club

Garden Talk with Patrick Ardiffe (Gardener at Lodge Park Garden, Straffan) on 19th March
Venue: The Glenroyal Hotel
Time: 8pm
All Welcome
Maureen Fagan PRO

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

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 Thursday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. in the Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills

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The tradition of folk singing is being kept alive for past, present and future generations, and also with the Gathering in 2013 Irish folk music should be an integral part of the heritage for people visiting Ireland.

Many of the folk songs being presented for performances have been popular for generations, with a number of the songs having been written by Danny Carthy and many of them recorded by the band at different periods over the decades.

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In the 1980's and early 90's Fiddlers Green were one of the most popular folk bands in Ireland, Great Britain and Western Europe, with Danny Carthy continuing to perform as the lead singer.

To make the concerts as successful as possible photos, press release, posters and CD's can be made available for advertising, publicity and airplay on radio stations.

Regards

Danny McCarthy

Contact: +353-1-6285276 & (0)87-6750273 iddlers-green@gaeltic.ie



Runners Joggers Walkers Sunday 19th May, 10.30am Entry Form

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(Over 16s)

Mobile Number: * _____

(Fields marked * Must be completed. Contact details will only be used to forward information about Maynooth Post Primary 10k)

Completed applications to be returned to reception of Maynooth Post Primary School, Moyglare Road, Maynooth, in an envelope marked "Maynooth 10k" along with cheque or postal order made out to Maynooth 10k. Entry fee €20. On the day €25

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

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

A Chara,

Registration, parking and cloak room facilities for Maynooth 10k will be available at Maynooth Post Primary school from 8:00am on Sunday the 19th May. You can register on Saturday 18th between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. On behalf of maynooth Post Primary P.T.A. I would like to invite you to our prize giving ceremony at the school where refreshments will be served. I wish to thank St. Patrick's College and Carton House for the use of their grounds, our many sponsors, An Garda Siochana, Maynooth Newsletter and all who are volunteering their time to make the day a great success. All funds raised are used for the development of multi-purpose playing fields, a walking/running track and changing room in association with Maynooth GAA.

Mise le meas

Teresa Murray, Chairperson of Maynooth post Primary PTA

Maynooth 10K Sunday 19th May 2013

for

RUNNERS JOGGERS AND WALKERS

Maynooth Post Primary School Parent Teacher Association will hold its annual fundraising 10K on Sunday 19th May. Monies raised are for the joint development of new multi purpose playing pitches, a walking / running track and ancillary facilities for the school on Moyglare road, in conjunction with Maynooth GAA Club.

The 10K run around Maynooth, which is the centre piece of a Gathering weekend, will commence at 10.30am in the grounds of St Patricks College. It will follow a route through Maynooth's Main Street to Carton House Demesne and finish on the historic Carton Avenue.

Registration, parking and cloakroom facilities will be available at Maynooth Post Primary School from 8am.

The PTA are hoping to build on the success of last years 10K which attracted over 750 participants and raised nearly €30,000 towards the €500,000 development cost.

This years 10K is expected to attract 1,000 participants and raise up to €40,000.

Online entries at www.runireland.com



Photographed at the Official Launch of the Maynooth 10k at Carton House were:

Francis Howley (Director of Golf, Carton House), Gerry Quinn (Maynooth 10k Gathering), Deirdre O'Brien (Director of Sales, Carton House), Nuala Forde (Chairperson 10k Committee), Teresa Murray (Chairperson Maynooth PP PTA) and Johnny Nevin (Principal Maynooth Post Primary School)

Photo By: Mark Colfer

Maynooth Post-Primary School Principal Mr Johnny Nevin expressed his thanks to Carton House for the use of their grounds and their sponsorship of the main prizes.

THE MAYNOOTH EDUCATE TOGETHER SCHOOL RAISES FUNDS FOR THE TEACCH UNIT

The Educate Together staff are running a table quiz upstairs in Brady's in Maynooth on Thursday 21st March to raise funds to purchase some much needed equipment. The quiz is from 8.30 to 10.30 and the entry fee is 20 euro per table of four and everyone is welcome to participate to support this worthy cause and maybe win the top prize one hundred euro. Educate Together is a school based on the Maynooth/Celbridge Road and situated across from the Gaelscoil. **There is a mainstream school and also a unit dedicated to the education of children with autistic spectrum disorders.** One of the main aims of the staff in this unit is to create a positive and educational environment for children with autism and aspergers' and other related behavioural conditions. There is a very warm, welcoming and inclusive atmosphere at Educate Together and all of the friendly teaching staff are very approachable and ready to explain what it is they aim to achieve. Libby Conroy, who has a number of years experience working in the **special education and is currently studying for a PostGraduate diploma in Autism** explains how they endeavour to make learning a fun, enjoyable and educational experience for the children.

As she says that TEACCH or Teaching and Education of Autistic and Communication Challenged Children is an approach they use to help to generate an inclusively aware programme which is designed to meet the particular requirements of each student.

Autistic children experience sensory problems such as hyposensitivity and hypersensitivity. Hyposensitivity is when a child is under-sensitive to stimuli and has trouble processing information through their senses. Hypersensitivity is when a child's sensory awareness is too acute.

Hypersensitivity includes such features as hypertactility; this is when a child's sense of touch is heightened. One reaction of hypertactility is that a child may hate to be touched or hugged. Even a gentle touch can feel uncomfortable and even painful to a hypersensitive child and can result in a "melt down". Another aspect of this condition is hypersensitive hearing. This is when even the slightest noise becomes amplified to such an extent that it is scary and uncomfortable to the particular child. Sudden sounds terrify them and in some cases they may make their own repetitive sounds, like humming, to try and block out the sounds around them. As Libby notes that, "a child may have no filter for the sounds around them; the sound of a train could be like a thunderstorm in their ears, or a breeze could be like a painful scratch on their skin". These are just some features of autism and by using such methods as Applied Behavioural Analysis (A.B.A), and TEACCH Libby and **teacher Catriona Finlay** and their colleagues create a quality educational environment for each and every one of the twelve children at this school. The approach to teaching and learning is very structured: each child learns at a different pace. The pace of the learning process can be different for individual children and in some instances a lesson may need to be repeated a number of times, but they have excellent retention when it has been learned. This takes extensive patience and individual awareness by the staff for the student's particular needs, but they say, though it can be challenging, it is very rewarding.

While autism and its variety of symptoms can mean that the learning process can be a challenging progression for the child, with the right environment and attention to detail that child can develop and contribute very positive services within the community

Temple Grandin, who was diagnosed with autism at a very early age, is a recognised and celebrated author and professor at Colorado State University. She is a doctor of animal science and behaviour and was listed in the *Time 100* list of the most influential people in the world. It is because of the early diagnosis and applied strategies that people such as Temple learn to live happy and fruitful lives. But this takes quite a bit of effort and patience from the children's parents, their teachers and the people who inhabit their world. One method to improve and enhance the learning experience and potential for children with autism is Colourful Semantics. This is a visual and tactile learning aid whereby the child learns to associate picture/flash cards with their surroundings and learns to understand and communicate what they see. Once again this takes extensive patience and understanding on behalf of not only the parents, but also the teachers for it to be as effective as possible. But such lesson plans require the material, equipment and tools with which to carry them through. It is hoped that there a good response from the public to support the Table Quiz and thereby help with the fundraising to maintain and update very necessary materials and equipment for what is a wonderful and positive resource in our community..



Right: Teacher Mairead McHale with pupil Lauren Roe

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Tina showing us some of the
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her project for the last six months and really enjoyed what she did. Martin has said they would like some volunteers to help on the day, so if any of you have the time and would like to get involved, you can ring him on 01-6289465



Noelle showing the head of
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Curves Maynooth is collecting food for St. Vincent de Paul in partnership with the Curves Annual Food Drive

Throughout March, Curves Maynooth will be collecting non-perishable food for the 15th Annual Curves Food Drive! All collected food will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

Designed especially for women, Curves located in Maynooth Business Park (just off M4 motorway) will waive its service fee for new members in March in return for a bag of non-perishable food. The total amount collected will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul to help local families in the community. Existing members will also be encouraged to donate non-perishable food to this worthwhile charity.

Emma Walsh, Manager of Curves Maynooth, said: "Collecting non-perishable food during the Annual Curves Food Drive is something which unites the Curves community globally and we're delighted to champion St. Vincent de Paul whose goals of supporting and strengthening people in the local community match Curves' core values extremely well."

Curves Maynooth have been collecting and donating to charity during the Annual Curves Food Drive for the past ten years.

Emma says "The Food Drive is a vital part of our community program that fits perfectly with the Curves philosophy of promoting positive health and creating a community for "real women". We look forward to many years of giving back to the community through deserving charities such as St. Vincent de Paul. Why not help us to continue supporting our Local community by calling us for a free tour and Fitness Assessment!"

If you're interested in becoming part of our club, please contact Curves Maynooth at 016291000. We look forward to meeting you and helping you reach your health and fitness goal. For more information, please visit www.curves.ie

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41 The Steeple, Moyglare Abbey, Maynooth.

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The actual colour of St. Patrick is blue. Green became associated with St. Patrick's Day during the 19th century. Green, in Irish legends, was worn by faeries & immortals & also by people to encourage their crops to grow.

St. Patrick did not actually drive snakes out of Ireland, the snakes represent the pagans that he converted to Christianity

The very first St. Patrick's Day parade was not in Ireland. It was in Boston in 1737.

The phrase, "Drowning the Shamrock" is from the custom of floating the shamrock on the top of whiskey before drinking it. If you keep the custom, then you will have a prosperous year.

On March 17th it is usually said that there are two types of people in this world, the Irish and those who want to be Irish.

The New York's St. Patrick's Day parade is the longest running civilian parade in the world.

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the highest number of leaves found on a clover is 14.

St. Patrick's Day is considered to be the luckiest day to get married.

The shamrock which was also called the "seamroy" by the Celts, was a sacred plant in ancient Ireland because it symbolized the rebirth of Spring. According to legend, St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Christian doctrine of the Trinity to the Irish.

St. Patrick's day did not become a national holiday in Ireland until 1903. The first parade held in Ireland was in Dublin in 1931. In fact, until the 1970's pubs in Ireland were required by law to be closed on March 17th.

Every year in Chicago, they dye the river green. This tradition began in 1962 when the parade organiser, head of a plumber's union, noticed that the dye that was used to find sources of river pollution stained his clothes green. He thought it would be a great idea to use enough dye to turn the river green for the city's St. Patrick's Day celebration. Now in case you were wondering the environmental impact of the dye is less than the pollution from sewage treatment plants.

St. Patrick was said to have proclaimed that everyone should have a drop of the "hard stuff" on his feast day after chasing an innkeeper who served a short measure of whiskey.

Maynooth Tidy Towns News

First of all, may we thank all who despite very short notice participated in the WEE Ireland Electrical recycling day in the Tesco carpark on Saturday 3rd February. The overall tonnage collected was... 19.8. Well done to all!

Still on thanking people the Roost Christmas Raffle this year the chosen local beneficiary was Maynooth Tidy Towns, thanks to patrons, management and staff the amount raised was €838.

Christmas Tree supplier Jim Doyle presented us with a cheque for €400, thank you all who purchased trees from Jim.

These 2 donations will be put to very good use over the coming months.

The refurbished Gates and railings and wooden planters look well outside the college grounds, well done to all.

We have started our Saturday morning cleanups and this will continue with our annual cleanup with our colleagues from Leixlip Tidy Towns on Saturday the 2nd March.

A busy March is planned on Sunday the 3rd March we will be doing a clean and tidy up Maynooth project on Sunday Morning with members of the Maynooth Business Owners Association.

We look forward to meeting all our friends and supporters on St. Patrick's Day during the parade.

Our annual Table Quiz takes place on Friday 5th April in

O' Neills upstairs lounge @ 8.30 pm. Quiz Master Paul Daly promises a night of fun and entertainment, table of four €40 please come along and support.

National Spring Clean month is April and we plan to have a clean up day on Saturday 13th April more information in the next newsletter.

If you require any further information or want to help us please do not hesitate to contact us.

Richard Farrell, PRO,

087-3153189,



Britain's Got Talent Maynooth Eurosaver and More

Des Verschoyle, the owner of Eurosaver opened his shop in Maynooth on the Dublin road ten years ago and moved to the new location on Mill Street two years ago. As Des says it's a brighter and bigger premises, which allows him to offer his customers a larger variety of stock to suit all occasions and parties. The stock includes helium balloons and cards for those special moments such as Valentine's Day, Christmas and birthdays. You can indulge in a hot chocolate or coffee at only 1.50 euro



L/R Rachel Verschoyle & Emma Verschoyle

while you are shopping. This is a local family owned business that not only creates employment in the locality, but also supports local community groups and is very much involved with organisations within the town and surrounding areas. But this is not all: if you look closely you might see Des's daughters Emma and Rachel working in the shop. Emma and Rachel, with their friends Sinead Leonard, Oran and Orlagh Leong and Orla Hassett got through the pre-qualifiers for Britain's Got Talent and performed at the ICC in Birmingham on Saturday 9th of February for Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden, Alesha Dixon and David Walliams. There was a studio audience of three thousand people. This particular programme has not been aired yet, but there will be an expected television viewership of millions when it is broadcast shortly, so it will be worth marking your calendar to watch it when the date is announced.

As you can imagine travelling to Birmingham early in the morning and giving a number of interviews to various media reporters before the performance was challenging. Emma says that she was "happy and nervous, but really excited about meeting Ant and Dec and dancing in front of the judges and such a large audience." The name of the group is **Keep It Reel** and they base their performance discipline on traditional Irish dancing set to a background of contemporary pop music. This was quite a surprise for the audience and will also be a source of quality entertainment for the TV viewers as well. Emma originally formed the group choreographs their dance routine, and has learned, developed and nurtured her skills from a passion for dancing and working with, and training, dancers here in Maynooth. She says that she always wanted to dance and was happy to perform to the cheering and applause of such a large audience. It takes extensive rehearsing, skill and talent to qualify to perform for such a momentous event and in front of such a judging panel, but the determination and passion shines through and can be witnessed when the show is broadcasted in the next few weeks.

So remember that the next time that you pop in to the Eurosaver to buy a card for that special person or need to get some party supplies from their wide variety of stock, the assistant who is serving you could be the person that will be representing your community on Britain's Got Talent. Why not drop in to the shop and wish Emma, Rachel and the rest of Keep It Reel congratulations on achieving such a goal. You won't only be supporting this very talented and determined local group, but you will also be promoting the creativity and musical talent and Irish dance heritage in the Gathering year. You can also monitor the group's progress and send greetings to them on the Eurosaver Maynooth facebook page.

Congratulations to Emma, Rachel and Keep It Reel on their achievements to date and the whole community are wishing you lots of success in the upcoming stages of the contest. So while Emma and the gang will keep it reel on Britain's Got Talent, Des will keep it real with his prices in Eurosaver.

By Brian O'Neill



L/R Rachel Verschoyle, Emma Verschoyle, Oran Leong, Orla Hassett, Orlagh Leong and Sinead Leonard

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Maynooth Multiple Births Club

INFORMATION NIGHT

Monday 11th March 8.00pm

Maynooth Community Council
(outside front of Manor Mills)

"As a mother of twins, I know how challenging it can be to look after more than one baby at a time", declares Sheena from the newly formed Maynooth Multiple Births Club. "Double the demands and only one pair of arms, one pair of eyes and only 24 hours in every day... ..the upside however, is the reward is double too!"

That's why Sheena, with the support of the Irish Multiple Births Association (IMBA - <http://www.imba.ie/>), have decided to establish a Multiples Club based in Maynooth but to include the surrounding catchment areas in Meath, Kildare and Dublin.

"We want to share our experience with other mothers and expecting mothers of multiples" says Sheena. "The intention is to provide them with as much information, experience and support as possible".

The Maynooth Multiple Births Club is holding an information night on Monday 11th March at 8pm at the Maynooth Community Council Community Space (outside the front of Manor Mills). Sheena says "This is a session for interested mums and expectant mums about what we would like from the club. Please come with your suggestions and if you would like to help out with the club, please let us know." Thereafter the club will probably meet monthly. Notification of this will be given after this session.

To join the club for free or for more information please join Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/maynoothmultiplebirthsclub
Email: maynoothmultiplebirthsclub@yahoo.ie

Maynooth Labour News

A Good Day for Ireland - Stagg

The deal to tear up the infamous Anglo Promissory Notes has been welcomed by Deputy Emmet Stagg who described the outcome as a Good Day for Ireland.

This deal, stated Deputy Stagg, is a massive step by this Government in putting Ireland in a fairer and more sustainable financial position, accelerating our path back to Economic Recovery. Instead of an exorbitant short term high interest overdraft, Ireland has changed the promissory note into a cheaper long term interest only loan, with repayment of Capital pushed back to the years 2038 to 2053.

Over the next decade, Ireland will have to borrow €20 Billion less, which will significantly improve both our debt position and our reputation internationally. It is yet another piece of the jigsaw which will enable us to exit the Troika deal at the end of the year and help us to generate jobs and return to growth.

In addition the deal will reduce our Budget Deficit by €1 Billion per annum which will help us in achieving the reduction in our Budget Deficits required under the Troika Deal.

The next step in addressing Ireland's legacy Bank Debt was to push for recapitalisation of banks directly by the European Stability Mechanism, as agreed by European Heads of State last June. This is dependent on the establishment of a European Banking Union.

In conclusion, Deputy Stagg stated that the ongoing work at renegotiating the bad deals done by the previous Government and in rebuilding our reputation internationally would be hoped, build confidence at Home and Abroad, thus assisting us to gain sustained Economic Growth in the future.

Cllr. McGinley Objects to the Proposal to Close the M4 Junction on the Straffan Road:

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

"That the National Roads Authority (NRA), be advised that we are totally opposed to the replacement of the M4 motorway junction on the Straffan Road with a new junction west of Maynooth."

John was given the following response:

"The NRA has stated that they have no plans to replace this junction."

Cllr. McGinley stated that the NRA had sent a similar reply to his colleague Deputy Emmet Stagg and they also stated that the issue should be addressed to the Council.

Cllr. McGinley and Cllr. Griffin asked that the Council examine a Planning File for the area adjacent to the bridge to see what correspondence there was from the NRA objecting to the Planning application.

Cllr. McGinley Expresses His Outrage that the Council Has Lost the €60,000 allocated for Safety at the Girl's School at Convent Lane:

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

"That an update be given on the revised design scheme for the approved €60,000 for safety improvements outside the Girl's School, Convent Lane, Maynooth."

John was given the following response:

"The allocation in 2012 was subject to completion of consultation and the design process. As these processes were not completed in 2012 the funding for this scheme was lost and must be reapplied for in 2013."

Cllr. McGinley stated that the funding was approved in May 2012 and that it was beyond belief that the Council could not design 230m of footpath in 8 months. He further stated that it was unforgivable that any money should be lost in these difficult times.

Cllr. McGinley Asks that the Public Lights at The Square be repaired:

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

"That the top covers on the triple public light at The Square, Maynooth, be replaced before irreparable damage is caused to the unit and that the two faulty "runway" lights be repaired."

John was given the following response:

"These issues will be investigated and the Council's public lighting maintenance contractor, Airticity, will repair the fault as soon as possible."

Cllr. McGinley Asks That the Developer of Carton Square be Written to Asking Him to Repair the Ramps on Dunboyne Road:

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

"That the developer of Carton Square, Maynooth, Glenmoy Developments, be asked to repair the two traffic calming ramps that were installed on the Dunboyne Road as a result of condition 32 of planning application 03/2084."

John was given the following response:

"Building Control Section has confirmed that Carton Square has not been taken in charge by the council and a management company is in place in the estate. Contact details for the management company are as follows: Carton Square Property Management Company Limited, Moyglen, Dowdstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare."

John pointed out that the response did not address the motion as the ramps have nothing whatsoever to do with the Management Company as they are on the public road. He again asked the Council to write to the developer to get the ramps repaired.

Cllr. McGinley Demands Action on Litter on Main Street

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following question for the consideration of the January meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

"What response has there been from the food take-aways in Maynooth to the letter sent to them as a result of my motion to the November area committee meeting?"

John was given the following response:

"Each of the food take-aways were issued with a letter requesting that arrangements be made by them to deal with litter particularly in the early hours. The letter was

hand delivered by the litter warden who explained the difficulties facing Kildare County Council and Tidy Towns groups in respect of litter in the town. There has been a positive response from a number of outlets and further enquiries are being made. Also the director of services in environment is meeting with the Tidy Towns Group shortly to review litter issues etc. The director of services in transportation is reviewing street sweeping arrangements to establish if efficiencies can be identified in this area also."

Update on Bus Route 66 Extension to Rathcoffey Road:

Cllr. McGinley got the following to his motion at the January Area Meeting of the Council:

"The NTA have been in discussions with Dublin Bus and Kildare County Council regarding extending the route and funding the appropriate "bus friendly" infrastructure. The members will be informed as soon as these discussions have been concluded."

The Director of Services advised Cllr. McGinley that she expected the discussions to be concluded shortly.

Cllr. McGinley Asks that Accumulated Rubbish and Foul Water Problem at Buckleys Lane be Dealt With:

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

"That Londis at Main Street/Buckleys Lane, Maynooth, be asked to remove the accumulated rubbish that they have dumped behind Maynooth Barbers at Buckleys Lane and that whoever is responsible for the foul water coming from behind the Maynooth Barbers onto Buckleys Lane and Main Street be asked to put a stop to it forthwith."

Cllr. McGinley Asks the Council to Resume Emergency Roadworks at Night Time:

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the February meeting of the Council:

"That the decision of Management to longer undertake emergency roadworks at night time be reversed."

Cllr. McGinley Seeks Update on the Taking in Charge of Housing Estates in Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following question for the consideration of the February meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

"What is the current position with the Taking in Charge of the following Housing Estates In Maynooth:

- Meadowbrook
- Silken Vale & The Arches
- Castle Dawson
- Leinster Park"

Cllr. McGinley Seeks Pothole Repairs:

Cllr. McGinley has asked the Council to repair the following potholes:

- At the entrance to the College at Parson Street
- At 1 Parson Hall
- At 13 College Green.

John has been advised that these will be taken care of in the week beginning 18 February.

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Stagg to Seek meeting with Burton over Rent Supplement Rates in North Kildare

Deputy Emmet Stagg is to seek a meeting with Minister for Social Protection Joan Burton T.D. over the fact that Rent Supplements in Co. Wicklow are paid in two different bands, depending on where you live, whilst in Co. Kildare no difference is taken into account with higher rents for properties in the towns of Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge and Kilcock in the North of the County compared to Athy and Kildare Town further South.

In Wicklow the following Maximum Monthly Rent Supplements are paid as follows:

| | Bray, Greystones & Delgany | Rest of Co. Wicklow |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Single Person (Self Contained) | €460 | €440 |
| Single Person (Shared) | €275 | €240 |
| Couples (Self Contained) | €625 | €525 |
| Couples (Shared) | €300 | €290 |
| Couples & Lone Parents with 1 Child | €725 | €625 |
| Couples & Lone Parents with 2 Children | €800 | €670 |
| Couples and Lone Parents with 3 or more children. | €850 | €740 |


Deputy Stagg stated that he had been arguing for some time that a separate Rent Supplement should operate in North Kildare given the close proximity to Dublin and the strong demand for rental property given the location of Intel, Hewlett Packard and Maynooth University in the area. Indeed in the Naas, Kill, Sallins and Clane areas a similar case could also be made.

If this can be done for Wicklow, I can't see why it cannot be done in Co. Kildare and I will be making that point to Minister Burton stated Deputy Stagg. A couple with 3 or more children will receive Rent Supplement of €850 per month in Bray whilst in Maynooth or Celbridge the maximum they can receive is €790 per month. In effect to ensure they do not become homeless people are now agreeing two Lease agreements in North Kildare, one with the landlord which is the economic rent and another to show to the Department of Social Protection to ensure they qualify for Rent Supplement. They are putting themselves into a poverty trap in doing so.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would make his views known to the Minister again in the near future.

Clr. John McGinley can be contacted at:
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|---|--|

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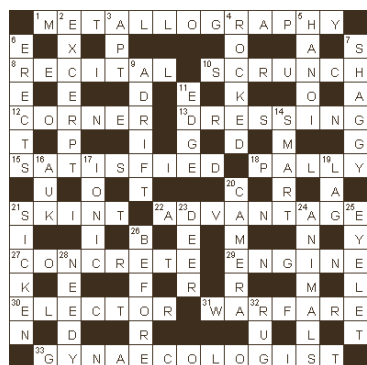
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Clues Across

1. Young goose (7)
5. Normal contraction of the heart (7)
9. Vessel built by Noah (3)
10. Makes a loan (5)
11. Icon (5)
12. Young dog (3)
13. State positively (6)
16. Misplace (6)
19. Large marine food fish (4)
21. Cry (4)
23. Felines (4)
24. Papal (9)
25. Listen to (4)
26. Female sheep (4)
27. Exchange for money (4)
28. Benzene (6)
31. Soak up (6)
35. Prefix " beneath " (3)
37. Unit for measuring gold (5)
38. Join (5)
39. Cathedral city (3)
40. Gum used as a food stabiliser (7)
41. Room for surgical operations (7)



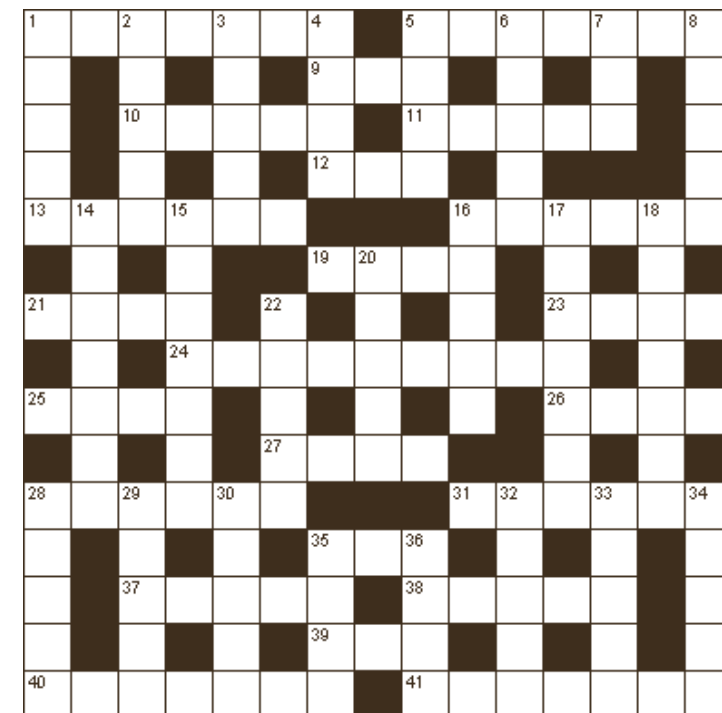
Answers to Crossword 410



March 2013 Crossword - No: 411

Clues Down

1. Republic in W Africa (5)
2. Auctions (5)
3. Interior (5)
4. Breathe convulsively (4)
5. Jump lightly (4)
6. Hindu religious teacher (5)
7. Unity (3)
8. Very hard mineral (5)
14. Bondage (7)
15. Make larger (7)
16. Virile (5)
17. Favourable termination of endeavours (7)
18. Aardvark (3,4)
20. Pending (5)
22. Small rodent (5)
28. Brand name for a copying machine (5)
29. Compare (5)
30. Compass point (5)
32. Prickly plant (5)
33. Corpulent (5)
34. Abdomen (5)
35. Type of gun (4)
36. Purchases (4)



Entries in before: 26th March 2013

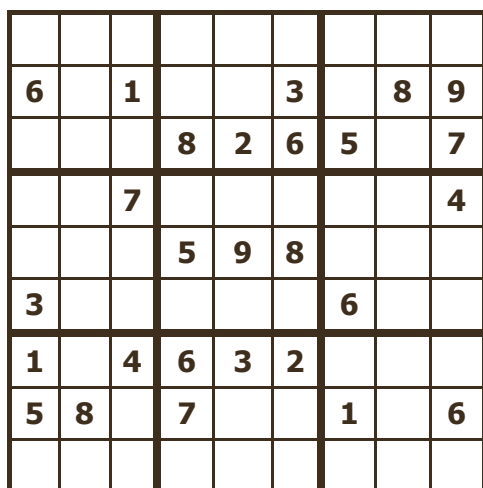
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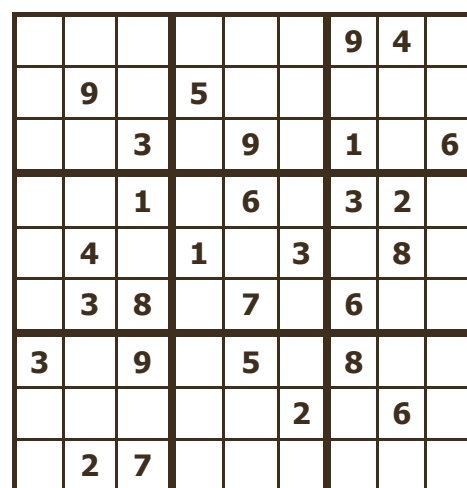
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Climate Bill Vital If We Are to Make Progress

Any successful emissions-reduction plan “must be target-specific”

Catherine Murphy, Independent TD for North Kildare, has welcomed the tabling of her Climate Change & Energy Security Bill 2012 for second stage debate on Friday the 8th of February.

“This Bill, which I introduced in May last year, lays out a very clear target-specific approach to tackling our emissions, an approach I feel is absolutely essential if we are to be serious about meeting our 2020 obligations. We must also take full advantage of the transition needed to turn Ireland into a truly energy-secure island, one where a domestic renewable industry can create thousands of jobs.

“Since the publishing of this bill, we have been told repeatedly by Government that their own much-promised climate legislation is imminent. We had been expecting publication by December last at the latest. Unfortunately, we are still no closer to seeing any legislative proposals from the Minister for the Environment.

“We cannot underestimate the importance of this issue, not least because of the ongoing and worsening impact of changes in global climate, but also because of the opportunities we can seize in making the transition to a low-carbon economy.

Rent Supplement System is Unfair and Misleading

‘Government Deputies Must Step up to the Plate’

Catherine Murphy TD (Ind, N. Kildare) today highlighted a series of responses to questions posed by her to the Minister for Social Welfare, Joan Burton in relation to the controversial Rent Supplement Scheme. These responses, say deputy Murphy, highlight the inequality and ineptness of the current system and its ill-advised structure.

“Data issued to me from the Minister’s office show that Kildare ranks third nationally, behind only Dublin and Cork, when it comes to numbers receiving rent supplement. This clearly shows the massive housing crisis in Kildare, where demand far exceeds supply and yet the rent limits set by the Minister are completely irreconcilable with the market rents for the County, particularly the main population centres in North Kildare.”

“It now transpires that while Minister Burton was steadfastly refusing to consider nuanced variations to the scheme in relation to the North Kildare situation, she had allowed for such a variance within a specified area of County Wicklow, where the limits set for Bray, Greystones and Delgany are higher than those set for the rest of the County on the basis that they are within the Dublin commuter belt. This is precisely what is needed for North Kildare, where rental prices are on a par with those in Dublin yet the limits set for Kildare lag far behind those set for the nearby Dublin region.”

“Of the four TD’s elected by the people of North Kildare, three of those candidates sit on the Government benches and I now call on those three Government deputies to lobby their Minister on behalf of those constituents who elected them. The housing situation in North Kildare is at crisis point and it’s high time the government deputies for the area rowed in behind my campaign to remedy that situation.”

Developers are Responsible for Development Levies – Not Homeowners

Non-Compliance with the Development Contribution Condition of the Planning Permission by Developers Must not be Used to Pursue Homeowners.

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2pm: The Turn Inn, Derrinturn
4pm: Keogh’s The Corner House, Clane
6pm: The Monread Lodge, Naas



Catherine Murphy TD • Independent • Kildare North

Independent TD Catherine Murphy has voiced her concerns at weekend reports that some local authorities plan on charging residents of estates built by now-bankrupt developers for the outstanding development contributions owed on the sites.

Deputy Murphy questioned Minister of State for Housing Jan O’Sullivan in the Dáil Chamber on Tuesday night about the reports and asked the Minister to clarify the position for homeowners about where the liability lies. It is Deputy Murphy’s assertion that Local Authorities frequently allowed, and continue to allow, developers to pay development levies in increments-an arrangement that by-passes the homeowner and is not a public process. If what is occurring in Wicklow should become the norm, the first thing that is needed is the immediate cessation of incremental payments and a more robust certification process applied.

The move by Wicklow County Council to seek unpaid development levies from homeowners “would be grossly out of line with planning legislation and set a very dangerous precedent for the many thousands of homeowners living in unfinished estates and estates with a bankrupt developer” according to Deputy Murphy.

Speaking after the debate, Deputy Murphy indicated that the Minister’s answer was inadequate and she believes that the Minister should be instructing Local Authorities as to the correct legal approach.

“The suggestion that those who purchase a house should have co-responsibility with the developer to comply with planning permission is ludicrous. Are homeowners going to be liable for all aspects of planning permission compliance, will they be required to ensure a Bond remains in place or ensure the roads and paths are constructed in accordance with the planning permission, are they to be asked to oversee the laying of underground services?

“The Government must clarify this issue without further delay.”

Housing Adaptation Grants for Disabled & Elderly Must not be based on Postcode

Discrepancies Amongst Local Authorities Must be Addressed in Any Review of the Scheme.

Independent TD Catherine Murphy has highlighted the discrepancies in the system of home adaptation grants awarded to elderly and disabled people through their local authorities.

In a response to a parliamentary question posed by Deputy Murphy, The Minister of State in the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government Jan O’Sullivan confirmed that she is undertaking a review of the various grant measures and also provided a breakdown of figures for the grant across all local authorities.

“A simple glance at the figures for each local authority is enough to ascertain that some local authorities are in greater need than others, as evidenced by the fact that some overspent on their budget while others came nowhere near reaching their allowance. Each authority has to find 20% of the grant costs from their own resources if they are to avail of the matching 80% from the exchequer. Local Authorities that do not have this 20% available are unable to provide maximum grant assistance.”

“An urgent review is necessary to ensure the system is redesigned in a way that eliminates post code as a basis for grant assistance and instead focuses on actual need. However this review must not be lengthy process; as we speak people are living in dangerous conditions or are unable to come home from hospital etc. because their home has not had the adaptations required for them to live safely in their homes. This cannot be allowed to continue.”

Inflation will Save us? Not According to the Experts

Minister Noonan’s Assertion that Inflation Will Lessen the Debt Burden Must be Challenged.

Independent TD Catherine Murphy has highlighted the ‘Crystal Ball’ type economics perpetuated by Minister for Finance Michael Noonan with his insistence that inflation into the future will ensure that the debt burden becomes less of a problem as our wage levels increase.

Quoting from an article by former IMF head of Mission for Ireland, Ashoka Mody, Deputy Murphy said “we are treating the present as if the bubble growth from 2000 to 2007 will return. She also noted that in the same article Robert Gordon, of North Western University, is quoted as finding, that the rate of technological progress has slowed sharply, and that the rise in standards of living (at least in the world’s rich countries) is thus set to decelerate.”

“All this talk of how inflation will save us and how our wages will be so high in 2038 that we will comfortably manage the debt is crystal ball stuff-except this crystal ball seems to only predict outcomes that favour Government policy rather than reality.”

Speaking during the debate in last night’s Dáil sitting, Deputy Murphy also questioned the relevance of the national parliament debating the decision after the deal had been done and indicated that there was very little media or public interest in the debate because it is effectively irrelevant.

“The debts of private banks have no place on the shoulders of Irish people and while this deal may have some short term advantages, they are outweighed by the long term pain we will bear as a result. We needed to share this debt burden with our European partners-not with our children and grandchildren.”

Personal and Home Security

Don't give out your personal information over the phone, and never buy anything over the phone. Always request the caller to send you information in the mail. Oftentimes, if the offer isn't legitimate to begin with, the caller will tell you the offer is only good for that moment over the phone. No offer is worth that risk. Even if you receive information in the mail, take it to someone you trust, so that together you can evaluate it and decide how much of a risk or scam it might be. Have someone call and/or come by to check on you on a regular basis. There are even some services available, companies who specialize in calling to check on the elderly. Just make sure someone always knows where you are and how you are doing.

Carry a mobile phone with you, especially when out on long trips. Have this means of emergency contact, should you have car trouble or run into some suspicious looking person.

Don't pick up hitchhikers. We hear the admonition quite often in today's time, but many elders may still believe that life is the same as it was in the days of their youth. At one time, hitching a ride was the only way a person could travel, and picking up a stranger was little danger to the driver. But times have changed so dramatically. Don't take any chances. Let that person find another ride. Or, if you see someone who appears to be stranded with car trouble, drive on by and stop at the nearest phone - in a populated and well-lit area - and call for help for him or her.

Shred all of your documents before tossing them into the bin. Sifting through rubbish is a full time activity for many crooks. Just imagine what information you may be unknowingly giving them in the seemingly harmless papers you discard. Do strangers need to know your social security number, bank account number, phone number, or any other personal or private information? Even a harmless letter you wrote, then re-wrote, to a friend or loved one, can give a stranger just enough information to deceive you into letting them into your life. What do most of us do with discarded personal letters that we have re-written? They usually end up in the bin, crumpled, yet intact.

Don't allow strangers into your home. If you are expecting a repairman or some delivery, have someone you know and trust be there with you. Also, don't leave your valuables lying out in plain site, even if you have someone there with you. It would be very easy for a dishonest person to check out your home and be quite tempted by the site of a purse, wallet, or jewelry casually lying about. Don't give them the chance to see what you have. Put temptation out of their reach. Have some outside activities to keep yourself active and alert. Take a class, join an exercise group, or learn a new skill. You might even want to consider taking a self-defense class or some other lesson that could help you navigate your elder years. Don't let yourself stagnate and become isolated and alone. Bring others into your lives, those friends and family you trust. Take part in a neighbourhood watch program. Just make sure you know the neighbours who will be watching your own house! Get to know your neighbours. Cultivate new friends and learn to rely and trust one another. Watch out for each other, and don't be afraid to get involved. If you see a crime taking place next door, all you have to do is pick up your phone and call for help.

Personal and Home Security Contd.

Distraction burglary

Distraction burglary is any crime where a falsehood, trick or distraction is used to gain access to a property to commit burglary. Victims of distraction burglary can suffer terribly both emotionally and physically.

Violence is increasingly being used by offenders against the elderly in order to gain entry to their homes and steal their property. Unfortunately, some victims suffer a decline in health and even die as a result of the trauma caused.

Did you know...?

The average age of a victim of distraction burglary is 81-years-old.

Crime prevention advice - Distraction burglary:

If you're not sure who is at your door, don't open it.

Check the identity of the caller by calling the company they are purporting to be from i.e. gas, electricity, water, police. Use the telephone numbers listed in your local directory or provided independently by your service provider – Do not use any telephone numbers provided by the caller – they may be bogus.

Telephone a neighbour or friend nearby to come along and check out the caller before you open the door to them. Some areas in the country have “nominated neighbour schemes” you can sign up to. Check with your local police to find out if there is one in your area.

Many service providers provide password schemes, sign up to these. When unannounced callers knock at your door they should know the password if they are genuine.

Don't keep large quantities of cash at home; put it in the bank where it is safe.

Keep doors locked and windows secure at all times.

Ensure that if you do let somebody in to your home, that you close the door behind them – distraction burglars often work in teams, where one will distract you whilst others sneak in through the insecure door.

If somebody asks for your help – needs to make a telephone call, lost a ball in your garden, needs a drink or pen and paper for example, refer them to a younger neighbour or assist them through a closed door. Alternatively, call a friend or neighbour to come and assist.

Not sure? Don't open the door!

Irish National Anthem Lyrics, Translation and Phonetics

AMHRAN NA bhFIANN

Sinne Fianna Fáil,
Atá faoi gheall ag Eirinn,
Buíonn dár slua, thar toinn do ráinig
chugainn,
Faoi mhóid bheith saor, seantír ár sinsear
feasta
Ní fhágfar faoin tíorán ná faoin tráill;
Anocht a théam sa Bhearna Baoil
Le gear ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil,
le gunnaí scréach, trí lámhach na bpiléar,
Seo dhíbh canáigh, Amhrán na bhFiann.

SOLDIER'S SONG

Soldiers are we,
Whose lives are pledged to Ireland,
Some have come from a land beyond the
wave,
Sworn to be free, no more our ancient
sireland
Shall shelter the despot or the slave;
Tonight we man the Bearna Baoil
In Erin's cause come woe or weal,
'Mid cannon's roar and rifle's peal,
We'll chant a soldier's song.

Right, so the pronunciation. I've underlined the places to put emphasis:



OW-RAWN NA VEE-AN

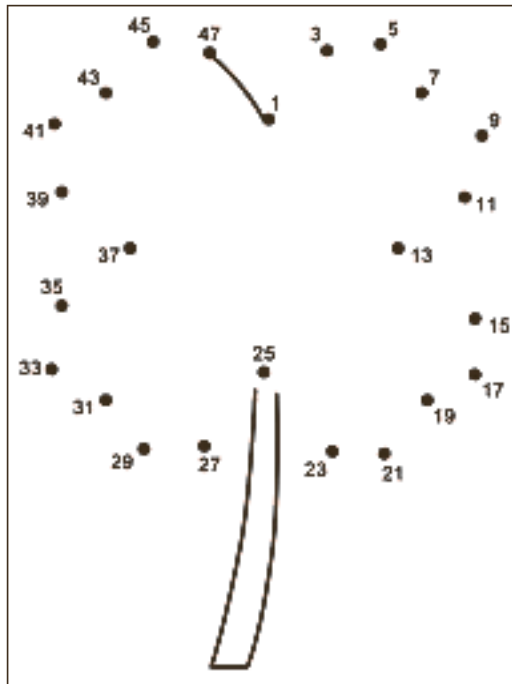
Shin-na Fee-nah Fawl,
Ah-taw fay gal egg er-rin,
Bween dar sloo-ah, harr tee-un duh rawn-
nig hug-gan,
Fay void vet ser, shan-teer or shin-
sheer faw-sta
Nee fog-far fween teer-
awn naw fween trawl;
Ah-nuckt a hey-m sa Bar-na B-wail
Leh gan er Gail cun baw-sh no say-il,
Leh goon-nee scray-uck, tree law-
vuck na bill-er
Shuh deev connie, Ow-rawn na Vee-an

Notes: - The Irish word 'faoi' is usually pronounced 'fwee'. But for this song the older pronunciation of 'fay' is used.

- When saying the 'ck', don't say it as harshly as you would when speaking English. Irish people make a softer sound in the back of their throat.

- Emphasis and pronunciation can change depending on the dialect of the speaker. I'm sure someone from Donegal would say things differently though.

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Age: 8 & Over : Naomi Balogun, Griffen Rath

Prizes for Colouring Competition can be collected at:

Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre.
Entries must arrive before: 26th March 2013

Can You Put Names to These Faces?



Can you put the names to Maynooth Town's Senior team of days gone by. E-mail us at info@maynoothtownfc.com Back Row L to R Colin Feeney, Mick Dempsey, Player 3?, Willie Saults, Player 5?, Player 6?, Mick Murtagh, & Ollie Durack - Front Row L to R Player 1?, Player 2?, Player 3?, Player 4? & Lenny Murphy.

Recycle Your Old Mobiles for a Good Cause



Why not recycle your old mobiles and support a good cause. You can bring your mobiles to a collection point at Maynooth Community Council Offices next to the post office in Tesco's Shopping Centre or Maynooth Town FC Rathcoffey Rd. Remove all SIM cards from mobile phones before placing in collection box.

Leinster Senior Football League

| LSL Sunday Major | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| Dublin University | 15 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 32 | 8 | 36 | Colepark United | 16 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 54 | 10 | 45 |
| Swords Celtic | 11 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 36 | 8 | 29 | Laytown United | 16 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 52 | 25 | 36 |
| Fairview CY | 14 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 31 | 25 | 22 | Ratoath Harps | 17 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 36 | 25 | 27 |
| Maynooth Town | 12 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 31 | 20 | 21 | Maynooth Town | 13 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 25 | 23 | 21 |
| Enniskerry YC | 16 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 20 | 20 | 21 | Parkvale Fc | 15 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 27 | 41 | 19 |
| Fettercairn Youth Fc | 16 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 27 | 32 | 19 | Kilnamanagh Fc | 16 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 31 | 40 | 18 |
| St John Bosco | 12 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 18 | 15 | 18 | Rathfarnham Punters | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 27 | 21 | 17 |
| Hyde Park | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 24 | 23 | 17 | Park Celtic | 14 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 32 | 34 | 14 |
| Mid Sutton/Schalke | 13 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 13 | 28 | 12 | Fairview CYM | 11 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 24 | 31 | 12 |
| Ballyoulster Utd | 15 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 17 | 32 | 11 | Knockmitten United | 11 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 22 | 37 | 11 |
| Tullamore Town | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 13 | 20 | 10 | Blessington Fc | 9 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 23 | 4 |
| Parkvale Fc | 12 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 9 | 40 | 5 | Ballyoulster United | 14 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 20 | 52 | 4 |
| Home | | | | Away | | | | Home | | | | Away | | | |
| Ballyoulster Utd | 0 | 1 | | Tullamore Town | Sun 17 Feb 13 | | | Laytown United | 4 | 0 | | Kilnamanagh Fc | Sat 16 Feb 13 | | |
| Enniskerry YC | 1 | 3 | | Dublin University | Sun 17 Feb 13 | | | Parkvale Fc | 0 | 3 | | Laytown United | Sat 09 Feb 13 | | |
| Parkvale Fc | 0 | 6 | | Swords Celtic | Sun 17 Feb 13 | | | Parkvale Fc | 1 | 0 | | Colepark United | Sat 02 Feb 13 | | |
| Fairview CY | 1 | 1 | | Dublin University | Fri 08 Feb 13 | | | Laytown United | 1 | 1 | | Blessington Fc | Sat 02 Feb 13 | | |
| St John Bosco | 0 | 2 | | Maynooth Town | Fri 08 Feb 13 | | | Colepark United | 3 | 1 | | Ballyoulster United | Sat 26 Jan 13 | | |
| Enniskerry YC | 1 | 0 | | Ballyoulster Utd | Sun 03 Feb 13 | | | Maynooth Town | 1 | 0 | | Park Celtic | Sat 26 Jan 13 | | |
| Maynooth Town | 3 | 0 | | Ballyoulster Utd | Sun 27 Jan 13 | | | Ratoath Harps | 3 | 1 | | Kilnamanagh Fc | Thu 24 Jan 13 | | |
| Fairview CY | 2 | 0 | | St John Bosco | Fri 25 Jan 13 | | | Kilnamanagh Fc | 1 | 4 | | Colepark United | Sat 12 Jan 13 | | |
| Fettercairn Youth Fc | 1 | 1 | | Swords Celtic | Sun 20 Jan 13 | | | Park Celtic | 1 | 2 | | Parkvale Fc | Sat 12 Jan 13 | | |
| Fettercairn Youth Fc | 5 | 1 | | Ballyoulster Utd | Sun 13 Jan 13 | | | Ratoath Harps | 0 | 0 | | Ballyoulster United | Thu 10 Jan 13 | | |

Maynooth Town Football Club - Weekly Lotto Results 2013

| W/End | Numbers | Prize | Winners |
|--------|-------------|--------|---|
| 06-Jan | 6,11,20,27 | €1,050 | Ian Flanagan - Mark Nolan - Jack Crawley |
| 13-Jan | 4,5,8,22 | €1,100 | Paul Kinirons - Robert Parker - Bridie Doran |
| 20-Jan | 6,9,15,16 | €1,150 | Vinny Strickland - Mahesh Patel - Donal O Donovan |
| 27-Jan | 1,9,18,20 | €1,200 | Sinead Swords - Martina Reilly - Anthony Casey |
| 03-Feb | 5,21,24,25 | €1,250 | Orla Hendrick - Dermot O Reilly - Noel Brilly |
| 10-Feb | 4,5,7,25 | €1,300 | Alison Flynn - Suzanne Cryan - Jenny Sutton |
| 17-Feb | 19,21,22,24 | €1,350 | Colette Kavanagh - David Weaver - Kenneth Kenny |

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Fri 22nd March - 7-8pm - Sat 23rd March - 10-11am

Club House Rathcoffey Road

Contact Ann Monaghan 0864076148

Email ann.monaghan65@gmail.com

MARCH GARDENING

Spring is in the air so it's a busy time for the gardener. Lots of things to get started. Before you get started make sure your stored garden tools & outdoor furniture are rust free. If they are not, you need to remove any surface rust with steel wool and paint with rust inhibitive paint. Check containers, see if they need watering. Don't forget to turn the compost pile.



Fertilize shrubs & trees if this wasn't done in February. Trees which bleed such as Birch & Maple should be pruned until after their leaves are fully developed. Repair damaged areas of the lawn. De-thatch, rake or aerate. Apply Dolomite Lime to sweeten the soil if needed. If moss is a problem, use a combination fertilizer & moss killer. Over-seeding can be done as the last step after fertilizing. Fruit trees & grapes vines should

be pruned this month. Apples & other fruit will be larger & have better flavour if the trees have been pruned so each branch has good exposure to sunlight & are well spaced up & down & around a central trunk.

If weeds occur in bulb beds do not remove by cultivation. Pull them by hand so that the bulbs & roots will not be disturbed. Buy some new perennials for your flower border. Roses can be pruned this month also & start spraying roses for black spot. Sow seeds for summer flowering annuals indoors. Plant tender bulbs & tubers such as Gladioli, Lilies & Dahlias. You may continue planting additional bulbs every two weeks until June to ensure a continuous source of bloom. Plant Primroses & Pansies.



Pinch off tips of Sweet Pea seedlings & Mums, when they are 4 inches tall. Continue to deadhead winter-flowering pansies & other winter bedding. Pansies will carry on into the spring & even to early summer, if attended to frequently. Plant Snowdrops in the green to brighten up your winter garden next year. Prune early-flowering Clematis once their flowers have finished & summer-flowering Clematis before they start into active growth. Divide & transplant summer blooming perennials & fertilize established ones as soon as new growth appears. Prune Winter Jasmine after flowering & cut Honeysuckle back to 3 ft. Keep an eye out for Aphids (spray with water) & Cutworms (Cutworm Dust).

Plan your vegetable garden on a sheet of paper. Remember to rotate the vegetables in the garden to reduce insect & disease problems. Prepare the vegetable garden by adding well-rotted manure, peat moss or compost for building compost humus in the soil. Egg Plant, Brussels Sprouts, Cauliflower, Celery, Leeks, Onions, Early Potatoes & Radish seeds may be planted in the garden mid month. Spinach, Chard, Cabbage & other hardy vegetables can be planted late in the month. Plant Strawberries, Blueberries, Currant, Loganberries, Boysenberries, Grapes & Fruit trees. Also you can plant Tomatoes, Lettuce & other vegetables from seed.



Clean out all your bird houses now. Repair any fencing, arbors or trellises. Check plants under the eaves of the house & under tall evergreens to see if they have enough moisture. Frosts can be deadly, so keep vulnerable plants protected. March winds are also notorious so check exposed plants are well supported. As you clear the debris from your garden beds, use a rake to break up old matted mulch so rain can reach the roots. The piles you've raked will be a great start to this season's compost pile.

Remove netting from the pond. Start feeding fish & using the pond fountain, remove pond heaters if you have one. If your pond has frozen over, melt a small area of ice with hot water to release any build up of gases that could harm the fish. DO NOT BREAK THE ICE - THE SHOCK WAVE CREATED MAY KILL POND LIFE. Open the greenhouse or conservatory doors & vents on warm days.



Re-pot Orchids & other houseplants before they start into active growth again. Bring bags of compost in to the greenhouse to warm up for a week or two before you start sowing. March is a good time to note areas of poor drainage. If there are pools of water in your yard that do not drain, fill in the low spot or scoop out a channel for the water to drain away.

As the Garden grows, so does the Gardener!

St. Patrick's Day Desserts



Pistachio Pudding Parfaits

Ingredients

- 1 packet (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup of sugar
- 1 1/2 cups of whipped cream
- 1 packet (3-4oz) instant pistachio pudding mix
- 10 pecan shortbread cookies, coarsely crushed

Method

In a small bowl, beat cream cheese & sugar. Fold in whipping cream. Set aside. Prepare pudding according to packet. Spoon 1 tbsp cookie crumbs into each of the eight parfait glasses. (You can use any tall glass). Top with half of the pudding & whipped cream mixture. Repeat layers. Top with remaining cookie crumbs. Chill until serving.

Serves 8



Shamrock Cookies

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup butter
- 1/4 teaspoon peppermint extract or vanilla
- 2 cups self raising flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- Green food colouring
- Green coloured sugar

Method

- 1 In a large bowl beat butter with an electric mixer on medium speed until softened. Add sugar & salt & beat until fluffy. Add the egg, peppermint extract or vanilla, & a few drops of green food colouring. Beat mixture well. Divide dough into 3 equal parts. Shape each part into a roll about 1 inch thick & about 8 inches long. Roll each in green coloured sugar. Wrap rolls in plastic wrap. Chill in fridge for at least 2 hrs or up to 1 week.
- 2 Unwrap rolls. Slice crosswise so the slices are 1/4 inch thick. To shape each shamrock, place 3 slices of dough with sides touching in a shamrock shape on grease proof paper. Cut a stem, from a fourth slice & attach to the shamrock. Gently push the slices together so each leaflet curves in slightly. Bake in oven 350°F oven for 8 minutes or until edges are light brown. Lift the cookies onto a cooling rack.

Serves 32



Shamrock Milkshake Cupcakes

Ingredients

- 4 egg whites
- 1/4 cup of green crème de menthe or mint extract
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups self raising flour
- 1/4 cup milk, 1 tsp mint extract, green colouring
- 3/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup buttermilk or sour milk
- 1 1/4 cups of sugar
- 1 recipe white chocolate frosting

Method

- 1 Allow egg whites to stand at room temperature for 30mins. Meanwhile, line 2 1/2 inch muffin cups with bun cases. In a medium bowl stir together flour, baking powder, baking soda & salt. In measuring jug combine the buttermilk & the crème de menthe/mint extract. Set aside.
- 2 Preheat oven to 350°F. In a large mixing bowl beat butter till soft. Add sugar, a little at a time, mixing well until all the sugar is gone. Add the flour & buttermilk mixture to the butter & sugar, mixing slowly until all the mixture is used.
- 3 Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups, filling each about 3/4 full. Use the back of a spoon to smooth out batter in cups. Bake for 15-18 mins or until tops spring back when lightly touched. Cool cupcakes on wire rack for 5 mins. Remove cupcakes from muffin cups. Cool completely on wire rack.
- 4 Divide white chocolate frosting between two bowls. Tint one portion with green food colouring. Spoon each frosting into a pastry bag fitted with a large star tip. Pipe white & green frostings onto tops of cupcakes in shape of shamrock.

Serves 20 - 22



Chocolate Stout Shake

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup chocolate stout beer or stout beer
- 1/2 cup prepared chocolate fudge ice cream topping
- 1/2 gallon vanilla bean ice cream
- 1 cup milk
- 6 purchased chocolate & nut covered pretzel rods

Method

- 1 In a small pot heat beer & chocolate topping until warm & combined. Cool slightly.
- 2 Meanwhile, in a blender combine ice cream & milk, half at a time. Cover & blend until combined. Divide ice cream mixture among 6 glasses. Drizzle with chocolate sauce & serve with chocolate covered pretzel rods.

3 Servings



Copypcat McDonalds Shamrock Shake

Ingredients

- 2 cups vanilla ice cream or 2 cups soy ice cream
- 1 1/4 cups low-fat milk or soya milk
- 1/4 teaspoon mint extract
- 8 drops of green food colouring

Method

1 Combine all ingredients in a blender on high speed until smooth. Check ice cream blended. Pour into 12 oz cups & serve with a straw.

Serves 2



Happy Saint Patrick's Day!



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was enforced. Most distilleries were artisan distilleries, small craft based with a limited output, and usually family ran. 1754 sees the first documentation confirming “a complete new distiller” in Maynooth “being a good market town”. The “Rocques Survey” of Maynooth in 1757 shows a still house and two distilleries in the region. Documentation in 1881 shows three distilleries owned by the Chamberlaine family. In the Irish House of Commons Journal of 1782, Thomas Chamberlaine’s distillery yielded 256 gallons, Jane also known as the “Widow” Chamberlaine’s distillery yielded 226 and William Chamberlaine’s distillery yielded 260s gallons. There is also documentation regarding the handover of Maynooth College showing a distillery as part of the handover. New laws brought in dictated that the pot stills used in the distilleries should be worked 4 times every 28 days. This was done in order to curtail illegal distilling. Over the course of the next 50 years this was elevated to 189 times every 28 days. This obviously led to a higher volume which in turn meant



L/R Pat Nevin, Chairperson History Group, Dr Pat Given, Seamus Cullen, Hilda Dunne and Declan O'Connor

more tax, but with higher volumes came poorer quality. Distilleries could not cope with such a large turnover, barrels accumulated in the stores. It also cost more to store the barrels. Duty still had to be paid on these barrels regardless of being sold or not, which left the owners in a precarious situation. This legislation led to the eventual demise of the distilleries. It is documented that in 1766, there were over 90 distilleries in the region. In 1806 there was just 1 left. There is a huge amount of information regarding distilleries all over the Kildare area and the above is just a fraction of the detailed and fascinating talk given by Dr. Given. The History Groups next presentation is in May and concerns the 1913 lock out, anyone interested in this topic is very welcome. The History Group meets the last Thursday of every month in the Maynooth Community Council Office beside the post office.

New members are always welcome.

Maynooth Local History Group



L/R Dr Pat Given (Guest Speaker), Seamus Cullen, Hilda Dunne, Declan O'Connor of Local History Group

The Maynooth Local History Group held a very interesting talk in the Glenroyal Hotel Wednesday 13th with guest speaker Dr. Pat Given, relating to the subject “Distilling in the Irish East Midlands”. Dr. Given is an authority on the subject having worked in the industry. On retiring he studied history at N.U.I. Maynooth, going on to earn a doctorate in history. The talk focused on the East Midlands with particular focus on the Maynooth, Sallins and Leixlip area. Dr. Given took the attendees on a journey through the past, starting in 1556 when the Parliament of Drogheda passed a law which stated that you must have a license to distil alcohol through to present day.

In 1607, a more formal basis for issuing licences was introduced. It was Province controlled. Grantee’s paid a fee to the Lord Lieutenant for the right to issue licences. The Grantee’s then sold the licences to the distillers and made a profit on the sale. There was a problem with this, while the distiller paid for a licence, he did not pay tax on the volume of alcohol he produced. It was not until the time of the English Civil War that tax on the volume of alcohol produced

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Endoparasitic infections are rarely life threatening in adult dogs but they cannot be ignored as they can be very debilitating and in some cases can be transmitted to man e.g. *Toxicara canis*. In pups large burdens of roundworms can cause stunted growth and may result in upset stomachs and bowels. This is equally true of the tapeworm *Dipylidium caninum* which is an interesting example of a parasite as it relies on the flea as an intermediate host – see www.maynoothvets.com for a comprehensive article on fleas and their control. Another interesting example of a dog tapeworm being zoonotic i.e. transmissible to man is the *Echinococcus* species. Sheep and sometimes man can be infected by this parasite when they act as intermediate hosts in its lifecycle when the dog is infected by the adult tapeworm. In sheep the immature larval forms of this tapeworm can infect various organs including the brain, where it results in a condition known as Gid. This is why farmers recognise the importance of regularly worming their dogs in order to protect their sheep and indeed themselves.

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There are cases when we have to treat rarer parasites such as canine lungworm infection and in these cases we use particular wormers suitable for these infections.

As with any medicine it is important that your pet's weight is known in advance of medication with worming preparations. This is to ensure that correct dosing levels are achieved. It is a common fallacy that if one tablet is good, giving two is a great idea!! Rest assured that this is not the case. We are very happy to weigh your pet for you in order to ensure correct dosage compliance. This is particularly relevant with crossbreeds of dog where weight reference charts are not available, as they are for pedigree breeds.

With ectoparasites such as fleas a different dosage schedule is used - depending on the time of year and the product used your pet will need to be treated every 4-6 weeks. Some of these flea treatments also contain an anti-tick compound and this can be very important in some parts of the country.

I hope that this article has helped to inform you on proper parasite control for your pet. I am sure that it has also shown that parasite control is relatively simple but that it is important to follow a comprehensive programme that includes both ectoparasites and endoparasites.

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| 3rd Prize | Norman Kavanagh | 36pts |
| 4th Prize | William Farrelly | 35pts B9 |
| 5th Prize | Marty Maguire | 35pts |
| 6th Prize | Peter Finan | 34pts B9 |
| 7th Prize | Mick Flynn snr | 34pts |
| Front 9 | Terry Moore | 20pts |
| Back 9 | Aaron Tobin | 18pts |
| Nearest the Pin | Paul Farrelly | |
| 2's Club | Darren Moran, David O'Donohoe | |

Next outing: Portarlinton on 6th April 2013
Maynooth Golf Society's first outing of the 2013 golfing season was played at Millicent Golf Club in Clane. 45 members competed for the Owen Byrne Shield in weather conditions which were wet under foot, cold and windy on Saturday 9th March. Good scores were achieved in the conditions by all the prize winners. In first place with a score of 40 points was Paul Farrelly, second place was Barry Farrell with a score of 38 points and third place was Norman Kavanagh with a score of 36 points. All other prize winners are listed on the results sheet.

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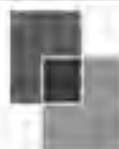
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Editorial

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of those involved in organizing the St Patrick's Day parade this year. As usual it was a tremendous success and a credit to the sub-committee and to the Community Council. But it is more of a credit to the parents, societies, groups, schools and businesses who took part and who lined the streets to support the community.

By the time we go to print, the by-election will be over in Meath East, the vacancy left by the tragic death of Shane McEntee. Meath East, and West for that matter, is a microcosm of the problems caused by the Celtic Tiger. These are the young families who moved from Dublin mainly and ended up in these dormitory towns like Ashbourne, Dunshaughlin etc. They are suffering from negative equity, stuck in small apartments with young children for the foreseeable future or living in the middle of unfinished estates with derelict houses and apartments. Houses in these areas also have pyrite in them and this was an issue addressed by the late junior minister McEntree. This will be an interesting litmus test for the Government parties. It is possible that Fianna Fáil's Thomas Byrne will regain his seat lost in the last election but the fact that Helen McEntee is running will probably ensure that it will go to Fine Gael. If Fianna Fáil is successful it will show again how short the memories are among the electorate – that they will re-elect those who wrecked the economy and the country. There is much talk of the so-called 'sophisticated' Irish electorate but there is nothing sophisticated about re-electing a party who have managed to bankrupt the country twice in forty years. For those of a certain age, they are suffering the second major recession in a lifetime – both caused by the same party.

It is well known now that the vacant seat left by Mr McEntee was due to his sad suicide. The fact that this public figure was driven to such lengths has drawn attention to this silent epidemic in Irish society. We have addressed the links between bullying and suicide here before, but the country is still not facing up to this awful problem. There are far more suicides than road deaths and the funding for road safety advertising etc. is much larger than that given to mental health and suicide in particular. It is also possible that some single car road accidents and deaths are in fact suicides. Depression and related illnesses are alarmingly common in Ireland, but there is still a stigma attached and people are ashamed to admit that they are ill and their families want to hide these illnesses as well. But there is hardly a family in the country that is not affected by this issue.

The issue of mental illness is highlighted in early Irish literature and law as well. There are mentally unwell characters in many of the stories; one of the most famous is the man known as Suibne Geilt (Mad Sweeney) and Seamus Heaney has written poems based on his story. But he is just one of the fools/mad characters who appear in the stories and sagas. There are also women suffering from madness and the literature contains many different words and phrases related to this. But there is also the recognition that these people might have had a wisdom that the rest of us do not possess or recognize and many of the mad characters are also talented poets, Suibne again is an example of this. His story is full of beautiful nature poetry that he was able to compose after he had chosen to live in the wilderness on his own. He reverts to nature, wearing no clothes and living in the trees regardless of the weather. There are references to glens where those who have lost their minds gather and assemble. There has been a long awareness of mental illness in the country.

In this context, we would like to take this opportunity

Community Council Notes

It was with sadness that the Community Council learned of the passing of Marie Kelly, a founding member of the Council. Marie and Ted were also founder members of the Maynooth Tidy Towns. The council meeting offered it condolences to the Kelly family. A minute's silence was observed in Marie's honour.

Community Employment Scheme

Two new members, Johnny Dowling and Steve McCarthy, were co-opted to the council. The CE Scheme is working well. Five more people have been included in the scheme and who will work in St. Patrick's College. This development is a vote of confidence for the scheme, its management and operation. The post of supervisor will be advertised in the coming weeks as recommended by the Department of Social Protection.

Senior Citizens: The annual collection was carried out. Two new members joined the group. The Maynooth Scouts gave an interesting talk to the group. We were reminded to think about our elderly neighbours particularly during the cold weather and if there were any concerns to please ring Josie Moore (0872982455) or Patricia Cusker (0879002296)

Maynooth Scouts: Have had a very busy few weeks. On Feb 24 a National Cub challenge was held in St. Patrick's College Maynooth. Celbridge came second in the national quiz. Maynooth came ninth out of a team of 26. On 3rd March the Beavers had a day out in

to highlight a relatively new organization for suicide prevention. The students in the College have taken this organization to heart; it is known as SOSAD (Save our Sons and Daughters) based in Drogheda and the latest branch is planned for Maynooth. There will be a fundraiser on April 11th in the Student's Union in the College. Admission is only €5 and the wonderful Paddy Casey is headlining the night, donating his time. He is joined by Pat Byrne, a band called Bunoscionn who play 'Trad side of the moon', The Dark Shades and Level Heads. There is Facebook page here: <http://www.facebook.com/MaynoothSU> that is worth checking out. Some of the students involved approached the Newsletter looking for some publicity and support and we are happy to help them by advertising the organization and the event. They have a website as well: www.sosadireland.ie and it would be worth looking at this as well. No-one knows when suicide and/or mental illness will hit either themselves or a family member. Ba mhaith linn gach cúnamh agus tacaíocht a thabhairt don eagrais nua seo agus tacú leis na mic léinn atá sásta oibriú leo. Is maith an rud é nuair a fheicimid na daoine óga a thabhairt aird ar fadhbanna den tshaghas seo; b'fhéidir to bhfuil dóchas don am le teacht.

SOSAD is a charity that works to bring attention to suicide awareness, prevention and support in the North East of Ireland at the moment. They aim to raise awareness and to stop the stigma surrounding suicide. Also to give support and direction to those feeling suicidal, to those who may know someone who is suicidal and of course to those bereaved by suicide, The services that they offer include: peer support, one to one counselling, bereavement groups, home visits and emergency support. They take part in awareness events and they are available to talk to any group about any aspect of suicide. Their contact is: info@sosadireland.ie or can be reached at 041 9848754 or 086 6698735.

Muireann Ní Bhrolchain

Trinity College where they took part in a wall climb in preparation for St. Patrick's Day in Maynooth. There was a provincial weekend event in Carn. Cub skills training and survival skills training will take place in the Salesian College Celbridge. There will be a group hostel event in Mountmellery Co. Waterford. The Scouts will take part in the St. Patrick's Day parade and will have wall climbing in the Square. Route 66 put on a benefit night in the Glenroyal for the Maynooth Brass and Reed Band and for Maynooth Scouts for the refurbishment of the Geraldine Hall.

St. Patrick's Day

It was reported by John McGinley, Chairperson of the Parade Committee, that there were 40 entries to the festival which was an increase on last year. Stewards were requested to help out on the day, particularly for the early morning. The committee received €500 from Kilcock Court. St. Mary's Brass and Reed band will be taking part and will have their new uniforms.

Maynooth Local History Group

There will be a talk on the 13th March in the Glenroyal Hotel "A Historical Profile on Distilling in North Kildare by Dr. Pat Given.

Educate together: World Book day was enjoyed by all. The school will be taking part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the theme will celebrate the 34 different cultures in the school at present. There will be a quiz in Brady's on Thursday March 21 to fundraise for the AS unit in the school. Members of the community council were asked to support this event. There will be €100 prize for the winning team

Tidy Towns: There was an invitation to the Maynooth Business Community to support the Sunday morning clean up. There was a great response. The involvement of the business community was very welcomed. Professional painters gave of their time to help. Thanks also to the students of NUI Maynooth. Forty students came out on help with the clean up. Mary McCourt of the Maynooth Students Union and a native of Maynooth organised the event with the Tidy Towns. It was great to see this involvement with our students (some of whom are from the town). The Tidy Towns Committee hope that this liaison will continue. There will be a fund raising table quiz on the 5th April in O'Neills.

Teen Space: Numbers are growing and events ongoing.

Maynooth Festival: Planning is ongoing

Local Matters

The suicide prevention group SOSAD would like to set up a branch of its organisation in Maynooth. The group originated in Drogheda. This group is seeking premises in Maynooth. Ideally it need have a reception area and three or four counselling rooms. The idea is that anyone in difficulty would have access to a counsellor by 12 o'clock the next day. It was requested by a member of the community council executive that we support this group in whatever way we can. The Newsletter will highlight the work of the group. See Editorial for more details about the group.

The problem of dog fouling was raised. It was agreed to highlight this in the Newsletter.

Arthritis Ireland will have a series of walks over the next couple of week.

There was a suggestion about the possibility of having the castle illuminated in green for St. Patrick's Day.

The next meeting will be the AGM which will be held on the 15 April.

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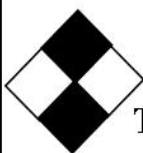
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Know Your Rights

Question

I am aged 19 and I have a learner permit for a category A motorcycle. I hope to do my motorcycle driving test in the next few months. While I know there have been changes to driving licences, will I still be able to do the category A driving test?

Answer

No, you will not be able to sit the driving test for a category A motorcycle as the new minimum age to hold a category A driving licence since 19 January 2013 is 24.

There is now a new A2 motorcycle category for those aged 18 and over, so you can sit the driving test for a category A2 driving licence instead. The type of motorcycle which you must bring to bring to a category A2 test must be a minimum of 395cc cylinder capacity and engine power between 25kW and 35kW.

If you wish, you can present your category A learner permit at the test. However, as your pre-January 2013 category A learner permit restricts you to riding a motorcycle of 25kW, you will have to bring a motorcycle of exactly 25kW to the test. If you pass your driving test, you will be issued with a category A2 certificate of competency.

Alternatively, you can apply for a new category A2 learner permit, which allows you to ride a motorcycle of up to 35kW. You can then bring a motorcycle of between 25kW and 35kW to the driving test. However, a new learner permit costs €35.

Once you have passed the test and have a category A2 certificate of competency you can apply to your local Motor Taxation Office for a category A2 driving licence.

Question

Following a recent death, I am inheriting some money. Will I have to pay tax?

Answer

If you receive an inheritance following a death, it may be liable for inheritance tax. Inheritance tax is a type of Capital Acquisition Tax (CAT) which also includes gift tax. You can receive an inheritance tax-free up to a certain amount. The tax-free amount or threshold depends on the relationship between you and the person from whom you are inheriting the money.

- Group A applies where you are the child, stepchild or adopted child of the person giving the gift or inheritance. In certain circumstances it can apply to a parent getting an inheritance.
- Group B applies where you are the parent, grandparent, grandchild, great-grandchild, brother, sister, nephew or niece of the giver.
- Group C applies to any relationship not included in Group A or B.

Since 5 December 2012, the CAT threshold for each group is as follows:

- Group A – €225,000
- Group B – €30,150
- Group C – €15,075

Inheritance tax is payable when the value of your inheritance (together with any other gifts and inheritances you have already received from within the

same group since 5 December 1991) exceeds the tax-free amount or CAT threshold. There are a number of tax exemptions and reliefs. For example, you do not have to pay tax on gifts or inheritances from a spouse or civil partner.

If you do have to pay inheritance tax, it is charged at 33% since 5 December 2012. The tax only applies to the amount over the group threshold.

As CAT is a self-assessment tax, you are obliged to file a tax return. You must file a return when the total benefits you have received exceed 80% of the threshold. If the money you have just inherited exceeds 80% of the threshold by itself, Revenue will ask you to file a return. Form IT38 (Inheritance Tax/Gift Tax Return) must be filed online through ROS, Revenue's online service.

Question

I have recently lost my job and I am applying for Jobseeker's Benefit. How long can I get the benefit for?

Answer

Jobseeker's Benefit is a weekly payment from the Department of Social Protection (DSP). It is paid to people who are out of work and are covered by social insurance (PRSI). If you qualify for Jobseeker's Benefit, how long you will get it for depends on how many paid PRSI contributions you have.

Before April 2013, if you had at least 260 paid contributions you could be paid Jobseeker's Benefit for up to 12 months. If you had less than 260 paid contributions you could be paid Jobseeker's Benefit for up to 9 months. If you were aged under 18, you would only get Jobseeker's Benefit for a maximum of 6 months.

The length of payment for Jobseeker's Benefit is now being reduced by 3 months. For people with at least 260 paid PRSI contributions, it is reduced from 12 months to 9 months. For those with less than 260 paid PRSI contributions, it is reduced from 9 months to 6 months.

People already getting Jobseeker's Benefit for 6 months or more on 3 April 2013 (3 months or more for people with less than 260 contributions) are not affected.

Question

I intend retiring at age 60 later this year. What should I do to make sure I qualify for the State Pension (Contributory)?

Answer

There are rules about the number of PRSI contributions you must have to qualify for the State Pension (Contributory). If you are aged under 66 and you are no longer working and paying PRSI contributions or signing for credits, you may be eligible to make voluntary contributions to help maintain your social insurance record.

To be eligible to make voluntary contributions you must:

- Have a certain number of PRSI contributions paid under compulsory insurance in either employment or self-employment
- Apply to make your voluntary contributions within 12 months after the end of the last completed

contribution year during which you last paid compulsory insurance or you were last awarded a credited contribution

- Agree to pay voluntary contributions from the start of the contribution week that follows the week in which you leave compulsory insurance.

The number of paid PRSI contributions you must have to become a voluntary contributor is changing. Up to 6 April 2013 you had to have at least 260 PRSI contributions paid under compulsory insurance. From 6 April if you want to become a voluntary contributor you will need to have at least 364 PRSI contributions paid.

The rate of voluntary contribution you will have to pay depends on the last Class of PRSI you pay. If you paid PRSI at Class A, E or H you pay a contribution rate of 6.6% of your reckonable income in the previous tax year, subject to a minimum payment of €500. If you paid PRSI at Class S you pay a special flat rate of €500.

You must pay the full contribution for the year no later than 5 months after the end of the year in which the payment is due.

To become a voluntary contributor, you must complete application form VC 1 and return it to Client Eligibility Services, Social Welfare Services, Cork Road, Waterford.

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

Tel: 0761078100

Address: Dublin Road, Maynooth.

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



Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group
15th Annual

ART EXHIBITION

Maynooth Post Primary School
Moyglare Road

Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th April 2013

12 – 5pm

Admission Free

All Welcome

Visitors to the exhibition will be entered into a free draw to win an original painting

Draw takes place at 3.00pm on Sunday 7th April

Newsletter Availability

The Newsletter is delivered to all major estates in Maynooth, and for all other areas there is a limited amount available in the following places:

Tesco, Maynooth
Citizen Information Centre, Dublin Road
Library, Main Street, Maynooth
Maynooth Bookshop, Main Street
Maynooth Credit Union, Main Street
Londis, Main Street
Centra, Main Street
Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth
Supervalu, Glenroyal Shopping Centre
Glenroyal Leisure Centre
News4U, Glenroyal Shopping Centre
Mulcahy Butchers, Greenfield Shopping Centre
Donovans, Greenfield Shopping Centre
Spar, Beaufield Shopping Centre
Easons, Manor Mills Shopping Centre
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Centre, Main Street
Roost Pub, Main Street
Boyles Betting Shop, Mill Street
Maxol Garage, Straffan Road
St. Patricks Pharmacy, Greenfield SC
NUI Library
Eurosaver, Mill Street
Carton Spa
And the Maynooth Community Council Office

Curriculum Vitae Essentials

Spring is here and if you are thinking of a new job or feel like a change why not brush up your old CV you never know you just might land that dream job. Here's what every job application needs. Keep it to one A4 page and use one font to keep it clutter free. Include your address, phone number and email address at the top means you can be easily contacted. Do a short personal profile it makes a good first impression to employers. Use 10-12 point size for body text and a maximum of 16 for headings. Information should be displayed in a logical order of priority: work then qualifications. Always put your most recent position first. Look closely at the job advertised and make sure you highlight the skills that match those that are being asked for. Keep descriptions brief and use bullet points to help employers navigate your CV. Do mention hobbies as they will give the employer an idea whether you'll fit into a team.

Most basic CV SLIP-UPS

Don't attach a photo "Make sure you're judged on your ability, not your appearance"

"Fun Email addresses" Get a sensible one for work.

Too many typefaces.

Using tired phrases. Nine out of ten candidates are going to say they're hard working motivated team player.

Typos: Check for spelling mistakes and grammatical errors.

Fiddling with dates. Don't change time frames to cover up gaps in employment.

Embellishing. Avoid making claims that are exaggerations or simply not true

Giving too much information. Don't list every one of your achievements. Stick to those that are relevant to the position you want.

Going on about school. By the time you are thirty no one will care about school (and if they do they will ask).

Drunken Facebook photos, make sure your online presence is appropriate.

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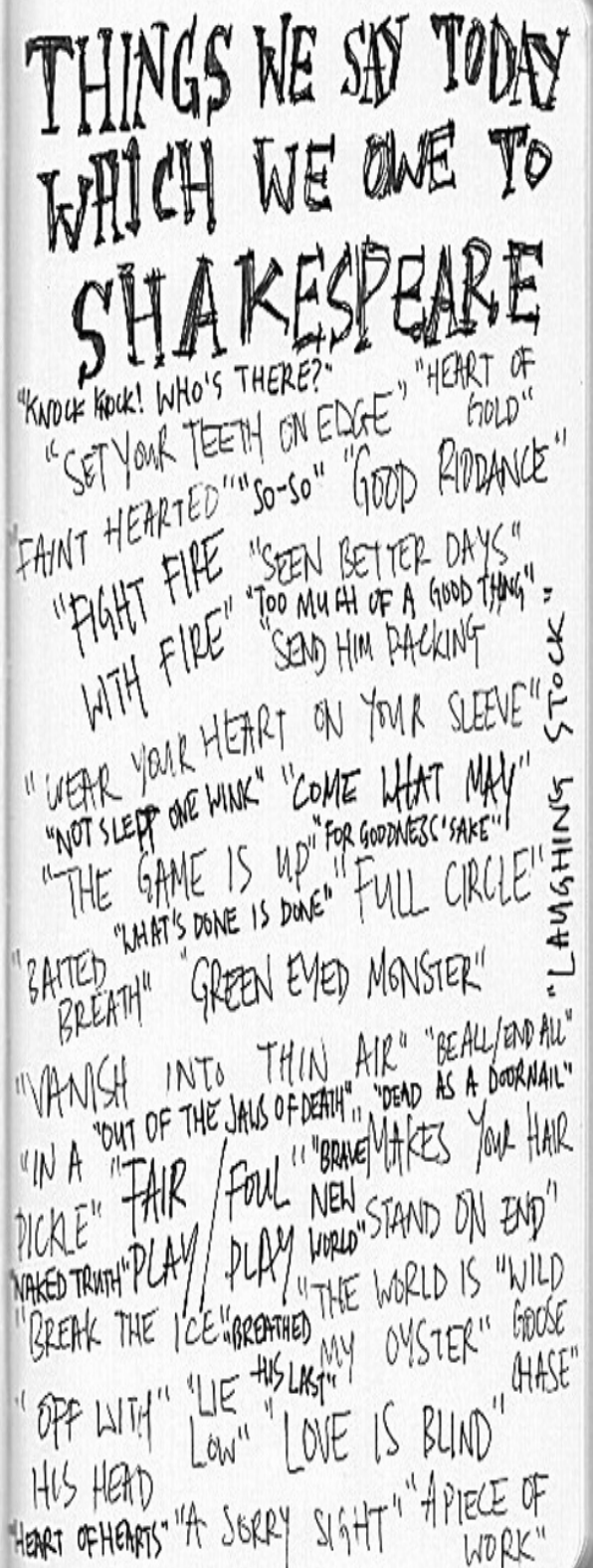
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Maynooth Youth Café

Maynooth Youth Café is now open exclusively for first year students!

Thursdays 7.30-9.00pm

Community Space, Manor Mills

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 Come and see for yourself!

St. Patrick's Day Parade 2013

This was the 28th year for us to organise the Maynooth Parade and there is no doubt that it was one of the best that we have had for many years, despite the miserable snowy start. The quality of the entries was the best ever.

There were 42 entries this year (7 up on last year) It was great to see most of the local schools taking part and the very big crowd particularly liked the colourful display of the floats. It was obvious that a lot of time and effort went into their preparation.

On behalf of the Parade Committee I would like to thank the participants and all those who helped with the organising of what was yet again a very successful Parade.

I would like to thank all the businesses who contributed to ensure that we were not at a financial loss. In particular I would like to thank Willie Kiernan who provides, erects and operates his state of the art Public Address System every year free of charge.

Our other major sponsors were:

Thorntons Recycling, Derrinstown Stud, Kilcock Court, Bradys Pub, John & Fiona Merrick, Allied Irish Bank, KnB Music and Cribbin Family Butchers.

I would also like to thank the following:

- Paul Thornton of Thorntons Recycling for providing the reviewing stand and for help in sponsoring the St. Laurence O'Toole Pipe Bands.
- Gabriel Martin, Andrew McMullon, Matt Callaghan, Willie Saults, Jamie Kelly, Pat Farrell and David Moynan for helping with the reviewing stand and putting out the crowd control barriers.

- Paul Croghan for taking on the task of Master of Ceremonies.
- The Boys National Primary School for providing chairs for the reviewing stand and Marie Gleeson for providing the keys to the school.
- Homeworld Discount Store for the power supply for the public address system.
- Larine House for storing our steps for the Reviewing Stand.
- Our guests on the reviewing stand.
- Anthony Lawlor T.D. for being our guest speaker.
- Kildare County Council for Supplying the No Parking Cones and Anthony Penny for delivering and collecting them.
- All the stewards who yet again performed their tasks very professionally.
- The Parade Committee and to Brian Curtis and the staff of the Community Council for their great help.
- The residents of Greenfield Estate for their continued co-operation.
- All of the business people who did such a splendid job of decorating their shop windows.
- Patricia Moynan for judging the Shop Windows each year.
- Finally, a special word of thanks to the Gardai for controlling the traffic so well.

d. Best School Float: Educate Together

e. Best Portrayal of Irish Culture: Boys National School

f. Best Portrayal of Environmental: Tidy Towns Awareness

The Shop Window Prize Winners were:

1. Carraig Flowers
2. Bradys Clockhouse
3. Je Meills Hairstation

With a view to encouraging businesses to paint and maintain shop fronts in a manner appropriate to the Main Street we introduced a new prize this year for the best shop front and the Winner was:

The Avenue Restaurant

John McGinley

Organiser

Maynooth's St. Patricks Day Parade.

The Parade Prize Winners were:

- a. Best Commercial Float: Party Mad
- b. Best Community Float: Eve Larine Court (Owen Byrne Plaque)
- c. Best Band: St. Marys Brass & Reed Band

Maynooth TeenSpace

TeenSpace Maynooth is a Christian youth group for 3rd to 6th year secondary school teenagers (15-18 year olds). On the 3rd Friday of each month we meet in Maynooth Community Space. Since January the youth leaders involved in TeenSpace have been very busy organising fun events for teens. So far we have had a Games and Pizza night, a Valentines Theme night and a St Patricks Fun night with dancing and games.

We have revised our mission statement since January, 2013. Our mission statement is:

The main objective of TeenSpace Maynooth is to provide a community oriented, Christian youth group for students of secondary school age. We seek to nurture honest and open friendships and we welcome people of different faiths and of no faith. As an interdenominational Christian group, our aim is to create a welcoming, fun, safe space where young people can meet, build friendships, explore faith and get involved in shaping their community. We aim to stimulate and nurture their interest in Jesus and in Christianity. St Francis of Assisi said, "Preach the gospel always and, if necessary, use words". Inspired by this, we aim to be dedicated Christians, who witness by sharing faith, hope and love.

If you are in 3rd to 6th year or perhaps you know teenagers who would be interested in joining us for our future events, the next Teenspace event will be on April 19th.

If you are interested in coming along to our TeenSpace events or would like more information on our youth group, please contact us on our mobile nr 086 1009484 or Facebook page: TeenSpace Maynooth.

TeenSpace is supported by four Christian churches in Maynooth:

St Mary's Catholic Church, The Redeemed Christian Church of God, Maynooth Community Church and St Mary's Church of Ireland.



Men's Sheds

While we are up and running for some months now, we are still looking for a floor premises which would allow us to pursue a greater choice of activities.

We currently meet every Wednesday from 11 am to 2pm in the room over the Newsletter office beside the Post Office. We are very grateful to the Newsletter staff and Community Council for the use of these facilities.

If you would like more information on Men's Sheds you can contact:
johnfleming44@gmail.com
or telephone 087 2041334

North Kildare Citizen's Information Services Sessions taking place in Maynooth Community Library as Follows:

Wills & Inheritances

Presented by Deirdre McGowan
 Saturday April 13th
 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Health Entitlements and the Fair Deal Scheme for Nursing Home Care

Presented by Sheila Hayes
 Saturday April 27th
 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Tenants and Landlords - Know Your Rights

Presented by Cian Moriarity
 Saturday May 11th
 2.30pm - 4.30pm



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FREE MATHS SUPPORT

NUIM

Every Monday, between 6pm and 8pm light bulbs are going off above the heads of young students thanks to free maths help. The Mathematics Support Centre (MSC) in the National University of Ireland Maynooth provides free drop-in maths support for any secondary school student no matter what their level. This service is modelled on the very successful drop-in maths support which has been available to NUIM undergraduate students since 2007. It is extremely popular and provides a friendly relaxed atmosphere where students are encouraged to ask questions without fear or embarrassment. It promotes independent learning and can give students confidence to tackle maths problems on their own. There is evidence that the support has a significant impact on students' performance and on their attitudes towards maths, this is especially true for students who regularly attend. The second level support is seen as a complement to rather than a replacement for the classroom. It provides a relaxed, non-judgemental atmosphere for students so they can see maths as an approachable and accessible subject which can be discussed with their peers. Students are asked to bring their notes and books so tutors can cover material with similar methods to those used in school.



Experienced MSC tutors and trainee teachers (doing the Science Education Degree) are available to help and students can call in for as long as they want. Students come individually or in groups, and they come with specific questions or to study. The tutors help with any queries that the students have, however, under no circumstance will the tutors give solutions to homework. They help with methods, work on similar examples and encourage students to study independently. The sessions are not grinds; they are student-led, students are encouraged to ask questions and start a discussion. The support started in 2009 and since then 583 students have availed of the service. Feedback from anonymous questionnaires filled out by the students is very positive, especially from those who use the support regularly. In particular they refer to the friendly nature of the tutors and they appreciate that the tutors often discuss possible solutions amongst themselves and with the students. Students have stated that because of this, they have come to see maths as something that can be worked out rather than a subject that you either know or do not know. Maths can be seen as approachable, accessible and above all achievable. One student I spoke to commented that "The first time I came here, within five minutes of a tutor sitting down beside me I worked out a problem that had confused me since last September. For me, it has changed my outlook on project maths entirely".

Another unexpected benefit of the sessions is the impact that they have had on the Science Education students who help to tutor. They report that it gives them added insight into the issues that students may have in a regular school classroom, and it helps to improve their teaching. The tutors' combination of enthusiasm and knowledge is a heady combination and is proving inspirational to those who have accessed this fantastic resource. The Class numbers can vary but there is always enough tutors to go around. With both Leaving and Junior exams looming, this resource is worth checking out.

If you need any more information you can contact Dr. Ciarán Mac an Bhaird, Manager of the Maths Support Centre at ciaran.macanbhaird@nuim.ie. Full information of the support, including details of the dates and a map of the venue are available on the website <http://supportcentre.maths.nuim.ie/secondlevel>.

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PINK POWER IN MAYNOOTH

To mark International Women's Day on March 8th, local Tesco Community Champion Bernie Kane hosted a Coffee Morning to express her thanks to some of the women who have helped her out over the year. Bernie introduced us all to her good friend and relation Margarita Synnott, who has done enormous work for the Dolls House charity which is based in the Philippines. We all had a good chat and got to know each other over a cup of tea and a bickie.

Bernie will have more information on The Dolls House for us all soon.



Marian Tracey, Margarita Synnott, Lilian Potter, Ann Myles, Trish Bolger, Helena Fitzpatrick, Anne McGarry, Jacinta Nurney, Aileen Mattocks, Kim Mullahey, Ann Curtis.

Milly enjoying the Maynooth St Patrick's Day Parade

An assistance dog for a family who has a child with Autism is priceless. The dog is trained specially to work with a child and their families. They help to control and improve the behaviour of the child by promoting calmness and acting as a safety aid to the parent.

The Moloney family live in Maynooth. Kathleen is from Laragh, her husband Rodger is from Tipperary. They have three children, Sean (13) Michael (11) and Ellen (9). Michael has Autism, Dyspraxia, and ADHD. "Life can be difficult sometimes" according to Kathleen "but it could be worse". On the 8th April 2011 they got Milly from the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind. Milly is a German Shepherd and Retriever cross. She was born on 20th September 2009 and for the first year of her life she was looked after by a Mr. and Mrs. Topham in Cork. They walked her, fed her, brushed her and trained her to sit, stand and lie down. They did this at their own expense. At 12 months old Milly went to Model Farm Road, headquarters for Irish Guide Dogs in Cork. Here she had intensive training at an approximate cost of €16,000 per assistance dog. During this time Kathleen, Rodger and the children were being assessed to match their personalities to a suitable dog. When they got a call on the 3rd April to say they had a suitable dog Kathleen said "it was like waiting for a baby to arrive".

As one Parent only was required for the next stage in the process, Kathleen volunteered to leave her family for the week and head to Cork. She and three other Parents (who remain in touch) were introduced to their individual dogs.

Before Milly arrived it was very difficult for the family to go anywhere with Michael. Kathleen said "he would just bolt away without any consideration of where he was, or danger or if places were crowded. He would find it hard to cope with the noises and crowds." She said it felt like they were locking themselves away from the outside world. The family go everywhere now. Michael is attached to Milly so he can't run away. He is more relaxed in crowded and noisy places. "it gives us more freedom and opens up his world," says Kathleen "it is brilliant for him, his brother Sean and his sister Ellen, who no longer have to worry about their brother".

Irish Guide Dogs for the blind is a national charity. It is dedicated to people living with blindness or autism. It aims to improve their mobility and independence.



L/R Rodger, Michael, Kathleen and Milly



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Maynooth **10k**

Runners Joggers Walkers
Sunday 19th May, 10.30am
Entry Form

First Name(s): *

Last Name: *

Address: *

Gender: *

Email: *

Age Group:
 (Over 16s) Under 40 ☐ 40 - 59 ☐ 60+ ☐

Mobile Number: *

(Fields marked * Must be completed. Contact details will only be used to forward information about Maynooth Post Primary 10k)

Completed applications to be returned to reception of Maynooth Post Primary School, Moyglare Road, Maynooth, in an envelope marked "Maynooth 10k " along with cheque or postal order made out to Maynooth 10k. Entry fee €20. On the day €25

Online entries can be made at www.runireland.com at the address:
<http://www.runireland.com/events/maynooth-post-primary-10k-challenge>

The Official Launch of The Gathering in Kildare

On Monday 11th March 2013, the official Launch of The Gathering in Kildare took place in Punchestown Racecourse. Gay Byrne kicked off proceedings by introducing Mayor of Kildare Michael Nolan. Ronan Foley from IPB Insurance then presented cheques to three groups for their Gathering celebrations. These were Punchestown Race Course which will hold their Gathering event 23rd to 27th April, Castletown House which is having their Gathering event titled The Big House on 3rd to 5th of August and Solas Bride which will host their Brigid of Kildare Gathering on September 15th to 21st. IPB is one of the main sponsors of The Gathering. Also launched was the Kildare Failte Strategic Plan for 2013 by Tony Jones and Chris Byrne. Among those present in the audience were Ann May McHugh and Hon Desmond Guinness.



L-R Michael Malone, Kildare Mayor Michael Nolan, Tony Jones, Gay Byrne, Chris Byrne.

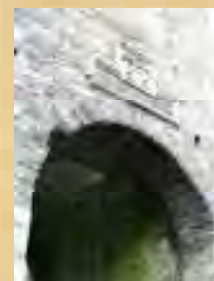


Mr Gay Byrne give's Senan Griffin a hand at The Official Launch of The Kildare Gathering

Speaking to The Newsletter, Gerry Quinn explained that the organising committee of the Maynooth 10K Gathering, are asking the people of the Maynooth area to **INVITE** family and friends to for the Gathering on the 17th/18th/19th May, to join in the **WELCOME** ceremony and to take part in and **ENJOY** the weekends events. (see page 15 for details) he also confirmed that retired staff including principles and vice principles will attending the Welcome / Reunion reception on Friday 17th May and they are looking forward to meeting former students.

Maynooth Harvest Festival 2013

Thursday 26 September-Sunday 29 September



Music, Song, Dance, Art, Sport, Family Fun Activities, Exhibitions, Tours, Visits, Table Quizzes and much more... Showcasing the town of Maynooth and its community groups

Incorporating Gathering events will feature as we welcome visitors from our twinned town Canet-en-Rousillon

The Maynooth Post Primary School 10K Gathering Weekend 17th 18th 19th May

www.maynooth10kgathering.ie

Friday 17th May / Reunion

The 10K Gathering Weekend will begin on Friday evening at 8.00pm in the Hall of Maynooth Post Primary School with a welcoming reception and the opening of an exhibition of photographs from the schools archives (including photos of early debs) and local collectors.

Cheese - Wine - Music

Saturday 18th May / The 4 C Tour

On Saturday guided walking tours (2) of Carton House, St Patricks College, Maynooth Castle and the Royal Canal will take place, starting from Maynooth Castle at 9.30am (limit 34 persons) and 2.00pm. Duration 80 minutes/ booking required phone 087 6022492.

Please note the 9.30 walk is limited to 34 persons and that the 2.00pm walk will not include Carton House. There will also be visits by bus to a working farm. Two groups of 34 people meeting at Maynooth Post Primary School on Saturday morning.

Under sixteen's must be accompanied by guardians. Duration 90 minutes/ booking required phone 087 6022492.

Sunday 19th May / The 10K

The 10k on Sunday 19th May is a fundraising event organised by Maynooth Post Primary School Parents Teachers Association. Participants are invited to walk, jog or run a 10k route of Maynooth, starting at 10.30am in St Patricks College, taking in Carton House Demesne and finishing in Carton Avenue. The presentation of prizes and a gathering party will take place in the school on Sunday afternoon. Funds raised are used for the development of new multi purpose playing fields for school and community use.

To enter www.runireland.com

INVITE --- WELCOME --- ENJOY


Maynooth Post Primary School Principal Mr Johnny Nevin invites all past pupils to the schools Gathering /Reunion and encourages them to take this opportunity to visit their old school before its relocation to its new site





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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Tidy Towns April Notes



At time of writing our annual Table Quiz is scheduled for the 5th April @ 8.30 pm in O'Neills, Main St. March has been a very busy month for Maynooth Tidy Towns, on the 2nd of March we had our Annual clean up on the Dublin road with our colleagues from Leixlip Tidy Towns Association, 4 trailer loads of rubbish and litter collected. Refreshments were supplied by Carton House and McDonalds.

We are hoping to do similar work with other Tidy Towns groups during the year.

Sunday 3rd of March together with members of the Maynooth Business Association and members of the general public saw us with great enthusiasm wash and clean signage in the main street, sand down clean and paint bollards, over 30 people in all were involved in this project. We are very pleased with the positive comments from members of the public.

Very welcome Soup, Tea, Coffee etc. were supplied by Declan Kennedy of Brady's Clockhouse.

We are as we write planning further projects with the MBA details to follow.

Part of our work is developing partnerships and encouraging people to work with us for the betterment of Maynooth.

Maynooth Students Union under the leadership of Ben Finnegan gave a

commitment to clean up the town during the recent Rag Week true their word teams of Students and Staff were out very early in the morning brushing and cleaning up from the previous night's activities.

A Special word of thanks to Supermacs for their support with this project. We will be working with the students again during national spring clean month in April.

Mc Donalds roundabout has again been replanted thanks to all members of Maynooth Tidy Towns.

As you are aware Maynooth Tidy Towns won a Dublin Bus Community Award and with the prize money we bought 2 concrete planters for the 67 terminus traffic island. These were planted up in time for St. Patricks Day.

Also 2 wooden planters at the traffic lights at Celbridge Road / Straffan Road were replaced by steel planters.

Kildare County Council's Director of Environment Joe Boland and the council's Tidy Towns Co-ordinator Dara Wyer visited us recently and left with a long list of actions.

Great to see everyone out and about on St Patricks Day during the Parade we were delighted to win a trophy.

Finally our contribution to National Spring Clean Month takes place on Saturday 13th April meet



at the Square 10am.

If you would like to volunteer to help us during the coming months please contact 087-3153189.

Maynooth Tidy Towns sympathise with the Kelly family on the death of Marie. Marie and the late Ted were founder members of Maynooth Tidy Towns.

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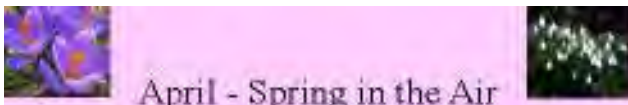
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April - Spring in the Air

Nothing is more welcome than the first blossoms of snowdrops, crocus, magnolias & other plants that herald the beginning of another growing season.

Still keep an eye out for frost which is still a big threat at this time of the year. Use fleece to protect young growth from the frost. But one of the most important jobs to start the spring is to start weeding and get rid of all the overgrown garden rubbish. Lightly rake the lawn to remove dead grass, sticks & debris. Early spring is best to divide flowering perennials including daylilies, hosta, monarda, balloon flower & many others.



Summer flowering shrubs such as Anthony Waterer Spirea & Annabelle hydrangea may be out back to the ground. Pansies may be planted outdoors in gardens or containers in April. If they have been grown indoors gradually expose to outdoor temperatures. Trees, shrubs & evergreens will benefit from April showers & early planting gives these plants time to grow new roots that helps the plants deal with hot & dry conditions.



To extend the blooming period of gladiolus, plant early, middle & late season selections each week until the middle of June. Choose a sunny spot & plant the corms 4-6 inches deep & 6-8 inches apart. In a sunny spot with poor soil, plant nasturtiums for a colourful display.



Start tomato seeds indoors. Provide good light & transplant seedlings into 4 pots when they are about 1" tall. Keep the plants indoors in a warm, bright place until they are transplanted outdoors in late May. It's an ideal time to sow your new season salad crops, don't stop as you can keep sowing salad varieties every couple of weeks to maintain a rolling crop. Consider these for early sowing: radish, mixed lettuce, rocket salad, baby spinach & spring onions. Sow outside from March but try to keep them covered with some form of protection, this will keep the edible foliage sweet & tender. If it's warm enough start sowing seeds directly into the soil.



Pond life is teeming so be careful if you haven't cleared last year's growth & foliage. If your water lilies need dividing do it now. Encourage migrating birds to stop in your yard or take up residence by supplying food, water & nesting materials.



Cut all dead canes from your raspberry patch. The new canes that will bear this year's fruit should have new swollen buds along the edges. When the danger of frost has passed, uncover strawberry beds & keep them well watered. Tie in climbing rambling roses. Sow hardy annual & herb seeds.



Start feeding citrus plants & increase the water given to house plants. Feed or repair bare patches & prune fig trees. Divide bamboos & water lilies. Ventilate greenhouse in good weather to prevent a build-up of pests & diseases.



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Maynooth Labour News

Update on Future of Straffan Road Junction With the M4

Cllr. McGinley got the following update from the Director of Services for Planning to his motion on keeping a junction at the Straffan Road for the M4:

"This issue should be dealt with as part of the Local Area Plan process, as outlined in report to the last meeting of the area committee. I have reviewed the previous planning application file; it simply says that the Council should implement national policy. The comments from the NRA, arising from the LAP consultation process, are more detailed, and will be provided to the members to assist in their assessment of the proposal. I consider it in-advisable to make any decisions, or participate in any evaluation of the merits of this particular proposal, outside of that statutory process. "

John got unanimous support from the five other Area Councillors in agreeing that the M4 Junction should be at the Straffan Road rather than the Rathcoffey Road and he asked for a copy of the NRA comments on the Local Area Plan well in advance of the Meeting to consider the submissions on the Plan.

Cllr. McGinley Gets Yellow Lines at Parson Street.

After a long hard battle the Council finally agreed to Cllr. McGinleys motion and the yellow lines were installed on 14 March. John has asked that a Council traffic warden visits there regularly to enforce the law.

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Safety Improvements at Laurence Avenue/Celbridge Road Junction:

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

"That a footpath be constructed from the Celbridge Road to Laurence Avenue (9m in length) at the junction in order to make it safer for the school children attending the Gael Scoil and Educate Together School."

John got the following good news at the Area Meeting on 15 March:

"The area office will carry out the footpath works along the lines suggested by the Councillor. Work is scheduled for May / June, if not sooner. "

Cllr. McGinley Asks for the Public Light at the Band Hall to be Put Back in Place:

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

"That the public light that was removed from opposite the Band Hall at Bartons, Pound Lane, Maynooth, be replaced without any further delay, in the interest of public safety."

John got the following reply:

"As this light was mounted on an ESB pole the Council is currently liaising with ESB to ascertain the reason for its removal and the possible replacement of same."

Cllr. McGinley Calls for a Clean-up of Buckleys Lane

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

"That Londis at Main Street/Buckleys Lane, Maynooth, be asked to remove the accumulated rubbish that they have dumped behind Maynooth Barbers at Buckley's Lane and that whoever is responsible for the foul water coming from behind the Maynooth Barbers onto

Buckleys Lane and Main Street be asked to put a stop to it forthwith."

John got the following reply:

"The owner of the premises has been approached and has agreed to remove the rubbish. This will be checked to ensure compliance. The matter regarding the foul water is also being investigated and the members will be kept informed of progress."

Cllr. McGinley Asks for an Update on the Taking in Charge of Estates

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

"What is the current position with the taking in charge of the following housing estates in Maynooth;

- Meadowbrook
- Silken Vale and The Arches
- Castle Dawson
- Leinster Park?"

John got the following reply:

"Meadowbrook Estate

It is recommended that the taking in charge process for the estate shall be commenced if the residents make a formal request in accordance with Section 180 of The Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended.

Silken Vale and The Arches.

It is recommended that the taking in charge process for the estate shall be commenced if the residents make a formal request in accordance with Section 180 of The Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended.

Castle Dawson

Castledawson cannot be taken in charge without taking in charge the pump station in Newtown Hall. Building Control staff contacted the developer of Newtown Hall in this regard in the past two weeks. There are two options for taking Castledawson Estate in charge. Take Castledawson and a portion of Newtown Hall (including the pump station) in charge. For this to happen, a section of wearing course will have to be laid in Newtown Hall.

Take Castledawson and the pump station in Newtown Hall in charge as exists. For this to happen, the developer would be required to provide a wayleave for access to sewers, roadway and pump station in Newtown Hall.

The developer is considering his options. Upon receipt of his proposals we will be in a position to advise the area committee further. It should be noted that the taking in charge of the pump station can only proceed with the developers consent and the council cannot require the developer to facilitate the taking in charge of the pump station.

The developer contacted Cllr. McGinley on 20 March to advise that he has agreed to the pump station being taken in charge and that he is arranging for all wayleaves and rights of way to be drafted up for approval as soon as possible.

Leinster Park

"Leinster Park will be included in the next batch of estates to be advertised for taking in charge."

Cllr. McGinley asks Council Management to Reverse their New Health & Safety Regulations;

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the full Council:

"That the decision of management to no longer undertake emergency roadworks at night-time be reversed."

John got the following reply:

"This decision relates to out of hours calls for works which would first require the completion of site specific risk assessments and the preparation of site specific traffic management plans. At this point in time the Council is not in a position to change its decision, however, the situation will be kept under review. The decision does not extend to major emergency situations where one would expect that any roads in question would be closed, in the first instance, by An Garda Siochana."

Cllr. McGinley did not agree with the reply from the Director of Services and he asked that the Council write to the Minister asking him to take action so that a sensible countrywide approach is taken to Health & Safety.

John pointed out that Kildare is the only county operating this interpretation of the Health & Safety Regulations and not only has nightwork been stopped, two roadworks crews have been merged into one resulting in less work being done and productivity being cut in half. The Manager agreed to write to the Minister.

Cllr. McGinley Asks That the Missing Footpath at the Bus Stops on Celbridge be Put in Place:

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

"That the 10m overgrown green section at the bus stops on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth, opposite house number 1 Laurence Avenue, be made into a footpath in the interest of public safety."

John got the following reply:

"It is an aspiration of the area office to construct footpaths on the two short sections of grass verge between Laurence Avenue bus stops and the Maxol garage so that people from this estate can walk safely, directly to the traffic lights on the Straffan road. However, there is no schedule yet for the completion of these works. "

John asked that the section at the bus stops be done as a first step as it is an eyesore and a hazard to pedestrians in its present state.

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Water Butts to be Stored at the Council Yard in Maynooth:

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

"That the Council re-visit its decision on water butts bought on-line not being available for collection at the Maynooth Depot "

John got the following reply:

"Water services has investigated the possibility of storing the water butts in the roads area depot in Maynooth. Unfortunately, the area depot has indicated that it is not feasible to store/ dispatch the water butts from that location."

John stated that with Water Charges coming on stream soon many people wanted to install Water Butts in order to conserve water and it was ridiculous that they had to go to Newbridge to get one. He stated that there was plenty of room at the Council Yard in Maynooth to store them.

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Two Buildings in Maynooth to be Treated Under the Derelict Sites Act:

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

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"That Buckley House and the house at 8 Main Street, Maynooth be treated as Derelict Sites"

John got the following reply:

"Both locations will be examined and report will issue. The members will be kept informed."

John stated that these buildings were complete eyesores and it would be nice if they could be tidied up not only for local people but for the visitors coming for the Irish Golf Open in Carton in June.

Cllr. McGinley Asks for the Ramp Outside the Boys School to be Made an Official Pedestrian Crossing:

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

"Can the ramp outside the pedestrian entrance to the Boys School, Maynooth, be made an official pedestrian crossing as children think that it is one and cars do not stop?"

John got the following reply:

"The ramp at the school is primarily a traffic calming feature. There would appear to be little pedestrian desire lines to cross the road at this location. However, the issue will be investigated by the traffic management section."

John stated that there was little logic to the reply as the students from the Post Primary School also use the ramp as a crossing rather than at the traffic lights at the Church. He asked the Area Engineer to have a further look at it and he was supported by Cllr. Griffin.

Secondary Schools in Kildare to Benefit from High Speed Broadband in 2013

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement today by his colleagues Minister Pat Rabbitte and Minister Ruairi Quinn that all Secondary Schools in Kildare, Meath and Dublin will have high speed (100 Mbps) broadband installed during 2013.

This Investment stated Deputy Stagg will mean that students will have vastly enhanced access to new and innovative educational tools as the standard of connection to broadband is of a much higher standard than current domestic broadband connectivity, and it will allow students multiple applications to be accessed by students right across the school.

Deputy Stagg stated that the announcement today was an important investment in Ireland's competitiveness and that the students will now be much better prepared for the digital economy when they seek work in years to come.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg complimented Ministers Rabbitte and Quinn on moving forward on this important issue.

Sale of Coillte Harvesting Rights Now Most Unlikely - Donadea Forest Park Secure

Following the Dail Debate on the proposed sale of the harvesting rights of Coillte Forests, and particular given the qualified nature of Minister Howlin's speech, Deputy Emmet Stagg said that he was now satisfied that it was not possible for the many strictures and conditions referred to by the Minister to be met and that it was now most unlikely that the proposed sale would go ahead.

Deputy Stagg complimented Impact Trade Union for the effective campaign they had mounted against the proposal and for bringing together in the campaign all the stakeholders and interested parties.

In addition to protecting the State's interest in our forests, Deputy Stagg stated that he was confident of the future of Donadea Forest Park and its amenity value to the people of Co. Kildare and the Greater Dublin Area, given that it was now most unlikely that the proposed sale would go ahead.

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Community Spirited University Students

"Give a Little - Do a Lot"



A clean-up operation took place in Maynooth from Monday 4th to Friday 8th of March. This was a concerted effort on behalf of the National University of Ireland students from 8.00 am until 10.00 am each morning to ensure that there was no litter left lying around after the celebrations of what is generally known as "Rag Week". But what is not generally realised is that "Rag Week" does not exist any more and has not done so for three years. The University does not run, support or encourage such extra-curricular activities or celebrations as this may be viewed as promoting alcohol related anti-social behaviour. This clean-up service is an all-voluntary service provided by a mix of staff and students. The people you saw picking up litter were not there as a result of punishment for any misdeeds. These are community spirited individuals who gathered together in a concerted effort to ensure that the town was not unduly affected by the events of this particular week. While this endeavour is not a part of the Tidy Towns Committee programme, it is as equally appreciated by the people of Maynooth. This endeavour by the staff and students of the University has a further dimension to it as they are promoting awareness of, and raising funds for, mental health issues and also supporting the efforts of the group Save Our Sons And Daughters (SOSAD). This organisation has five main goals which are to:

- Raise awareness of suicide in Ireland.
- Break the taboo surrounding suicide.
- Provide support and direction to those feeling suicidal
- Provide support and direction to those approached by someone feeling suicidal
- Provide support and direction for those bereaved by suicide.

The societies within the university, and through the student union, are proactively engaging with the general community and are energetic in their approach to being a part of the welfare and dynamism of the locality. While they are actively involved in what is a very emotive issue such as suicide awareness and prevention, they are also concerned with and applying themselves to other charitable institutions such as the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. In contradiction to the popular belief and perception of the public towards the university students, they are happy to make a more structured, engaging and positive contribution to the community/locality. Ian Russell, the Students Activities Officer, says that they are looking to have an ongoing and sustained group effort in the future, whereby there will be an effort made to have a clean-up after those big nights out, which sometimes leave an overflow of litter.

Through their own initiative the students of the university are making a beneficial and welcome contribution to the community in which they live and learn. The students are bringing an energy and vibrancy with a more fulfilling sense of fun and responsibility. While having an interactive and



socially helpful role in local participatory efforts to maintain the inviting fabric and atmosphere of this university town, they also offer further services to young secondary school students through the mathematics support service. This is a free drop-in support for local secondary school students. The service is supported by the Department of



Mathematics and Statistics, and the Admissions and Access Office in NUIM. This service is free to all as is the Coders Dojo, which helps young people

learn how to code, develop websites, apps, programs, games and more. Dojos are set up, run by and taught by volunteers. The Dojo in the university in Maynooth is further supported by the expertise of the employees of the local software company Sentenial and the staff and students of N.U.I. Maynooth. There is also a free Legal Aid Clinic, (FLAC) which is a walk-in service which starts at 7.00 pm on specified dates. They deal with all areas of the law with a specific focus on the areas of Family Law, Landlord & Tenant Law and Employment Law. The final clinic for this semester was on the 12th of March and will reopen in October, but for further information on this valuable resource provided by the students in our community you can check out the Law Department website.

So from voluntary cleaning of the streets to donating their expertise free-of-charge in the areas of law, computer technology and mathematics among other services, while also fundraising for very necessary voluntary agencies in society, the students at NUIM are making a difference. They are participating and giving something back to the local and wider community with a free and generous spirit.

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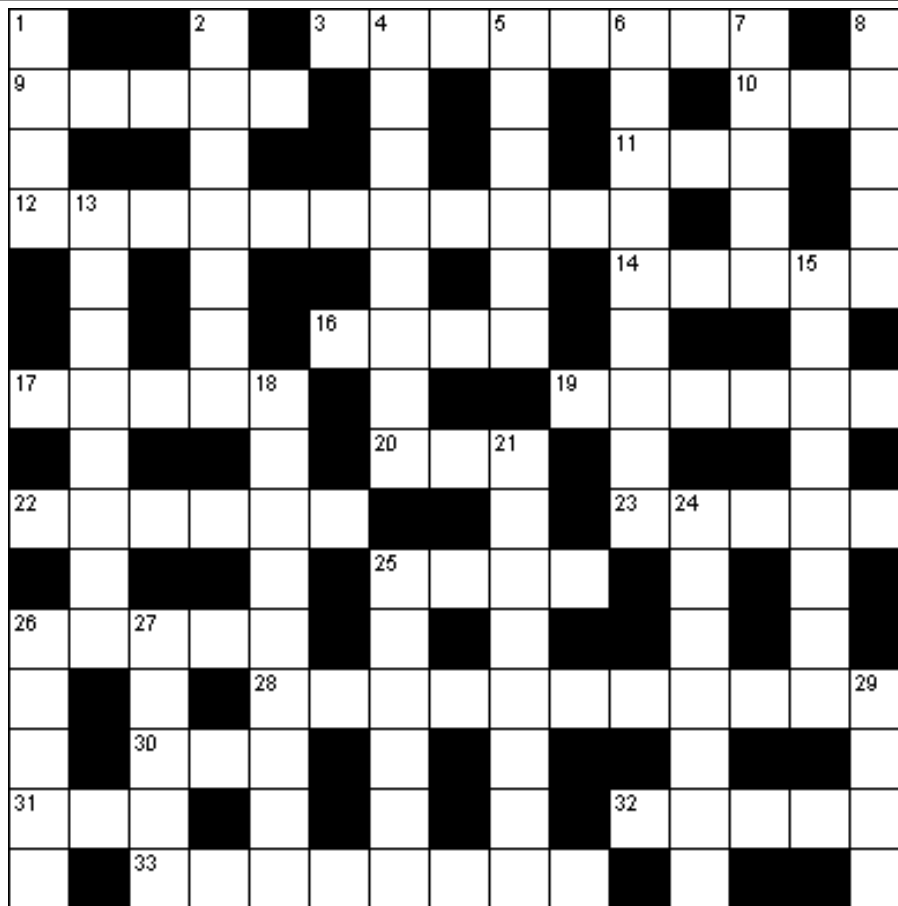
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 9. Embed (5)
 10. In what way (3)
 11. Highest mountain in Crete (3)
 12. Act of oscillating (11)
 14. Captures (5)
 16. Sever with the teeth (4)
 17. ----- Combe, Somerset village (5)
 19. Particular (6)
 20. Evergreen tree (3)
 22. Technique (6)
 23. Arab chief (5)
 25. Inhabitant of Serbia (4)
 26. Wished (5)
 28. Petty (5-6)
 30. Unit of electrical resistance (3)
 31. Relatives (3)
 32. Informs (5)
 33. Mobster (8)

**April 2013 Crossword - No: 412****Clues Down**

1. Limousine (4)
 2. Food flavouring (7)
 4. State of being equal (8)
 5. Go to bed (6)
 6. Meaningless (9)
 7. Express gratitude (5)
 8. Moves through water (5)
 13. Broad-brimmed straw hat (8)
 15. Qualified (8)
 18. Fencer (9)
 21. Military aircraft (8)
 24. Inhabited by ghosts (7)
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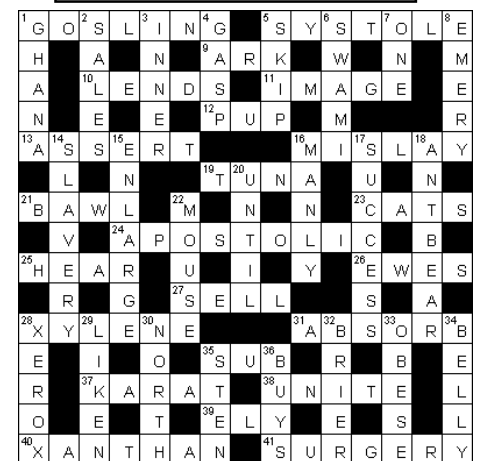
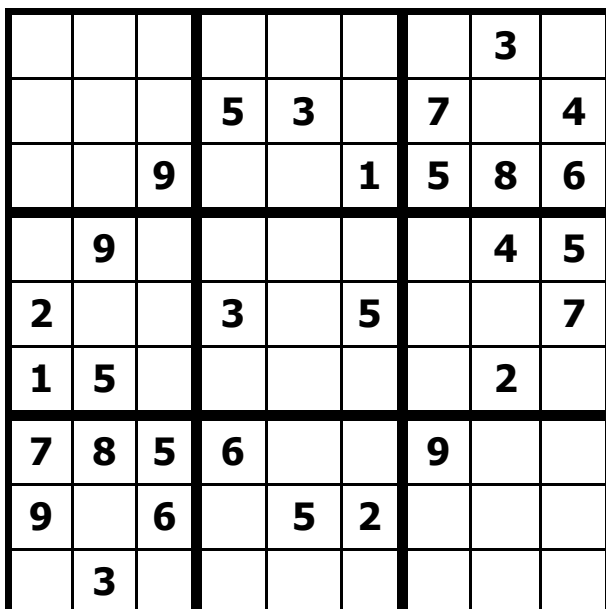
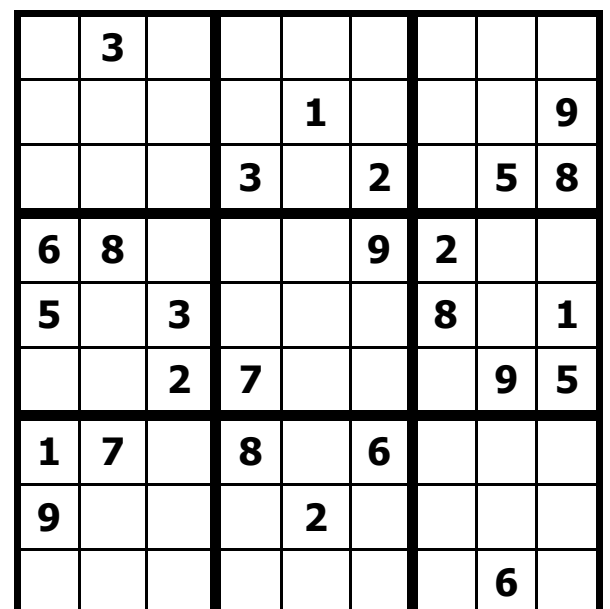
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March**

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Win a €10 book voucher if you are the first entry drawn with both puzzles correct.
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Congratulations to March Winner:

**Danny Houlihan
Cowanstown
Maynooth**

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Property Tax bill is flawed by both Process and Content

This Bill fails On All Levels

Independent TD Catherine Murphy has criticised the Government for the way in which the democratic process has once again been subverted in order to push through the Property Tax Bill; a Bill that is unfair and inequitable and nothing more than another vehicle with which to pay down the National Debt.

“Here we are for the second time, having to amend a Bill that was shoehorned into December so as to have it neatly passed before Christmas to allow Government Backbenchers avoid the wrath of their constituents before Christmas. Today, most of them won’t even bother to attend the debate, preferring instead to attend local events and therefore we won’t be allowed to vote on the Bill today and instead we will have a rushed debate that does allow for real and meaningful discussion. It is an abuse of process.”

“When we look at the content of the Bill we see further failure. Any Tax levied must be focused on ability to pay, fairness and what the tax is to be used for. This tax does not conform to any of these criteria. What is happening here is not about Local Property Tax, it is about funding the National Debt. This tax is local in name only, certainly not in nature.”

“I have tabled amendments which would exclude from the tax those with pyrite, those who paid stamp duty during the boom, those in unfinished estates, those on Social Welfare Payments, and some others however given the way in which the Government are denying proper debate, it is possible they may not even be heard. Where is the Democratic Process in that?”

Property Tax Exemptions Not Comprehensive Enough

Exemptions Exclude Many Estates That Were Included for Household Charge Purposes

Catherine Murphy TD today expressed dismay that many of the unfinished estates that had been excluded from the Household Charge Levy have now been refused exemptions for the Property Tax.

“The list of unfinished estates chosen for exemption from the property tax is deficient and unfair. In North Kildare alone, of the 17 estates that were exempted from the original Household Charge, only one of those is now excluded from the Property Tax.

“We must question the rationale for the decision process that exempted some estates from one tax but not another. Those estates certainly haven’t become ‘finished’ in the time between the Household Charge and the Property Tax-so why exempt from one and not the other?”

Deputy Murphy noted that this latest development reflects just one of her many concerns regarding the lack of any meaningful thought behind the imposition of this unfair and inequitable Property Tax.

Service Plans without Services

HSE Governance Bill should be called the ‘Partial Governance Bill’

Independent TD Catherine Murphy today blasted the HSE Governance Bill for its top-down focus and its limited scope for real and meaningful reform. Deputy Murphy read into the record a number of examples she had encountered of children being denied vital services that clearly demonstrate the dysfunction within the current health system.

“The introduction of the HSE simply brought about another level of bureaucracy and instead of simplifying the health service the HSE exacerbated the dysfunction within the service; as a result patients suffered and continue to suffer. The reform offered in this Bill does not go far enough-substantial reform is necessary and

Catherine MURPHY
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Advice Service:
Advice Centres will take place on the last Friday of every calendar month at the following locations:

2pm: The Turn Inn, Derrinturn
4pm: Keogh's The Corner House, Clane
6pm: The Monread Lodge, Naas



Catherine Murphy TD • Independent • Kildare North

this requires both a structural change and a cultural change within the HSE-this bill does not provide for that.”

“I keep hearing about the failures of the past but this is the Ireland of now where we see 2 year waiting lists for a basic appointment for a child to access OT or ENT services. The lack of these services is criminal. This is a ‘penny rich, pound poor’ approach and the penny pinching now means children will miss out on vital developmental supports and we then pick up the larger tab further down the line.”

“Success of reform cannot be simply measured by financial considerations. We need to stop the corporate management talk that describes those availing of services as customers, they are citizens; citizens with an entitlement to functioning health services.”

Lack of Specific Health Services Impacting on Children's Life Chances

Lack of Professionals Dramatically Impacting on Very Vulnerable Children.

Catherine Murphy TD, today questioned the Minister for Health on the lack of specialist therapists in various locations across the country, and in particular in North Kildare.

“Every day I see a least one case of a child being denied vital intervention because of a lack of either a speech and language therapist, an occupational therapist or a psychological therapist and the reality is that these children are missing out on vital interventions.”

In reply, Alex White, the Minister for State at the Department of Health acknowledged the deficiencies in the numbers of professionals and assured Deputy Murphy that the therapists will be put in place before the end of this year across all locations.

Deputy Murphy welcomed the Minister’s response but vowed to continue to monitor the situation closely and ensure that the numbers promised by the Minister are in fact delivered in 2013 because the same promises were made in 2012 and not delivered on.

Rent Supplement Review Process Underway

The Minister Must Take a More Nuanced View when Overhauling the System


Launching her document ‘Rent Supplement in Kildare North’ today, Deputy Catherine Murphy urged Minister for Social Protection, Joan Burton, who is currently in the midst of a review of the rent supplement system, to consider the regional variances that impact on rental rates within a County.

Deputy Murphy’s document details the complete lack of rental properties available under the maximum rent limits in areas such as Leixlip, Maynooth and Celbridge. The document makes clear that supply thoroughly outstrips demand in these and other areas and as such, rental rates have soared; for those in

employment it is a problem, for those on rent supplement it is impossible.

“Whilst the maximum rent limits set by the Department may well be barely feasible in one part of a County, that same rent limit may not be anywhere near realistic in a different part of the same County. Kildare is a prime example of such discrepancies. The rental difference between the more rural areas of South Kildare and the main urban population centres of North Kildare is vast-and this needs to be taken into account when setting limits.”

“The review into the Rent Supplement System is currently underway and is due to be completed in June. Minister Burton has assured me she is aware of the rental pressure within North Kildare and I look forward to seeing the completed review and trust that it will be reflect Minister Burton’s position in relation to the rental pressures in North Kildare.”



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New Alumni Scholarships add to increased funding for Taught Masters students

NUI Maynooth has today announced the availability of scholarships for over 90 postgraduate students including three new Alumni scholarships, funded by and for alumni, as well as 60 Taught Masters scholarships and 30 John & Pat Hume Research Scholarships. The University, which has established an international reputation for excellence in research-led teaching across the Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences and Science & Technology, is continuing to invest in postgraduate study for highly qualified students.

Sixty Taught Masters Bursaries - call for applications now open
For September 2013, 60 Taught Masters Bursaries consisting of €2,000 are open to all students who have completed the final year of their BSc or BA Honours Degree since 2007, (including those graduating this summer) and who have been in receipt of County or City Council Higher Education Grant funding. The Bursaries will be awarded to highly qualified students accepted onto a Taught Masters programme at NUI Maynooth commencing in September 2013.

Closing date for applications is July 5th 2013, application forms and terms and conditions are available at: <http://graduatestudies.nuim.ie/scholarship>

Alumni Scholarships - call for applications now open
New for 2013, the Alumni Office has announced Alumni Scholarships for Postgraduate study in the University this year. The scholarships will provide 3 graduates of NUI Maynooth (including the graduating class of 2013) with a €5,000 scholarship towards fees for a Taught Masters programme in September 2013. Funded by revenues earned from the Maynooth Alumni Affinity Card, this initiative will see alumni returning to the University for further education and benefiting from the support and goodwill of fellow Maynooth Alumni.

Speaking at the announcement of the Alumni Scholarships, Karen Kelly, Alumni Officer said that “the Alumni Scholarships, funded by revenues earned from the Alumni Credit Card, are a wonderful example of Alumni supporting the next generation of students at Maynooth. Renewed support within the University and amongst alumni themselves in recent years has resulted in increased interest in the Maynooth Alumni Association to which alumni become automatic members once they graduate.

Alumni are returning to campus for class reunions, to attend networking events, for guest lectures and cultural events. Alumni are also contributing to the current student community by returning to give evening career talks and by their membership of the Maynooth Alumni Advisory Board (MAAB) which was formed in 2011.”

Closing date for applications is July 12th 2013, application forms and terms and conditions are available at:
<http://graduatestudies.nuim.ie/scholarship>

John and Pat Hume Research Scholarships 2013 – call for applications now open

NUI Maynooth is also providing scholarship support for students commencing PhD education in 2013. The call for applications for the John and Pat Hume PhD Scholarships 2013 is now open, providing funding for 30 students commencing a PhD from October 2013. The scholarships are available across all disciplines at the University and provide a vital stepping stone for new research students to bridge the gap between starting their PhD and identifying additional funding as their research project develops. The scholarship provides fees support and €5,000 per annum for 4 years of PhD research. In some cases an additional fund of €3,000 for tutorials and laboratory demonstrations is available. The closing date for applications for John & Pat Hume Scholarships is 5pm on 3rd May 2013.

Applicants for the Hume Scholarship should first make contact with a NUI Maynooth Department or Research Institute to discuss their suitability for a PhD programme. For further details on how to apply and terms and conditions of the scholarship please visit: <http://graduatestudies.nuim.ie/scholarship>

Ends
Further information available from:
NUI Maynooth
Deirdre Watters

18th March 2013

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Dog droppings

The problem of dog faeces in the town was raised at the last Community Council meeting. It was agreed that there was a very serious problem of droppings not being collected and cleaned up by dog owners all over the town and housing estates. We have been asked to raise the issue here and to ask dog owners to ensure that they clean up after their pets when they take them for a walk. It is not acceptable for owners to simply take the dog out and then to allow it to foul wherever it sees fit and then to walk away.



Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act of 1997 clearly states:

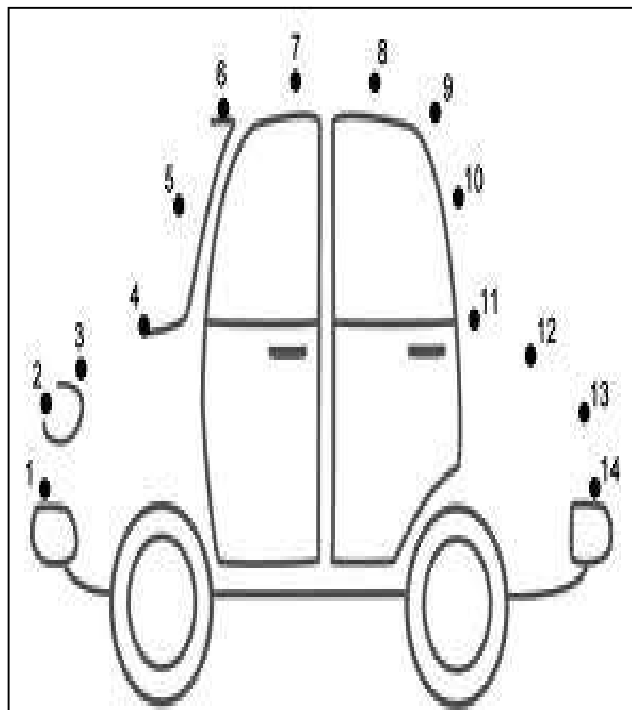
- (1) Where faeces has been deposited by a dog in any place to which this subsection applies, the person in charge of the dog shall immediately remove the faeces and shall ensure that it is properly disposed of in a suitable sanitary manner.
- (2) Subsection (1) applies to a place that is
 - (a) a public road,
 - (b) land forming part of a retail shopping centre,
 - (c) a school ground, sports ground, playing field or recreational or leisure area,
 - (d) a beach,
 - (e) the curtilage of a dwelling the occupier of which has not consented to the presence of the dog in the curtilage, or
 - (f) such other place as may be prescribed.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply in respect of—
 - (a) a guide dog kept and used for the guidance of a blind person,
 - (b) a working dog being used—
 - (i) for the herding of livestock, or
 - (ii) by a member of the Garda Síochána or the Customs and Excise service in connection with the official functions of the member, or
 - (c) a dog in such other circumstances as may be prescribed.
- (4) A person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence.

This means the owner/person in charge of the dog is required to remove dog faeces and dispose of them in a suitable, sanitary manner. You can complain to the District Court under the litter laws against an owner or someone in charge of a dog who allows that dog to foul public places and who fails to act responsibly. Before you do this, you must first inform the dog owner of your intention by completing a special form available from the Dog Control Unit of your local authority.

Dog dirt is a health hazard and some day your child might be affected by someone else's failure to 'do the right thing'. Train your dog to "go at home" in the garden. Failure to clean up your dog's waste can lead to a 150 euro "on-the-spot" fine or on summary conviction to a fine of up to 3,000 euro.

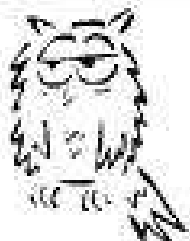


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McDonalds Children's Colouring Competition



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Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

March Winners:

Age: 3 - 5: Jane Smyth, Parklands Place

Age: 6 - 7: Sophie O'Shea, Brookfield Ave

Age: 8 & Over :Cathal Crowley, Moyglare Abbey

Prizes for Colouring Competition can be collected at:

Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre.

Entries must arrive before: 23rd April 2013



April Diary Planner

History Group

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

Community Library

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

University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Fridays at 11am in Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills
New Members Welcome
Enquiries: Helena
Phone: 087 6717062

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 Thursday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. in the Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills

If you would like your event put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter 01 6285053/01 6285922

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

Flower & Garden Club

April Spring Show
13th April 2013
Venue: The Glenroyal Hotel
Time: 8pm
All Welcome
Maureen Fagan PRO

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

Toastmasters

Toastmasters meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month in Glenroyal Hotel at 8pm.
The meeting are very enjoyable but with a good learning input.
They stop for tea half way through and end at 10pm.
All visitors are welcome.
Felicity Cuthbert PRO

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

Australia - ANZAC DAY Meals

BBQ Marinated Lamb Leg

Serves 4

Ingredients

5 garlic cloves, crushed
1 large lemon, juiced
1.5kg boned lamb leg, butterflied
Jacket potatoes - to serve

1 tbsp paprika
¼ cup olive oil
Olive oil cooking spray



Green Olive Mayonnaise

¾ cup whole-egg mayonnaise
½ cup stuffed green olives, chopped
1 tsp paprika ½ small lemon, juiced

Method

Combine garlic, paprika, 2 tablespoons lemon juice & oil in a large shallow dish. Season both sides of lamb with salt & pepper. Score the lamb skin. Place lamb in marinade & turn to coat. Cover & put in fridge for 3 hours. Remove from fridge 30 mins before cooking. Make green olive mayonnaise: combine mayonnaise, olive, paprika & 1 tbsp lemon juice in a bowl. Season with salt & pepper. Mix well. Cover & put in fridge until ready to serve.

Spray a cold barbecue plate or grill with oil. Preheat on high heat. Reduce heat to medium-high. Barbecue lamb skin side down, for 10mins. Turn & cook for 5mins. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cover lamb & barbecue for a further 15 minutes for medium or until cooked to your liking. Remove from heat. Cover loosely with foil. Set aside in a warm place for 10 mins to rest. Slice lamb thinly across the grain. Serve lamb with green olive mayonnaise & jacket potatoes.

Barbecued Piri Piri Prawns

Serves 6

Ingredients

6 long red chillies
1 tbsp paprika
100ml sunflower oil
24 green prawns, peeled (tails intact), deveined
2 tbsp shredded mint or basil leaves
Lime or lemon wedges, to serve

1 garlic clove, finely chopped
3 tbsp cider or white



Method

Preheat oven to 180°C. Roast chillies on a tray for 8-10mins until soft & lightly browned. Chop (remove seeds for less heat-if desired). Add to a small pan over medium-low heat with garlic, paprika, vinegar, ½ cup oil & 2 tsp salt. Simmer 2 mins. Cool slightly, then blend in a processor until smooth & cool completely. Toss prawns with 2-3 tbsp sauce (leftover sauce will keep for 1 month, covered, in the fridge). Heat remaining 1tbsp oil a barbecue hotplate or in wok on high heat. Cook prawns, turning, for 4 ins until cooked, then toss with herbs & serve with lime.

Broccoli & Chilli Spaghetti with Pangrattato

Serves 4

Ingredients

4 slices sourdough bread
3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
500g spaghetti
1 long red chilli, deseeded, finely chopped
grated zest of 2 lemons + wedges
1 cup (80g) grated parmesan

2 tbs olive oil
1 cup flat-leaf parsley, roughly chopped
2 bunches broccoli, trimmed, halved



Method

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Tear bread into small pieces, place on a baking tray & drizzle with 1 tbsp oil. Bake for about 10mins until golden & crisp. Remove from the oven & allow to cool completely. Place in a food processor with ½ of the garlic & ½ cup parsley. Pulse to form coarse crumbs, then set pangrattato aside.

Cook pasta in a large pan of boiling salted water to packet instructions, adding broccoli for the final 1 minute of cooking time. Drain. Meanwhile, heat remaining oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Add chilli, zest & remaining garlic, then cook, stirring for 30 secs until fragrant. Add drained broccoli & pasta & toss to combine, then stir through remaining parsley & half the parmesan. Divide pasta among warm bowls, then sprinkle with the pangrattato & remaining parmesan & serve with lemon wedges.

Anzac Biscuits

Serves 18

Ingredients

165g (¾ cup) brown sugar
90g (1 cup) rolled oats
1 orange, zested
45g (¼ cup) macadamias, finely chopped
90g (¼ cup) honey
½ tsp bicarbonate of soda

150g (1 cup) plain flour
75g (1 cup) shredded coconut
150g butter, chopped



Method

Preheat oven to 180°C. Place sugar, flour, oats coconut, orange zest & nuts in a bowl. Using your fingertips, break up any lumps of sugar & combine well. Place butter & honey in a saucepan & cook, stirring continuously, over low-medium heat for 3 mins or until butter is melted. Increase heat to medium & simmer for a further 2 mins or until thickened & deep golden. Remove from heat. Immediately add bicarbonate of soda, whisk to combine, then whisk 1 2 tbsp water, (taking care as it froths)

Pour hot honey mixture over dry ingredients & stir until well combined. Cool for 10 mins. Line 2 large oven trays with baking paper. To make perfectly round biscuits, place a 7cm egg ring or pastry cutter on a tray, spoon in 2 level tbsp of mixture, then flatten to fill ring. Lift ring away & repeat to make 9 biscuits 5cm apart on each tray. Bake for 12 mins or until golden. Cool on tray. Biscuits will keep in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks.

Kiwi Passion fruit Pavlova

12 Servings

Ingredients

6 egg whites
1 tbsp cornflour
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 tbsp icing sugar
2 passion fruit, halved

1½ cups caster sugar
1 tsp white vinegar
300ml thickened cream
4 kiwifruit, peeled, sliced



Method

Preheat oven to 120°C/100°C fan oven. Line a baking tray with baking paper. Mark a 22cm circle on the paper. Using an electric mixer, beat egg-whites until peaks form. Add caster sugar. Beat for 10mins or until sugar is dissolved. Add cornflour, vinegar & vanilla. Beat for 1 min. Spoon mixture onto circle. Using a palette knife, shape into a circle with high sides. Make furrows up sides.

Bake for 1 hour 15 mins or until firm. Allow to cool completely in oven with door slightly ajar. Using electric mixer, beat cream & icing sugar together until soft peaks form. Place Pavlov on a plate. Spread with cream mixture. Top with kiwifruit and passion fruit pulp. Serve.

Can You Put Names to These Faces?



Can you put the names to Maynooth Town's Schoolboy team of days gone by. E-mail us at info@maynoothtownfc.com Back Row L to R Player 1?, Player 2?, Player 3?, Player 4? Player 5? Player 6? Player 7? Player 8? Player 9? & Lenny Murphy. Front Row L to R Player 1?, Player 2?, Player 3?, Player 4? Player 5? Player 6? Player 7? Player 8?

Maynooth Town Football Club - Weekly Lotto Results 2013

| W/End | Numbers | Jackpot | 3 x €35 Winners |
|--------|-------------|---------|---|
| 06-Jan | 6,11,20,27 | €1,000 | Ian Flanagan - Mark Nolan - Jack Crawley |
| 13-Jan | 4,5,8,22 | €1,050 | Paul Kinirons - Robert Parker - Bridie Doran |
| 20-Jan | 6,9,15,16 | €1,100 | Vinny Strickland - Mahesh Patel - Donal O Donovan |
| 27-Jan | 1,9,18,20 | €1,150 | Sinead Swords - Martina Reilly - Anthony Casey |
| 03-Feb | 5,21,24,25 | €1,200 | Orla Hendrick - Dermot O Reilly - Noel Brilly |
| 10-Feb | 4,5,7,25 | €1,250 | Alison Flynn - Suzanne Cryan - Jenny Sutton |
| 17-Feb | 19,21,22,24 | €1,300 | Colette Kavanagh - David Weafer - Kenneth Kenny |
| 24-Feb | 2,7,12,20 | €1,350 | Emma Gallagher - Declan Kennedy - TJ Byrne |
| 03-Mar | 8,14,16,20 | €1,400 | Aileen Gleeson - Rose Daly - Marie Bonass |
| 10-Mar | 2,7,11,22 | €1,450 | Jenny Sutton - Dara Keogh - Dano Morrissey |
| 17-Mar | 6,11,15,20 | €1,500 | Patsy Leavy - John Sauls - A & S O'Brien |
| 24-Mar | 9,10,12,28 | €1,550 | Trish Mulchrone - Collette Kavanagh - S Mc Gibbon |

Leinster Senior Football League

| LSL Sunday Major | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | LSL Div 2 Saturday | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| Dublin University | 15 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 32 | 8 | 36 | Colepark United | 18 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 59 | 11 | 49 |
| Swords Celtic | 12 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 40 | 10 | 32 | Laytown United | 18 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 57 | 29 | 39 |
| Fairview CY | 15 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 32 | 25 | 25 | Ratoath Harps | 18 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 40 | 29 | 28 |
| Maynooth Town | 13 | 8 | 0 | 5 | 33 | 21 | 24 | Maynooth Town | 16 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 29 | 30 | 24 |
| Enniskerry YC | 17 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 22 | 22 | 22 | Rathfarnham Punters | 12 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 33 | 22 | 23 |
| Fettercairn Youth Fc | 18 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 30 | 36 | 20 | Parkvale Fc | 17 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 34 | 48 | 22 |
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| Hyde Park | 13 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 24 | 24 | 17 | Fairview CYM | 13 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 33 | 36 | 18 |
| Mid Sutton/Schalke | 14 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 14 | 28 | 15 | Kilnamanagh Fc | 19 | 5 | 3 | 11 | 35 | 50 | 18 |
| Ballyoulster Utd | 17 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 19 | 37 | 11 | Knockmitten United | 14 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 29 | 47 | 15 |
| Tullamore Town | 11 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 13 | 21 | 10 | Blessington Fc | 12 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 16 | 29 | 8 |
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| Ballyoulster Utd | 2 | 4 | Swords Celtic | | Sun 17 Mar 13 | | | Knockmitten United | 3 | 2 | Kilnamanagh Fc | | Sat 16 Mar 13 | | |
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Maynooth Town FC Cheltenham Tipster

1st - John Thompson - 46 points - €1000
 2nd - Richard Caffrey - 46 points - €100
 (John Thompson was the tie-break winner)
 3rd - Shaun McCann - 45 points - €50

The bottom 5 all win €10 - Paul Hartnett - John Bourke
 Mary McGinley - Brendan Ashe - Ken Kenny

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A Duck Story

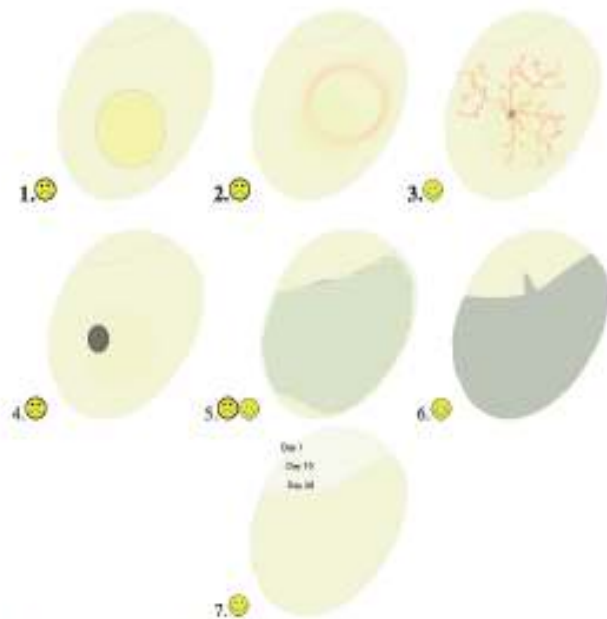
This is a story about encouraging scientific discovery and wonder through a community collaboration involving Maynooth Educate Together National School (METNS) and Lullymore Heritage & Discovery Park. Spearheaded by Eoin Mc Domhnaill's First Class's work on the life cycle, with the permission and financial support of the METNS principle, Marie Hands, and the METNS school board, we purchased an electric incubator. We then began our search for eggs and a home for any potential birds which might come to life. After several telephone calls, Ray Stapleton, from Lullymore, contacted us. He had heard about our fascinating school project, and he told me that Lullymore had some duck eggs that the mother ducks were not sitting on, and since they did not have an incubator the eggs had no chance of survival. He said if we wanted to try to hatch these eggs, Lullymore would take any ducklings we might get (when age appropriate) back to live in the pet farm.

We received a bucket of eggs! The incubator held seven eggs, so each of the five science groups in Eoin's class picked an egg to put in the incubator, Eoin picked one and I picked the final one. There were 23 remaining eggs, so we built a homemade incubator out of recycled styrofoam boxes which we had received from the local fishmonger (The Fish Market) and recycled egg cartons which we used to hold the eggs. In addition, we put a thermometer and a hydrometer in the box, to monitor temperature and humidity levels.

For the next 28 days we watched the temperature and humidity levels in both incubators. In addition, within the homemade incubator we also had to manually turn the eggs 4 times a day (an operation that was performed automatically in the mechanical incubator). We monitored the progress within the eggs. Each of the science groups built a candling apparatus, and we candled the eggs at 7, 14, and 21 days.



What to look for when candling duck eggs at various incubation periods...



- 1) Clear when candled - may be infertile or had a very early death (when candled at 8 days).
- 2) Embryo with red blood ring - early death when candled at 8 days.
- 3) Fertile with red blood vessels - after 8 days.
- 4) Red or black staining - early death when candled at 8 days.
- 5) Dark outline with ill defined detail - possible late death (10-16 days) Give them a little more time though.
- 6) Live embryo with bill in air sack - due to hatch in 24-48 hours.
- 7) Normal development of air pocket according to number of days.

At 25 days the eggs stopped being turned, and at 28 and half days, Friday 5th April, exactly on time, a bright yellow Indian Runner duck we named Lucky - hatched out of his/her egg!

This diagram is from <http://www.duckeggs.com/hatching-eggs.html>
Gendering ducklings is very difficult until they are about 8 to 10 weeks old.



After his feathers had begun to dry, we moved Lucky to a brooder we had made out of a plastic storage box with a chicken wire wood framed bottom covered with a towel. We had obtained special duckling food and an appropriate drinking vessel to make sure Lucky had lots of water but at the same time protected him from hazards associated with water. Ducklings raised without their mothers are not able to float as they do not secrete the necessary flotation oils themselves, and instead are supplied maternally. Ducklings can be monitored while bathing in water, and a paint tray allows this form of supervised water play or bathing to occur from an early age.



Among the other six eggs left in the mechanical incubator, 5 were not fertilized, and therefore did not develop at all. One fertilized egg did not survive. Among the 23 in the homemade incubator, 13 were not fertilized, and ten had developed. We eventually transferred seven of these ten eggs from the homemade incubator to the mechanical incubator. We deliberately arranged things so that these eggs were meant to hatch approximately 5 days behind the original eggs in the mechanical incubator. Exactly 28 days after the eggs were put in the incubator, the eggs began to hatch. Initially, we had three little ducklings. This made space for the final three eggs in the homemade incubator to be moved to the mechanical incubator, and the next day two more hatched, and the following day one more hatched. Finally we had two more hatch. In total we hatched ten out of the twelve fertile eggs, an extremely high hatch rate, especially considering we had no idea how long the eggs had been waiting in the nest originally before we were given them by Lullymore staff. Finally, we have 4 Indian Runners and 6 Mallards, and they are currently in their new larger brooder, a plastic swimming pool (the area of which is ideal for 8 - 10 ducklings) fitted with a chicken wire and wood-framed bottom to protect their feet, covered in hessian (which cleans easily and is changed regularly).

The ducklings will all continue to be part of the school for the next eight to ten weeks, and early in June they will be old enough to go to move back to their ancestral home in Lullymore. The children of METNS, and everyone who visits Lullymore from June onwards, will be able to enjoy seeing our little ducklings for many years to come, especially since ducks can have a lifespan of twelve to seventeen years. More pictures, including a film of one of the eggs hatching, will be part of the new educational centre at Lullymore Heritage & Discovery Park and Maynooth Educate Together National School's duckling project will be a central feature of this display.

We determined the area of a circle using the formula $A = p \times r^2$; where A is the area, p, pronounced Pi, was approximated as 3.124, and multiplied by r, which is the radius or half of the diameter of the circle, squared.

Dr. Tanya M. Cassidy



EXHIBITION 2013

The Castle Keep Art Group had its 15th Annual Art Exhibition on April 5th - 7th in the Maynooth Post Primary School. It was a great success on all fronts. Local resident, Mary Cullen historian and women's rights advocate and former NUI Maynooth lecturer very kindly opened the exhibition on the evening of the 5th.

Eighty works of art were on display from 15 local artists from the Maynooth, Celbridge and Kilcock areas. This year there was a free draw for an original painting by Emma Boyce which was won by Marie Therese Power from Maynooth. The opening night was a great social occasion. Over two hundred visitors attended the exhibition over the weekend.

We would like to thank Mr. Thomas Ashe, Patron of the Group; Mary Cullen



Susan Durack with her painting of Back Garden Flowers



L/R Paul Byrne, Déaglán Ó Ceallaigh, Veronica Brady, Susan Durack, Roberta Hines, Toni Read, Helena Ó Ceallaigh and Lorna O'Connell

for giving a wonderful opening address; Emma Boyce for the original painting of the Geraldine Castle; Gerry Flood, Maynooth Camera Centre, who sponsored the framing of the prize painting; The Roost who sponsored the wine reception on the opening night and NUI Maynooth Library. As always we are indebted to the Maynooth Post Primary

School and the Kildare VEC who have facilitated the exhibition every year. We would like to thank Helena O'Ceallaigh and Clare Morrin who helped us on the night of the opening. Thanks to all who came to view the exhibition over the weekend. This continued support keeps the art group going from year to year. The Castle Keep Art Group will feature in the Maynooth Harvest Festival in September. Please contact Susan Durack secretary 087 7074582 if you have any queries about the art group.



Emma Boyce with her original painting of Geraldine Castle



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Maynooth Senior Citizens

As we put the long hard winter behind us, we can hopefully look forward to a long hot summer. How is that for optimism ?

We celebrated spring in style with our annual Easter tea-Dance and Parade on Sunday April 21st in the G A A Club. The bonnets were so spectacular this year that all who entered won a prize. Well done to all who took the trouble and entered into the spirit of the occasion. Congratulations to the overall winners, Lee Walsh 1st prize, Eileen Brown 2nd & Tosheen Farrell 3rd. This was a most enjoyable day with great music provided by "Unity".

Our next Tea-Dance will take place on May 19th when we will celebrate Bealtaine. The theme this year is "Make & Grow". So we welcome all our people to display all their talents on the day, ie: Needlework, Painting, Planting etc. Bealtaine is the Irish word for May and is the official beginning of Summer in the Celtic calendar. However the weather doesn't seem to know that.

Trish Howley tells us that the word Bealtaine comes from bel taine meaning bright or shining fire. It is also linked to Bel, the Celtic god of fire and light. The Hill of Uisneach near Tara in Co. Meath was associated with Bealtaine and it is said that Mide, the druid of the invading Memedians lit a fire at Uisneach that burned for seven years. Building a fire established ownership of a site and was marked by driving livestock between two fires. In these modern times we build roads and drive cars and trucks through our history and traditions it would seem.

June 16th is the date for our mid-summer Tea-dance and is also the date that begins holidays in Kerdiffstown. July 21st will be the final tea-dance before we take a break in August.

Further information can be found on our web page on the Parish web-site.

Josephine Moore

Editorial

This month marks Mayday, one of the four early Irish festivals, possibly not as well known as some of the others. In Irish it was Beltene or in modern times known as Bealtaine the word we use for May. It may include the word for fire (tene) of a God, the God being Bel or Belenos. It is uncertain what it means but it might have something to do with a shining light. In ancient times it was celebrated with fires, like other festivals, and associated with the arrival of summer. It was celebrated in Scotland and other places as well. Some early Irish stories are set at this time of the year, when it is said that men and women used to meet outdoors. There was a Roman festival of flowers at this time and in England, it is associated with the maypole, Morris dancing and crowning a May Queen. As with all the other old festivals, it was absorbed by Christianity and linked with the Virgin Mary. It has become associated with the Labour movement all over the world in the more recent past.

There is a modern day Festival of Fire held at Uisnech in Co Westmeath for the last number of years and the attending crowds are increasing all the time. It is as if the end of the Celtic Tiger has resulted in a positive return to old values and an interest in the heritage and culture of the country. The rights and wrongs of holding such a festival at an ancient are debated but the message of interest is still clear.

The Community Council held its AGM in April and the present executive were re-elected unopposed and the notes accompany this editorial. It should be said that all these officers work on a voluntary basis and never receive any monetary reward for their work. The Newsletter would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the words of the executive in recognizing the work carried out by the office staff and by the supervisor, Brian Curtis, who is due to retire next month. Brian will be missed by the office staff, the executive, the Community Council and by the town in general. He worked quietly, efficiently and with a gentle assurance throughout his time with the Council and he will missed terribly. It is this type of dedication by supervisors over the years that have kept the Community Council office and the Council itself in business. The advertisement for the new supervisor is found in this publication.

One of the most important issues for the Council during the past year was the expansion of the Social Employment Scheme by amalgamation with the scheme that was sponsored by the Maynooth Environmental Group. The amalgamation was the first to be supervised by the Department of Social Protection who have absorbed FÁS into the department. It has resulted in the Community Council now sponsoring 30 employees that now includes the work on the Royal Canal and general outdoor work. So far this has been a very successful process and the Department has been very helpful in their dealings with the Council. The numerous meetings that were held were all very supportive and positive. Any fundraising carried out by the Council is to keep these employees in work and to ensure that they move onto other employment.

Meanwhile, the political scene continues to be increasingly depressing with all parties and most of the media concentrating on the issues of abortion and the possible suicidal tendencies of pregnant women. It must be quite frightening for young pregnant women who may have mental health issues to listen to people coldly and dispassionately discussing their problems, both mental and physical, over the airwaves and in the print media. Has nothing changed in 21st century Ireland? Are we still stuck in the Ireland of the 1980s when the country was divided and tormented by the abortion debate and the Kerry babies tribunal? How many of our readers remember the chaotic Joanne Hayes story that hit the newspapers on the Easter weekend of 1984? Without revisiting this sorry event, let us remember how we ended up here – by Irish solutions to problems.

Community Council Notes

The AGM of the Maynooth Community Council took place on Monday 15th April at 8.30pm in the Glenroyal Hotel.

The minutes of the AGM of 2012 were approved. Tom McMullon, Chairman of the Maynooth Community Council addressed the meeting.

All the members to the AGM were welcomed. Tom reported on the eventful year for the MCC and progress in various aspects of the Council. He expressed his thanks to the Executive for the work in their various roles.

His largest plaudit went to the MCC Office Manager, Brian Curtis, who has done great work and improved the effectiveness of the office since he took over the reins. Brian is due to retire shortly and the council wished him all the best in the future. Tom thanked all staff associated with the community employment scheme. He reminded the meeting of challenges ahead in overseeing the workers into the future. He noted the preparations for upcoming festival and thanked Andrew and Susan for their work. John McGinley and his multitude of helpers were thanked for their work on the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The support of the many organisations such as Tidy Towns, U3A, Community Space, Senior Citizens, History Group, Scouts etc. who contribute to make Maynooth a lot better for all the citizens was noted. The Secretary's Report – Outgoing Secretary Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

One of the main items this year was the amalgamation of the CE scheme with that of the Maynooth Environmental Group. There were a number of meetings

Instead of facing up to the fact that still about 5,000 women go to England and elsewhere to solve their Irish 'problem' this country now wants to subject mentally ill women to a Spanish Inquisition type enquiry to ensure that they really are suicidal. The people who suggest these solutions have obviously never been in such a situation. It again highlights the appalling attitude to, and complete lack of understanding of, mental health and to women in our society. In a recent radio report, Olivia O'Leary quoted a young woman she met: women under the rule of the Taliban wear the hijab over their Chanel clothing, in Ireland our western clothing hides hijab/Taliban inside. One would be forgiven for losing track of all the votes, referendums and cases that have happened to bring us to where we are now. This must finally be resolved properly at this stage. We do not live in the Middle Ages – but the wider media reporting of the terribly tragic Savita Halappanavar case certainly made us look like we do. It also made some people here in Ireland terribly ashamed that a woman could still die here under such dreadful circumstances. The wider diaspora are increasingly embarrassed at the revelations. On a slightly brighter note - we would like to wish all the students good luck as they embark on their examinations in mid-May. For the third year students, this is the end of a long adventure or journey. They will now begin on the next part of their careers whatever is in store for them. It is a difficult time for them trying to find employment in this climate but we hope that they stay in Ireland and help to get us out of this most recent mess that we are in. Perhaps the Gathering will bring additional tourists/visitors to the country and will encourage the Government to employ more people in that industry and particularly in the area of cultural and heritage tourism.

We would also like to say goodbye to the increasingly large number of international students who visited the college; this year there were even more than ever and many from North America. We know that most had a wonderful experience and hope that they will return as tourists with families and friends in the future.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

held with the DSP officers and with a new management committee that has been put in place to run the scheme. The amalgamation has been very successful so far. More workers have been added in the meantime as well. There will be more changes and developments in the coming months.

Brian Curtis and John Doogan were thanked for all the work that they have done in bringing this about. All the other workers were congratulated for their hard work. The new format of the Newsletter is still very successful as is the new distribution method. It is still the main fundraiser for the Council. The Editorial Board was thanked.

Aengus Ó Maoláin resigned as the P.R.O. and Susan Durack was elected in his place. Many of the familiar issues were raised again through out the year, pay-parking and the general problems with bad parking in various parts of the town, particularly in Parson Street and on the Kilcock Road beside the college. The Local Area Plan, education and Twinning were also discussed and the importance of including Canet in the Festival. A major topic for discussion this year was the Gathering and the involvement of the Festival in this event. There were some discussions as well with the OPW on extending the opening hours for the Castle.

Bridget Butler of Ageing Well addressed the Council and we had a representative from Men's Sheds speak to us as well.

The sub-committees and affiliates reported to the Council: Twinning committee, the Newsletter, the Festival, Tidy Towns, Senior Citizens, Scouts, Local History, Educate Together, St Patrick's Day Parade, U3A, History Group, Teen Space. Both the Parade and the Festival were successful. Muireann thanked o both committees and all the participants.

All the members of the Executive were thanked for their help and support. Muireann reminded the group that ourselves and others that all the work that we do is voluntary and for the good of the community.

Treasurer's Report – outgoing Treasurer Andrew McMullon

Andrew McMullon thanked the Executive the MCC for their hard work and continued support over the last year. The new scheme has increased the wage and the PRSI bills. With these increased outgoings as well as rental, it is important to be careful in our spending budget for the coming year.

Various people associated with the MCC and Office were thanked including Brian and Vera for all their help throughout the year.

The election of officers took place – the following were elected.

Chairperson – Tom McMullon
Secretary – Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin
Treasurer – Andrew McMullon
PRO – Susan Durack
PDO – Paul Croghan

Local Matters

Men's Sheds were reported to be growing from strength to strength.

The work of employees working on the Canal area was commended. Due to the inclement weather the Harbour Field was left in disarray after the departure of the Carnival. Kildare County Council has the matter in hand.

It was asked at the meeting that local area representatives give due consideration to the siting of a new secondary school to the south side of the town. The Scouts (aged 16/17) attended a very enjoyable week with our senior citizens at Kerdiffstown House. It was an enriching experience for everyone involved. It was reported that a new writers group was in the process of being established and it is hoped that its members would contribute articles to the Newsletter.

Susan Durack

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Can I renew my Irish passport online? I live outside Dublin and can't easily get to the Passport Office. How long does the process take?

Answer

When renewing your passport, you use the same application form (APS 1) as when you apply for a first passport. It is not currently possible to apply for a passport online or to download the application form. You can get the form at any Garda Station or at any Post Office that displays the "Service Plus" logo.

You should read the detailed notes provided with the application form to make sure you complete your application correctly.

You are encouraged to use An Post's Passport Express service. In general, this guarantees that you will get your passport within 10 working days, but it may take longer at busy times of the year. Check the Passport Office website passport.ie for current processing time information.

The standard adult passport costs €80 through Passport Express, with a processing charge of €9 – a total charge of €89. Hand in your Passport Express application at any Service Plus Post Office.

Non-urgent applications made in person at a Passport Office cost €95 and will take an average of 15 working days to process. You can use the Passport Appointment Booking Service passportappointments.ie to make an appointment.

You should only apply in person at a Passport Office if you have immediate travel plans or you need to travel because of family emergency. You will need proof of

travel (such as airline tickets) and your passport will issue within 3 working days. The extra charge for this urgent service is €55 for an adult – making a total cost of €150.

In cases of genuine emergency, the duty officer at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade can issue an emergency passport which will be valid for a short time. The charge for this emergency service is €110 for an adult.

If you apply by ordinary post, you should allow at least 8 weeks for your passport to be processed.

In general, you can check the status of your application through the Passport Tracking Service on dfa.ie.

Accessing your credit history

Question

My bank has refused me a loan, giving my poor credit rating as the reason. Where did it get information about my credit history and how can I check this information?

Answer

The Irish Credit Bureau (ICB) compiles a private database of information supplied by its members, which include the main financial institutions.

The database is available for lenders to consult to see if potential borrowers have ever defaulted on loans. The aim of the system is to help lenders to assess the ability of borrowers to repay any future debts.

You can get a copy of your credit record by applying online to the Irish Credit Bureau and paying €6. You can also download an application form from icb.ie or phone the ICB at (01) 260 0388 to request one.

For security reasons, your credit report will be posted out to you, not emailed.

The database includes information on a wide range of loans, including personal loans, mortgages and credit card loans. It will only hold information about you if you have had an active loan in the past 5 years and if your lender provided information to the ICB. Your individual credit record includes:

- Your name, date of birth, address(es) used by you in relation to financial transactions
- Names of lenders and account numbers of loans that you currently hold, or that were active within the last 5 years
- Repayments made or missed for each month on each loan
- Failure to clear off any loan
- Loans that were settled for less than you owed and
- Legal actions that your lender took against you

If the record is inaccurate, you may ask the ICB to correct it. If you are not satisfied with how the ICB deals with you, you may appeal to the Data Protection Commissioner.

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

Tel: 0761078100

Address: Dublin Road, Maynooth.

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

Community Employment Project: Supervisor

Maynooth Community Council was established in 1984 with the remit to support and develop community activities as well as providing employment and training opportunities in the area. A key part of this support is provided by our office and we operate in other areas around Maynooth where we support sub-committees and affiliated organisations working with a range of community activities such as youth and the environment. We also publish the Maynooth Newsletter as well as organise the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade and annual community festival.

We are now seeking to recruit a Supervisor to oversee our various operating centres in Maynooth. Because of our broad range of activities involved the person appointed will be required to have many of the following skills and experience.

- Candidates must have attained a 3rd level qualification (NFQ Level 6 or higher) and have 3 years supervisory/management experience.
- Experience in All MS office programs including MS Business Server with advanced MS Excel, MS Publisher and MS Word as well as advanced knowledge of Web Design (MS Expression) and Photoshop.
- Experience in staff development and training systems including the development of Individual Learning Plans.
- Capacity to instruct and supervise staff in the handling and operation of manual and mechanical tools.
- Ability to oversee financial planning/budgeting and accounts management and financial reporting.

Previous experience in working in a similar role and reporting to a voluntary management committee as well as having the use of your own car as travel is involved would be an advantage.

The position is a full-time post and remuneration will be determined by the Department of Social Protection payment scale for Supervisors.

Maynooth Community Council is an equal opportunities employer and also welcomes interest in this position from applicants that are currently unemployed subject to meeting the key skills and experience criteria outlined above for this post.

Applications should include full information on education (copy of certificates) and experience to-date as well as details of previous employments. The closing date for accepting applications is Monday May 13th 2013 and applications should be sent to:

The Chairperson
Maynooth Community Council Ltd
Unit 5 Tesco Shopping Centre
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Maynooth Guild ICA Notes

The Guild AGM was held on March 7th, The new committee elected on the night:-

President: Catherine O'Reilly.
Vice President: Margaret Houlihan.
Secretary: Norah McDermott.
Asst Sec & PRO: Rosemary Hanley.
Treasurer: Mary McNamara.
Asst Treasurer: Bernie Byrne.
Contest Sec: Cora Walsh.
Arts Promoter: Bernie Byrne.
Craft Promoter: Rosemary Hanley.
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International Officer: Eilis O'Malley.
Hostess: Deirdre O'Toole.
IT Specialist: Jo O'Connell.
An Timire: Mags Caden

The past year 2011/12 was a very special year as The Guild celebrated 60 years in Maynooth. The membership is still quite good although not as high as in earlier years and we hope to continue to attract many new members in the future.

An International night with a French Theme was enjoyed at the February meeting & the May meeting will be an Oíche Gaeilge. The guest speaker in April was Charlie Leonard who gave a great talk on Kinesiology.

This year the Garden Party at An Grianan will be held on July 19th.

Members are busy rehearsing for the upcoming Elenora Gibbon drama comp. The theme is "ICA Bootcamp"

Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day on March 23rd was a success despite bad weather. Members and friends managed to raise €4,313. Thanks to all involved.

Craft nights continue each Monday at 8:00pm in the hall. Badminton for the energetic members continues on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 11:00am in the College Sports Hall.

The next guild meeting is May 2nd at 8:00pm. New members welcome. Check us out at www.icakildare.com or on facebook

Rosemary Hanley

ASK SHARON THE STYLIST!!

Welcome to my new column, my name is Sharon McCarthy and I am a qualified Beauty Therapist, Fashion Stylist, Image Consultant and I also specialise in Personal Shopping and Wardrobe Weeding. Every month I will help you with any questions you may have regarding the above.

If you are single, married, highflying professional, working mum, stay at home mum or retired, my clients include all of these lifestyles. I believe everyone deserves to look and feel their best and my Job is to make the most of my client's assets and transform their appearance to help them feel more confident in themselves every day of their lives.

"With a badly dressed woman people remember their clothes, with a well dressed woman, people will remember the woman" Coco Chanel
 Let's face it we are all different shapes and sizes and that's fine because we don't all want to look the same anyway but the trick is how to dress your shape correctly, ill fitted and misshaped clothes can add unwanted pounds and the wrong colours of our clothes and make-up can drain us and even make us look older than our years. Know your body shape and colours that suit you and make the most of yourself.



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TeenSpace Goes Native



Day trip to Causey Farm, Co. Meath by: Aideen Foy aged 15.

Last Saturday, the 20th of April, ten teenagers and four leaders packed up and headed to Causey Farm, in Co. Meath for a day out. As with all teenagers the fun began before we even got there. We had been told to wear wellies and to bring a change of clothes (please do if you are planning on going – my Mother says our washing machine still hasn't recovered)!

We were met by a very friendly sheepdog and her beautiful bouncy puppies along with a very friendly guide from Causey Farm itself. We went straight to the big farm kitchens where we made some brown bread (be prepared to literally catch eggs!). While the bread was in the oven baking, we headed to do some graffiti (yes you read that correctly). Then we were shown how to milk a cow, which for some reason caused a lot of giggling!

Next we were taken to learn to dance the "Siege of Ennis". Don't worry, you don't have to be a good Irish dancer, fun is the name of the game here! And onto some bodhrán playing lessons.

Lunch was next, including of course the bread we had baked ourselves, which was, I might add, quite delicious.

Next were the bogs, we were brought there in a trailer, padded nicely by the "seats" which were, of course, bales of hay. Once you arrive at the bog, there is an adventure area, where you get to test your team and, of course, your balancing skills on monkey bars, single rope bridges and hanging tyres. This is your first real taste of mud!

Next the best and funniest part of the day, bog-jumping ... literally! Families should note this isn't suitable for small children, as I myself am 5 foot 8 inches in height and I was up to my chest! It's really wonderful fun though and you should certainly give it a go!

Once our bog jumping was over, we hauled each other out and we quickly had to change our clothes (do bring a bath towel and a plastic bag for the really dirty clothes).

It took us only four hours to fit in all these activities, it went by so quickly, but there are other activities available. We really enjoyed ourselves. I would recommend this day trip to anyone. It is full of "craic agus ceol" and, as the advertising leaflet correctly states, it really "Introduces you to your inner Culchie"!

I would really like to thank our wonderful leaders for organising the great day out and for all the effort they put into TeenSpace every month. If you are aged between 13 and 20 years, join us Friday May 17th at 7:45pm in the Community Centre near Manor Mills Shopping Centre. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Famous Irish Sayings

You've got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your grandfather was.
 Who gossips with you will gossip of you

Beware of people who dislike cats

It is better to be a coward for a minute than dead for the rest of your life

A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures

But the greatest love - the love above all loves, even greater than that of a mother

- Is the tender, passionate, undying love, of one beer drunken slob for another

Better fifty enemies outside the house than one within

A scholars ink lasts longer than a martyrs' blood

Put silk on a goat and it is still a goat

Everyone is nice till the cow gets into the garden

Here's to our wives and girlfriends. May they never meet

Don't give cherries to pigs or advice to fools

The Irish don't know what they want and are prepared to fight to the death to get it

Drink is the curse of the land. It makes you fight with your neighbour. It makes you shoot at your landlord and it makes you miss him

God invented whiskey to keep the Irish from ruling the world

Here's to your roof, may it be well thatched and here's to all under it -may they be well matched

Tis only a stepmother would blame you

Take the world nice and easy, and the world will take you the same

Why if he went to a wedding, sure he'd wait for the christening

Never dread the winter till the snow is on the blanket

He who has water and peat on his own farm has the world his own way

Tis better to spend money like there's no tomorrow than to spend tonight like there's no money

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal

A cabin with plenty of food is better than a hungry castle

It is often that a person's mouth broke his nose

May you die in bed at 95, shot by a jealous wife

Here's to the eyes in your head and none in your spuds

Letter to the Editor

NEW MAYNOOTH SCHOOLS JUNIOR/SENIOR CAMPAIGN

Dear Editor,

Following the postponement of a meeting with the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairi Quinn, representatives from the schools of Maynooth Post Primary area met with Deputies Emmet Stagg and Bernard Durkan on March 14th. We outlined the many advantages of the Junior /Senior concept and the overwhelming support of the community in Maynooth and surrounding areas for this progressive idea and sought the rescheduling of the postponed meeting.

What are we looking for from the Minister?

We are requesting that the Minister mandates his officials, to engage with the VEC, in consultation with the relevant education experts, to explore all options that would deliver his (the Minister's) stated aspirations of strengthening diversity and inclusion while giving due regard to parental preference (Minister's announcement of patronage of 14 new Post Primary schools 25/7/2012).

It is our hope that the unity of purpose in relation to second level education provision, expressed clearly by the vast majority of parents surveyed (Patronage campaign), will be given due consideration in the above proposed deliberations.

It was made clear by the majority of parents during the same surveying, that not alone did they desire patronage to be awarded to the VEC (based on past performance in MPPS), but that they also expressed a desire that the VEC would implement a Junior school/ Senior school concept of provision.

The VEC has in the past and continues in the present to provide a safe learning environment for all the students of MPPS. The school's response to diversity is informed by principles of inclusivity. The parents surveyed see the Junior school/Senior school model of provision as a common-sense approach to the continuation of such established inclusion and diversity. In addition, they see this option as an opportunity for one patron to oversee allocation of resources in a most equitable and expedient manner.

Yours sincerely,
Teresa Murray.

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MSc in Dependable Software wins best new course award 2013

"Excellent on collaboration, good balance between research and application in programme design"

The ERASMUS MUNDUS MSc in Dependable Software Systems in the Department of Computer Science at NUI Maynooth was awarded 'Best New Course' 2013 at the Grad Ireland Postgraduate Course of the Year Awards last night at the Mansion House. Judges deemed the programme to be "excellent on collaboration, good balance between research and application in programme design".

The first of its kind in Ireland, the course offers students a choice of study over two years to be undertaken in two of three universities; NUI Maynooth, the University of St. Andrews in Scotland or the Université Henri Poincaré Nancy in France. Students achieve a double Masters through the award of two degrees from the participating universities.

The growing worldwide dependence on software is inevitable. Global finances, regulation of power generation, telecommunications and public transport are all controlled with computer software. Problems arise because this software is fallible and can break down causing extreme difficulty and financial loss. This dependence on software has not been matched with a corresponding increase in software dependability. The MSc in Dependable Software Systems educates computer science and software engineering graduates to design and build dependable software systems in a cost-efficient manner.

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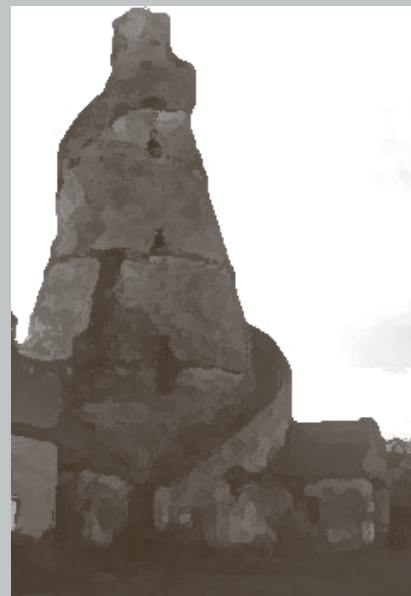
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Heritage projects shelved in Maynooth and North Kildare due to huge funding cuts



Shell Cottage in Carton House

The State body responsible for protecting our cultural heritage has revealed it has no money to help local communities protect and restore some of our most historic buildings. The Heritage council has accused the Government of taking the "easy option" after its funding was slashed from €20m in 2008 to just €5.7m. The projects affected include the Shell Cottage on the Carton Estate which is decorated with sea shells and the Wonderful Barn between Maynooth and Leixlip a famine-relief building built in 1734 to store grain, both of which require restoration works.



The Wonderful Barn between Maynooth and Leixlip

Castletown House Exhibition

The Office of Public Works with the Crawford Art Gallery present an exhibition of 16 contemporary artists in the stunning setting of Castletown House. The Exhibition is free and open to the public Tuesday to Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays from 10am to 6pm (last admission 5pm) from Tuesday 30th April to Sunday 30th June.

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Excellent achievement for St. Mary's Band Maynooth

St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band travelled to Limerick on 6th April last to compete in the Intermediate Section of the National Band Championships held in the Limerick University Concert Hall. Under the baton of Conductor Aine Doyle, and wearing their smart new uniforms, they performed "Ross Roy" as they own choice piece and the very difficult test piece entitled "The Pioneers" playing both to a particularly high standard. The band worked exceptionally hard in the weeks and months leading up to the contest said Eoin McCormack the Band's Assistant PRO, and that work was well and truly rewarded when they succeeded in gaining the runner up prize for which they were awarded the impressive Eastern Regional Tourism Trophy to take home to Maynooth.

The Band's next competitive outing is to the South of Ireland Band Championships where they hope to improve on last year's performance when they finished second in the Intermediate Concert Band Section. The Band is particularly interested in musicians living in Maynooth and the surrounding area or members of music schools who would like to join the Band. There is a great mixture of ages ranging from teens to sixties in the Band which numbers in the forties at the minute. Rehearsals take place in the Band Hall on Monday nights between 7.45 and 9.30 (Bank Holidays excepted) and you will be made most welcome. You can also contact the Band Secretary Catherine Heslin on 087-9008554 if you are interested in playing with the Band.



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Kildare's All Star Footballer, John Doyle, Educates North Kildare Chamber Members

John Doyle, one of the most successful footballers to come out of Kildare, will address local businesses about the success and hardship the Kildare Football team has faced in recent times, and how this easily relates to the business world today. John is the captain of the Senior Kildare Football team and an All Star footballer from 2010. He is also the Sales Manager for Premiere Hygiene Products, a local Kildare-based company.

Allan Shine, a director of North Kildare Chamber, commented, "I am really looking forward to this lunch, it's a great opportunity for businesses to network and Also to hear from one of Kildare's sporting legends. Membership is growing weekly in Maynooth, and its surrounding areas, so it's the ideal location for this event". North Kildare Chamber is the largest Business organisation in Kildare representing over 300 businesses.

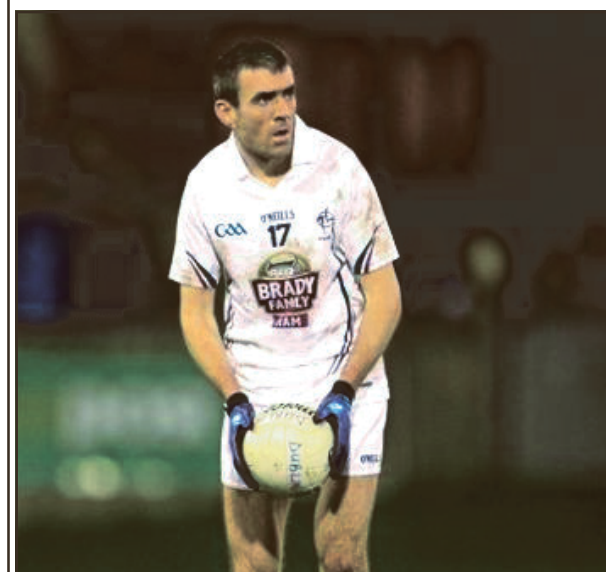
Brian Flanagan, from Flanagan Financial Planning, is the luncheon sponsor and has recently started his own financial company specialising in family and business protection, retirement planning, investments and savings. Brian commented "The Chamber has been a great support to me and I am delighted to sponsor this event. I myself play for the senior team and John is an inspiration to all that have played with him. I am really looking forward to hearing what John has to say about competition in the business arena."

Network Lunches are an excellent way to meet with local businesses, the Chamber already provide over 120 network mornings per year along with monthly network evenings in Celbridge and its very successful Women In Business evenings.

The Network Lunch is being hosted on Thursday the 16th of May at 12.45pm in Lan Tania Restaurant, the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth. The lunch is open to both members and non members of the Chamber.

For more information contact:

Allan Shine, North Kildare Chamber, on (045) 894074



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12 teams who participated and the patrons of O'Neills who bought raffle tickets, approximately €600 was raised. Thank you to all the businesses who contributed with prizes they are too numerous to mention but were mentioned on the night. All we can say is to shop local and support our local businesses. MTT would like to thank Paul Daly, O'Neills for use of the venue. Mattie and Richard for ensuring we had such an array and selection of prizes. Paul Croghan, Richard Farrell Deirdre Geraghty, Liz and Mattie Callaghan for their work on score keeping and ticket selling.

A group of approximately ten children and two adults are posing for a photo in front of a two-story building. Most of the children are wearing bright yellow high-visibility safety vests over their regular clothes. They are standing in a line, some with their arms raised. The building behind them has a dark roof and light-colored walls. There are trees and a parking lot visible in the background.

Our annual entry for the National Tidy Towns competition is well underway, if you have any new features in your estate or area please contact us to let us know by

Our Sunday morning clean up will start in early May, here we ask for just an hour and a half once a month over the summer months, if you would like to help us please contact us at the number listed below.



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| <p>Soups & Salads Pot au Feu Potée Chaudrée Oie Tartine Antiquaire M</p> <p>Main Courses Coq au Vin Cordon Rouge Filet Supplée de Coq au Vin with a Pumpkin and Vodka Sauce, Cordon Rouge Apple, Berry, Glass and Potato Potage</p> <p>Signature Squash Risotto (V) Potato with Fresh Sage, Butter and and parmesan shavings.</p> <p>Beef Wellington Beef Wellington in a Burgundy Red Jus, slowly roasted for 4 hours with a special French truffle garnish and a Mushrooms Potage.</p> <p>Filet of Fish To be served dry aged & hung premium Irish Beef Filet served on prime mushroom and potato puree, with a choice of sauce.</p> <p><small>* Black Pepperoni * Hung Mushroom* Caviar Pure Butter</small></p> | <p>Hot Get A Go Pomodoro Caprese di Bufala di Burrata di Penedone di Antipasto Misto Chicken Wings Orzini</p> <p>Main Courses Penne Rusticella Spaghetti Siciliano Penne All'Arrabbiata (V) Spaghetti Carbonara Spaghetti con Corno Lasagne Orzini Misto Bianco Pollo Rusticella Pollo Parmigiana Fritto Placato</p> <p>Plus our Full Gourmet Pizza Menu</p> |



We have lots to keep us occupied, a clean up with Maynooth Business Association in early May, look out for local posters, the MPP gathering - 10k on 19th May, our Annual Collection 23rd-25th May, The Irish Open 27th -30th June, Maynooth Gathering Harvest Festival 26th -29th September.

We ask all businesses to make a special effort to beautify their premises with floral displays, keeping their premises tidy and all members of the community to keep Maynooth Tidy.

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4-5 carrots
1 leek
medium size celery
2 parsnips
spoonful of butter
two spoonfuls of the flour
one spoonful of the marjoram



Method
Clean 1 kg of beef tripe, previously cut up & blanched. Sift out on the colander. Put 0.5 kg of the beef without the bone into the pot. Pour over 2.5-3 litres of water & cook 1 hour.
In the meantime cut up or shred 4-5 of medium-sized carrots, one average celery & 2 parsnips. Put vegetables into the stock & cook along for next 30 minutes.
Pour previously prepared tripe. Salt some more & season to taste. Gently cook the whole on the slight fire for 1 hour & 30 minutes.
Make the roux from butter & the flour, add to soup & mix precisely. Before the end of cooking, add the marjoram. Serve with fresh bread (the best is to serve with a roll).

Kotlet Schabowy

Makes 4 servings

Ingredients
4 boneless centre-cut pork chops or 1-pound pork tenderloin
Salt and black pepper
All-purpose flour
1 large egg beaten with 1 teaspoon water
Bread crumbs or panko crumbs
Vegetable shortening or canola oil



Method
If using chops, trim off fat and gristle. If using tenderloin, trim off fat, remove silver skin & cut into 4 equal pieces. Pound pork between two pieces of plastic wrap to 1/4-inch thickness. Season both sides with salt and pepper.
Dredge in flour, then egg, then bread or panko crumbs. Allow crumbs to dry for 10 minutes before frying.
Heat shortening or oil to a depth of 1cm in a large skillet. Fry one at a time by placing cutlets top side down into the pan. Fry 5 to 7 minutes per side until golden. Place on a heatproof plate in a warm oven (about 200 degrees) covered with foil and repeat with remaining cutlets. Alternatively, use two skillets to speed the process.

Paczki

Yields 18

Ingredients
12 egg yolks
1 teaspoon salt
2 (1/4 ounce) packages active dry yeast
1/4 cup warm water
1/3 cup room temperature butter
1/2 cup sugar
4 1/2 cups flour
1/3 cup rum or 1/3 cup brandy
1 cup scalded whipping cream
1 1/2 cups preserves or 1 1/2 cups cooked prunes or 1 1/2 cups cooked apples or 1 1/2 cups poppy seed filling
Oil (for deep frying, vegetable oil or peanut oil.)



Method
Beat egg yolks with the salt in the small bowl of an electric mixer at high speed until the mixture is thick & piles softly, about 7 mins. Soften yeast in warm water.
Cream butter, add sugar to it gradually, beating until fluffy. Slowly beat in the softened yeast. Stir one fourth of the flour into the yeast mix. Add rum/brandy & half of the cream. Beat in another fourth of the flour. Stir in remaining cream.
Beat in half of the remaining flour & then the egg yolk mixture. Beat for 2 minutes. Gradually beat in the remaining flour until the dough blisters. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap. Set in a warm place to rise.
When it has doubled in bulk, punch it down. Cover & let rise again until doubled. Punch it down again. Roll dough on a floured surface to about 3/4 inch thickness.
Cut out 3 inch rounds using a cookie cutter or glass. Put 1 tablespoon of filling in the centre of half the circles. Brush the edges with water. Top with the remaining rounds. Seal the edges very well. Cover the paczki on a floured surface. Let rise about 20 minutes. Deep fry in the hot fat until they are golden brown on both sides. Sprinkle with powdered sugar or drizzle with honey.

The Maynooth Post Primary School 10K Gathering Weekend

17th 18th 19th May

Friday 17th May / Reunion

The 10K Gathering Weekend will begin on Friday evening at 8.00pm in the Hall of Maynooth Post Primary School with a welcoming reception and the opening of an exhibition of photographs from the schools archives (including photos of early debs) and local collectors.

Cheese - Wine - Music



Saturday 18th May / The 4 C Tour

WALK AND TALK - TOUR OF OLD MAYNOOTH

(The development of Maynooth from the early Christian period to modern times)

As part of the Maynooth Post Primary School Gathering Weekend a guided tour of parts of 'old' Maynooth will take place on Saturday 18 May. The tour will commence at 9.30am at the western end of the town outside the gates of St Patrick's College and will take approximately one hour. The tour of Maynooth will be followed by a visit to Carton House by bus, returning to Maynooth at 11.45am. To book a seat on the bus phone 087.6052492. The purpose of the tour is to highlight the origins of the town from its early monastic associations to the modern period.

The development of Maynooth from the twelfth century onwards cannot be separated from the influence of the FitzGerald's who were among the first wave of Anglo-Norman invaders who landed in the south east of Ireland c. 1169. Within seven years, Maurice FitzGerald, then a man in his sixties, received grants of land from Richard 'Strongbow' de Clare, which included the Manor of Maynooth.

In his own words he noted that 'we did not come into this remote part of the world for our pleasure...but to try our fortunes and prove our valour at the risk of our lives - away then with hesitation and cowardice, for fortune helps the brave'.

The Anglo-Norman family quickly rose to prominence in Irish political life and in spite of many upheavals their official connection with the town of Maynooth continued for over 700 years.

A description of Maynooth in 1850 says that: 'The town of Maynooth is much better than any of the others in the Celbridge Union. Owing to the railway works and works at the building of the new additions to the Royal College of St Patrick for the last four years, it has been crowded with tradesmen and labourers and their superintendents.' (James Montgomery, Valuation Office House Book sourced in Irish Historic Town Atlas, No. 7).

The proposed 'walk and talk' of 'old' Maynooth will follow the trail of the Castle, St Mary's (Church of Ireland), the Tower, the College of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mausoleum, the Ball Alley, the Distillery and Malt House, the Council House, Stoyte House and the Royal College of St Patrick. It will then proceed to Bridge Street, William Bridge, the Pound, the Green, the Chapel and yard, the Lime Kiln, Stable Lane, Bere Street, Back Lane, the Charter School and Charter School Lane. Then, Leinster Street, Market House/pump and Market Place, the Inn and yard, the Ballroom/yard/lodge and stables and Larine. And finally, the Road to Celbridge, Mullen Bridge, the Royal Canal, the Duke's Harbour, Canal Place, Maynooth Football Park and the line of the Midland Great Western Railway.

Confused? Many of these places were part of Maynooth in the eighteenth, nineteenth and even twentieth centuries, however, some of them either no longer exist or have been renamed. Old maps will lead the way.

Rita Edwards

Maynooth Local History Group (April 2013)

Sunday 19th May / The 10K

The 10k on Sunday 19th May is a fundraising event organised by Maynooth Post Primary School Parents Teachers Association. Participants are invited to walk, jog or run a 10k route of Maynooth, starting at 10.30am in St Patricks College, taking in Carton House Demesne and finishing in Carton Avenue. The presentation of prizes and a gathering party will take place in the school on Sunday afternoon. Funds raised are used for the development of new multi purpose playing fields for school and community use.

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Maynooth Post Primary School Principal Mr Johnny Nevin invites all past pupils to the schools Gathering /Reunion and encourages them to take this opportunity to visit their old school before its relocation to its new site

LEINSTER UNDER 21 CHAMPIONS

Kildare Under 21 celebrate in Brady's Clockhouse Maynooth after their victory over Longford in the Leinster Final earlier that evening



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RIVERS RUN THROUGH IT

PART ONE OF A TWO PART FEATURE

THE MAYNOOTH MEN'S SHED GROUP DABBLE IN THE WATERS OF MAYNOOTH

The recently-formed Men's Shed Group, without any particular skills, and aware that venerable and long-standing local organisations possess far more expertise to tackle this task, have nevertheless spent their weekly meetings over recent months in a broad exploration of the rivers of Maynooth.

WHY?

It's obvious that rivers precede towns, and often provide a rationale for the location of towns. Major settlements tend to be built on or in the vicinity of rivers for very simple reasons: early original migrants favoured the shelter of valleys, but also the supply of water as a resource, to drink, to wash and if the river was navigable, to travel. If, for instance, we visit Paris, and take the Loire boat cruise, we see the city's beautiful buildings as they were originally intended to be seen, that is, from the water, as people approached and entered the city. Our own Dublin is built on a river, and here another factor comes into play: the Liffey is personified as Anna Livia by the Irish writer James Joyce, whose early steps took him to Clongowes Wood College, not far from Maynooth, and the village of Clane where Anna Livia herself floats Dublinwards nearby.

WHAT?

If you asked the average citizen of Maynooth what the principal local river is called, could they name it? That would depend. Locals could, of course, if by locals you mean those whose families who have retained a close affiliation with Maynooth over generations. Again, present inhabitants who belong to the huge population influx and extensive house building programme of the 1970's could almost certainly name it. But what about more recent migrants? And what about the huge mass of university students living most of the year in Maynooth, but hailing from every part of Ireland and from abroad? Perhaps they could name the main Maynooth river. But perhaps not. And if they could name anything, they'd no doubt be able to name just one river. The Rye is the main river of Maynooth, even though it flows north of Maynooth. But it is one of five. Or is it five? Some say eleven! Our group managed to name five: the Rye itself, the Lyreen, the Joan Slade, the Mill Race and the Tunnel, which now flows under Main Street. What of the other six rivers, accepting the theory eleven exist? Well, for one thing, we're working on it. And for another, perhaps others know, and can tell us.

THE RYE

This river is the historical boundary between Meath and Kildare. Features along the route are Moyglare Stud, Carton and Intel, as well as the Church of Ireland All Saints Church (part of the Moyglare Union, which includes Moyglare, Maynooth, Dunboyne and Dunshaughlin). Our conclusions were that the Rye river rises in Aghar, county Meath, and approaches Maynooth from the north-west, passing through Clarkestown, Ferrans, Bridestream, Kilcock, and the Moyglare area. It later enters and traverses Carton Estate, and later passes through the grounds of Intel. Near Leixlip, the Rye joins the Liffey, of which it is a tributary. This river is the subject of an impressive Intel publication, "The Remarkable Rye Water - Celebrating 20 years of Commitment to the Rye Water and its Valley" (Hudson Killeen 2012).

This book is researched by Maria Callanan, and compiled by Mary Kelly-Quinn & Jan-Robert Baars, whose photographs feature, as do commissioned illustrations by Aoife Quinn. The book stems from the School of Biology and Environmental Science, U.C.D., and ACQUENS Ltd., with contributions from Lisa Harlow, Sarah Sexton, Ken Whelan, Evelyn Moorkens, Christine Connolly, Martin O'Grady and members of the Friends of the Rye.

CONCLUSION

What of the other four rivers mentioned above, quite apart from the other six we've been unable to identify, and which may or may not be based on legend? The other four rivers are the Lyreen, the Joan Slade, the Mill Race and what has come to be known as "The Tunnel". These four rivers will be the subject of Part Two of this article, which will appear in the next issue.



Mobile Phone Theft

In common with many other portable electronic devices, mobile phones have become attractive targets for the opportunistic thief. There are a number of precautions users of mobile phones can take to reduce the chance of their phone being stolen and to ensure that, in the event that the worst happens, the thief is unable to make any productive use of the phone or SIM card.

How can I reduce the chance of my phone being stolen?

- Do not leave your mobile phone unattended or in open view in public places. Even if you phone is located close at hand, a bold thief may still be willing to grab it and run.
- Do not leave your mobile phone on open display in an unattended car. If you do need to leave your phone in an unattended vehicle, lock it in the glove compartment or the boot.
- When using your phone in a public place, consider your surroundings and, if appropriate, be discrete in the way in which you use your phone. Do not use your phone in areas where you might feel unsafe.
- Do not give your phone to strangers who ask to borrow it.



What should I do if my phone is stolen?

- If your phone is stolen, you should inform your service provider's customer service team immediately. This will allow them to block any further calls from being made using your SIM card. It is important that you take this step as soon as you realise that your phone has been stolen, as thieves often use stolen phones to make large numbers of high cost calls. In many cases the owner of the phone is responsible for the charges that result from these calls up until the time at which the phone is reported stolen to the service provider.
- Some service providers operate technology that allows them to add a stolen phone to a blacklist. Once added to the blacklist the stolen phone is no longer able to access the service provider's network. If you are reporting a stolen phone, ask your service provider if they offer a blacklisting service for the phone itself as well as for the SIM card. If they do, they will require the IMEI number of your phone in order to add the phone to the blacklist. If you have a note of this number, you should provide this to your service provider at the same time as reporting the phone stolen. In some countries, all mobile service providers participate in blacklisting schemes and share the IMEI numbers of stolen phones with one another. This ensures that a phone reported as stolen by a customer of one service provider cannot be used on that network or any of the other networks in that country.
- You should report the theft to the police. If your phone is covered by an insurance policy then you may need to obtain a reference number from the police in order to make an insurance claim.

What if my phone is stolen when I am in another country?

- Even if you are in another country the theft of your phone and SIM card must be reported immediately to your service provider at home. By contacting them immediately you ensure the prompt suspension of the service, which minimises the risk of somebody else running up

expensive bills.

- The theft should also be reported to the local police authorities and you should obtain a police report if you require it to make an insurance claim.
- Before travelling to another country you should ensure you note, separate from your mobile phone, the international telephone number for your service provider's customer service department. This will help in the event that you need to call the service provider from overseas. Alternatively, contact details can be obtained from your service provider's website.

How can I ensure that a thief cannot make use of my phone and what can I do to increase the chances of recovering a stolen phone?

- Ensure that you always use the PIN lock feature on your phone and SIM card. These features require that you enter a PIN code before you can begin using your phone or your SIM card. See your phone's user manual to find out more about these features (note that not all models of phone may provide a PIN feature for locking access to the handset, however all SIM cards support a SIM lock PIN feature that can be accessed via the handset).
- Keep a note of the make and model of your phone and any distinguishing features, for instance clip on covers. In the event that your phone is stolen, having a note of these points will help you to provide an accurate and complete description of your phone to the police.
- Consider marking your phone with your postal (zip) code together with your house or flat numbers using an ultra-violet security marker pen.
- Keep a note of the IMEI number of your phone. You can find the IMEI number of your phone by entering *#06# on the phone's keypad. If your phone is stolen, you may find that your service provider can use the IMEI to 'blacklist' the phone. Once blacklisted, the phone will be disabled on your service provider's network and possibly on other networks too (note this service is not currently offered by all service providers). You may also find that your local police will be able to make use of the IMEI, in particular to help them identify the phone as yours should they succeed in recovering it from the thief.

What else should I consider in regard to phone theft?

- You may wish to insure your phone. In some cases, your household insurance policy may cover the theft of your phone, however in many cases phone theft will not be included in a household insurance policy and a specialist phone insurance policy may be required.
- If your phone is lost or stolen, you may find it difficult to remember all the contact details you had stored in your phone and SIM card. Many service providers and other third parties offer services or tools to enable you to backup the contents of your SIM and your phone allowing you to easily recover this data should your phone or SIM be stolen.
- If you store confidential personal or business data on your phone, you may wish to consider investing in security software that allows you to store this data in an encrypted format. This will help to ensure that a phone thief cannot access this data should your phone be stolen.



Brave Cancer Sufferer's Plea to Suicidal Youths

A terminally ill teenager has pleaded to other teenagers to not take their own lives.

Donal Walsh (16) is fighting cancer for the third time in four years - and said he feels "nothing but anger" when he hears of young people committing suicide.

The rugby fanatic from Blennerville near Tralee, Co Kerry has appealed to young people to think twice and to ask for help. "I feel angry these people chose to take their own lives, to ruin their families and to leave behind a mess that no one can clean up," Donal said, "yet I am here with no choice, trying as best I can to prepare my family and friends for what's about to come and to leave as little a mess as possible."

"I know that some of these people could be going through financial despair and have other problems in life, but I am at the depths of despair and believe me, there is a long way to get where I am."

"For these people no matter how bad life gets, there are no reasons bad enough to make them do this. If they slept on it or looked for help they would find a solution."

The plucky teenager was yesterday announced a 'Local Hero' after he won an award for his bravery from Radio Kerry and Kerry's Eye newspaper.

Although he can no longer play his beloved rugby, he devotes his time to training underage players at Tralee rugby club.

He has also raised over 50,000 for our ladies hospital for sick children in Dublin while he was a patient undergoing treatment there.

He recalls his reaction when he learnt in October that his cancer was terminal.

"A few months left" he said there it was. I was given a timeline on the rest of my life. No choice, no say, no matter.

"It was given to me as easy as dinner; I couldn't believe it, that all I had was 16 years here and soon I began to

pay attention to every detail that was going on in this town" he wrote. In an impassioned plea that has moved people in his native county Donal wrote: "so please, as 16 year old who has no say in his death

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Puppy Alto a golden retriever has become an Assistance Dog to someone with Autism, Puppy Beech also a golden retriever is just finished her training to become an Assistance Dog. Puppy Kenny is a Labrador Retriever, he is still in training to become a Guide Dog for the Blind. He has another 3 months training still ahead of him.

The 4th Guide Dog puppy who helped with the Shades in Maynooth last year was Basil and he is now a fully trained guide dog. The Irish Guide Dogs in Maynooth have had a very successful year but none of this is possible without everybody helping to fill our buckets.

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SUMMER CAMP 6-12 Years
8th July - 12th July
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Maynooth Labour Notes

Cllr. McGinley Secures Funding for Repairs to Damaged Traffic Calming Ramps

At a Special Meeting of the Council on 19 April Cllr. McGinleys motion that €100,000 be allocated for repairs to damaged traffic calming was approved.

This funding will go some way to repairing the seriously damaged ramps throughout the county.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Progress on Pay Parking in Maynooth

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

"That the pay parking proposals agreed in October 2012 for the Lyreen area be circulated to the houses there so that the approval of the Maynooth Pay Parking By-Laws can proceed without any further delay."

John got the following reply

"Drawings will be circulated to the members at the area meeting for approval and extra drawings can be made available for the residents when the members have approved the proposal. A public consultation process will also be commenced with information being made available in the local papers and on Kildare County Councils website"

Cllr. McGinley Asks for an Update on the Re-surfacing of the Bottom Half of Main Street, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following question for the consideration of the April meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

"When is the surfacing of the bottom half of Main Street, Maynooth, taking place?"

John got the following reply:

"The area office is completing a programme of all overlay and footpath works for the summer season. This scheme will be completed at night and the week of the Irish Open will certainly be avoided. There are also other road works planned for Maynooth on Parson Street which must be completed before the schools reopen after the summer recess but after the water mains are laid on the street. That work is due to commence in August."

Cllr. McGinley Demands Action on the Illegal Parking in Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following question for the consideration of the April meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

"Can a council warden go to Maynooth one day a week in order to deal with the chronic illegal parking in the town?"

John got the following reply:

"The Council's traffic wardens have been asked to frequently review known blackspots for illegal parking."

Cllr. McGinley pointed out that cars are parking on double yellow lines at Parson Street, at the left turning

lane in to Dunnes Stores car park, at Pound Street and even outside the Garda Station. As result of Johns motion cars illegally parked on Parson Street were ticketed after the meeting.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for the "No Entry Signs" at Pound Lane/Back Lane to be Repaired

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following question for the consideration of the April meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

"Can the Council re-paint the 'No Entry Signs' on the roadway at Pound Lane/Back Lane, Maynooth, in order to discourage drivers from breaking the law?"

John got the following reply:

"The area office is reviewing the status and signage of Pound Lane/Back Lane as the road surface is not good enough for road markings and additional signage may be required."

Cllr. McGinley Wants to Know Why there is no Footpath on the East Side of the Celbridge Road to the Educate Together School

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

"That a report be given from planning into their investigations, which began in June 2012, as to why the Department of Education and Skills has not provided a footpath on the east side of the Celbridge Road, Maynooth, as conditioned in the planning permission granted for the Educate Together School."

John got the following unsatisfactory reply:

"The proposal to construct a footpath along the roadside frontage of the school and a pedestrian crossing linking the footpath to that on the opposite side of the R405 and in accordance with compliance drawing P-002/d, was agreed between agents for the Dept. of Education and Skills and the council's roads department. The planning department is satisfied that the Department of Education & Skills is in compliance with their planning permission."

John pointed out that the reply made no sense as the Councils Planning Department had issued a **Warning Letter** to the Department of Education on 15 July 2009 concerning the non compliance with condition 23 of Planning Permission 08/97 which stated:

The applicant shall construct a footpath along the entire roadside frontage and connect with the existing footpath on the R405. Location, width and levels to be to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority.

Cllr. McGinley Again Demands Action on the Non-Compliance of the Litter Laws by Hot Food Takeaways on Main Street, Maynooth

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

"That the council commence issuing litter fines to guilty food take-away premises on Main Street, Maynooth as the soft approach is not working."

John got the following unsatisfactory reply:

"The litter warden will monitor the area for evidence."

John pointed out that the evidence is there to see every morning and until fines are issued Maynooths Main Street will remain littered.

Cllr. McGinley Asks for an Update on the Extension to Bus Route 66

John was given the following update on the extension of bus route 66 to the Newtown Road at the Area Meeting on 18 April:

"It is confirmed that the design of the facility is being undertaken and a formal consultation process will be required. Only then will confirmation of land ownership be established."

John asked that matters be speeded up as he did not want the Council to again loose funding as was the case with the Girls Schools footpath last year.

Update on the Draft Maynooth Development Plan

The County Manager's report on the submissions/ observations made by the public on the Draft Maynooth Local Area Plan is tabled as an item for consideration at the next Council meeting on 29 April 2013. A decision must be made by 14 May.

In Cllr. McGinleys view the biggest issue in the Draft Plan is the long term proposal to close the Straffan Road junction with the M4 and to construct a new junction on the Rathcoffey Road. In order to facilitate this the Manager has included a new road parallel to the motorway from the Straffan Road to the Rathcoffey Road

Cllr. McGinley Asks That the Missing Footpath at the Bus Stops on Celbridge Road be Put in Place:

John got the following update on his proposal to install a footpath on the two overgrown sections on the Celbridge road, Maynooth:

"As reported previously, we agree that the work is warranted and we will endeavour to complete it as soon as we can. There are issues with telecommunication services close to the bus stop and we will have to consult with the service operators. At the town side, the footpath passes in front of a cottage. We have called to the cottage but have not yet made contact with the home owner."

Pedestrian Crossing at the Boy's School, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley got the following progress report on his proposal for a pedestrian crossing at the ramp outside the Boys School, Maynooth:

"The area office has contacted the school and is setting up a meeting for the coming fortnight."

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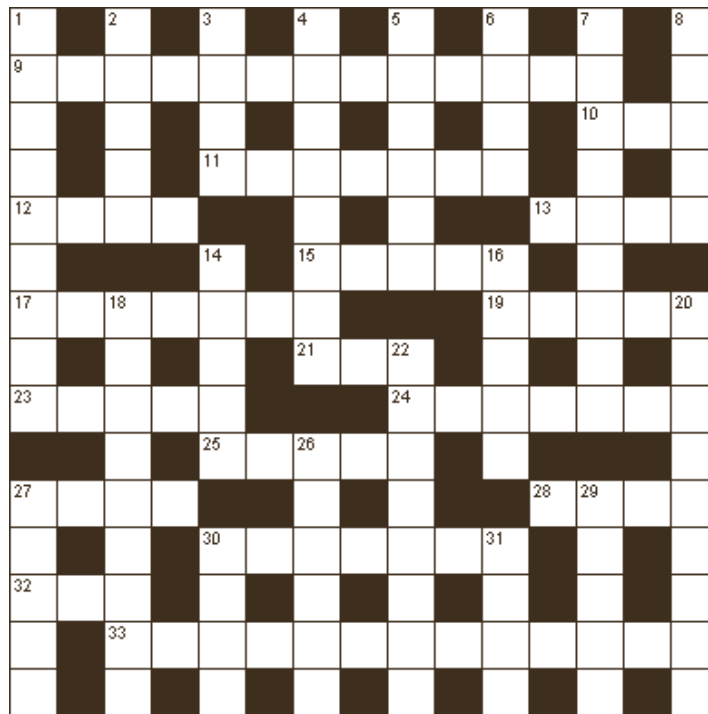


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Clues Across

9. Remove from government ownership (13)
 10. Partially opened flower (3)
 11. Open air fire (7)
 12. Search (4)
 13. Family (4)
 15. Relaxes (5)
 17. Sandy shores (7)
 19. Tiny branches (5)
 21. Bashful (3)
 23. Arm joint (5)
 24. Place in order (7)
 25. Weapon (5)
 27. Small mountain (4)
 28. Duct for smoke (4)
 30. Envious (7)
 32. Round bread roll (3)
 33. Close mental application (13)

**May 2013 Crossword - No: 413****Clues Down**

1. Prudent (9)
 2. Pixie (5)
 3. Stump (4)
 4. Wife of a count (8)
 5. Wirelenses (6)
 6. Queue (4)
 7. Armed resistance (9)
 8. Broaden (5)
 14. Melts (5)
 16. Tale (5)
 18. Vehicle for injured people (9)
 20. Bony structures (9)
 22. IOW town (8)
 26. Rubber (6)
 27. Acquired pattern of behaviour (5)
 29. Enraged (5)
 30. Bring bad luck (4)
 31. Saturate (4)

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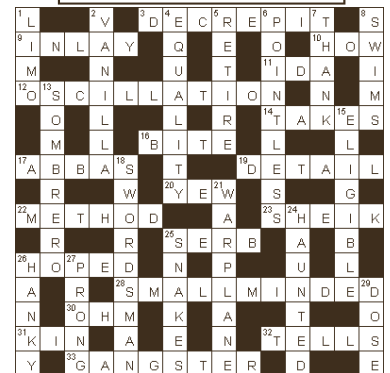
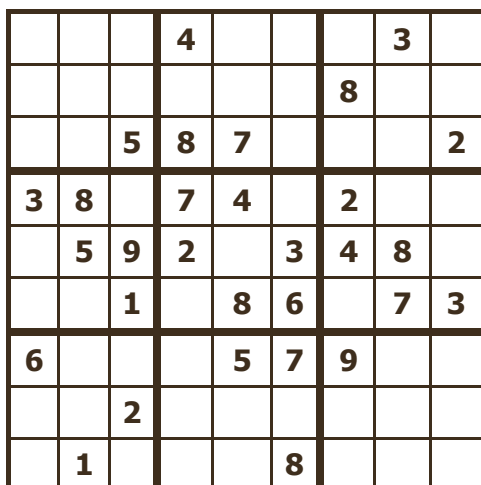
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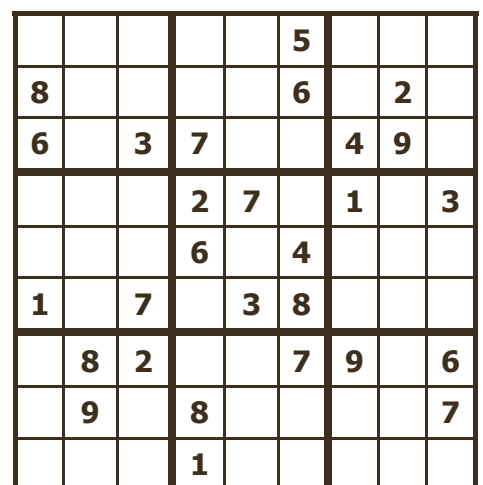
**Sarah Thompson
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Answers to Crossword 412**Difficult**

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May 2013

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Catherine Murphy

Healthcare Professionals Urgently Required

€20 Million Funding Allocated for Hiring Specialists Must Be Spent Sooner Rather Than Later

Catherine Murphy TD today urged the Minister for Health, James Reilly to expedite the hiring of specialised health professionals he committed to when ring-fencing €20 million funding for 2013.

Deputy Murphy recently challenged the Minister on the lack of specialised services such as Occupational Therapists, Speech and Language Therapists and Psychological Therapists among others and in particular the way in which certain areas of the country are seeing a disproportionate lack of services when compared to others. The Minister of State at the Department of Health, Alex White, responded to Deputy Murphy with the promise that €20 million has been allocated in order to hire the specialists required. The Minister further detailed the breakdown of what posts would be filled and in what locations.

"I welcome the Minister's reply, and note that my own region in particular; Dublin Mid-Leinster; which is by far the most deprived region in this regard, is to get 12 OT's, 24 Physiotherapists and 22 Speech and Language Therapists. However this cannot be an exercise on paper. We are now mid ways though April and these posts have yet to be filled, meanwhile waiting lists continue to grow and very vulnerable people, mostly children, continue to suffer."

"It is vital that the €20 million that was allocated for the year is spent in the year. Considering we are almost midways through the year and this money has yet to be spent surely there will be a surplus of some amount that would allow the Minister to hire some temporary specialists who could assist in alleviating the backlogs that have been allowed to build up.

"It must be recognised that even a wait of two months is a significant amount of time when you are talking about the development of a two year old child and as such it is vital that we have the specialists in place to ensure early intervention is available to all."

Croke Park Rejection Provides Golden Opportunity for Real Reform

Catherine Murphy TD today urged the government to use yesterday's rejection of the Croke Park II agreement as an opportunity to engage in the real and meaningful reform that our public service is so desperately in need of instead of simply focusing on the numbers.

Deputy Murphy has previously said that reducing numbers without accompanying reform is a pointless exercise and had called on the Minister to look at ways in which reform can be utilised to remove layers and allow the system to work smarter thereby removing redundant processes and achieving economies.

"Yesterday's vote must be considered in positive rather than negative terms and there is a chance now for all parties involved to bring about true reform. I believe it is vital that congress remains intact and a marginal vote in favour would have been far more divisive than the resounding NO vote so in that sense the Minister has avoided a potential catastrophe.

"I strongly believe that this opportunity should be taken to reframe the agreement and scrutinise alternative ways to achieve savings in the public sector. There are international models, such as the Nordic E-Governance

Catherine MURPHY
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Advice Service:
Advice Centres will take place on the last Friday of every calendar month at the following locations:

2pm: The Turn Inn, Derrinturn
4pm: Keogh's The Corner House, Clane
6pm: The Monread Lodge, Naas



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model, which have proven to improve efficiencies in the public service and resulted in significant non-pay related savings.

"A significant result of the rejection which should not be ignored is that the Troika have now been put on notice that the Irish people do in fact have a bottom line and many people have now been pushed to that line."

Ear, Nose and Throat Waiting Times Addressed in the Dáil

Catherine Murphy Asks the Minister to Tackle Waiting Lists

During a topical debate in the Dáil today, Independent TD Catherine Murphy called on the Minister for Health to address the significant waiting times facing families awaiting appointments with ear, nose and throat specialists.

Deputy Murphy urged the Minister to consider the long term implications of withholding vital services from patients, including many young children, who require prompt medical intervention.

"I see cases on a regular basis where a child has been told it will be two years before a tonsillectomy can be performed and in the meantime that child is being forced to live on a cocktail of painkillers and antibiotics to battle the constant infections that could be solved by a relatively routine procedure."

"I would urge the Minister to critically assess the way in which resources are allocated and utilised in order to minimise these unacceptable delays which so often cause unnecessary distress and prolonged suffering."

Deputy Murphy expressed disappointment at the fact that neither the Minister for Health or the Minister of State at the Department of Health showed up to take part in the debate choosing instead to send the Minister for State at the Department of the Gaeltacht, Dinny McGinley, to answer the questions posed. Minister McGinley proceeded to read out what Deputy Murphy described as "an academic response where a strategic response was required."

"I am extremely unhappy with the response and I can only hope my disappointment will be conveyed to the Minister and that he will acknowledge the points I raised. There is a crisis in this service and he cannot continue to ignore that."

School Protests Highlights Ministers Failings

Despite repeated promises and deadlines Ardclough National School remains vacant

Catherine Murphy TD this morning attended a protest

outside the vacant Ardclough National School in Co. Kildare. The protest, organised by parents, aimed to highlight the fact that a brand new purpose built facility has been left idle for almost two years whilst children are forced to attend school in prefabs, on another site, that are unfit for purpose.

The new school building was completed in mid to late 2011 but the original contractor left some flaws in the building, meaning the school failed health and safety tests. At the time the Government assured parents a new contractor would be put in place and the building completed to allow classes commence at the earliest possible date. To date no new contractor has been appointed, despite constant promises and deadline that repeatedly fail to be met.

"These parents are rightly angered. The last time I lobbied the Minister on this issue he assured me the building would be completed before the end of the second quarter of this year; well unless there's a miracle between now and then, that deadline is yet another one that won't be met."

"Children are passing by this purpose built school on a daily basis to attend classes in prefabs that are leaking, damp, cold and miserable. The fact that we are coming to the end of yet another school year without any development at Ardclough is an indictment of the Minister's idle promises in the area of education."

Maynooth Musical Society

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Research into protective headgear for cyclists

New research by the Department of Psychology, NUI Maynooth and the School of Nursing and Midwifery at TCD indicates that helmet-wearing is not a widespread practice and children are less likely to wear a cycle helmet as they get older.

Researchers studied 314 primary school children aged 8-13 attending schools in disadvantaged areas in Dublin, of which 86% owned a bike. More than one-in five reported always wearing a cycle helmet, while 28% said they did so only some of the time. However, over one in two of the children in the study said they never used protective headgear when cycling.

The researchers found that as children get older they are less likely to wear a helmet, with two out of three 12-13 year-olds compared to 38% of 8-9 year-olds reporting never using cycle helmets. Regardless of age, more girls (61%) than boys (39%) indicated always or sometimes using helmets when cycling, according to the research published in the latest edition of the Irish Medical Journal.

Researchers also found that among the same children studied, 93% said they always wore seatbelts (a law enforced practice) when in cars. Helmets are not mandatory for cyclists in Ireland, although several medical and safety organisations have argued for them to be made compulsory. The Road Safety Authority has also promoted the use of helmets by all cyclists citing past research which indicates that the risk of head injury can be reduced by between 69% to 85%.

There is debate in the literature however regarding the introduction of mandatory enforcement regarding protective headgear for cyclists. Critics of mandatory enforcement, for example, highlight research evidence to suggest that the improper use of helmets may actually increase the risk of other related injuries such as strangulation in children and merely lead instead to a reduction of the number of cyclists on the road. The authors say the findings of the study add further to the debate around the mandatory introduction of protective headgear for cyclists.

This study was funded by the Atlantic Philanthropies and the Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs (OMCYA) in addition to an Irish Research Council postgraduate scholarship.

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Quirky Funny Quotes & Sayings

The pen is mightier than the sword, and considerably easier to write with.

Give a man a match & he'll be warm for a minute, but set him on fire & he will be warm for the rest of his life.

Everyone is entitled to be stupid, but some abuse the privilege!

Parents spend the first part of our lives teaching us to walk & talk, & the rest of it telling us to sit down & shut up.

Advice for the day: if you have a headache, do what it says on the packet. Take two & keep away from children.

Men marry because they are tired, women because they are curious, both are disappointed.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian anymore than standing in a garage makes you a car.

Last night I lay in bed looking up at the stars in the sky & I thought to myself, where the hell is the ceiling.

Few women admit their age. Few men act theirs!

I think animal testing is a terrible idea; they get all nervous & give the wrong answers.

I talk to myself I like dealing with a better class of people.

Never interrupt your opponent while he's making a mistake!

The greater your storm. The brighter your rainbow.

Try not to become a man of success but a man of value!

Having one child makes you a parent, having two makes you a referee!

Always get married early in the morning, that way if it doesn't work out, you haven't wasted a whole day!!



Runners Joggers Walkers

Sunday 19th May, 10.30am

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Completed applications to be returned to reception of Maynooth Post Primary School, Moyglare Road, Maynooth, in an envelope marked "Maynooth 10k". Entry fee €20. On the day €25

Online entries can be made at www.runireland.com at the address:
<http://www.runireland.com/events/maynooth-post-primary-10k-challenge>

Maynooth Post Primary School 10k Challenge

To facilitate the event a one way traffic system (East to West) will be in place on Sunday morning 19th May effecting; Main Street, Back Lane, Coates Lane, Pound Lane, Mill Street, Parsons Street, Dunboyne Road, Dublin Rd, (10.15am to 11.15am) and for the duration of the event, from McDonalds roundabout to Pikes Bridge (10.15am to 12.15pm). Please follow diversion signs and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES.

From Straffan Road area:

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

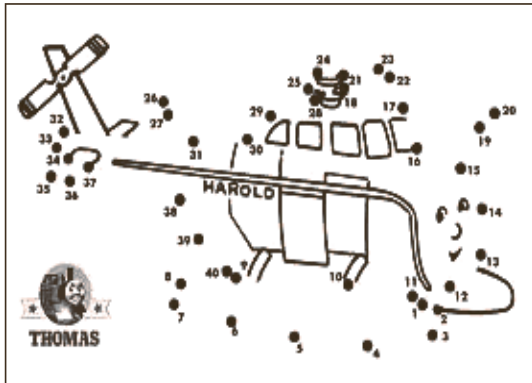
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- **To access** Straffan Road/M4 from Moyglare Road, Mill Street, Back Lane area *please use* Kilcock Road, Jackson's Bridge, Crinstown Cross, Newtown Road, Bond Bridge, Meadowbrook Road, Meadowbrook Link Road.
- **To access** Straffan Road/M4 from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

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

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

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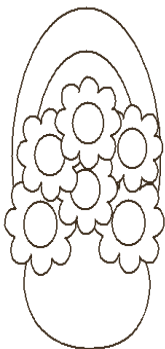


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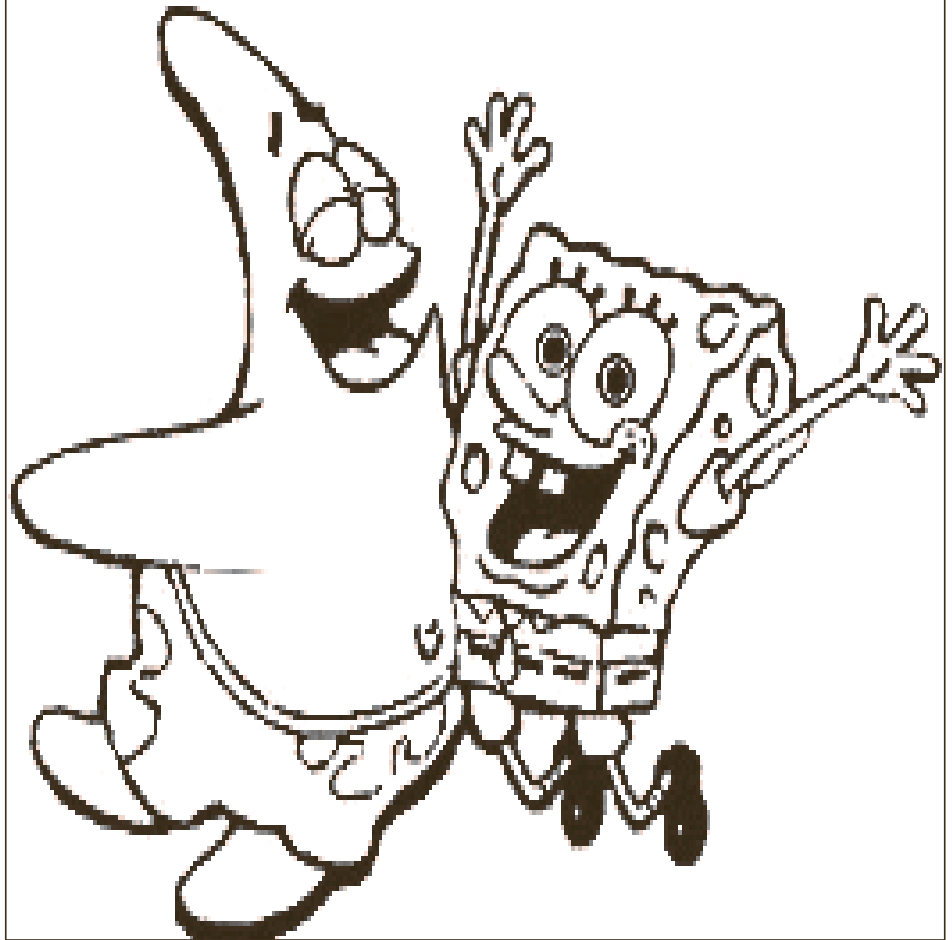
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May Diary Planner

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

I.C.A.

Meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm. in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour.
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Bridge Club

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

Toastmasters

Toastmasters meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month in Glenroyal Hotel at 8pm.
The meeting are very enjoyable but with a good learning input. They stop for tea half way through and end at 10pm.
All visitors are welcome.
Felicity Cuthbert PRO

Parent & Toddler Group

Every Thursday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. in the Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills

Maynooth Musical Society

The Maynooth Musical Society are hosting The Last Five Years on the 28th, 29th, 30th of June at 8pm in the Glenroyal Hotel. For more info please like us on facebook or follow us on twitter-@maynoothmusical

University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Fridays at 11am in Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills
New Members Welcome
Enquiries: Helena
Phone: 087 6717062

History Group

Meetings every last Thursday of the month in Maynooth Community Council Office
Tesco Shopping Centre at 8.00pm.
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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

If you would like your event put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter 01 6285053/01 6285922



Gardening in May



May marks the beginning of planting out summer flowering dahlia tubers. Plant ground covers under shade around trees that do not allow enough sunlight to grow grass. Plant Lily of the Valley around the trunks of your trees. Mulch around newly planted trees & shrubs. Finish cutting back dead tops of perennial flowers & any dead or broken branches in roses & other shrubs. When planting your annuals if you loosen up the roots a bit before planting it will stimulate stronger growth.



Work lime in the soil around your Hydrangeas to produce pink flowers or Aluminium Sulphate for blue blooms. Setting the stakes next to your taller flowers early in the season, will help to support the plants against the winds as well as making it easier to train. If the weather is sunny & dry, don't neglect your watering!! Prune winter & spring



flowering vines, shrubs, trees & ground covers after they finish blooming. Start preparing & planting up the pots & containers for summer flowering.



Spray roses which are vulnerable to black spot disease, especially in damper regions. Pinch out Fuchsia. Pinching out the tips of your fuchsias will encourage it to become more bushier. This month you can plant Gladioli bulbs, Dahlia tubers, Sweet Peas & Tomatoes. Don't forget to give everything a good feed!!!



Mulch Raspberry & Black Currant bushes with well rotted manure or compost. Make sure you first water the soil around the area until its quite moist. Remove Strawberries for more fruit production. Finishing planting Citrus trees & Berry bushes for a late harvest.



Prune flowering trees & shrubs as they finish blooming. Clean up any drooping or ragged fronds on Palm trees.



After the risk of frost has passed, you can plant Carrots, Lettuce, Peas, Beetroot, Fresh Beans, Runner Beans, Radishes, Spinach & Turnips. Plant Herbs in containers. Put them on your patio where they are easy to get from your kitchen or in window boxes. Sow Basil & Coriander once all the frost has gone. Thyme, Rosemary, Parsley, Chive, Mint, Sage, and Oregano are all hardy. Plant some Early York Cabbage now. These are great tasting cabbage in mid summer.



You can plant Strawberries in hanging baskets if you are short on space and wish to try growing your own. They grow very well in there. They look pretty & the fruit is away from slugs & snails. Protect Strawberries on the ground, place clean straw beneath the Strawberry plants. Cover with fleece or netting to



protect against birds. Remove unwanted shoots from Raspberries. Stay out of the garden when the vegetable plant leaves are wet. Walking through a wet garden spreads disease from one plant to another.



Pond fish can be added to your garden pond. Feed fish little and often. Oxygenating plants such as Marginal, Water Lilies & Floaters can be also added to the garden pond. Build supports for runner & climbing French Beans. These can be



wigwams or double rows of bamboo canes tied together at the top. Provide pea stick for peas. Beware: Apply weed killer to paths & drive ways during dry weather.



Don't forget on sunny days to open the windows & door of your greenhouse. This allows cooler air & pollinating insects inside. Use blinds or apply shade paint to avoid large fluctuations of temperatures. Plant Tomatoes, Peppers, Chillies & Capsicum in the greenhouse borders or in pots or in grow bags.



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| 03-Mar | 8,14,16,20 | €1,400 | Aileen Gleeson - Rose Daly - Marie Bonass |
| 10-Mar | 2,7,11,22 | €1,450 | Jenny Sutton - Dara Keogh - Dano Morrissey |
| 17-Mar | 6,11,15,20 | €1,500 | Patsy Leavy - John Sauls - A & S O'Brien |
| 24-Mar | 9,10,12,28 | €1,550 | Trish Mulchrone - Collette Kavanagh - S Mc Gibbon |
| 31-Mar | 1,7,9,15 | €1,600 | Andrea Geraghty - Evan Duff - Eunice Kerrison |
| 07-Apr | 7,15,21,25 | €1,650 | Caroline Mc Cabe - Alan Tighe - Tom Nestor |
| 14-Apr | 10,12,15,16 | €1,700 | Emer Hewson - Aidan Dempsey - Ollie Geoghan |
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| Colepark United | 21 | 18 | 2 | 1 | 65 | 13 | 56 | Swords Celtic | 17 | 14 | 3 | 0 | 56 | 15 | 45 |
| Laytown United | 19 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 58 | 33 | 39 | Dublin University | 18 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 37 | 14 | 39 |
| Maynooth Town | 19 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 33 | 32 | 31 | Fairview CY | 19 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 43 | 30 | 34 |
| Ratoath Harps | 21 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 42 | 35 | 28 | Maynooth Town | 17 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 43 | 23 | 32 |
| Park Celtic | 19 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 47 | 40 | 26 | Enniskerry YC | 21 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 26 | 31 | 26 |
| Parkvale Fc | 20 | 8 | 1 | 11 | 36 | 51 | 25 | St John Bosco | 15 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 30 | 17 | 25 |
| Rathfarnham Punters | 14 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 33 | 23 | 24 | Hyde Park | 16 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 30 | 31 | 21 |
| Kilnamanagh Fc | 21 | 6 | 3 | 12 | 38 | 53 | 21 | Fettercairn Youth Fc | 20 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 30 | 44 | 21 |
| Fairview CYM | 14 | 6 | 0 | 8 | 33 | 37 | 18 | Tullamore Town | 17 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 28 | 30 | 20 |
| Blessington Fc | 16 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 24 | 32 | 18 | Mid Sutton/Schalke | 17 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 19 | 35 | 18 |
| Knockmitten United | 15 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 30 | 51 | 15 | Ballyoulster Utd | 20 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 21 | 47 | 11 |
| Ballyoulster United | 19 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 26 | 65 | 7 | Parkvale Fc | 17 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 13 | 59 | 8 |
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| Maynooth Town | 2 | 1 | Ratoath Harps | | Mon 22 Apr 13 | | | Maynooth Town | 2 | 2 | Tullamore Town | | Tue 23 Apr 13 | | |
| Blessington Fc | 3 | 1 | Ratoath Harps | | Sat 20 Apr 13 | | | Mid Sutton/Schalke | 1 | 3 | Dublin University | | Tue 23 Apr 13 | | |
| Ballyoulster United | 0 | 1 | Parkvale Fc | | Sat 20 Apr 13 | | | Parkvale Fc | 2 | 4 | Fairview CY | | Tue 23 Apr 13 | | |
| Maynooth Town | 1 | 1 | Colepark United | | Sat 20 Apr 13 | | | Hyde Park | 0 | 2 | Swords Celtic | | Tue 23 Apr 13 | | |
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| Blessington Fc | 2 | 1 | Parkvale Fc | | Mon 08 Apr 13 | | | Swords Celtic | 3 | 1 | Enniskerry YC | | Sun 21 Apr 13 | | |
| Rathfarnham Punters | 0 | 1 | Park Celtic | | Mon 08 Apr 13 | | | Dublin University | 2 | 4 | Tullamore Town | | Sun 21 Apr 13 | | |
| Knockmitten United | 1 | 4 | Park Celtic | | Sat 06 Apr 13 | | | Parkvale Fc | 0 | 4 | Maynooth Town | | Sun 21 Apr 13 | | |
| Parkvale Fc | 0 | 1 | Maynooth Town | | Sat 06 Apr 13 | | | St John Bosco | 8 | 0 | Fettercairn Youth Fc | | Thu 18 Apr 13 | | |
| Blessington Fc | 0 | 0 | Rathfarnham Punters | | Sat 06 Apr 13 | | | Swords Celtic | 6 | 0 | Parkvale Fc | | Thu 18 Apr 13 | | |

Li Ching Wu in Maynooth

Last September Shifu Gary Kelly started up Li Ching Wu Kildare in Maynooth. The idea was to teach kids the Chinese Sport of Sanshou and help create a squad of Irish fighters that can represent Ireland in a future Olympic Event. Sanshou comes from Chinese Boxing (Kung-Fu) and is one of the games were skilled competitors fight it out using Kicks, Punches and Throwing Techniques to score points.

With less than six months training and being the newest Sanshou school, Kildare Li Ching Wu entered 14 fighters into the I.C.B.A's open competition. The first of three this year, they collected 2 Gold, 5 Silver and 7 Bronze on the day. All the parents, students and coaches had a great day and had some great success. Kevin McDonald from Maynooth, showed incredible skill Winning Silver behind a Blue Dragon Champion fighter. Christian Condon also from Maynooth put on a brave battle against a very experienced green sash fighter from Iron Fist in Balbriggan. Although he lost the fight he was still placed into third position earning him a valuable bronze medal. Cian Leavey and Niamh McGovern both fought in Division 1 earning points and an invitation to compete for an Irish National title next November. "We had great victory on the day and a lot of fun but still have work to do, my students will never stop learning and neither will I. Li Ching Wu have the great makings for a National Team but always welcome new students and potential teachers or coaches into our class."

Shifu Gary Kelly is a 3rd Degree Black Sash in Chinese Boxing and a Black Belt in Kickboxing. He has nearly 25 years in Martial arts and is an ex Sanshou fighter and compeditor. "I first started learning Martial Arts at the age of 10 with Bruce Lee's Jeet Kune Do, moving on to Kenpo, Judo, Boxing and Kickboxing while all the time studying Li Ching Wu"

If you are interested in learning Sanshou or Chinese Boxing (Kung-Fu) please contact him on 083-145 2100 or find kildare li ching wu on facebook.



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Maynooth 10K Winner



Mr Sean Ashe CEO Kildare VEC congratulates former Maynooth Post Primary School Student David Cambell winner of the Maynooth 10K, with a time of 31:45

See centre pages for 10K Times Special Edition featuring 10K photo's and photo's of the schools sports awards' ceremony .

On Wednesday 15th May, Maynooth Post Primary School were awarded 'Sports School of the Year 2013' at 'The Herald' Schools Sports Awards!

They won this award due to their success on the GAA field winning the Dublin Colleges Treble u/14 /16 /18 Titles, a feat that had never before been achieved.

It was also the first time Maynooth Post Primary School won the Dublin College's 'A' Title..... The first Kildare School to do so.



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WORLD REKNOWN PHYSICIST VISITS N.U.I. MAYNOOTH

On Friday, 3rd May 2013, N.U.I. Maynooth were delighted to host a talk entitled "Four Generations of Research on the Higgs Boson". World renowned physicist Professor Peter Higgs was accompanied by three of his colleagues from Edinburgh University, Professor Alan Walker, Dr. Victoria Martin and Francisca Garay (who is currently working towards her PhD at the university). Each took in turns to talk about the inspiration behind the Higgs boson, how it fits in with modern theories concerning particle physics, what it is like to work in Cern at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), and the effect this theory has going forward.

Theatre 1 of the John Hume Building was full to the rafters with both university students and students from secondary schools who have an interest in physics. The speakers were approachable informative and extremely funny. Dr. Martin spoke about her experience working at the LHC and showed a fantastic graphic demonstration of how it works. Ms. Garay spoke about her origins in Chile and the somewhat small scientific sector there compared to her experience working with a larger scientific community in Edinburgh and Cern.

Professor Walker with the help of a young audience member named Conrad demonstrated an experiment involving copper pipe and magnetic fields. Professor Higgs spoke about his contribution to the theory. He is a very unassuming man, paying homage to the theoretical physicists who came before him and also to his colleagues with whom he had collaborated with on the theory they devised for how matter gets its mass. Professor Higgs signed autographs and posed for pictures both before and after the lecture to the absolute delight of the audience.

Professor Higgs' name has been linked with a Nobel Prize this year, many believe that it is inevitable. This was a great opportunity for young and old physic enthusiasts to meet with this brilliant and inspiring man.



Young students
 Harry & Genevieve McAdam meeting
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British and Irish Lions Rugby Team Train at Carton House

There was a big turnout of fans from around the Country to meet and greet the Lions Rugby team who trained at Carton House before their departure for Hong Kong and Australia for games in June and July. We wish them all the best especially our Irish lads

Saturday June 1st 12.30 Barbarians V British & Irish Lions Hong Kong Stadium.

Wednesday 5th June 11.00 Western Force V British & Irish Lions Patersons Stadium.

Saturday 8th June Queensland Reds V British & Irish Lions Suncorp Stadium.

Tuesday 11 June 10.30 Comb NSW- Old Country V British & Irish Lions Hunter Stadium.

Saturday 15th June 10.30 NSW Waratahs V British & Irish Lions.

Tuesday 18th June 10.30 ACT Brumbies V British & Irish Lions.

Saturday 22nd June 11.00 Quantas Wallabies V British & Irish Lions Suncorp Stadium.

Tuesday 25th June 10.30 Melbourne Rebels V British & Irish Lions AAMI Park.

Saturday 29th June Quantas Wallabies V British & Irish Lions Ethiad Stadium.

Saturday 6th July 11.00 Quantas Wallabies V British & Irish Lions



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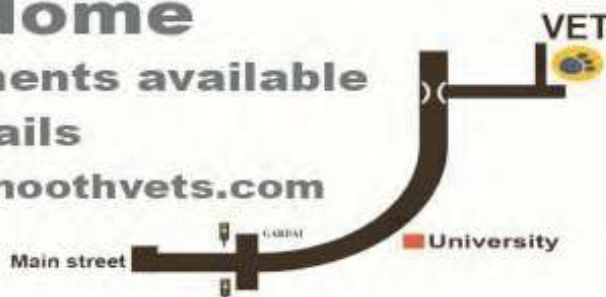
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of cats suffering from this condition over the last few years. It used to be the case where the cat quite happily brought the flea on it's back into the house and gave it to the dog with no ill effect to the cat. Now both our cats and dogs are prime targets.

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2. Eggs fall off your pet and hatch into larvae in your home.
3. The larvae moult into a pupae which is very resistant to a lot of chemicals. Adult fleas can emerge within 2 weeks or longer, and so the life cycle continues.

Fleas will bite your pet with the purpose of sucking blood. In this process the flea injects saliva into the skin and this causes an allergic reaction resulting in the following;

- a) excessive scratching and grooming
- b) evidence of fleas and flea dirt on your pet's coat
- c) a connection in the life cycle of tapeworm and the flea which will necessitate your pet to be wormed and treated for fleas at the same time



The treatment involves both your pet and the house environment. Get in touch with us at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic 01 6289467 and we will advise you on the best available treatment.

Other allergies for example pollen can be inhaled by your

pet and can cause symptoms similar to hay fever in people i.e. sneezing etc.

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Besides all the obvious there is one very good reason to keep your dog groomed. In Maynooth Clinic every Summer we see a few cases of what we call Blowfly Strike. This disturbing and very serious condition can happen generally in older dogs with a very heavy and sometimes faecal contaminated coat. These dogs generally lie around for a large part of the day near flower beds and under trees. Flies are attracted to this type of environment as the ambient temperature rises. They lay eggs on the dog which can develop into larvae and within a space of a few days we have a maggot infestation. If this infestation is missed this condition is fatal.





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Maynooth Guild ICA Notes

The meeting held on May 2nd was "Oiche Gaeilge." The programme for the night was organised by Timire Mags Caden and a great time was had by all present. The competition "proverbs tre Ghaeilge" was won by Norah McDermott. Kildare Week at An Grianan takes place June 17th to 21st June. There are still some places available. An Grianan is open to ICA members and non members. The Garden Party is in July.

Members are busy getting ready for the "Elenora Gibbin" competition which takes place on May 9th in Prosperous. Also on that night Federation final of Make and Model comp and Gem Pack cupcake competition.

Craft nights are held each Monday at 8:00pm. At present members are busy knitting Sunflower tea cosies which will be sold to raise funds for the Irish Hospice. A Federation craft day takes in Athy on June 15th.

Badminton now finished until September. Federation Table Quiz takes place in Maynooth GAA hall on May 29th at 8:00pm. An Irish Quiz will be held in Killeel on May 23rd. A fundraising raffle held on the night raised €145 for Alzheimer Society.

Next meeting June 6th at 8:00pm in the ICA Hall. New members always welcome. Check out www.icakildare.ie



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Editorial

It seems that the political world simply cannot let go of the penalty points story and Minister Shatter's revelations on prime time television. While the minister should not have mentioned this publicly and with such glee, there seems to be an over-reaction among the chattering classes. There are questions to be answered by various parties in this affair but there are more serious considerations to be taken into account as we try to sort out our overwhelming economic problems.

We would like to wish the secondary school students the best in their examinations and to try to remind them that this is not the end of the world. There are other important things in life as was seen recently when Maynooth Post Primary School were awarded 'Sports School of the Year 2013' at 'The Herald' Schools Sports Awards. This was because of their success on the GAA field winning the Dublin Colleges Treble u/14 /16 /18 Titles, a feat that had never before been achieved.

It was also the first time Maynooth Post Primary School won the Dublin College's 'A' Title, and this is the first Kildare School to achieve such an honour. The recent 10k run was also very successful and the College President, Professor Philip Nolan was present at the event the night before. We need to remember as well the extraordinary success of the musical *West Side Story* – and how important these activities are to the students. Serious academic study is not the only responsibility of the education system and Maynooth is lucky that the Post Primary School understands this. Whatever the arrangements will be for the future of education in this town, and there are many different voices with different opinions, it is desirable that the same ethos and considerations continue for the good of the young people.

An babhta seo, ba mhaith liom roinnt ama a chaitheamh ag plé le ábhar eile ar fad. Ní minic a dhéanamh tagairt don 'day job' mar adeir siad ach d'fhreastal mé ar ócáid le deirneas san Ollscoil go gcaithfear tagairt a dhéanamh dó anseo. Uaireanta, thagann an dá shaol éagsúil a chaithim le chéile agus ar bhealach seo ceann acu sin nuair is cóir cur síos a dhéanamh ar eachtra Ollscoile. This month, I would like to dedicate most of this space to another topic entirely. In another capacity, that of my professional life as a lecturer in the College, I was present at one of the most uplifting and heart warming events that I have witnessed recently. Although I personally had no involvement in the project, my Dept was one of those chosen by a participant. I was invited to attend a 3-hour seminar given by the two-year-old Inclusive Learning Initiative. A three-hour seminar on a Friday afternoon might be everyone's idea of a pleasant pastime but this was different. To quote from their literature:

'The originators of the initiative are the members of a Service Learning Partnership group, formed in Dec 2009. The partner organisations are representative of intellectual disability service providers while the University represents the higher education sector. The group comprises 5 partner organisations, Saint John of God Community Services; KARE; Camphill; Stewarts Hospital and NUI Maynooth. Some of the students in the agencies involved in the ILI have completed 2nd level education and various courses rated on the National Framework of Qualifications. The students on the ILI are looking for challenging learning opportunities at 3rd level education. This fact alone acted as an instigator in establishment the initiative. It is important to note that the initiative is not solely restricted to students currently attending disability services nor does it place an emphasis on academic entry criteria. This gives all learners the opportunity to progress on their own learning path through university.'

The movers behind this are Josephine Finn, Head of Department in Adult and Community Education, Laura

Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Meeting was held on the 13th May. The minutes were approved from the last meeting.

J. McGinley organised for €100,000 to fix ramps throughout the county. The Draft LAP was approved on the 29th April. All references to closure of the Straffan Road/Straffan to Rathcoffey Road are gone. The draft is on display from 15th May for 4 weeks.

A letter was received regarding Retail Excellence Ireland and reviewing towns that might want to further engage with its citizens.

Maynooth Community Council secretary explained that the DSP were very involved in the job description for the supervisor. The interviews will be held soon. One member from MCC, one from the DSP and a member of the community will be on the interview board.

Reports from local groups

Senior Citizens – the April Easter bonnet was a great success. May Day, Bealtaine will be celebrated on 19th May with the theme of Make and Grow, in the GAA. Scouts – weather affected some events, the wall a great success on St Patrick's Day. They had an enjoyable weekend in a hostel. They will take part in an Arklow Walk and will be helping with the Maynooth 10k on

Burke, Support Facilitator, ILI and Saranne Magennis, Director of Higher Education Policy Unit who jokingly referred to themselves as JLS. This set a light-hearted but equally serious tone to the afternoon. Each gave a presentation as well as 4 of the 5 participants. The students are not seen as a separate group but as individuals in the classes. One of the lecturers, Eoin Grogan, archaeologist with the Early Irish Dept also spoke and he emphasised what he had learned and coming from a position of ignorance. Also some of the students who volunteered their help gave short talks. One student, Teresa Flood presented a video about Newgrange, this was supervised by Eoin Grogan and she was helped by a PhD student of the Dept, Fergal Duffy. It brought tears of pride to many in the room, her mother in particular. One of the students was particularly well-known, Mark Smith from Celbridge who swam for Ireland in the Special Olympics and won a medal. His wit and humour had the room in stitches laughing. Integrated means that the 5 students are attending lectures and tutorials with all the others, they do assignments and also take part in the normal social activities. Theresa also went on Field Trips with our students accompanied by Laura. We loved having them along and they enjoyed themselves immensely. The focus is entirely on the student and their abilities, they register as occasional students and can take as many modules as they feel they can handle. The structure of assignments might not be quite what the other students are doing but the standard required is the same. Much of this work was carried out on a voluntary basis, particularly from the student support. Three of those spoke of their own enriching experience, they were: Michelle Kinsella, Keith Murphy and Ciara McAdden but there were others as well. Keith Murphy was a student in the Early Irish Dept but he mentored an Anthropology student in this case.

Professor Philip Nolan, the President of NUIM, called in during the afternoon but he did not want to take the limelight and spoke glowingly from the floor about everyone involved. He said that a lot more attention should be paid to this pilot initiative that has one more year to run before it will be re-considered.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

19th May. They had a cake sale and a bag pack. The Scouts received an award from the St Patrick's Foundation.

Educate Together – had a successful table quiz with 25 tables. A parent from Lullymore is introducing students to duck rearing in the school. Their first 6th class is leaving. They will present a new school logo. There will be a Summer Fair and 5 boys are making their First Communion.

Tidy Towns – had 12 tables at their recent quiz. They are organising a Spring clean month and are being helped by students and the Green Campus Committee in the University. Sunday clean up commences again, from 7.45am. The annual collection will be held soon. Application for Tidy Towns will be required shortly, there will be changes for next year.

Local History Group – there will be a talk by Ann Matthews on 15th May on 1913 Lockout in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Teen Space – they will have an article in the NL on their activities.

Festival – planning is in hand. A brochure is being prepared by the office for Canet; it will have information on accommodation, restaurants and pubs. The festival will run the dog show again this year.

U3A – had their AGM. They are singing with the 6th class girls and Naas singers. They will be singing in the Aula in a concert with the Convent school.

Twinning/Canet – P. Croghan reported on his visit that was mainly a private holiday. It was noted that there is no physical evidence of the twinning in Maynooth. The NL does have the logo on the cover. It was agreed to formally celebrate the 2nd anniversary around the 1st October. There are local elections in France on 9th and 16th March. Priority needs to be given to twinning signs for the town as the French take twinning very seriously and Maynooth needs to show commitment to the project. There is a need for more young people to get involved. The schools, the University and the swimming team are taking full advantage of the twinning project. There is the possibility of funding from Europe under the headings of education, sport and tourism/culture.

On local matters, C. Ó Cearúil raised the issue of the Gaelcholáiste and the possibility that there would be an educational campus on the Celbridge Road to counterbalance the other side of the town.

It was agreed, at K. McCrory's request, that an item be placed on next month's agenda – that we invite representatives from Northern Ireland's Protestant community to the St Patrick's Day parade. They took people around the College this year and it can lead to reconciliation.

R. Farrell mentioned the confusion regarding the bollards in the town. The Area Engineer is to be asked that defective bollards be replaced them.

P. Croghan drew attention to the gully in Leinster Street which was attracting waste. It was agreed to express concern to Area Engineer – Jonathan Deane.

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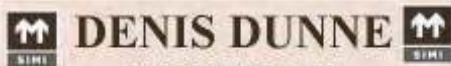
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Answer

Yes, you do have a tax liability on this rental income in Ireland. However, it is your tenants who are responsible for ensuring that this tax liability is met and paid directly to Revenue. They are required to deduct tax at the standard rate (20% in 2013) from the gross amount of the rent and pay this amount to Revenue.

For example, if your tenants are paying you rent of €1,000 per month, they must deduct 20% of this amount or €200. The net rent to be paid to you as landlord is €800 per month. The amount due to Revenue is the €200 per month that is deducted from the gross rent of €1,000.

At the end of the year, the tenants must give you a completed Certificate of Income Tax Deducted - Form R185 (pdf) which shows that the tax has been accounted for to Revenue. You can then claim this amount as credit on your annual tax return.

You can appoint an agent in the State who collects the rent. In this case, there are no obligations for your tenants to deduct any tax. The agent is then chargeable to tax on the rents as Collection Agent for you, the landlord, and is required to submit an annual tax return and account for the tax due under Self-Assessment. The agent need not be a professional person – they can be a family member or friend who is prepared to take on the responsibility.

Taking a dog to France on holiday

Question

My husband and I are going to France in our caravan this summer for three weeks and want to take our dog with us on holidays. Will I need any special documentation to get him into France and back into Ireland on our return?

Answer

Since 1 January 2012, every pet (dog, cat or ferret) that travels between EU Member States must have an EU Pet Passport. The Passport system is designed to protect citizens from the threat of rabies and certain other diseases. The Pet Passport is issued by a private veterinarian directly to you.

To travel throughout Europe, including France, your pet requires a Pet Passport detailing:

- Its microchip number
- Its rabies vaccination, which must be administered at least 21 days before travel (make sure your dog is microchipped first or the vaccination is invalid)

Contact your vet some weeks before you travel, so that you can make the necessary appointments. Planning in advance will ensure you have enough time for your pet to get microchipped and vaccinated. When you get the Pet Passport from your vet, check that all entries are legible and correct, as any errors could lead to your pet being detained.

Note that before re-entry into Ireland, dogs must be treated for tapeworm not more than 120 hours (5 days) and not less than 24 hours (1 day) before they arrive in Ireland. Treatment must be administered by a vet and

the details entered into the Pet Passport. Treatment for ticks is not compulsory but it is advisable to get it at the same time as the tapeworm treatment.

Access to health services

Question

I am an EU citizen, working in Ireland on a two-year contract and paying tax and PRSI. I was wondering what health service benefits I am entitled to while living here. Do I need to take out private health insurance?

Answer

As an EU citizen working in Ireland, you are entitled to receive the same level of health care as Irish citizens. The resident population is divided into two groups for the purposes of eligibility for health services - medical card holders and people who don't have a medical card. You are only entitled to a medical card if your income is below a certain level. The medical card allows you to receive certain health services free of charge, including free visits to the GP. There is also a GP Visit Card, which covers free GP visits: the income limit for this is higher than for the medical card.

Without a medical card or GP Visit Card, you have to pay to see a doctor. You can access public hospital services but you may have to pay in-patient and out-patient hospital charges – for example, a visit to an Accident and Emergency Department in a hospital could cost you €100. You can access maternity and infant care services and you may be entitled to free or subsidised community care and personal social services. You are also entitled to claim back the cost of prescribed drugs and medicines over €144 a month. If you choose to take out private health insurance, your policy may give you access to private emergency clinics and reduced waiting times for in-patient care etc.

However, private health insurance is expensive and may involve a 'waiting time' before becoming eligible for benefits for pre-existing conditions. You should read the terms and conditions of the contract with the insurance provider very carefully before you decide to take out private health insurance.

Pension rights

Question

I am an Irish citizen who worked in England for several years and paid social insurance contributions there. About 20 years ago I returned to Ireland to work and am now approaching pension age. What is my entitlement with regards to my pension contributions during my years of employment in England?

Answer

When you are applying for your State Pension (Contributory) there is a section on the application form (SPC 1) that will ask you for details of employment in any other country covered by EC Regulations or a Bilateral Social Security agreement.

This is because you may be entitled to more than one payment; you can get an Irish payment and a payment from another country where you worked.

If you have enough Irish social insurance contributions to get an Irish payment, the Department of Social Protection will pay it. Because you worked in England, they will also contact the relevant authorities in the UK to start a claim for a UK pension. You may be due a partial UK pension in addition to your Irish pension, if you have enough UK contributions. If you do not have enough social insurance contributions in Ireland, the Department will request

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Maynooth Girl Guides & Brownies

Maynooth Girl Guides and Brownies join in national Skipathon to welcome in the summer!



The Maynooth Girl Guides and Brownies were the first units in Ireland to skip into summer last Tuesday 30th April, as part of a national Irish Girl Guides (IGG) Skipathon. The girls were thrilled

to be joined by Teresa Murray who is the chairperson of the Maynooth Post Primary School Parents Association, where the girls hold their weekly meeting's, Teresa is also a member of the board of Maynooth Post Primary school and a member of the board on Kildare V.E.C. we were delighted when we heard that Teresa could take time out from her busy schedule to join us and get things off to a great start. At the moment Teresa is busy helping to organize the 10km run, which will take place on the 19th May, this event will help to raise funds for the new sports playing field for the Post Primary school and every year is great fun to find out more about this fun event please contact Maynooth Post Primary school. By taking over the harbour field in Maynooth, the girls were joining in a nationwide event, which saw thousands of girls and young women skipping into summer.

Like so many of the activities that they do as part of the Brownies, Guides & Rangers programme, the Skipathon was healthy, energetic and great fun!



"The girls love getting out into the open air and trying out a wide range of activities," said Catherine Noone, a Leader of Maynooth Brownies and Guides. "Guiding isn't all about tying knots and making campfires: we give the girls opportunities to try out all kinds of challenges and to develop many skills, both indoors and outdoors."

"As well as fun and games, songs and camps, our programme covers important and relevant subjects like healthy lifestyle, self-esteem, relationships, bullying and stress management. Through all these activities we see girls develop confidence and leadership skills, which help them to become responsible citizens."

As an organisation with a Gold Standard Health Quality Mark, IGG counts health promotion as an important aspect of its wide-ranging programme - from the youngest Ladybird aged five to the oldest Senior Branch member aged 26.

To find out more about IGG, contact Catherine Noone or Jackie Mc Gloughlin 086-6654241, or see www.irishgirlguides.ie.

Maynooth Bike



Cristoph Lenz is an engineer from Germany who now lives in Maynooth. When he was made redundant from his job, he decided to build on an idea for a new type of bicycle which he had been thinking about for some time. The initial drawings and calculations for what was to become the Maynooth Bike were

drawn up in December 2010. After visiting scrap-yards and industrial suppliers to locate the required components to complete the first prototype, with the help of a friend, Christoph completed this prototype by June 2011. While this prototype was a success, Christoph has since spent more time, money and effort in developing and improving his concept bike. As the Maynooth Bike website indicates Christoph tested his bike against a conventional 27 speed bicycle, he was able to keep pace with his friend Martin at a speed of 18mph over a distance of 3 miles. This positive result gave this inventor the impetus and resolve to continue to develop and market his invention. Christoph applied for a patent in Germany for his bike and received it in March 2013.

The innovative design of the Maynooth Bike relies on a front wheel drive as opposed to the rear wheel drive of conventional bikes. This design also relies on the linear motion of the pedals and the positioning of the riders legs beside the front wheel. The Maynooth Bike has a separate drive-chain for each pedal and the power of the riders legs is transmitted through these chains over a return sprocket to a freewheel sprocket which is located in the hub of the front wheel. This system combined with a back-supported comfortable seat as opposed to a saddle allows the rider to sit back and relax as they enjoy this innovative concept bike.

As is indicated on the website, it takes a short while to adjust from the circular pedalling motion of the conventional bike to the linear system which this new bike design requires, but when this has been achieved then the rider can sit back and relax and enjoy the experience.

While many people have been made redundant from their careers and jobs as a result of the economic down-turn, instead of bemoaning the loss of his employment, Christoph turned this into an opportunity. With determination and effort he has turned his vision into a reality and created his Maynooth Bike. For more information, pictures and demonstration videos of this invention get on your bike and visit www.maynoothbike.com.



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It's not too late to spring clean your wardrobe and the best way to do this is to store away any clothes that are not in season, so take out your heavy coats, chunky knits, and other winter clothes and store them away in a box or vacuum storage bag and hang up your summer clothes where you can see them and they are easy to access. When it starts to get colder and we are coming into Autumn all you have to do is replace your summer clothes with the winter ones you have stored away.

So here comes the summer, well here's hoping because if we don't get the warm weather or go on holiday we don't wear our clothes enough to wear them out and because sometimes we can get all four seasons in the one day there are certain items we should always have in our wardrobe and wear as much as possible all year round like the all important Mac or Lightweight Coat, Jackets & Cardigans over Dresses & Shirts, Tunics with Leggings, T-shirts under Light Knit Jumpers, Jeans and Ankle Boots. This is just one area covered in a wardrobe weed which is part of your Image consultation and for more information please contact me directly on 087 9962459 or my Office number 01 6016295

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Our annual tidy towns collection takes place 23rd to 26th of May thanks to all who collect and contribute.

We were delighted to be associated with the Gathering 10 k MPP School event.

A number of clean ups and plantings have taken place more information and photographs next month as space does not allow.

Our judges can be with us any time from early June to late August, so please do your best to keep Maynooth Tidy.

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Unfortunately due to its rare nature Leah has to go to England for specialist treatment, but this treatment is very expensive at 250,000 euro. Leah's aunt, Kym Kelly, says that they were not able to secure state funding to help with the medical costs and so they have to raise the money themselves and with the help of a very generous community. Leah's doctors here in Ireland have recommended that her chemotherapy treatments should not be continued and so they were discontinued three weeks ago. At that time her doctor in England, Dr Fisher, had recommended that she should begin radiation treatment as soon as possible. But before treatments can begin in earnest Kym and her family, friends and wider community need to raise the necessary funding. In aid of this, there was night of country music held in the Hazel Hotel on April 10th where a number of well known performers such as Declan Nerney, Patrick Feeney, Matt Leavy, Gerry Guthrie, The Davitt Showband, Kym Kelly and Johnny Brady generously gave their time and talent to help raise money. Along with donations, there are people generously giving their time and efforts to do some further fundraising by running other kinds of events such as bake-sales, skydiving, a dance music night and many other very exciting and creative events. The response and generosity shown by so many people who are willing to help is greatly appreciated by Leah and all her family. So far they have managed to raise 78,000 euro in the first twelve weeks, but this is still far short of the 250,000 needed to complete the life-saving treatments that Leah needs. Leah began the first of the radiation treatments on Monday 20th of May and will need ongoing courses and care, but this brave little girl is battling through with a smile. As Kym says "she is only six years old, the tooth fairy hasn't even made her visit yet, she is now using a wheelchair to get about and during all this she still smiles."

If anyone or any clubs, pubs, shops or businesses from Maynooth are willing to run a fundraising event for the Princess Leah Fund please contact kymkellymusic@gmail.com. So if you feel that you would like to run a coffee morning or have a civvies or casual day at work or school to help raise funds to help the Princess Leah fund, then contact Kym who will also give you updates. To follow Leah's courageous battle log on to her Facebook page or to make a donation visit www.idonate.ie/princessleahfund. Princess Leah: the Force is strong with this one.



Yay, come on the Lillier. Leah absolutely loved going to the Kildare matches and her hero Johnny Doyle made her day when he called to see her at home.

By: Brian O'Neill



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Olive oil, for drizzling
Kosher salt & freshly ground black pepper



Method

In a small saucepan, bring balsamic vinegar to a boil over medium - low heat. Cook for 10 - 20 mins, or until balsamic has reduced to a thicker glaze. Remove from heat & transfer to a bowl. Allow to cool.

When you are ready to serve, arrange tomato & mozzarella slices on a platter. Arrange basil leaves between the slices. Drizzle olive oil over the top of the salad, getting a little bit on each slice. Do the same with the balsamic reduction. Store extra balsamic reduction in fridge for a later use. End with a sprinkling of kosher salt & black pepper.

Fuilli & Meatballs

Serves 6

Ingredients

1 large onion, chopped
4 tbsp chopped fresh basil
450g (1 lb) lean minced beef
1 medium egg
2 tbsp semi-skimmed milk
350g (12oz) large fuilli pasta
1 tbsp chopped oregano or 1 tsp dried oregano
4 cans (400g each) plum tomatoes

2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
3 slices dry old white bread
Pepper to taste



Method

Cook a large saucepan with teaspoon of olive oil & heat over a medium - high heat. Sauté the onion & garlic for about 5 mins or until soft. Transfer 2 tablespoons of the onion mixture to a large bowl. Set aside.

When the tomatoes, with the juice mix, food processor or until fairly smooth. Add to the saucepan. Bring to the boil over medium-high heat. Reduce the heat to low. Cover & simmer, stirring often, for 10 mins. Add the basil & oregano halfway through.

Process the bread into crumbs. Add the crumbs, beef, egg, milk & pepper to the onion mixture in the bowl & mix just until blended. Shape into 20 meatballs. Coat a frying pan with oil & cook the meatballs until browned on all sides. Cover & cook, stirring occasionally for 20 mins. Meanwhile cook the pasta. Drain & toss with 3 tablespoons of the sauce in a large heated bowl. Spoon the meatballs & remaining sauce over the top, then serve.

Ricotta & Spinach Tortellini Bake

Serves 3

Ingredients

1 (300g) pack of fresh tortellini (your choice of cheese)
1 jar of spinach & ricotta or tomato sauce
2-3 tbsp grated parmesan cheese
1-2 tbsp pine nuts



Method

Preheat oven to 180°C. Cook the pasta according to the instructions. Drain & place into a 1.5 litre ovenproof dish. Spoon over the jar of sauce, making sure all the pasta is covered with sauce. Top with the pine nuts & parmesan & place in oven for 15 - 20 mins until the top is nicely browning & the sauce is bubbling.

Tiramisu

Serves 8

Ingredients

5 eggs
1/2 sweet Italian vermouth
40 Italian lady finger cookies
1 pound fresh mascarpone cream cheese
Bittersweet chocolates, for shaving

5 tbsp sugar
2 cups espresso



Method

Separate the yolks from the whites into 2 different bowls. The bowl with yolks add the sugar & beat together until creamy. Add the mascarpone cream cheese & mix until combined. In the other bowl, beat the egg whites until they become fluffy white peaks. Carefully fold the egg whites into the creamy yolk mixture. In another bowl mix together the espresso & vermouth. Dip the cookies in the mixture for a few seconds. On the bottom of a square dish, arrange the dipped cookies in an evenly spaced layer. Pour half of the mascarpone cream mixture on top of the cookies & spread evenly. Add a second layer of soaked lady fingers, then evenly spread the remaining cream on top. Coat the dish in cling film and leave the tiramisu to rest in the fridge for 3 - 4 hours. Sprinkle the tiramisu with chocolate shavings before serving.

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Speaking to the Maynooth Newsletter, Gerry Quinn, PRO for The Maynooth 10K Gathering Weekend, said the Gathering was a great success with over two thousand people taking part in the weekend-long events. The photographic exhibition which opened on Friday was extended to the Monday and the 4C's walk and talk tour, conducted by Rita Edwards on Saturday, attracted almost a thousand visitors between them. Participation in the 10k and the 3k increased this year to nearly 1,200. He outlined the statistics about the 10K (see below) and concluded by thanking St Patricks College, Carton House, An Garda Siochana, Kildare CC, Maynooth Newsletter, the voluntary organisations, the advertisers and sponsors, the 140+ volunteers and the people of Maynooth for their whole hearted support.

The 10K by numbers.

- 1 Mile of bunting
- 2 Cherry pickers
- 10 Medical personnel; A doctor a nurse 3 physios and 5 paramedics
- 11 Vehicles: 2 lorries, 2 ambulances, transit + trailer, a pickup and 5 event vehicles

- 125 Crowd control barriers
- 130 Personnel: Garda, stewards, checking in, catering, water station, McDonalds staff
- 210 Signs; Directional, diversion, route, promotion
- 500 Traffic cones
- 500 Sandwiches (delicious)
- 700 Phone calls
- 750 Cups of tea/coffee
- 1,000 Bananas
- 1,100 emails
- 1,200 Litres of water
- 1,500 text messages
- 2,000 Voluntary hours (Thank you)
- 25,000 hits on the internet
- 376,000 Pages in Maynooth Newsletter (5 editions)
- 384,000 Pages in the 10K Times

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Left to right: Champion Irish trainer Aidan O'Brien, European Tour champions Peter Lawrie and Damien McGrane and Aidan's Derby-winning son, jockey Joseph O'Brien at the 'Super Saturday' ticket launch in the Curragh in April.

Carton House A Blend of Modern and Past History

The world of horse racing and professional golf will come together at the Curragh races when the exciting Irish 'Double Ticket' initiative will be offered for two sports which will form part of a 'Super Saturday' of world class action in County Kildare on June 29. European Tour champions Peter Lawrie and Damien McGrane, who will next be seen competitively

in Ireland during the Irish Open at Carton House Golf Club, together with last year's Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby winning combination of trainer Aidan O'Brien and his jockey son Joseph, launched the innovative ticket package at the Curragh on April 7th 2013.

One ticket costing just €50 will permit fans of racing and golf to enjoy one of the best sporting and social occasions of the year in the third round of the Irish Open at Carton House during the day followed by the Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby at the Curragh in the evening. With the golf commencing early in the day, and the Derby meeting starting in late afternoon, sports enthusiasts will have the perfect opportunity to experience what promises to be two of the great summer events, both taking place in Co. Kildare close to the capital of Dublin.

To add another touch of fun and excitement to an already packed programme, The European Tour will be opening the facilities within the Tented Village at Carton House from 7.30am on the day in order that early arrivals to the Irish Open can enjoy a hearty 'Lions Breakfast' and watch the second rugby union Test between Australia and the British and Irish Lions (kick-off 10.00am) live on the big screens located in the village. Meanwhile, on June 29, Irish Derby sponsors, Dubai Duty Free, have kindly extended an invitation to the Irish Open competitors, their wives and partners to enjoy

the spectacle of Ireland's Classic race once they have completed their 'day job' at Carton House.

Evan Arkwright, Commercial Manager of the Curragh Racecourse, commented: "The Irish Double initiative is an extension of the very good partnership that we enjoyed with The European Tour during the 2006 Ryder Cup and it is an opportunity to strongly link both events in order to maximise the potential to attract visitors from all over the world to come to County Kildare for two fantastic events as part of the Gathering." He added, "In addition to the Double Ticket we plan to unveil other exciting promotions between us over the coming months."


Antonia Beggs, Irish Open Championship Director, commented: "We are thrilled to be participating in one of the great days of sport on June 29. 'Super Saturday' is an appropriate name for a day which starts with the Lions at breakfast, continues with the all-important third round of the Irish Open at Carton House and concludes with the Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby at the Curragh. We believe that €50 to gain access to two world class sporting events represents tremendous value for money and we are delighted to be working once again in partnership with the Curragh following the success of The Ryder Cup initiative in 2006. Fans of golf and racing alike are sure to have a day to remember."

Golf and racing fans hoping to take advantage of the €50 'double ticket' offer can purchase this, or any other ticket, now from www.europeantour.com/tickets/ www.curragh.ie or telephone EUROPEAN TOUR Ticket Hotline: +440800 023 2557. Irish callers can phone: 1890 252 698 or call the Curragh on +353 45 441205.

Carton House has hosted The Irish Open on two previous occasions in 2005 when Stephen Dodd was crowned champion and in 2006 when Thomas Bjorn lifted the trophy. As Carton House develops a more modern history as a world class centre for golf the Carton Estate has a rich history in the past. We have included an article of the past history of the Carton House Estate courtesy of the www.carton.ie website.



2006 Irish Open Champion Thomas Bjorn



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Did You Know

The FitzGerald Coat of Arms is a silver shield with a red saltire. However the FitzGerald crest comprises a monkey with a collar around its middle. Legend has it that, when he was a baby, John FitzGerald, 1st Earl of Kildare, was trapped in a fire at Woodstock Castle. Miraculously he was rescued by a monkey.

Did You Know

Lady Emily Lennox was the daughter of the Duke of Richmond and great granddaughter of King Charles II. Because of this British connection, Carton House was almost burnt to the ground during the uprising, and it was down to the quick-thinking of the Lady of the House, who brought a portrait of Lord Edward to their attention, that saved Carton House. This portrait can still be seen in the Drawing Room.



Carton House

The name 'Carton' comes from the old Irish name 'Baile an Cairthe' or Land of the Pillar Stone. Carton is a 1,100 acre fully walled estate. The boundary wall is over 5.5 miles in length and the estate itself stretches over two counties, Kildare and Meath.

The lands at Carton belonged to the Maynooth estate of the FitzGerald family from 1176. The FitzGeralds, who were part of Strongbow's invasion of Ireland, became Earls of

Kildare in 1315 and went on to become one of the most influential families in Irish history over the next eight centuries. So much so that Maynooth was actually the capital of Ireland for a short period.

In 1739, Earl FitzGerald commissioned renowned architect Richard Castle to undertake the project of building Carton House. It cost a mere £26,000 to build at the time. Castle was also responsible for some other great Irish Houses including Westport House, Powerscourt House and, in 1745, Leinster House which he built for the FitzGerald.

In 1747, James, the 20th Earl of Kildare (and from 1766, first Duke of Leinster) married Lady Emily Lennox. Lady Emily was the daughter of the Duke of Richmond and a sister of Lady Louisa Connolly of Castletown. The story of the life and times of the sisters, Emily and Louisa, was beautifully captured by the author Stella Tillyard and made into a mini series for the BBC, entitled "The Aristocrats" which was filmed on site here at Carton House.



The pillared entrance porch leads through swing doors to the impressive Entrance Hall which was renamed the Mallaghan Room after the renovations. There are two pairs of plain Doric columns and a fine marble fireplace. To the right of the Mallaghan Room as you walk through the old main door is the Staircase Hall, with a fine staircase designed by Morrison and a more modern glass elevator. A main centerpiece was removed from the roof to allow the elevator to be put in and this is now on display on the wall of the main lobby of the hotel beside reception.

Beyond the staircase is the Chinese Boudoir (pictured below). It remains as it was in 1759, decorated with Chinese paper and a Chinese Chippendale gilt wood over-mantle. There is a small anteroom adjoining. Queen Victoria is said to have stayed twice at Carton, the lake being created especially for her before her second visit, as she had a dream before she came that she was on a boat on a

lake at Carton House. However no such lake existed, so the lake was manmade for her!

The Mallaghan Room also leads into the Drawing Room with a fine moulded ceiling. There is a beautiful view of the Rose Garden through the large windows, one of which has been converted to a patio-type door which leads out to the garden itself. To the right of the Drawing Room is the Library, with an elegant marble fireplace. There is a spiral staircase which leads up to a half-landing. The main door of the Library is cleverly camouflaged to look like a bookcase once inside. To the left of the Drawing room lies an impressive suite of rooms including the visually stunning Gold Salon.



The Golden Salon



Did You Know

The stunning mirrors in the Gold Salon are all magnified and tilted. This clever feat of engineering meant that guests of the FitzGerald would not strain their necks while admiring the ceiling. All they had to do was look in each mirror instead.

Dating from about 1739, the room, which rises through two storeys, has been described as one of the most beautiful rooms in Ireland. The ceiling is deeply coved, featuring Baroque plasterwork by the Francini brothers and represents "the Courtship of the Gods". The plasterwork, like the decoration on the walls, is picked out in gilt. At the East end of the room is an organ installed in 1857, its elaborate Baroque case designed by Lord Gerald FitzGerald, a son of the 3rd Duke. The door at this end of the Gold Salon leads, by way of an anteroom, to a great dining room named the Morrison Room after the architect himself. It has a screen of Corinthian columns at each end and a barrel-vaulted ceiling covered in interlocking circles of oak and vine leaves.

Did You Know

The organ in the Gold Salon was hydraulically powered by a stream that used to flow under the old house. The mechanics are still there today and with a little work it could be fully functional again.



The Chinese Boudoir

Lady Emily is responsible for much of the landscaping of the present estate. She created the Chinese Boudoir, which was the bedroom of Queen Victoria during her visits to Carton House in 1849 and 1897. Emily also decorated the famous Shell Cottage, on the estate, with shells from all around the world. Marian Faithfull, 60s icon and one time girlfriend of rock star Mick Jagger, lived in Shell Cottage for seven years during the 90s. One of Emily's 23 children was the famous Irish

patriot Lord Edward FitzGerald, leader of the 1798 rebellion. Carton remained unaltered until 1815, when the 3rd Duke decided to sell Leinster House to the R.D.S. and make Carton his principal residence. He employed Richard Morrison to enlarge and re-model the house. Morrison replaced the curved colonnades with straight connecting links to obtain additional rooms including the famous Dining Room. At this time the entrance to the house was moved to the north side.

Carton remained in control of the FitzGerald family until the 1920s when the 7th Duke sold his birth right to a money lender called Sir Harry Mallaby Deeley in order to pay off gambling debts of £67,500. As he was third in line to succeed, he never dreamt that he would inherit the estate. However, one of his brothers died in the war and another of a brain tumor and so Carton was lost to the FitzGerald family.

Lord Brockett purchased the house in 1949 and in 1977 his son David Nail-Cain sold the house. The present owners are the Mallaghan family.



Did You Know

It is said that the Rose Garden was designed by Lady Emily to provide a secret hideaway for her children so that when they were playing, they would not be seen.



Did You Know

Princess Grace of Monaco, Queen Victoria and Marianne Faithfull were among a number of famous guests to visit Carton House over the years. Queen Victoria visited in 1849. The canopy on the bed set aside for Queen Victoria was swept away into the bog of Allen while it was being transported to Galway.



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RIVERS RUN THROUGH IT

PART TWO OF A TWO PART FEATURE

THE LOCAL MEN'S SHED GROUP DABBLE IN THE WATERS OF MAYNOOTH

The recently-formed Men's Shed Group, without any particular skills, and aware that venerable and long-standing local organisations possess far more expertise to tackle this task, have nevertheless spent their weekly meetings over recent months in a broad exploration of the rivers of Maynooth. Part One of the article centred on the Rye river, which is the main river of Maynooth, even though it does not pass directly through the town of Maynooth. Here, in Part Two, we focus on the other four Maynooth rivers that have come within the scope of our exploration.

THE TUNNEL

Moving from the largest of the five rivers we have traced, to the smallest, we come to the stretch of water known locally as the Tunnel. Have you noticed the stream flowing outside the entrance to Manor Court apartments? This appears to be running down the old Straffan Road. Our investigations have led us to believe that the origins of this stream are at a point near the road beyond Taghadoe Cross on the way to Clane. But let us concentrate on where it goes from Manor Court apartments. It seems to vanish! In fact it vanishes underground, including the Main Street, and emerges where the old Pound used to be, an area that has recently been given a face-lift. Take a look at the piped stream of water that flows into the Lyreen River at this point. Noel Clarke remembers the time when the tunnel was completed to allow this water to flow under the Main Street. The tunnel was a favourite playground area, hence the adoption of the name, the Tunnel, for this stretch of water.

THE JOAN SLADE

We traced the beginning of this river to an area just beyond the Leinster Driving School in Taghadoe. It crosses the Taghadoe/Ladychapel road at the bridge beside Burkes. It then meanders its way to Meadowbrook estate, travelling under the motorway, the Royal Canal and the railway line. A few years ago it flooded estate houses in Meadowbrook. It's not clear how this came about, but perhaps the building of the motorway may have some associations with it. From Bond Bridge, it travels along Parson Street, beside the college. At the foot of the hill it goes under the road surface of Parson Street, and emerges at the back of the houses before going under the college entrance road and joining up with the Lyreen behind Mill Street.



THE MILL RACE

This can be traced to two streams beyond Jackson's Bridge, from where it follows the Maynooth/Kilcock Road, through the village of Laraghbryan, entering NUI Maynooth land near the college library. A few hundred yards further on, the Mill Race merges with the Lyreen. However, a portion of water becomes diverted to form a fast-flowing stream under the relocated Mill Wheel. It would seem this took place during the building of the Manor Mills commercial & residential development almost ten years ago. The fast-flowing stream rejoins the Lyreen some yards further on.

THE LYREEN RIVER

This river commences its journey in Knockanally where two streams meet. It travels eastwards beside the Grangepottle Road, crosses the Kilcock/Clane Road at Baltracey, passes under a bridge near the Pet Shop on the Clonfert road, then through the South Campus of NUIM close to the library. A few hundred yards further on it is joined by the Mill Race, and travels round by Manor Mills. The Lyreen is joined by the Joan Slade just before it reaches the bridge at Mill Street. It then travels alongside the Lyreen Angling Lake, joining up with the Rye at the end of the lake.



CONCLUSION

It would not be fitting to complete this short study without mention of the pioneer work of the Tidy Towns Committee who, in 2010, erected a plaque in Parson Street in relation to two of our rivers. They pointed out that the name "Joan Slade" is taken from the Irish for "smooth running river", "abhainn soghluaiseacht". The oldest reference to the river is on an eighteenth century map which shows that Maynooth Castle was built where two rivers joined, namely, the Lyreen and the Joan Slade. The Joan Slade was a famous watering stream for horses on market days. All of these points made by the Tidy Towns Committee further illustrate that town centres commonly situate themselves in close proximity to sources of water.




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Maynooth Labour Notes

Draft Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) 2013-2019

The Managers Report on Submissions/ Observations made by the public on the Draft Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) was considered by the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council: on the 18th and 23rd April. Cllr. McGinley made 19 submissions rejecting the Managers Report and the vast majority of Johns submissions were agreed at the Area Committee. The most critical of these was the removal of all reference to the closure of the Straffan Road junction with the M4 should the construction of a new junction at the Rathcoffey Road/Newtown go ahead. As part of this change John also got the proposed ring road, running parallel with the M4 from the Straffan Road to the Rathcoffey Road/Newtown, removed, as this was there solely to facilitate the closure of the Straffan Road/M4 junction.

Three outstanding issues as well as the LAP itself went to the Full Council for decision on 29 April. These were:

- The Managers proposal to rezone 15 acres of land opposite the new GAA pitches from agriculture to new housing. Cllr. McGinleys motion that the Managers proposal be rejected was agreed by the Council.
- The Managers proposal to rezone 14 acres of land behind the Educate Together School from agriculture to new housing. Cllr. McGinleys motion that the Managers proposal be rejected was unfortunately defeated by the Council. Worse still FG and FF Councillors also proposed that the land between Educate Together and the houses to the Town side be zoned from agriculture to new housing and this was voted through.
- The Managers refusal to agree to Carton Court Residents' Association submission to rezone the strip of land between Carton Court and the ESSO Station from General Development to Open Space and Amenity. Cllr. McGinleys motion that the Managers proposal be rejected was agreed by the Council and the land was zoned Open Space & Amenity in the Amended LAP.

Copies of the proposed amendments, may be inspected at Maynooth Library and on the Council's website for 4 weeks from Wednesday 15th May 2013

Submissions or observations with respect only to the proposed amendments to the Draft Local Area Plan must be with the Council by 11 June.

Proposals for Casual Trading Area for Maynooth on Public Display

The Council placed a Notice of Intention to Make Casual Trading By-Laws for Maynooth in local papers on 4 May. They propose to designate The Square, Maynooth, as a casual trading area. The draft of the proposed By-Laws can be viewed in the public library or On Line and submissions must be with the Council by 18 June 2013.

Background to Provision of New Post Primary Schools in Maynooth

Since 2005 the Department's of Educations website has stated that *"The recommendations for Maynooth are to reserve a site now for an additional second level school on the Straffan side of the town. This site should be suitable for the provision of both first and second level schools on*

a multi-school campus. School required post 2011 for circa 750 students."

This policy meant that there would be a choice of second level schools for parents.

Both Cllr. McGinley and Deputy Stagg fully supported this policy and to the best of our knowledge there was no opposition to it from schools or parents.

However, instead of acting on this policy the Department of Education gave approval on 29 October 2010 to the County Kildare Vocational Education Committee to purchase 40 acres of land at Moyglare Hall for a new School Campus. Once the land was purchased at Moyglare Hall there was no point in further pursuing the second school being located on the south side of the town.

Both Cllr. McGinley and Deputy Stagg supported retired Principle, Tom Ashe, in his campaign to have junior and senior cycle schools on the Moyglare Campus. Unfortunately, the Department of Education immediately rejected this proposal. Following representations from parents in early 2013 Cllr. McGinley got the following email response from the Department:

"Much of this misunderstanding seems to have arisen from various local statements. We must be clear - the Department of Education and Skills made clear at every stage of this process that this would be a standalone new school, and that there was no possibility of junior and senior schools being created.

This will provide choice for parents, as the existing VEC school operates with a Catholic ethos, while the new school will have a multi-denominational ethos. In the evidence of parental demand provided by potential patrons, it was clear that the largest body of support existed for a multi-denominational VEC school, and the Department is supporting that evidence of parental demand by providing a new multi-denominational VEC school."

At the request of Parents Associations, Deputy Stagg and Deputy Durkan have arranged a meeting for the Parents Associations of the feeder schools with Minister Quinn on 29 May 2013 at 5.30.

On a connected issue the Amended Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) includes 4.6ha of land zoned Community and Educational, behind the Educate Together School, for the provision of a school and associated uses.

Cllr. McGinley Demands Action on Damage to The Harbour Field

Residents will have noticed that Fossetts Circus caused serious damage to the Harbour Field. As a result of representations from Cllr. McGinley the Council are hiring a contractor to repair the damage. However, it is wrong that the Council should be at a financial loss and Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the May meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

"That circuses and carnivals be banned from using the Harbour Field, Maynooth, unless they pay a deposit capable of repairing any damage caused to the field as a result of their activities." John got the following response at the meeting:

"A deposit will be sought from circuses and carnivals using the Harbour Field to ensure that any damage caused is repaired in future."

Cllr. McGinley Asks for The Walk at Moyglare to be Surfaced Properly:

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

"That the developer (Mycete) of Moyglare Hall, Maynooth, be asked to surface the open area at The Walk as it is unsightly and unsafe in its present state."

John got the following response at the meeting:

"The area referred to is the proposed site of an apartment block and is not open space. Building/ Development Control can write to the developer to advise them of their responsibilities to maintain the site safely. However, the council cannot require the developer to develop or use this space for any use other than that required in the planning permission"

Cllr. McGinley asked that the developer be written to asking him to consider a number of options e.g tarmac the area or soil and seed it.

Cllr. McGinley Demands Action on Dog Foul on Footpaths

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

"That the Minister be written to asking him to change the law to make it illegal for dog walkers not to carry dog foul bags with them when walking their dogs, in order to encourage dog owners to clean up after them and to make it easier for Litter Wardens/ Dog Wardens to fine those who are guilty."

John got the following response at the meeting:

"Any assistance in helping to enforce the litter laws in relation to dog fouling is welcomed. All dog handlers should carry some form of bag to deal with this matter when out walking their pets. This proposal can be forwarded if agreed by members."

Cllr. McGinley's motion was passed unanimously.

Cllr. McGinley Demands Action on Chewing Gum Destroying Footpaths

The footpaths in Maynooth are a mess as a result of people discarding chewing gum on them. In order to get the Council more involved in a resolution to this ongoing problem Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following Question for the consideration of the May meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

"Is the Council participating in the 2nd National Chewing Gum Environmental Awareness Campaign launched on 2 May? If yes, what will the campaign involve and how many fines were issued for throwing gum on the street in Maynooth last year?"

John got the following response at the meeting:

"Yes, Kilcullen was chosen as the nominated town for the 2013 campaign. Retailers in the town have been supplied with gum wraps (to dispose of chewing gum) and a photocall with the Mayor at Cross and Passion College has been organised to launch the programme on May 20th. The litter warden will patrol the town on an ongoing basis in the summer to maintain awareness. There were no fines for chewing gum litter in Maynooth last year. Chewing gum litter fines are difficult to impose as we are relying on the warden to witness the offence or else for the public to act as witness - this will require them to identify the offender. Chewing gum is therefore one of the more intractable litter problems, hence the need for a designated campaign."

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Cllr. McGinley stated that he was unhappy with the reply in that the campaign should be county wide. John stated that as Maynooth is the only University Town in Ireland that a special effort should be made to tackle the serious gum problem on the footpaths. John asked that as a "once off" that the gum be cleared from the footpaths before the Irish Golf Open in June when there will be 100,000 visitors to the town.

Council to Erect 'No Entry Signs' at Pound Street

As a result of Cllr. McGinley's motion a new 'no entry' sign to prevent traffic entering Pound Street from the Mill street side will be erected.

Cllr. McGinley Gets the Council to Agree to Store Water Butts at the Maynooth Depot.

John got the following positive response to his motion:

"Kildare County Council are currently making arrangements to put in place a system whereby a member of the public in North County Kildare can purchase a water butt online or at our Head Office in Áras Chill Dara, Naas. Having completed the purchase the customer will be directed to contact the Kildare County Council Maynooth Area Office on 01 6286236 to arrange collection of the water butt at its office at Leinster Street, Maynooth."

Litter Fines to Food take-away Premises in Maynooth

As a result of Cllr. McGinley's motion the litter warden has issued fines in relation to take-away premises. The warden has called to each premises individually informing them of their responsibilities under the litter pollution Act. The litter warden will continue to issue fines where littering occurs.

Footpath on the East Side of the Celbridge Road, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion on a footpath to the Educate Together School from Rockfield:

"The condition placed on the planning permission was queried by the Department of Education. They considered it was not an appropriate condition given the temporary nature of the schools location and the need for land acquisition from a third party to achieve compliance with the condition. The Department made representations that it was not, in fact, possible for them to comply with the condition and this was accepted by Kildare County Council."

Cllr. McGinley stated that it was a sad reflection on officials in the Department that they did not put the safety of school going children as a Number 1 Priority.

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A History of Ladychapel Graveyard

By Seamus Cullen (Part 1)

Ladychapel is a well known place-name in north Kildare and is located almost halfway between Maynooth and Rathcoffey. The area is dominated by Ladychapel Church which is situated at a crossroads on the R406. It is an architectural gem dating from 1863, but it is named after an ancient ecclesiastical site situated three-quarters of a mile west of the crossroads at the end of a quaint cul-de-sac in the townland of Coanstown.

Druidic worship of water - spring

This site has a history stretching back for at least 2000 years and consists of a disused burial ground which contains a stone lined Holy Well. It is acknowledged that Holy Wells predate the coming of Christianity to Ireland and originated as springs that were sacred sites associated with pre-Christian religious activity. The holy well at Ladychapel is a typical example of such a well and there are many pointers to suggest a pre-historic past.

Sligh Mór

Prior to the coming of Christianity Ladychapel was an important site on one of the principal roads in ancient Ireland. During this period five principal roads emerged in Ireland, all extending from Tara to various remote areas of the island. The principal road was named the Sligh Mór or 'Great Road'. It extended from Tara to Dublin and then proceeded across the country to Galway Bay. The road passed alongside the ancient spring at Ladychapel. It is likely that the spring in addition to having an ecclesiastical significance it was also in use as a source of drinking water for travellers on the road.

Holy Well – Christian meaning

With the coming of Christianity sites associated with the druidic religion were taken over by the Christians but many of the customs from this religion were retained and given a Christian meaning. Springs such as the one at Ladychapel were blessed by the early Christian missionaries and then became Holy Wells. An annual pattern which took the form of a religious festival emerged at the wells usually on the feast day of the patron saint of the locality or on the day that the pre-Christian festival was held. At Ladychapel it was likely that a pattern was held on 'Lady Day' 15 August, which is a day set aside on the Christian calendar for devotion to 'Our Lady'. Sometimes cures attributed to the springs in the pre-Christian period survived into the Christian period when they became attributed to either the saint that the holy well was renamed after or other Christian saints. Traditionally, a visit to the holy well at Ladychapel cured those suffering from an ear-ache.

Prior to the establishment of parishes, ecclesiastical areas had emerged and Ladychapel was in a division that was centred on the monastery of Taghadoo. This area in the middle ages emerged as the parish of Taghadoo. The founder and patron saint of Taghadoo is St. Tua and it is not known what connection if any, he had with Ladychapel.

Construction of Lady Chapel

Unfortunately, no documentary evidence on the construction of the old church in Ladychapel has come to light. Nearly all ancient Christian churches were oriented to the east; that is the gable end of the church with the altar facing the east. Ladychapel falls neatly into this category and significantly the east gable which is where the altar was situated is the closest section of the building to the holy well. The gable had a quaint window which overlooks the Holy Well. Much of the church ruins that survive may date from the late middle ages just prior to the reformation when a chapel was built. The first mention of the chapel comes from a document during the reign of James I, between

1603-1625 which indicated the existence of 'a chapel of ease near Taghadoo, called Lady's Chapel'. This building was never a parish church and was always regarded as a chapel of ease. All parish churches at the time of the reformation became Protestant churches. The local parish church in the area where Ladychapel is situated was at Taghadoo and it became the local Protestant church. Ladychapel was therefore never included in this category of churches. In the period subsequent to the late 17th century it became a ruin. However, due to the fact that it was consecrated ground, burials could take place within the chapel yard and as it wasn't a churchyard of a parish church no burial fees were paid. Burial fees were collected at burials in the churchyards of parish churches, such as at Taghadoo, Balraheen and Laraghbryan and these would go to the Rector of the Parish. Ladychapel therefore became a popular burial ground for Catholics not only from the locality but was also popular with well-to-do individuals from further a field.

The Ordnance Survey letters from 1837 describes Ladychapel graveyard as follows,

There is a burial ground in the parish of Taghadoo called Coanstown burial ground, and containing the ruins of an old church'. This ruin is called by the people Lady's Chapel, within two perches of it there is a well called Lady's well. Lady's Day 15th August was formerly celebrated at this Chapel; but the frequency of people to it on this occasion, has ceased now some years back.

Theory on the Placename

Unfortunately, the ancient place name or original name of the well has not survived. Ladychapel was not a name common to pre-Norman Ireland. Many theories have been put forward as to how Ladychapel obtained its placename. One suggestion is that it may be due to its connection with 15 August which is traditionally known in Ireland as Lady Day and as a result the well became known as Lady Well. The name Ladychapel later emerged when the chapel was built close to the holy well.

Details of its pre-Christian past have not survived but due to the Marian connection the well may be connected to the festival of Lughnasa which was celebrated in ancient Ireland on the 1 August and throughout the early days of the month. This festival was the harvest celebration in honour of Lugh, the god of the harvest, who was responsible for the rewards of the harvest. With the coming of Christianity in many cases a Lughnasa connection gradually became associated with the feast of our Lady's Assumption, which was celebrated on 15 August. This Christian feast day was also referred to as 'Lady-Day-in-Harvest'.

1. Graveyards began to be enclosed by stone walls in the late 1700s and an act of Parliament provided for this in the early 1800. Many cemeteries would be encroached by animals and damage to graves would occur especially due to the presence of wandering cattle and pigs. A stone plaque on the cemetery wall at Ladychapel shows that it was enclosed in 1786 which would suggest it was one of the earliest cemeteries to be enclosed. Down through the years the graveyard has had its visits by grave robbers and many stories survive of local people guarding the cemetery after internments and chasing away the intruders.

Part 2 in next month's Newsletter



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If you are too open minded, your brains will fall out.

If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you don't have a leg to stand on!

For Sale: Parachute. Only used once, never opened, small stain.

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film!

I used to be indecisive, now I'm not sure!

Nostalgia isn't what is used to be!

Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail!

Laughter is the shock absorber that eases the blows of life!

Always keep an open mind & a compassionate heart!!!

A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.

What was the greatest thing before sliced bread?

Old people at weddings always poke me & say "your next". So I started doing the same thing at funerals!!

The most beautiful thing a woman can wear is confidence!

To be old & wise, you must first be young & stupid!!

Sometimes I wake up grumpy, other times I let him sleep!!

God created the world, everything else was made in China!!

Everyone hates me because I'm paranoid!!

The more people I meet, the more I like my dog!!

I could tell my parents hated me. My bath toys were a toaster & a radio!

How do you know when you are too drunk to drive?..... When you swerve to miss a tree then realise it was your air freshener!

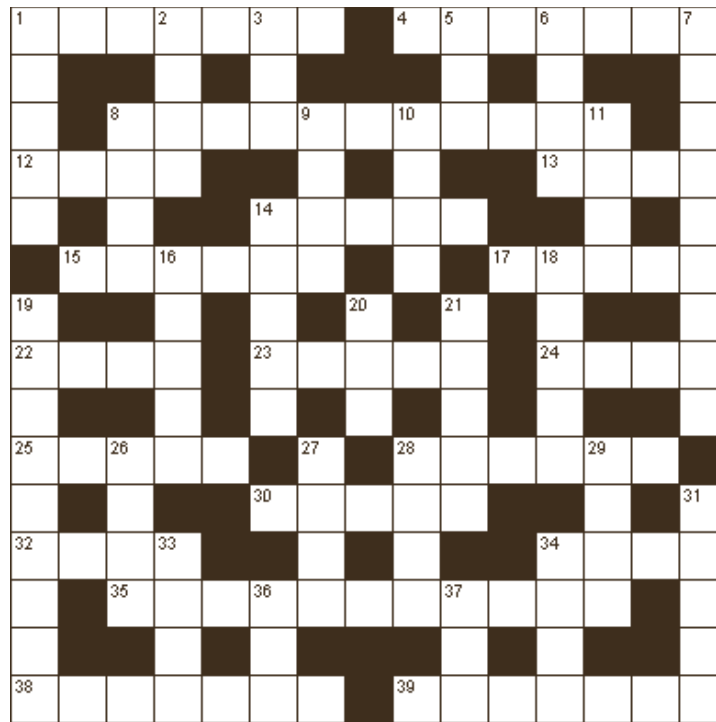
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June 2013 Crossword - No: 414

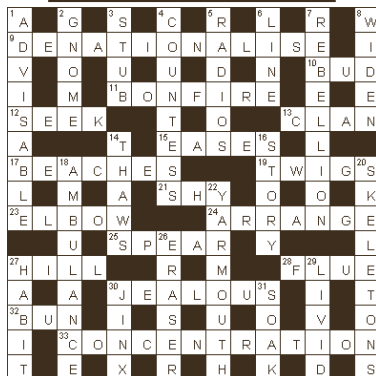
Clues Down

1. Floating ice (4,3)
4. Covered with frost (7)
8. Pertaining to the telegraph (11)
12. Support (4)
13. Leaf of a book (4)
14. Parrot (5)
15. Portion of time (6)
17. Search (5)
22. List from which to choose (4)
23. The Hindu Destroyer (5)
24. Liqueur of Greece (4)
25. More mature (5)
28. Infected (6)
30. Republic in N Africa (5)
32. Knocks lightly (4)
34. Sphere (4)
35. Act of subtracting (11)
38. Having two colours (3-4)
39. Anyone (7)



1. Young dog (5)
2. Retain (4)
3. Stimulus (3)
5. Tear (3)
6. Cut (4)
7. Depression (9)
8. Ripped (4)
9. Delighted (4)
10. Bedouin (4)
11. Arrived (4)
14. Resembling a mouse (5)
16. Red cosmetic (5)
18. German submarine (1-4)
19. Of great significance (9)
20. Front part of an apron (3)
21. Capital of Crete (5)
26. Immerses (4)
27. Coffin stand (4)
28. Synchronize (4)
29. Republic in SW Asia (4)
31. Covered with slime (5)
33. Set of clothing (4)
34. Explosive weapon (4)
36. Cardinal number (3)
37. Convert into leather (3)

Answers to Crossword 413



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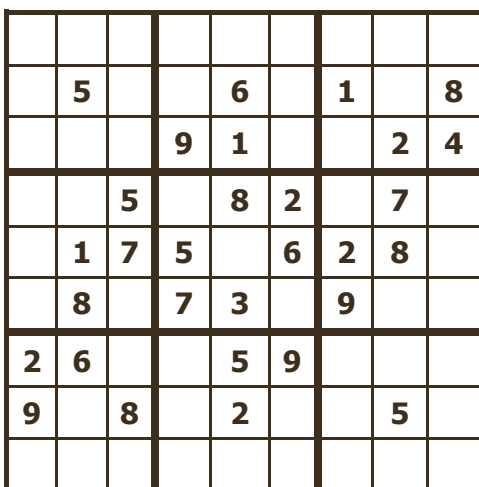
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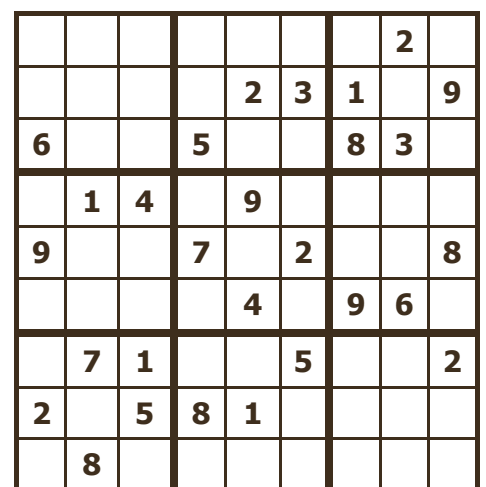


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Reflections on the Path to Reconciliation By Dr Keith McCrory , Chairman, St Patrick Foundation.

Title: “The London Murder, An Eye for an Eye and the Power of Good.”

I’m sure all of us were sickened by the news of the brutal murder of Lee Rigby, the 25-year-old soldier from Manchester, who was hacked to death near his army barracks in Woolwich, South East London. Reading some of the details that night (Thurs 23rd May) and about the British government’s decision to place an additional 1200 police officers on the ground around London, I was reminded both of the painful truth about my own heart and of a vital truth in the teaching of Jesus.

These additional officers are being placed around centres of Muslim worship, transport hubs and other major meeting points primarily to ward off the potential for revenge attacks against the wider Islamic community. And it’s very hard to argue that this is not a very sensible move. I don’t even live in England. For much of my life I’ve had a pretty unloving attitude towards England. Growing up I regularly threw stones at members of the British army who came from England (sorry!). Yet, nonetheless, I am outraged by this barbarity. The printable sentiments flowing through my head that day and the next included such things as ‘How dare they!’ ‘How dare they bring their doctrine of hatred and murder to this part of the world!’ ‘How dare they take an innocent life with a butcher’s cleaver!’ ‘I’m so glad they caught them.’ ‘They got exactly what they deserved!’ It’s been a graphic reminder to me of just how deeply the power of hatred has been able to seep its claws into my life despite all that I have learned and loved through my encounter with God’s grace.

No doubt I’m not alone, and void of the rescue of this grace, there will be many even now who are demanding no less than reprisal and retaliation. Those who also have a following will be sharing their bile and doing what they can to whip up their hearers to go and deliver what is deserved not just to these men but to all of ‘their kind.’ It is frightening just how many angry men (or women) there are who are calling those who will listen to ‘an eye for an eye’ and ‘a tooth for a tooth!’ - though, of course, such application of the scriptures utterly misses both the original point of those words and what Jesus has to say about them.*

*In Exodus 21:24 the purpose of the phrase ‘an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth’ was not to justify retaliation but to limit it. Amongst God’s people punishment for crime was to be proportionate to that crime and no more than that. For example, as Exodus 22:1 shows, if I stole your ox you were not entitled to burn my home to the ground and kill all of my family. You were certainly entitled to compensation but not to whatever you felt like. Retribution was to be in line with wrongdoing. Thus ‘an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth.’

When it comes to Jesus’ teaching about this, it is equally fascinating to me that even this idea of fairness is no longer our standard. Matt 5:38 makes it very clear that we have been given an even higher calling than simply that of justice. I love Stanley Hauerwas’ comment that whatever Jesus intends here when he tells us to love our enemies, it probably means we shouldn’t kill them!

But amidst the broken clamor of my reaction to this event I have also been reminded again of a great truth we find in the teaching of Jesus. How is it that we can break these cycles of hatred and violence that surround us, not only in our world, but in our own communities? How is it that we can act to lay the foundation for a better, more reconciled, future for ourselves and those around us? Amidst the horror of these tragic images from London, I have been reminded that Jesus says that it is by refusing to return violence for violence and hatred for hatred and instead responding with a determination to love. It is by deciding our response to those around us not by what has been

Letter to the Editor

Is mian linn ár mbuíochas a gabháil le hOifigigh agus baill tofa Comhairle Chontae Chill Dara as ucht an chinneadh a thógadh suíomh a chur ar fáil do Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad mar chuid de Campas Oideachais ar bóthar Chill Droichid i Maigh Nuad. Is túr dóchais an chinneadh seo do thuismitheoir an 580 dalta atá cláirithe sa Gaelcholáiste. Téann feachtas an Gaelcholáiste chomh fada siar le 1979 le bhunadh Scoil Cearbhaill Uí Dhálaigh i Léim an Bhradáin. Bhunaíodh Scoil Uí Riada i gCill Coca i 1986 agus tháinig Gaelscoil Uí Fhiach i Maigh Nuad ar an bhfód i 1996. Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas a gabháil freisin do Comhairle Phobal Mhaigh Nuad gur aithin an ghéarghá don Gaelcholáiste agus a mhol go bhunófar an Gaelcholáiste mar chuid de Plean Forbartha an bhaile. Táimid ag comhoibriú lenár bPatrún, An Foras Patrúntachta ag fíoriú na fise agus ag leanúint na céimeanna chui sa proiséis. Tá riméid ar Pobal Mhaigh Nuad toisc go bhfuil deis againn anois Naíonra, Ionad Phobal, Oifigí d’Eagraíochtaí Ghaelach, Coláiste Oilíúna is áiseanna eile a fhorbairt ar an champas. Tá sé mar uailmhain againn an Ghaeltacht seo a nascadh leis an Ghaeltacht sean-bhunaithe i gCill na Creadóg.

We wish to extend our thanks to the Officials and

done to us by the sons (and daughters) of men but by what has been done for us by the Son of God who has loved us and given himself for us. (Gal 2:20)

The Apostle Paul puts it this way in Romans chp 12:17-21

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is write: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

When we speak about the ‘war on terror’, a key question for us is ‘Whose terror are we speaking about?’ Are we at war with Islamic terror or all terror? Are we fighting against the hatred of the ‘other’ and of ‘them’ or are we fighting against our own hatred too? When we return hatred for hatred, violence for violence, revenge for provocation, all we do is feed fuel to the fire of enmity that has been set amongst us. Evil for evil simply enables the circle to loop once again. Our violence in revenge, our hatred in return, our acts of terror against their acts of terror can only, and forever will only, fan the flame that destroys us both. Don’t get me wrong. I’m not saying there is never a need to use force or even to take up arms. But we will never overcome the terror of Jihadist Islam by committing acts of terror ourselves - especially against those within the wider Muslim community who are as innocent and as truly horrified by what has happened as we are. Our own history, never mind that of other nations, has clearly shown that such acts are doomed to accomplish only the opposite of what they intend.

Perhaps, then, as we continue to respond to this latest atrocity, we could be guided by another verse from Exodus whose proper meaning is absolutely without ambiguity. In Exodus 22:21 God tells his people this: “Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt.” Whether the heritage of our own slavery was in the physical land of Egypt or only in the metaphorical land of our sin, it is surely clear what our attitude and approach to the Islamic community in our midst is to be. We are to love them. So in our prayers for London, and in our own actions in response to it, let’s seek another breaking of conflict’s vicious cycle. And in the face of this latest display of evil, let us display our determination to testify to the power of good.

elected Representatives of Kildare County Council for deciding to make a site available for Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad as part of the Education Campus on the Celbridge Road. This decision confirms the hope held for many years by Parents and particularly by those Parents of the 580 students enrolled in the Gaelcholáiste that their children can now progress naturally from Primary level education through Irish to Secondary level education through Irish. They can now be assured that the benefits derived at Primary level will accrue in this natural progression to Leaving Certificate Level. The campaign to establish Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad dates back to 1979 when Parents established Scoil Cearbhaill Uí Dhálaigh in Leixlip. The need grew with the founding of Scoil Uí Riada in Kilcock in 1986 and increased with the founding of Gaelscoil Uí Fhiach in Maynooth in 1996.

We wish also to thank the members of Maynooth Community Council who recognised the need for the Gaelcholáiste and foresaw its establishment as an intricate part of the town’s future. We are working with our Patron, An Foras Patrúnachta in fulfilling the necessary requirements in advancing the project to its finality stage We are delighted that we now have the opportunity to develop An Naíonra, Ionad an Phobal, Oifigí na hEagraíochtaí Ghaelach, Coláiste Oilíúna Mhaigh Nuad and other facilities on Campus. It is our ambition that the new Gaeltacht on the Celbridge Road will join up with the long established Gaeltacht of Cill na Creadóg.

Is mise, le meas,

Colm Ó Cearúil

O.C.P.

An Coiste Bunaithe

Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad.

U3A

Early this year, Maynooth U3A members, together with local participants, were invited by Kildare Co.Co.Library and Lucina Russell, Arts Officer at Riverbank, Newbridge, to join with girls from 6th class Presentation convent school, Maynooth, to form an intergenerational choir to celebrate Bealtaine.

We agreed---with some reservations---until we were informed that the multi-talented Eimear Crehan would be our facilitator. Having worked with Eimear before, we were delighted to accept.

What followed were several fun- filled Thursdays of truly intergenerational co-operation and learning.

As we practised our pieces,---from One Direction and Jesse J to the Beatles and Neil Diamond among others --we discovered how enjoyable the current pop songs are, with the girls showing us "the moves". It was a real joy to share this project with them.

The staff at Maynooth Community Library facilitated our rehearsals with their usual goodwill and co-operation.

On May 2nd we joined Naas intergenerational choir for performance in Aula Maxima, St. Patricks College, Maynooth, and that was a very special day.

However, the highlight for us was last Thursday night May 23rd.

Our performance in Presentation Convent, Maynooth, to a full house, was received so enthusiastically we were all on a high.

As a group, we thank the organisers for inviting us to take part.

We thank Maynooth Community Library staff for their continued support of our various activities.

Above all, we thank Eimear and musical director Barry O’Farrell for their skill, good humour, and perseverance. They ensured the project became the success it was.

Helena Kirkpatrick. (PRO Maynooth U3A)

Maynooth Golf Society

Result Sheet 2013

Weekend Away to Cavan Date
17-18 / 5 / 2013

Christ Kenny Cup
Sponsored by Tess Kenny & Family
Playing Farnham & Slieve Russell

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|-----------------------|---|-----------|
| 1st Prize | Liam Farrelly | 64pts |
| 2 nd Prize | William Farrelly | 63pts |
| 3 rd Prize | Barry Desmond | 62ptsB18 |
| 4 th Prize | Jason Corscadden | 62pts |
| 5 th Prize | Sean Lennon | 61pts |
| 6 th Prize | Marty Maguire | 58pts |
| Nearest the Pin | Darren Moran | Farnham |
| Nearest the pin | Jason Corscadden | S.Russell |
| Front 18 | Darren Moran | Farnham |
| Back 18 | Eamon Murphy | S.Russell |
| 2s Club Farnham | Darren Moran Gerry McTernan | |
| 2's Club S. Russell | Liam Farrelly, Barry Desmond, Martin Shields, Jason Corscadden | |
| Visitor | Cha farrelly | |

Maynooth Golf Society's annual weekend away to Cavan playing Farnham Golf Club on Friday 17th May and Slieve Russell Golf Club on 18th May was a weekend to forget for those who played for the Christy Kenny Cup. Unfortunately the weather gods did not look favourably on the society members who on Friday at Farnham had to endure soggy underfoot conditions and a water logged course because of the previous night's rain. Then on Saturday it rained incessantly for more than 3 hours everybody got a thorough wetting to the skin, what should have been a great day's golf on a fantastic course was ruined by the conditions.

Liam Farrelly played both courses well to achieve a score of 64 points to pip his son William Farrelly on 63 points into second place, in third place was Barry Desmond with 62 points.

30 members played on the weekend away. All other prize winners are listed on the results sheet.

The prizes were presented Captain Marty Maguire at our Saturday evening dinner at the Cavan Crystal Springs Hotel and our sponsors Tess Kenny and her family were thanked for their continued support of the golf society's annual weekend away for the Christy Kenny Cup.

THE LOCKOUT THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF 1913 A TALK BY ANN MATTHEWS

Dr. Ann Matthews, an authority on early Irish 20th century history gave a very informative talk to the Maynooth History Group on May 15th in the Glenroyal Hotel. The discussion focused on The Lockout 1913, a dispute which involved over 20,000 workers but affected up to 80,000 men, women and children. The strike lasted between August 26th 1913 and January 18th 1914. Many would agree that it was the most significant and most severe industrial action ever taken in Irish history. Dr. Matthews has written both books and plays on this subject. She recently contributed to a book entitled "*Capital in Conflict*" published by Four Courts Press, the first comprehensive book concerning the subject.



Peter Nevin, Rita Edwards, Ann Matthews & Declan O'Connor

Some feel that the Lockout has been somewhat romanticised by James Plunkett's towering novel "*Strumpet City*". Dr. Matthews talk did not focus on the political or religious aspects connected with the strike but rather "within the ethos of humanitarianism." The politics of the time were not discussed unless it impinged on the story of the suffering women and children. At the time of the strike one third of Dublin's population lived in slums. Over 30,000 people lived in 15,000 tenements. The infant mortality rate was amongst the highest in Europe, with 142 deaths per 1000 births. Tuberculosis deaths were reported as 50% higher than in England or Scotland, with the vast majority of TB related deaths occurring amongst the poorer classes. The living conditions in these areas was appalling. Among the worst in Europe.

Poverty was perpetuated by the lack of skilled workers. Unskilled workers lacked any form of representation. These unskilled workers had to compete with one another for work on a daily basis, work which was not well paid. If there was no work, there was no pay. Many people availed of the "penny dinners" provided by charitable organisations in what were called "soup kitchens" or "stew houses." It is a misconception that everyone hungry were catholic, other religious communities were also finding conditions severe and turned to charitable institutions for help. One such non-denominational charity, located in Denzille Lane noted that over 27, 613 "penny dinners" were given out in 1912. When the Lockout occurred there was a steep increase in those availing of the help offered by charitable organisations.

During the Lockout, 11 food ships arrived from England between August 1913 and January 1914. These ships were sponsored by British Trade Unions. Every union member was given a food voucher. There were 12,000 official embers of the ITGWU but up to 20,000 workers were affected with a knock-on affect on 80,000 women and children. Each voucher entitled the bearer to 20 lb worth of food. The food parcel contained the following: 10lbs of potatoes, 2lb of sugar, 2lb loaf of bread, 1/4 lb of tea, 3/4 lb of butter, dried fish, jam and biscuits. The above was to feed a family of five for one week.

There was an incredible amount of pressure on Aid Committees to cope with the increasing need of the

Dublin people. Women such as Catherine Sherlock the Lady Mayoress of Dublin, Maud Gonne and Countess Markievicz supported these committees. No one is never too poor to feel humiliated queuing for food. Many did not queue out of a sense of pride but even more did not queue because they had pawned whatever they had, including their clothes and therefore did not have adequate clothes to wear to go to the food kitchens. So along with food, committees were set up to provide clothing for women and children. Committee members volunteered to deliver food vouchers to the homes of those affected but many found the conditions of the tenements to be so gruesome, they could not bring themselves to return. The food vouchers began to be seen as a currency in their own right, and a black market trade in vouchers began. A lot of vouchers were traded in the pubs. There is a case of one woman who took her husband to court because of this and he was charged with "abandonment of his children." Towards the end of the strike, money being subscribed to various charities began to dry up, there was what could be described as Lockout fatigue.

The Lockout eventually ended in January 1914. Many workers, some of whom were on the brink of starvation returned to work and signed pledges not to join any form of union. Even though the strike was not successful in achieving better pay and work conditions, the principle of workers' standing together in solidarity was established. Employers knew how damaging the Lockout had been to many commercial businesses in Dublin, many of which closed. Although centred in Dublin, the Lockout had an affect on the rest of the country. Rita Edwards spoke to the group about her findings in *The Kildare Observer* (which can now be accessed online). She found several instances in the Kildare area with a direct connection to the strike. In one case there were concerns about the shipping of cattle because the Dublin docks were been picketed. Another case concerned the transportation of flour meal because some men refused to handle the load. There is also a fabulous photo sent in by Tony Maher connecting Kildare to this issue. Mr. Maher discloses that "his grandfather Edward Maher had to close his grocery shop in Main Street, Leixlip because he gave out credit to his customers during the 1913 Larkin Strike".



Declan O'Connor & Hilda Dunne of Maynooth History Group

It is worthy to note that the numbers of people who have availed of food in the form of "soup kitchens" today (in the 100th year anniversary), has surpassed that of the numbers recorded at the time of the Lockout.



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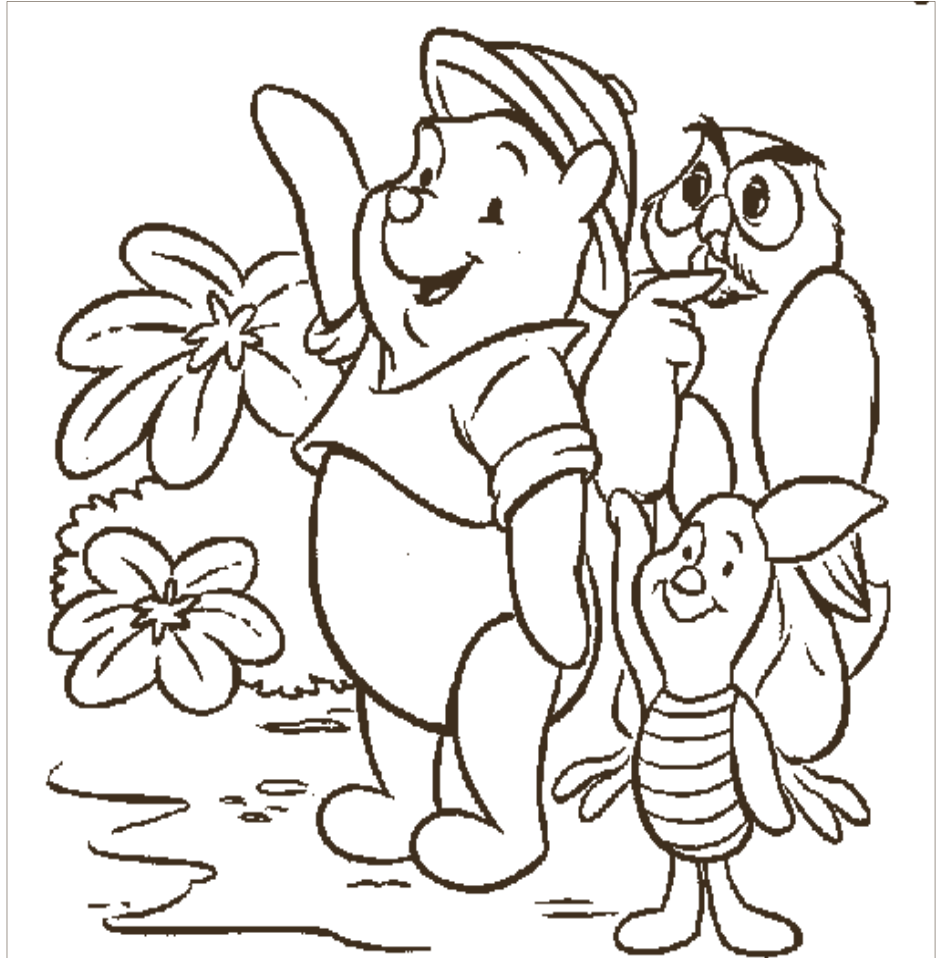
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McDonalds Children's Colouring Competition



Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

April Winners:

Age: 3 - 5: Anna O 'Flaherty, Parklands Close

Age: 6 - 7: Emily Conneely, Pagetown

Age: 8 & Over: Nina Spila McGrane, Straffan Way

Prizes for Colouring Competition can be collected at:

Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre.

Entries must arrive before: 18th June 2013

June Diary Planner

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

Community Library

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

Toastmasters

Toastmasters meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month in Glenroyal Hotel at 8pm. The meetings are very enjoyable but with a good learning input. They stop for tea half way through and end at 10pm. All visitors are welcome. Felicity Cuthbert PRO

Maynooth Musical Society

The Maynooth Musical Society are hosting The Last Five Years on the 28th, 29th, 30th of June at 8pm in the Glenroyal Hotel. For more info please like us on facebook or follow us on twitter-@maynoothmusical

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

I.C.A.

Meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour. No monthly meeting July or August, but will resume in September, however crafts will continue every Monday night until end of July at 8.00pm. New members welcome

Parent & Toddler Group

Every Thursday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. in the Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills

University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Fridays at 11am in Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills
New Members Welcome
Enquiries: Helena
Phone: 087 6717062

History Group

Meetings every last Thursday of the month in Maynooth Community Council Office Tesco Shopping Centre 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

If you would like your event put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter 01 6285053/01 6285922

JUNE GARDENING

June is an excellent month to plant a hedge for shelter or screening a garden. Choose from the deep green laurel, portuguese laurel, green privet & copper beech. Now remember to add Vitax Q4 fertilizer before planting. Existing garden hedges will benefit from a dressing of Supergrow fertiliser now & again this month, this will encourage strong growth. Weeds are thriving so keep on top of them. Carry on removing moss from paths & driveways. Watch out for slugs & snails.



Prune spring flowering shrubs & perennials. Plants in pots should be watered regularly & not allowed to dry out. Deadhead spent flowers from containers & beds & feed them all occasionally with liquid feed. Keep spraying roses with fungicide to ward against black spot & mildew. Do this in the evening to avoid harming the bees. Repeat every fortnight until the Autumn. Tie in climbing & rambling roses horizontally this encourages more production as fewer side-shoots are produced.

For next years' spring & winter bedding (Pansies, Wallflowers etc) plant between now & July. Cut back spreading & trailing plants such as Alyssum & Aubrietia to encourage fresh growth & new flowers. Sow annuals such as Cornflowers, Larkspur & night Scented Stock. Summer flowering try double Begonias. They can be planted now into planters & beds for a mass of colour. These are easy to grow & flower from June to early Winter. To change the colour of your Hydrangeas, apply hydrangea colorant granules to the base of your existing plant. Simply sprinkle around the root base & water.



Summer bedding plants to try are French marigolds, petunias, Mimulus, Red Salvia, Lobelias & White Alyssum for lots of colour this summer. Winter Pansies can also be planted now. Border plants including Lupins, Hostas, Penstemons, Delphiniums & Geraniums can be planted now for instant colour this summer.

Don't forget your lawn. Mow little and often. Left too long between the cuts & the job becomes hard, so mow weekly if possible. Try to add grass clippings to the compost heap in shallow layers. A huge pile will only turn shiny & spoil your compost. Don't let newly laid lawns dry out in hot weather. Water the lawn in the evenings. Move conservatory plants outdoors during warm days but bring inside when the temperature falls at night. Damp down the floor in the greenhouse to increase humidity.



Keep all fruit well watered, mulching with organic matter will help reduce water loss & keep down the weeds too. Many vegetables can still be grown from seed this month. Carrots, lettuces, spinach, salad leaves, radishes, spring onions & leeks. Sow salads in short runs every fortnight to ensure a continuous crop. Plant out brassicas such as Brussels sprouts, winter cabbage & sprouting broccoli & grow short term crops such as Lettuces & Radishes between them to maximise the space. Plant out tomato plants with a 4ft cane for support. Remember to water regularly. Keep pinching out the side shoots as soon as they appear on cord-on (single stemmed) tomato varieties.

French & runner bean plants at the bottom of 8ft canes in rows or wigwams. Mulch with grass clippings or compost to help retain moisture & keep well watered in dry spells. Earth up potatoes again—this prevents sunlight getting to the tubers. Start to harvest first earlies when the flowers are over—only lift what you need. Potash is important for all fruiting plants. Apply sulphate of Potash to all fruiting plants now. Potash is beneficial to apples, pears, plums & cherries.



Thin out, cut back or divide excessive new growth on aquatic plants & tidy up the bog garden. Water lilies are big feeders—feed with a slow-release fertiliser tablet (place in the soil around the base of the plant). Remove excessive duckweed with a net. A layer of this will suffocate other water plants. Re-fill the pond regularly to compensate for evaporation. Do this bit by bit to prevent the water from cooling down too much. Waterside plants need regular watering too. For a more natural looking pond you can grow yellow iris, loosestrife, rush, fern, hosta or reed mace. Plant these bog plants in the same way as you would plant perennials in the border.

Don't forget the visitors that come into the garden. Put out a little extra feed for the birds & hedgehogs - warm overly dry weather can mean there's a lot less natural food available for these animals. Fill up any bird baths & feeders as often as you can. Why not leave a bowl of water out for the hedgehogs as well. Hedgehogs prefer cat/dog food. Its better for them than bread & milk.



A man of words & not deeds, is like a garden full of weeds!!!



Congratulations to Maynooth Town U9's Winners of the Leydens Cup 2012/3, beating Balcadden FC 3:1. Back Row from left to right - Darragh Healy, Jack Gilligan, Finn O'Regan, Cian Mullen, Patrick McNally, Ultan Dolan. Front Row from left to right - Lucas Durcan, Dara McHale, Cian Gallagher, Ryan McHale, Robbie Wall.

Maynooth Town Football Club - Weekly Lotto Results 2013

| W/End | Numbers | Jackpot | 3 x €35 Winners |
|--------|-------------|---------|--|
| 24-Mar | 9,10,12,28 | €1,550 | Trish Mulchrone - Collette Kavanagh - S Mc Gibbon |
| 31-Mar | 1,7,9,15 | €1,600 | Andrea Geraghty - Evan Duff - Eunice Kerrison |
| 07-Apr | 7,15,21,25 | €1,650 | Caroline Mc Cabe - Alan Tighe - Tom Nestor |
| 14-Apr | 10,12,15,16 | €1,700 | Emer Hewson - Aidan Dempsey - Ollie Geoghan |
| 21-Apr | 14,16,19,20 | €1,750 | Frank Cullen - Breda Gorey - Colette Kavanagh |
| 28-Apr | 9,11,18,27 | €1,800 | Liz Green - Lorraine Dunne - Betty Byrne |
| 05-May | 2,4,14,26 | €1,850 | B, J & D Penny - Maurice Byrne - Dan Bradley |
| 12-May | 3,8,10,20 | €1,900 | Noel Wade - Jason Reilly - Nuala Mc Tiernan |
| 19-May | 11,18,19,24 | €1,950 | Marie Furlong - Kevin Galligan - Jim's Shoe Repair |

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Camp 1 - 1st - 5th July 2013 – Camp 2 - 19th - 23rd August 2013

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Contact: Ann Monaghan 0864076148

e-mail: ann.monaghan65@gmail.com

Leinster Senior League 2012/13

| LSL Sunday Major (Final Table) | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | Saturday Div 2 | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| Dublin University | 22 | 14 | 3 | 5 | 44 | 21 | 45 | Laytown United | 21 | 13 | 3 | 5 | 62 | 37 | 42 |
| St John Bosco | 22 | 11 | 8 | 3 | 51 | 19 | 41 | Maynooth Town | 22 | 12 | 4 | 6 | 42 | 36 | 40 |
| Fairview CY | 22 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 51 | 34 | 41 | Park Celtic | 20 | 9 | 2 | 9 | 50 | 40 | 29 |
| Hyde Park | 22 | 10 | 3 | 9 | 47 | 42 | 33 | Ratoath Harps | 22 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 43 | 36 | 29 |
| Maynooth Town | 22 | 10 | 2 | 10 | 48 | 38 | 32 | Rathfarnham Punters | 21 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 47 | 37 | 28 |
| Mid Sutton/Schalke | 22 | 9 | 3 | 10 | 31 | 42 | 30 | Fairview CYM | 19 | 9 | 1 | 9 | 44 | 41 | 28 |
| Enniskerry YC | 22 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 28 | 33 | 27 | Parkvale Fc | 22 | 8 | 1 | 13 | 36 | 54 | 25 |
| Tullamore Town | 22 | 8 | 3 | 11 | 34 | 36 | 24 | Kilnamanagh Fc | 21 | 6 | 3 | 12 | 38 | 53 | 21 |
| Fettercairn Youth Fc | 22 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 30 | 50 | 21 | Blessington Fc | 20 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 27 | 40 | 20 |
| Ballyoulster Utd | 22 | 3 | 2 | 17 | 24 | 52 | 11 | Knockmitten United | 20 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 36 | 67 | 18 |
| Parkvale Fc | 22 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 15 | 83 | 8 | Ballyoulster United | 22 | 3 | 5 | 14 | 32 | 69 | 14 |

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| Maynooth Town | 2 | 5 | Hyde Park | Thu 16 May 13 | Rathfarnham Punters | 0 | 0 | Blessington Fc | Sat 18 May 13 |
| Parkvale Fc | 0 | 9 | St John Bosco | Thu 16 May 13 | Fairview CYM | 4 | 1 | Knockmitten United | Tue 14 May 13 |
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| Hyde Park | 3 | 0 | Tullamore Town | Sun 12 May 13 | Maynooth Town | 4 | 1 | Rathfarnham Punters | Sat 11 May 13 |
| St John Bosco | 3 | 0 | Dublin University | Fri 10 May 13 | Park Celtic | 3 | 0 | Rathfarnham Punters | Thu 09 May 13 |
| Fairview CY | 4 | 1 | Swords Celtic | Fri 10 May 13 | Knockmitten United | 2 | 3 | Maynooth Town | Thu 09 May 13 |
| Swords Celtic | 3 | 0 | Mid Sutton/Schalke | Tue 07 May 13 | Ballyoulster United | 2 | 1 | Fairview CYM | Thu 09 May 13 |
| Hyde Park | 6 | 0 | Parkvale Fc | Tue 07 May 13 | Blessington Fc | 1 | 2 | Maynooth Town | Sat 04 May 13 |
| St John Bosco | 1 | 1 | Tullamore Town | Tue 07 May 13 | Fairview CYM | 1 | 0 | Parkvale Fc | Sat 04 May 13 |
| Dublin University | 2 | 0 | Maynooth Town | Tue 07 May 13 | Blessington Fc | 0 | 4 | Fairview CYM | Mon 29 Apr 13 |

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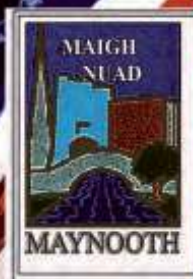
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Minister for Education opens new Library at NUIM

Ruairi Quinn declared the new library at NUIM open on Thursday 13th June and he also launched the Strategic Plan for the University. Speaking to a large group of people assembled for the occasion, he gave a speech clearly delivered by a man who was well read in his brief. Among those present was Baroness O'Loan, chairperson of the Governing Authority who also spoke praising the wonderful new building. The President of NUIM, Philip Nolan, also praised all of those who were involved in planning the 'student-friendly' environment.



L/R Minister Ruairi Quinn, Baroness Nuala O'Loan, & Muireann Ni Bhrolchain



L/R Minister Ruairi Quinn, Professor Philip Nolan, President NUI Maynooth, Cathal McCauley, Librarian NUI Maynooth, Baroness Nuala O'Loan, Chairperson NUI Maynooth Governing Authority

Farewell!



Brian and some of the staff of the Maynooth Newsletter enjoying a farewell lunch at O'Neill's Pub Maynooth



Presentation to Brian from Executive Committee Members
L-R: Adrienne Flynn, Andrew McMullon, Muireann Ni Bhrolchain, Brian Curtis, Tom McMullon and Susan Durack

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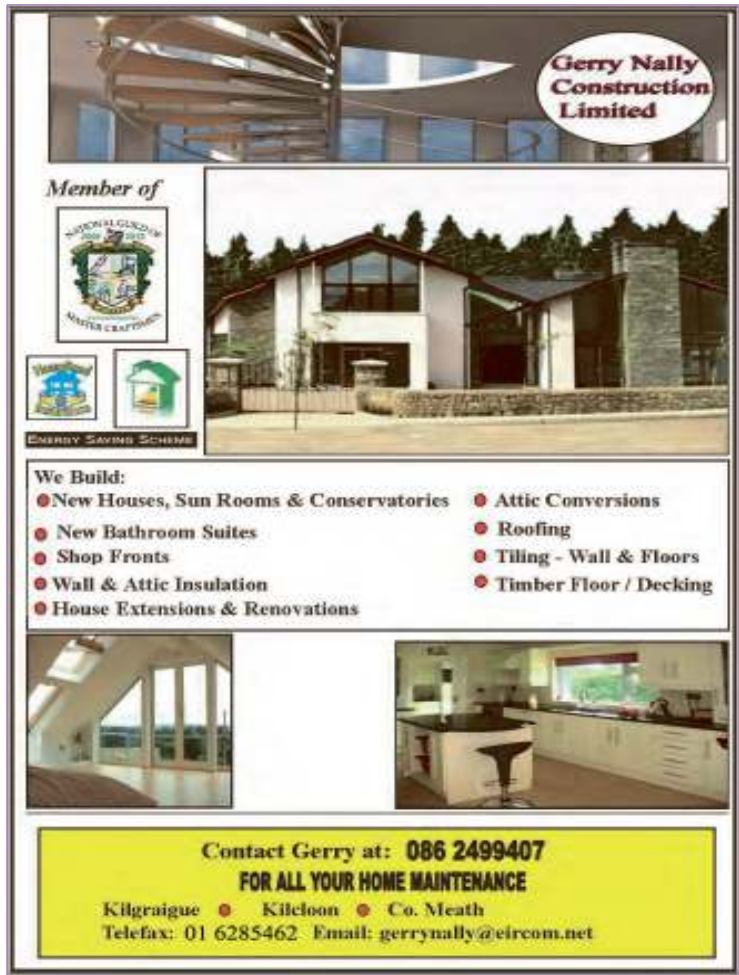




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Feral kittens can be seen

everywhere. They are brought into us at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic with sore eyes, sneezing, coughing and showing symptoms of cat flu. These kittens have lungs the size of the top of your thumb so any injury to this organ so early in life will have a chronic affect later on. We had a call from a local doctor recently informing us he could not go on his house calls as he heard a kitten meowing when he started the car engine. We gave him advice of how to entice the kitten out of the engine and it took 2 days for the little fellow to appear! Not all kittens are so lucky! Stray tom cats can cause serious problems in areas because of their ability to not only mate but also to spread disease and to bully the local cat population.

We advise to neuter your dog, male and female from 6 months of age and cats from 5 months. Male dogs that are castrated are happier, more content and less agitated than

those that are not. Some owners are of the opinion that the operation changes their pet's character. This is not the case!

The only disadvantage is a tendency, in some breeds of dogs especially Labradors, is to put on weight. This can be managed through diet and exercise.

Female dogs on average come in season twice a year and obviously attract a lot of unwanted attention. This can make your dog's life a misery for 3 weeks every twice a year. Thus spaying (hysterectomy) is the easier option. Female dogs spayed early have a considerably reduced risk of developing mammary tumours in comparison to those that are not. Older intact females can develop a



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Editorial

Present Executive of Maynooth Community Council
Chairperson: Tom McMullon, **Vice-chairperson:** Adrienne Flynn, **Secretary:** Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, **Treasurer:** Andrew McMullon, **P.R.O.:** Susan Durack

Education in all shapes and forms was in the news for most of the last month. Apart from the obvious like examinations in the College and students getting their results and the Leaving Certificate candidates sitting their exams there are other concerns in this sphere. Minister Ruairi Quinn has been in the news for many reasons both good and bad. He visited the North Kildare Constituency on a number of occasions in June and one of those visits brought him to the University. The photographs on the cover of this issue show him opening the new Library at NUIM. He also launched the new Strategic Plan for the University that will bring the institution to the year 2017. On Thursday afternoon, 13th June, he was joined by Philip Nolan, President of NUIM, Cathal McCauley, Librarian and Baroness O'Loan, Chairperson of the Governing Authority in opening the Library and launching the Plan. All three speakers addressed the need for education to help us get out the economic difficulties we are encountering. There was a very big crowd in attendance to hear the speeches including local politicians Emmet Stagg and Bernard Durkan along with John McGinley and Senan Griffin. There were members of the library staff, teaching staff, members of the Governing Authority as well as designers, architects and others involved in the planning of the incredibly impressive building in which the State invested €20 million. In another few years it is possible that such a beautiful space would not be built as learning becomes more and more dependant on technology and E-learning. It is completely student-orientated and they are praising it already. There is a wonderful view of the spire of St Patrick's College from an angle that would never have been possible without this library building. It shows an understanding of space and of architecture that is relatively rare. Congratulations to all of those involved and long may the students, staff and the town indeed, enjoy this great facility and space. The President warned against short-term thinking in higher education policy, and argued for an emphasis on the long-term needs of individuals and society. He said: *"The last thing we need in Irish higher education is a misdirected and ill-conceived shift in education and research policy to meet the immediate needs of the economy. The students entering our universities now will work until 2060 and live until 2080. Our role is to ensure our graduates have intellectual skills and attributes that last a lifetime, and allow them to approach any challenge with clarity and confidence. Equally it is essential that we maintain a broad base of research of international quality, as we simply don't know from where the next great intellectual and technological advances are going to arise, nor do we know what advanced skills and capacities will be essential to our economy and society in 20 or 30 years' time."*

The Minister's speech was well received by those present. He may be criticized in other areas as will be seen; his vision for higher education was welcomed by those present. He mentioned the importance of literature, history and critical thinking and said: *"There has been much comment of late about the types of graduates needed to help return our country to prosperity, and I am particularly pleased to see the focus that NUI Maynooth's Strategic Plan provides on creating graduates who can think critically. I welcome the long-term view that the University has taken. I too am firmly of the view that education is for life, and while there is much that needs to be addressed and reformed within the system, I am always conscious that the purpose of any reform is to improve outcomes for students."*

Community Council Notes

The Maynooth Community Council meeting was held on 10th June in the Glenroyal Hotel.

The secretary reported on recent developments in staffing in the MCC Office. The retirement of Brian Curtis, Maynooth Community Council Office Manager was marked by words of thanks and appreciation by members of the Committee. During his five years he ran the office with what seemed like effortless efficiency, calmness and friendliness. Richard Farrell of Maynooth Tidy Towns concurred with the remarks and wished Brian well in the future. MCC Executive and John Doogan marked Brian's retirement with a modest celebration in the office. There was an additional surprise when Gerry Quinn of the Maynooth Post Primary School Parents' Association arrived and presented Brian with a token of their appreciation of his work in the *Newsletter* on their behalf.

The committee welcomed and expressed their congratulations to Mr. John Doogan as the incoming Manager who, under the newly formed FAS Community Employment Scheme, will have an extended role with responsibility for the office and the Canal/Harbour employees. John has been living in

The Minister added: *"The University's focus on collaboration is also to be commended, and the successful integration of Froebel College into NUI Maynooth is an exemplar for the sector. Education has been one of the great drivers of our modernity and relative prosperity over the last two generations. Recognition of this productivity will not be maintained into the future unless institutions rise to the challenges that have been laid down – working together to achieve the national objectives in education while maintaining their diversity, distinctiveness and capacity for innovation."*

The revamping of the Junior Certificate was also a matter in educational circles recently and many welcome the changes. However, he has been criticized for no longer having history mandatory. History is really the centre of learning about who we are anywhere on the planet. The subject has been sadly neglected in certain areas. Despite the huge improvements and research carried out in the pre-Viking and pre-Norman period when Ireland was mainly an Irish-speaking and independent entity, this has not been carried into the first and second level teaching. Medieval Ireland is still an unknown to most Irish people; to the shock of many international students who attend the College. Therefore, the inaccuracies about St Patrick's arrival and his mission, the 'myth' of the Battle of Clontarf, the lie of the 'Island of Saints and Scholars' are still perpetuated. It is high time that this and early Irish literature, as stories and not as history, are taught at first and second level.

The Minister was in less easy territory later in the month when the cuts/ reductions in the Special Needs Assistants came to light, at the end of the school term. This story still has many strands to be followed and will be discussed again here.

Tá fáilte agus fiche roimh litreacha ar gach saghas ábhar anseo agus go deimhin ní bhíonn ár ndóthain litreacha ar fail. Bá bhreá linn bhuir dtuairimí a léamh agus a fhoilsiú, go háirithe mura n-aontaíonn sibh leis na tuairimí luaithe anseo. Ach ba mhaith leis an nuachtán a shoiléiriú, nach gá go n-aontaíonn na tuairimí sna litreacha le tuairimí na Comhairle fiú má shuinn an scríbhneoir ar an gComhairle. The *Newsletter* welcomes letters to the editor on whatever topic. The editorial board would like to point out that the opinions expressed by letter-writers are not necessarily those of MCC even if the writer is a member of the Council.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

Maynooth for many years and has been involved in a number of local organisations. He was Chairman of the Maynooth Community Council a number of years ago and was involved in the Royal Canal Amenity Group. The committee wished John well in his new role. The scheme now has a maximum of 35 workers which under FAS rules allows MCC to seek a post for an assistant supervisor. This will begin immediately.

There followed the reports from the MCC sub-committees

Senior Citizens : The Bealtaine Tea Dance was a great success and the next Tea dance will be held on Sunday 16th June.

Scouts: As usual the scouts have a busy schedule. The Kerdiffstown work continues all summer. They assisted at the Post Primary 10k run. They will help out at the 150th anniversary of Ladychapel Church celebration. Beavers and Cubs will be busy in June and July.

Educate Together: The school Fair was successfully raised €1,300 in funds. Newly hatched ducks were on display – not so little now by all accounts. A new school logo was selected which comprises a silhouette image showing children doing various activities. The beauty of the design is that the logo images can be used separately if required. Parents, students, staff voted with 100 of the possible 285 votes going for the silhouette image. The sports day was a great success and well attended. The first 6th class will be leaving this year. All pupils will be attending the Post Primary School.

Tidy Towns: The Saturday and Sunday morning and Wednesday evening clean up continues. The Tidy Towns group was involved in helping with the 10k run. The annual collection was held. Hanging baskets and floral displays were attended to. The application for this year's Tidy Towns Competition has gone in. An information board has been placed at the Harbour. In preparation for the Irish Open new Maynooth Town name stones will be placed just before Carton and at Blacklion. An information board will be placed in Carton. Richard Farrell thanked Rev. Keith McCrory of the Community Church for their assistance with clean up at Straffan Wood.

Local History: A recent talk in the Glenroyal Hotel by Anne Matthews on *The Women and Children of the 1913 Lockout* was an interesting and informative night and was very well attended. There will be a talk at the end of August on the Great Earl of Kildare, Garret Mór (1487-1513) in celebration of his 400th anniversary.

Teenspace: activities will resume in September
Maynooth Harvest Gathering Festival: Plans are going reasonably well. It is envisaged that representatives and possibly one or two music groups will come and take part in the Festival.

Local Matters:

Rezoning of land on the Celbridge Road

A question was raised in relation to the rezoning of land for a gaelcholaiste on the Celbridge Road. The question arose out of a letter that appeared in the *Liffey Champion* and *Maynooth Newsletter* which gave the impression that the land was already given to the school. It was clarified that the land has been rezoned for educational purposes only and not been allocated to any particular school.

Canet signage in Maynooth

The Chairman Tom McMullon is endeavouring through Kildare County Council to have twinning signs erected around Maynooth. Some Canet visitors have come to Maynooth and were surprised and disappointed at the lack of signage. Canet has signs to indicate the twinning with Maynooth. It is aimed to have these

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Answer

On 8 March 2013 the amount of [parental leave](#) available to each parent per eligible child increased from 14 weeks to 18 weeks.

If your child is still under 8 years of age, then you can take the extra 4 weeks.

Taking parental leave does not affect your other employment rights. Apart from the loss of pay and pension contributions, your position remains as if no parental leave had been taken. This means, for example, that time spent on parental leave can be used to accumulate your annual leave entitlement. A [public holiday](#) that falls while you are on parental leave and on a day when you would normally be working is added to your period of leave.

Since 8 March 2013, when you return to work after taking parental leave, you are entitled to ask for a change in your work pattern or working hours for a set period. Your employer must consider your request but is not obliged to grant it.

Note:

In the case of a child with a disability or a long-term illness, parental leave may be taken up to the child's 16th birthday

An extension may also be allowed where illness or other incapacity prevented the employee taking the leave within the normal period

If a child was adopted between the ages of 6 and 8, leave in respect of that child may be taken up to 2 years after the date of the adoption order

Both parents have an equal separate entitlement to parental leave. Unless you and your partner work for the same employer, you can only claim your own parental leave entitlement (up to 18 weeks per child). If you both work for the same employer, and your employer agrees, you may transfer 14 weeks of your parental leave entitlement to each other. Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Contacting State Agencies

Question

We are about to move house. Do I have to let the Department of Social Protection know our new address?

Answer

If you are getting a payment from the Department, including Child Benefit, then you should let them know your new address.

You can send your change of address to them using the [online form on welfare.ie](#) or you can write to them. You can get the postal address for whichever social welfare payment you are getting either from any [social welfare local office](#) or from the State services section of the telephone directory.

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In the same way, if you are dealing with any other State agency and need to tell them your new address you can find details of contact addresses in the telephone directory or online.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Tax on Maternity Benefit

Question

I am going on maternity leave in September. How will the new income tax on Maternity Benefit affect our family income?

Answer

From 1 July 2013, [Maternity Benefit](#), [Adoptive Benefit](#) and [Health and Safety Benefit](#) will be taxable in full. Universal Social Charge (USC) and PRSI will not be deducted from these payments.

Tax on these payments will not be deducted 'at source' by the Department of Social Protection (DSP). Instead, as part of the ongoing exchange of information arrangements between Revenue and the DSP, Revenue will receive the payment details which will be updated onto their records.

If you pay tax through the PAYE system, Revenue will arrange, where possible, to have your annual tax credits and cut-off point reduced by the amount of these payments.

Your employer will be notified of the adjusted tax credits and cut-off points on employer tax credit certificates.

As you will not be returning to work until after the end of the current tax year, you should ask Revenue for a P21 Balancing Statement of your tax deductions for 2013 in the early months of next year. Depending on how much tax you have paid so far this year, you may still be entitled to a refund.

The address of your local Revenue office is printed on your tax credit certificate, or on any correspondence issued to you from Revenue. You can also find it through the [Contact Locator](#) on the Revenue Homepage. If you are registered with [PAYE Anytime](#), you can request a P21 online.

If you choose to have your Maternity Benefit paid to your employer, who then continues to pay your normal weekly wage, you may be entitled to a PRSI refund: Contact your social welfare local office or download the [Refund of PRSI Contributions Application form PRSIREF 1](#), from [welfare.ie](#).

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erected before the Festival .

Future development of Maynooth Post Primary School

The meeting was informed that a number of representatives and parents from all the local schools met with Mr. Ruairi Quinn, Minister for Education and Skills to put the case for a junior/senior model. It was a very encouraging meeting and the feedback was very positive.

Dangerous Roads

Cars are still being parked outside Manor Mills on the feeder lane to the underground car park. This is a dangerous situation.

It was reported that the traffic coming out on to the Main Street from the Lane at the lights is a hazard. It was agreed that traffic emerging from there is dangerous. It was suggested that a change in the traffic light timings might improve the flow of traffic and therefore decrease the use of the Lane. Residents in the area have voted against making the Lane pedestrian only.

Canal cycle and pedestrian walk way

The meeting was reminded that approval has been given for a 10ft wide cycle and pedestrian walk way along the Canal which will extend to Mullingar.

The Fourth of July



The 4th of July is a very important celebration in America. It is celebrated with fireworks and parties. It is known as Independence Day because it was on July 4th 1776, that members of the Second Continental Congress adopted the final draft of the Declaration of Independence. Due to the strong relationship America has with countries throughout the world, the holiday is now celebrated worldwide, Ireland is no exception. Last year the town of New Ross in Co. Wexford held its first Irish America Day. For New Ross, the connection is very strong. Patrick Kennedy and Bridget Murphy, John F. Kennedy's great-grandparents emigrated from New Ross.

Celebrations will be held throughout the country. The National Concert Hall is hosting a 4th of July celebration with Diane Reeves "Queen of American Song". U.S. Ambassador Dan Rooney and his wife Mrs. Patricia Rooney will host an Irish American Flag Football Classic at their Residence in the Phoenix Park in Dublin. Over 2000 guests are expected to attend the Independence Day celebrations. Team rosters for the game will include embassy diplomats and Marines, local Gaelic football, rugby and soccer players. Croke Park has constructed an American Football field which includes bleachers, American football posts and giant television screens for live coverage and play-backs. Intel and Hewlett Packard have brought a lot of Americans to our community and to those and all our American readers we wish them a Happy 4th of July.

Maynooth Senior Citizens' Committee

Well here we are in July again and we will complete our half year activities with a Tea-Dance on Sunday July 21st, after which we will take a break. Our morning club will close on Tuesday July 30th and will re-open on Tuesday September 3rd. The week's break in Kerdiffstown has been deferred and will now commence on Sunday August 25th.

Many thanks to all in the community for your continued support and I hope you have a wonderful holiday wherever you are.

Finally, may I extend the sympathy of our committee to the Nolan family on the death of Pat. To them she was a wonderful Wife, Mother and Grandmother, to us she was a loyal committee member, colleague and friend. Her untimely passing leaves a void in so many lives and in so many areas in our community. Ar dheis de go raibh a anam.

Josephine Moore.
Chairperson.

Childminders' Advisory Service

The Childminders' Advisory Service provides a support system for Childminders who cater for three or less pre-school children in their own home. Childminders in this category are exempt from the Child Care (Pre-School services Regulations) 2006 and heretofore had no statutory support or input.

Voluntary Notification

Childminders caring for three or fewer pre-school children can voluntarily notify their local Childminder Advisory Officer that they are providing a Childminding service in their own home.

The benefits of voluntary notification include:

- Childminders have their work valued and their contribution to the childcare sector recognised
- Have names included on a list for parents (optional)
- Avail of training, networking and other opportunities
- Avail of financial supports such as the Childminder Grant Scheme and the €15,000 Childminder Tax Exemption

Remove the isolation often experienced by Childminders.

The Childminders' Advisor provides:

- A free support system for Childminders and prospective Childminders.
- Promotes voluntary notification of Childminders.
- Provides advisory visits to Childminders' homes,
- Hosts information and training for Childminders

Provides a list of childminders for parents (with childminders' permission)

A six week introductory programme for Childminders/Prospective Childminders will be hosted in Scoil Dara, Kilcock commencing Monday September 23rd 2013, 7.30 – 9.30 pm. Advance booking to the Childminders' Advisory Service is advisable.

The Childminders' Advisory Service for Co. Kildare is located at Maynooth Health Centre, Leinster St. Maynooth Phone: 01.6106147. Email: bridie.clancy@hse.ie be hosted in Scoil Dara, Kilcock commencing Monday September 23rd 2013, 7.30 – 9.30 pm. Advance booking to the Childminders' Advisory Service is advisable.

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Maynooth Tidy Towns

We have been very busy over the past month replanting flower beds and painting bollards and fences.

Our hanging baskets and the Square floral displays have prompted very favourable comments.

We ask all Residents Associations to make a special effort to beautify and keep their areas tidy.

Richard Farrell PRO
Maynooth Tidy Towns

Our Lady's Childrens Hospital Crumlin Fundraiser

Barry Smith will be hosting a fundraising night in aid of Our Lady's Children's Hospital on Saturday 6th of July at 8pm in Bradys, Main Street, Maynooth. Barry is well known in Maynooth, as well as working in the library he runs the local Wing Tsun classes in the Community Space, Manor Mills Shopping Centre. Barry is also an accomplished singer and will be singing Frank Sinatra classics on the night.

A big turn out on the night will ensure a fun night for everyone but more importantly it will ensure lots of money for such a worthy cause.

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Zero 2 Hero



St. Mary's Boy's National School proudly presented an original musical production "Zero 2 Hero", written, produced and directed by Mr. Noel Davis. Mr. Davis was ably assisted by a team of talented teachers. The communal spirit and enthusiasm shown by teachers and students alike epitomised what is good about St. Mary's School.

The teachers and parents work together giving many hours of voluntary effort to make the childrens' lives more enjoyable. The team did a wonderful job in designing, preparing and painting the sets, vibrant costumes, make-up etc. The young cast gave a towering performance. From the very first song, a thunderous rendition of The Script's "Hall of Fame", the student's enthusiasm is unbounded. Their resounding voices shook the roof. The



story is about a young boy (played by Alex Mooney age 10) who dreams of becoming a Super Hero, to the amusement of his friends and family. He gets his chance when the Super Hero Academy starts recruiting from Primary Schools. His dream comes true, but he soon finds out that dreams may not always be what you hope for. All the cast gave wonderful energetic performances. Just

looking at the teachers encouraging the students from the sidelines was inspirational, their will to see the students do well was almost palpable. To quote Twitterman (played by Morgan Dunne age 10) it was "AmazeBalls".

Congratulations and well done to cast, parents and teachers for such a wonderful production.



ASK SHARON THE STYLIST!!



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Are you are wondering what season you are?

A guideline is to look at your first Impression in the mirror, what do you see?

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Summer: Light Fair Colouring OR Mellow/ Blended Look, With No Contrast OR Grey Look, Rich & Cool.

Autumn: Golden Look, Rich & Warm OR Mellow/ Blended Look, With No Contrast OR Strong Intense Look

Winter: Dark Contrast between Hair & Skin Tone OR Strong Intense Look OR Grey Look, Rich & Cool. By studying your skin tone, hair and eye colour I will be able to determine what season you are and which colours work best for your complexion. This is one area covered in a Colour Consultation which is part of your Image Consultation, for more information please contact me directly on 087 9962459 or my Office number 01 6016295

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IRELAND'S FIRST NICHE IRISH SPANISH LAW FIRM HAS ITS LAUNCH IN MAYNOOTH

Blasco Quinn Solicitors & Notary Public are Ireland's newest niche Irish Spanish law firm to open its doors in Ireland. The new law firm has been founded by accomplished law professionals in their respective fields Donal Quinn and Alvaro Blasco. Between them they have over 40 years experience in Irish and Spanish law, and felt the time was right to merge their respective law firms in order to provide a one stop shop for all Irish and Spanish legal issues. Over 70 people attended the launch at Carton House, Co. Kildare last night to hear Senior Partners Alvaro Blasco and Donal Quinn highlight what makes their new law firm stand out from the crowd.

"We have a very clear message" said Donal Quinn whose own particular area of experience and expertise includes Personal Injuries, Insurance law and Probate in Ireland. "We are the only niche Irish Spanish law firm of its kind. We aim to be the leading niche law firm offering first class service and advice at an affordable cost. We already have new business coming through the door along with all of our own existing clients. Just like our clients we are very excited about our new venture which defines us as a law firm which will stand out from the crowd"

Alvaro Blasco a qualified Solicitor in Spain (Abogado), a solicitor and Notary Public in Ireland well understands that Irish people living in Ireland sometimes find it difficult to deal with the complexity of a foreign legal system and has been helping Irish clients here on all aspects of Spanish law since setting up his own firm in 2006. Commenting on the merger Alvaro Blasco said "With our new practice Donal and I will focus on what we do best, in my case providing clear solutions for clients in order to resolve their Spanish legal issues, whether it is making sure they understand the importance of having something as simple as a Spanish Will in place, or navigating them through a complex Spanish probate case. We are delighted at the positive response so far to our merger"

The merger of Blasco Quinn Solicitors will allow the firm to offer its full range of Irish, Spanish legal services and Notary service to a wider client base and develop its professional relationships already held with many other law firms nationwide.

For more information visit www.blascoquinn.ie or Tel 01 629 3886

Photo: L-R Donal Quinn, Alvaro Blasco



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In order to enhance the collaboration between Maynooth and our twin town in France Canet-en-Roussillon. Maynooth Community Council have added a page to our website www.maynooth.info and click on Canet Information Exchange Link. Anyone wishing to share suitable information with the residents of Canet should contact the Community Council Office by e-mail at maynoothcc@eircom.net placing Canet Information Exchange in the subject title.



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Maynooth in the Sunshine



Joyce Denny's once wrote "Living in a small town...is like living in a large family of rather uncongenial

relations. Sometimes it's fun and sometimes it's perfectly awful, but it is always good for you". Maynooth is a beautiful and charming town. Over the last couple of weeks, our town like the trees and hanging baskets has bloomed. In the sunshine people are walking about in vibrantly bright clothes with even brighter vibrant smiles. Community spirit is high, people stopping to chat with each other; there is a sense of camaraderie. Despite the doom and

gloom or our national economy, people appear less stressed.



Schools are coming to a close for the summer holidays and the efforts of the school year has come to fruition, end of year revues showcase the talent of our children. The effort of the Tidy Towns volunteers in association with local




businesses, show in the beautiful planting and maintenance of hanging baskets and beds throughout the town. Local

businesses add to the summer flavour, shop-fronts look pristine. Restaurants have beautiful seating outside their establishments which add a Mediterranean flavour to our town. There is a relaxed hustle and bustle in the town. People are taking advantage of our beautiful walks and surrounding countryside. There is a romantic sense of nostalgia in the air. The



Irish Open brought the world's attention onto our beautiful little town and we have done ourselves proud. We should be proud of our unique little university town, and keep the spirit of the last few weeks going.



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Leaving Certificate Exam Students at Maynooth Post Primary

The weather was a scorcher for the Maths Paper 2 for Miss Miley's students. The students were well prepared for the exam and were pleased with the paper, saying there were no surprises.

We wish all the Maynooth Students the best and fingers crossed results wise.



L/R Daniel Ffrench, Neil Flannery, Brendan Sheridan, and Ryan Clancy

RIAC PIONEER RUN 2013 (Royal Irish Automobile Club)



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Year 1910 Model T Ford
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Canada Day is the national day of Canada, it falls on the 1st of July, a federal statutory holiday celebrating the fact that in 1867, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick & the Province of Canada were united into one single country. This union was a result of the Constitution Act which granted Canada a great deal of independence from England. Over the course of a century, Canada gradually shed its dependence on the United Kingdom. It was originally called Dominion Day up to 1982, when it became fully independent, the same year that Canada Day became an official holiday.

Canada Day took decades to catch on due to the fact that many early Canadians identified themselves as British. It was not until Canada's "golden" anniversary in 1917, that an official celebration was recorded. The next set of Canada Day festivities did not occur until a trooping of the colour on Parliament Hill. The first country-wide celebrations was in 1967, Canada's 100th anniversary. From that point on, Canada Day grew & evolved to become the widespread commercial holiday it is today.



Canada Day is celebrated with fireworks, concerts, cookouts and sports games. Canada's capital, Ottawa, Ontario, hosts the most holiday activities. Countless events, activities, parades & festivals are found throughout the city in the streets, parks & museums. Fireworks are launched from Parliament Hill to conclude a day of patriotic festivities. Ceremonies for citizenship for new citizens also takes place on this day.



FOOD FOR CANADIAN DAY



Salad with Maple Pork & Brie Dressing

4 - 6 servings

Ingredients

Salad with Maple Pork and Brie Dressing
2 tablespoons (30 ml) maple syrup
1 tablespoon (15 ml) canola oil
1/4 cup (60 ml) cranberry juice
1 French shallot, chopped
1 Freshly ground pepper
1 pound (450 g) pork tenderloin
4 cups (1 L) lettuce, washed and shredded
2 cups (500 ml) green or red cabbage, thinly sliced
1 cup (250 ml) sprouts, your choice (snow pea, corn, etc.)
1/4 cup (250 ml) beets, grated
1/4 cup (60 ml) dried cranberries
1/4 cup (60 ml) white wine
1/4 cup (60 ml) chicken broth
5 ounces (150 g) Canadian Brie, rind removed



Method

In a container, mix maple syrup, canola oil, cranberry juice, shallot & pepper. Marinate pork in mixture at least 30 minutes or all day. Drain marinade & pour into a saucepan. Brown pork in a skillet over medium heat & continue cooking in oven at 375°F (190°C) for 12-15 minutes. Let rest 5 minutes before slicing.

Meanwhile, arrange lettuce, cabbage, sprouts, beets & dried cranberries on plates. Boil marinade with white wine & chicken broth at least 5 minutes to reduce by half. Remove from heat. Add Brie to melt it. Top salad with pork & dressing, & serve at once.

Cheese alternatives: Canadian Gouda, Swiss cheese, Cream cheese.

Codfish Cakes

4 servings

Ingredients

1 pound salt cod
6 potatoes
2 tablespoons margarine
1 onion, finely chopped
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon savoury



Method

Freshen salt cod by soaking it overnight in cold water. Drain water & place salt cod in a pot & cover with fresh water. Bring to a simmer & cook on low heat for 5 minutes & then drain.

Boil potatoes until tender and mash. Heat margarine in a frying pan until hot & add onions. Cook until translucent. Blend onions into mashed potatoes & add flaked cod, savoury & pepper. Shape mixture into cakes. Fry cakes in a pan with a small amount of heated margarine for approximately 3 to 5 minutes until golden brown. Serve with a garden salad.

Chicken Strip Dinner

4-6 servings

Ingredients

1/2 grated head cabbage
1/4 grated head purple cabbage
3 grated carrots
coleslaw dressing
salt and pepper
canola oil for deep fryer
1/2 cup chicken seasoning salt

10 white potatoes
2 cups flour
12 small boneless chicken breasts



Method

Rinse all vegetables in separate bowls. Add all ingredients into a large bowl. Salt & pepper to taste. Keep covered in fridge until ready to eat. Set deep fryer to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Cut 10 large white potatoes into French fries. Immerse in deep fryer for 5 minutes. Remove and let stand for 1 hour. Place fries back into deep fryer & cook for approximately 4 minutes or until golden brown. Preheat fryer to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Mix flour & seasoning together in large bowl. Cut chicken into strips. Take chicken strips & flatten out one side in flour mix, turn over & flatten again. Repeat 2 times. Place into fryer & let cook for approximately 6 minutes or until golden brown.

Maynooth Post Primary School Awards Night - May 2013

More images from the inaugural awards ceremony for achievement in sporting, cultural, academic and social activities.





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Maynooth GAA Fun Run Report



Ready to start the fun run in the
GAA Club Maynooth

Maynooth GAA held their second annual 1km Children's Fun Run on Saturday 22nd June at the club and the day was a great success with over 300 runners taking part in the event. Organisers, parents and children had a superb time despite the weather offering up very changeable conditions with high winds and rain one minute and glorious sunshine the next. Runners started arriving at 10:30 am, the clock was primed, the running lanes were marked, the race numbers pinned on and the start gun was fired to release the first wave of enthusiastic runners at 11am. There was a steady arrival of participants throughout the

hour and every ten minutes the start gun set off the next group of athletes with quite a few energetic souls completed the course 3 or 4 times. All participants, when they crossed the finish line received a Certificate of Achievement that provided their race time and a well earned goody bag. The fastest time of the day was recorded by Eoin Richards with an impressive 4minutes 5seconds, followed closely by Jack Murnane at 4"10, Eoin's younger brother Thomas Richards finished 3rd at 4"12 and with Conor Walsh making it a 1, 2, 3, 4 for Moyglare Abbey residents finishing at 4"15. Maintaining the emphasis on fun a number of participants ran in fancy dress with Aoibheann Price winning the girl's prize for looking stunning as a Flamenco dancer while Micheal Kelleher steered his way to victory in the boy's section dressed as Stig from Top Gear. Everyone retired to the clubhouse after the hour for well deserved refreshments, prize giving and to take in the Lions win over Australia.

Maynooth GAA would like to thank all those that very kindly sponsored the event including Supervalu, Dunnes Stores and Eurosaver that helped with supplies for the goody bags. Also Disney Ireland that donated excellent sport prizes and K&N Events that provided an array of black and white balloons for the start and finish lines. Furthermore a word of thanks to Dunboyne Athletic Club that provided the race clock. The event would not have happened without all our sponsors' generosity and their support is greatly appreciated.



And they are off!!!



All Winners!

Irelands Rugby Development Squad Training in Carton House before Games in U.S.A and Canada

The Irish Rugby squad had a very hard and fruitful outing in Carton House as a big following from the town watched them go through their paces at the open sessions in Maynooth. They went on to win the series beating U.S.A 15-12 and then going on to beat Canada 40-14. We welcome them back in October under the new Manager Joe Schmidt.



Felix Jones Munster and
Ireland greets Brendan
Murray a keen supporter.



Stuart Olding Ulster and Ireland
with Irelands No 1 supporter
Angela Nolan



Ian Madigan Leinster and
Ireland in full flight at
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Fergus McFadden Leinster
& Ireland in training at
Carton House

GOOD LUCK BRIAN



Staff member Rory O'Connor presenting Brian with a case of wine on behalf of the staff

The staff of the Maynooth Newsletter and members of the Executive Committee of Maynooth Community Council would like to wish former Supervisor Brian Curtis all the best in his retirement. Brian began working at the Maynooth Newsletter in August 2008. He was promoted to Supervisor in 2010. Under his supervision, great changes were made to the office, new computers were installed, systems were upgraded and streamlined. Brian was an exceptional Supervisor, always ready to help out a fellow worker, and his calm ease of management and approachability were inspirational. His contribution to the Newsletter was unrivalled. Thomas Edison once said, "The three great essentials to achieve anything worth while are, first, hard work; second, stick-to-itiveness; third, common sense." Brian personified these essentials both in his work ethic and in everything he did for Maynooth Community Council, Maynooth Newsletter and the Maynooth community he served through out his time with us. Due to his efforts both the Community Council offices and Newsletter are better developed, equipped and stronger. Brian's enthusiasm and dedication will be greatly missed and while delighted for Brian on his well deserved retirement, the staff will be sad to see him go.



Anyone for Champagne?



Brian, Muireann and new supervisor John Doogan enjoying the presentation



Brian and some of the staff of the Maynooth Newsletter enjoying a farewell lunch at O'Neill's Pub Maynooth

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My four year old grandson asked if I would make him a Piñata. I had a vague idea of what he wanted and I was reminded of a quote from author Paul Coelho who said "A child can teach an adult three things, to be happy for no reason, to always be busy with something, and to know how to demand with all his might that which he desires."

My fate was sealed and so I set about the art of Piñata making and researching where it originated.

A Piñata is a papier mache container that is decorated and filled with small toys or sweets or both. It is mostly associated with Mexico and came to Europe in the 14th century. The idea tied in with the Christian celebration of Lent and represents the struggle of man against temptations and evil. The finished article is beaten with a stick to release the goodies inside and is the reward for keeping the faith.

The process begins using a balloon as a basis. A paste is made from flour and water. Strips of paper are cut and covered in the paste, they are then stuck around the balloon layer upon layer until a suitable thickness is achieved. It sounds simple but it is time consuming and messy and quite intricate. Little people can lose interest very quickly at this stage in the process but the painting stage is great fun and imagination knows no bounds mixing colours and splashing it on the Piñata to their hearts content.

The next 24 hours are spent drying the article and then it is time to burst the balloon allowing a space to insert the goodies. Crepe paper is then pasted on and bits and bobs added to make a face and create a design. When the Piñata is completely dry the sweets and toys are added and it is then you wonder why you spent the best part of three days putting this article together so that tiny hands can beat it to its original pulp.

The joy of making the Piñata wasn't in the actual process but in the time it allowed me to spend with my small Grandson. Even though he got bored at times, I saw first hand his intelligence, imagination, and his ability to put this very difficult piece together. I cherished his gratitude for doing as he had asked and his joy at the finished product. But above all I was privileged to realise that even as a Grandmother you still have lots to learn.



L/R Richard Farrell PRO, Mattie Callaghan, Chairman Maynooth Tidy Towns, Tom McMullon, Chairman and Adrienne Flynn, Vice-Chair Maynooth Community Council, with Kevin Moriarty of Failte Ireland pictured at Carton House Maynooth for the launch of the Irish Open Community Events Guide for 2013. The Community Events will take place in Leixlip, Maynooth and Celbridge towards the end of June when the Irish Open is taking place at Carton.

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Maynooth Labour News

Cllr. McGinley Demands that NUI Looks After Kilcock Road Verges

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council on 21 June:

"That NUI, Maynooth be again asked to cut the grass (hay) on the verges on the Kilcock Road outside their premises and on the roundabout at the entrance to NUI, Maynooth as it is a disgrace at present."

Cllr. McGinley Again Demands Action on the Gully/Open drain eyesore at Leinster Street.

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council on 21 June

"That a report be given to the area committee on what action has been taken by planning or roads sections over the past 18 months to make the large gully/open drain at Leinster Street, Maynooth, safe and not a litter magnet and eyesore. Has consideration been given to covering it over with a footpath seeing that this most pedestrianised street in Maynooth does not have a footpath at present? "

Cllr. McGinley Again Calls for a Footpath From Rockfield to Educate Together School

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council on 21 June:

"That the provision of a footpath on the east side of Celbridge Road, Maynooth, from Rockfield to the Educate Together School, be included in the Sustainable Transport Grants sought for 2014."

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Drains on Footpaths to be Cleared:

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following question for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council on 21 June:

"Will the drains on the footpaths on Main Street, Maynooth, be flushed clean (as they are completely blocked up at present) before the Irish Open Golf?"

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Gum to be Removed from Footpaths

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following question for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council on 21 June:

"Is the council or the Maynooth Business Association (through a council grant) going to remove the gum on the footpaths on Maynooth Main Street before the Irish Open Golf and will they be power hosed similar to what was done by the Avenue Cafe?"

Cllr. McGinley Makes Submission on the Draft Second Noise Action Plan

Cllr. McGinley made the following submission on the Council's Second Noise Action Plan:

Page 1V **"Noise Reduction of Existing Sources"**
The last paragraph states " It is therefore unlikely that a significant number of people will have an improved noise environment." What is the point in having a Plan at all then?

With a population of 3,674 people in 1,890 residences experiencing road traffic noise levels in excess of the assessment thresholds (Page 45) one would have thought that everything possible would be done to get noise within safe limits.

Page 45, second last paragraph states " Although this indicates a significant increase in the numbers affected since 2008, **it is considered that the increase is not due to deterioration in the noise environment per se but due to an increase in the extent of major roads from 89km to 258km.**

I disagree completely with this statement. The M4 at Maynooth was constructed in 1994 and it has not been re-surfaced since then. As a result the noise from the deteriorating surface has increased significantly year on year.

Page 65, second last bullet point states "The relevant sections of the M4 and the M7 motorways have not reached the stage where they are a priority for replacement."

I wish to object to the M4 and M7 being treated as if they are the same. The M4 is 19 years old this year and has never been re-surfaced, whereas, the M7 is only a couple of years old and already has low noise emitting asphalt laid on it. This bullet point should be amended to say that the M4 is now due to have a low noise emitting asphalt laid.

Further €1,356,738 Allocated for Regional and Local Road Improvements - Staggs

Deputy Emmet Staggs has welcomed the further allocation of €1,356,738 to Kildare Co. Council for surface restoration works to Regional and Local Roads in Co. Kildare following the decision last week to increase Capital Investment to create jobs in the Economy.

This funding stated Deputy Staggs will increase Kildare Co. Council's Restoration Improvements Works Funding in 2013 by 33% and should see a further 20 km of the worst roads restored to pristine condition in the County in 2013.

In addition to this further allocation of Roads Funding Deputy Staggs stated that he looked forward to an announcement shortly of Kildare Co. Council's allocation for the energy efficiency programme for local authority homes which will target the least energy efficient local authority homes over a three year period and which also formed part of the additional Capital Investment Programme announced by Minister Howlin.

Staggs Adamant No Threat to Access to Donadea Forest Park - Open Forest Policy Not at Risk

There never was any Government proposal to sell our National Forests despite the claim by Deputy Catherine Murphy that she was opposed to such a sale and that is well known to her.

It is a fact that timber from our forests are harvested each year and sold. The only proposal in this regard was to examine whether these annual sales could be brought forward and sold together to generate income now rather than on an annual basis going forward.

The matter has been examined in great detail by the Government and by other stakeholders and the obstacles to such a sale are now recognised as such that the objectives set out by the stakeholders and Government are seen to be incompatible with a sale as proposed.

This has been indicated in the Dail by Minister Pat Rabbitte on the 30th April when he said *'the mooted privatisation of Coillte looks more unlikely every day'*, and on 26th February, 2013 Minister Brendan

Howlin had this to say *'the level of recreational use is one consideration that must be integral to that selection process. I underscore that this will be maintained. The Government is fully aware of the concerns and all the issues surrounding such a proposed transaction. I reiterate that the Government will proceed with great caution in respect of this matter and any final decision will take full account of all the legitimate concerns expressed by Deputies'.*

Like others I have opposed the sale of the harvesting rights of our forests because of the dangers posed to the open access policy for the public developed by Coillte; because of the danger to the existing employment in the timber industry and because of my view - fortified by the Bacon Report - that the proposal did not make economic sense.

I am now satisfied that the proposed sale will not go ahead and I would like to congratulate the Impact Trade Union, Mr. George Hippwell and others who put forward a reasoned case against the proposal.

NEW NUI MAYNOOTH SCIENCE FUNDING WILL DELIVER JOBS – STAGGS

Deputy Emmet Staggs, welcomed the announcement by Minister for Research and Innovation, Seán Sherlock T.D., of funding worth over of €360,000, for scientific research in NUI Maynooth.

The investment will be made as part of a country-wide initiative totalling €6.9 million, through the Science Foundation of Ireland's Technology Innovation Development Award (TIDA), to fund high quality, commercially relevant scientific research in Ireland's universities.

"The Minister's announcement is great news for NUI Maynooth. It is a reflection of the quality of research that is taking place in the university, with funding only being granted to projects that have passed a rigorous review process. The selection was based on the quality of the proposed innovation, and its potential to lead to the creation of jobs in Ireland.

"The funding is highly targeted, and is going toward commercially relevant projects, in areas of significant employment in Kildare. As part of the Government's Action Plan for Jobs, we are seeking to support the commercialisation of research, to help to create the highly skilled, high quality jobs we need in Ireland. This funding forms a key part of that strategy."

Approval To Sign Contract for Final Phase of Lower Liffey Valley Sewerage

Deputy Emmet Staggs has welcomed the decision by the Minister for Environment to give approval to Kildare Co. Council to sign the contracts for the final phase of the Lower Liffey Valley Sewerage Scheme.

The Final phase given the go ahead to sign the contracts on 13 June, stated Deputy Staggs, will involve the upgrade and expansion of the actual Waste Water Treatment Plant at Leixlip at a cost of €29 Million. The Plant is currently operating at 80,000 population equivalent capacity and when the upgrade is completed will cater for 150,000 population equivalent. Previous work under the Scheme included New Pumping Stations and Network improvements at a cost of €10.4 Million.

Deputy Staggs stated that the work when completed will cater for predicted increases in wastewater flows from an expanding domestic, industrial and commercial population and he looked forward to construction

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commencing in the near future.

Stagg Welcomes Revised Maximum Rent Limits for Rent Supplement for North Kildare

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement by the Minister for Social Protection that she will revise rent limits under the Rent Supplement Scheme for North Kildare from Monday June 17th and that the new revised limits will be in place until 31st December, 2014.

Having met with Minister Burton on a number of occasions in relation to this issue I am pleased that there is now revised maximum rent limits covering the North Kildare Towns of Celbridge, Kilcock, Leixlip and Maynooth. The maximum rent limit for a parent/family with one child has increased from €690 per month to €750 per month, for a parent/family with two children it has increased from €725 per month to €800 per month and for a parent/family with 3 children it has increased from €790 per month to €850 per month.

Rent Supplement provides short term income support to eligible people living in private rented accommodation, whose means are insufficient to meet their accommodation costs and who do not have accommodation available to them from any other source.

I have been arguing for some time that a separate Rent Supplement should operate in North Kildare from the rest of Co. Kildare given the close proximity to Dublin and the strong demand for rental property given the location of Intel, Hewlett Packard and Maynooth University in the area. In some instances to get over the previous rent limits tenants had two leases, one the real one and one to satisfy the rent limit imposed by the Department. That put people into a serious poverty trap.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg thanked Minister Burton for increasing the Maximum Rent Limits and for recognising the increased rent levels in North Kildare compared to the rest of the County.

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Bruce Lee Quotes

Love is like a friendship caught on fire. In the beginning a flame, very pretty, often hot and fierce, but still only light and flickering. As love grows older, our hearts mature and our love becomes as coals, deep-burning and unquenchable.

Always be yourself, express yourself, have faith in yourself, do not go out and look for a successful personality and duplicate it.

Mistakes are always forgivable, if one has the courage to admit them.

I fear not the man who has practiced 10,000 kicks once, but I fear the man who has practiced one kick 10,000 times. If you love life, don't waste time, for time is what life is made up of.

A wise man can learn more from a foolish question than a fool can learn from a wise answer.

If you always put limit on everything you do, physical or anything else, it will spread into your work and into your life. There are no limits. There are only plateaus, and you must not stay there, you must go beyond them.

I'm not in this world to live up to your expectations and you're not in this world to live up to mine.

A goal is not always meant to be reached, it often serves simply as something to aim at.

Knowledge will give you power, but character will give you respect.

Notice that the stiffest tree is most easily cracked, while the bamboo or willow survives by bending with the wind.

A quick temper will make a fool of you soon enough.

The key to immortality is first living a life worth remembering.

A History of Ladychapel Graveyard

By Seamus Cullen (Part 2)

Thomas Swords

Many influential families from the general area among them some leading merchants and substantial tenant farmers acquired burial plots in graveyard throughout the 18th century. One of the wealthiest individuals interred in the burial ground is Thomas Swords whose memorial is one of the largest and impressive in the cemetery. He was a successful brewer from Crewhill and was associated with the Catholic Committee that petitioned for Catholic relief acts in the in the early 1790's.

Connected to a number of events in Irish History Today there are a substantial number of gravestones in the burial ground with many giving some interesting details of social background and family history. Some of the individuals interred in the burial ground are connected to many of the violent events in modern Irish History.

Rathcoffey massacre victims from 1642

Probably the most tragic deaths of individuals that rest in the burial ground are those who died as a result of a massacre in the 1640s. The wars of this period ravaged the country and resulted in huge losses of life. The massacre occurred in nearby Rathcoffey Castle when it was captured from the rebels in 1642. All details of this atrocity were forgotten until the 1830s when workmen clearing woods close to Rathcoffey Castle uncovered human remains of the victims of this massacre. The local burial ground for most of the residents of Rathcoffey and surrounding townlands at the time was Ladychapel and the massacre victims were given a Christian burial in the graveyard. Unfortunately, as yet there is no memorial to those unfortunate victims in the burial ground.

1798 and Ovidstown

Ladychapel graveyard has a strong connection with the 1798 rebellion and at least two known fatalities of the rebellion are buried in the graveyard. One of the most historic hills in north Kildare is Ovidstown which can be seen clearly from Ladychapel. It was the site of a battle between United Irish Rebels and the regular British Army in June 1798 in which the rebels were defeated with a loss of 200 men. One of the rebel fatalities, Patrick Turner from nearby Loughtown was interred in the family burial plot in the graveyard. The monument over his grave is unique as it is one of the few gravestones that refers to an individual been a member of the 'Irish Army in 1798'. Another rebel who fought in the battle was William Norris from Kilcock. Following the battle he went into hiding but was captured and executed. He was buried in the grounds of the army barracks in Kilcock but his friends secretly exhumed his body and re-interred his remains in the family burial plot in Ladychapel. Another individual linked to the rebellion was Fr. Ennis the parish priest of Maynooth. A crown informer falsely linked him to having an involvement but the evidence was flawed. Fr Ennis died in 1821 and chose to be buried in Ladychapel.

The burial ground also has a connection to the Robert Emmet conspiracy of 1803 with two key associates of Emmet, Michael Quigley and Mary Wilde interred in the burial ground. Michael Quigley from Rathcoffey was the head of Robert Emmet's personal staff during the conspiracy and the woman later to be his wife Mary Wilde was an associate of both Emmet and Anne Devlin at the time of the rising. The last of their descendents Ellen Dunne from Johninstown who died in 1965 also rests in the graveyard.

Two other families with plots in the burial ground also have connections to this revolutionary period. Firstly, the Phoeopoe family of Taghadoe House who are com

memorated on one of the most substantial memorials in the graveyard. Fr Nicholas Phoeopoe a member of this family served as PP of Kilcullen in the 1790s and during the 1798 rebellion he arranged the safe surrender of local rebels to General Dundas. Secondly, Elizabeth Mooney from Smitsstown House who was buried in the in the graveyard in 1872 also has strong family connections with this period. She was the daughter of John Kane a '98 rebel' from Dublin who had associations with Lord Edward FitzGerald and Robert Emmet. Her mother Eleanor Troy was of the family of Archbishop John Thomas Troy who was a trustee of Maynooth College and during the revolutionary period served as Archbishop of Dublin.

First World War, victim

Fatalities of the First World War are to be found interred in most cemeteries in Ireland. Ladychapel is no exception where there is a British military memorial to Private William Nolan. He was from Newtown, Maynooth and belonged to the Royal Irish Fusiliers regiment. He died almost three months after the ending of the war in February 1919 from the effects gas suffered in the closing stages of the war.

Today Ladychapel graveyard is one of the most cared for cemeteries in north Kildare. Situated in a quiet pleasant and peaceful setting, few would imagine that this quaint resting place contains such a rich historical past with links to almost every period in Irish history.

Groucho Marx Quotes

I, not events, have the power to make me happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it shall be. Yesterday is dead, tomorrow hasn't arrived yet. I have just one day, today, and I'm going to be happy in it.

Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly and applying the wrong remedies.

Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read.

A child of five would understand this. Send someone to fetch a child of five.

I refuse to join any club that would have me as a member. Anyone who says he can see through women is missing a lot.

All people are born alike - except Republicans and Democrats.

I never forget a face, but in your case I'll be glad to make an exception.

Man does not control his own fate. The women in his life do that for him.

A black cat crossing your path signifies that the animal is going somewhere.

Those are my principles, and if you don't like them... well, I have others.

She got her looks from her father. He's a plastic surgeon. Marriage is a wonderful institution, but who wants to live in an institution?

I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book. The secret of life is honesty and fair dealing. If you can fake that, you've got it made.

Behind every successful man is a woman, behind her is his wife.

I intend to live forever, or die trying.

Well, Art is Art, isn't it? Still, on the other hand, water is water. And east is east and west is west and if you take cranberries and stew them like applesauce they taste much more like prunes than rhubarb does. Now you tell me what you know.

I'm not feeling very well - I need a doctor immediately.

Ring the nearest golf course.

A man's only as old as the woman he feels.

I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury.

One morning I shot an elephant in my pyjamas. How he got into my pyjamas I'll never know.

Alimony is like buying hay for a dead horse.

A hospital bed is a parked taxi with the meter running.

FUNNY WEIRD QUOTES

Everyday is a gift, that's why they call it the present.
 Life isn't weird; its just the people in it!
 Borrow money from pessimists - they don't expect it back!
 A diplomat is one who thinks twice before saying nothing!
 If you are too open minded, your brains will fall out!
 A clean house is a sign of a misspent life.
 If you want a rainbow, you got to put up with the rain!
 An apple a day keeps the doctor away, but an onion a day keeps everyone away!
 Defend me from my friends; I can defend myself from my enemies!
 A man's got to do what a man's got to do. A woman must do what he can't!
 The only way to have a friend is to be one!
 Silence and smile are two powerful words. Smile is the way to solve many problems
 and Silence is the way to avoid many problems!
 Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new!
 If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?
 The trouble with the rat race is that even if you win, you're still a rat!
 Dream as if you'll live forever; Live as if you'll die today!
 Better to understand a little than to misunderstand a lot!
 No one gets too old to learn a new way of being stupidThe other line always moves
 faster!
 In theory, there's no difference between theory and practice. But, in practice, there
 is!
 Life is like a coin. You can spend it anyway you wish, but you can spend it only
 once!
 Life is like a taxi, the meter just keeps ticking whether you are getting somewhere or
 standing still!
 Divorce: Future tense of marriage!
 Smile: A curve that can set a lot of things straight!
 Yawn: The only time some married men get to open their mouths!
 Positive thinking will get you to do everything better than negative thinking will!
 It's not true that life is one damn thing after another. It's the Same damn thing
 over and over!
 Everything is always OK in the end, if it's not, then it's not the end!

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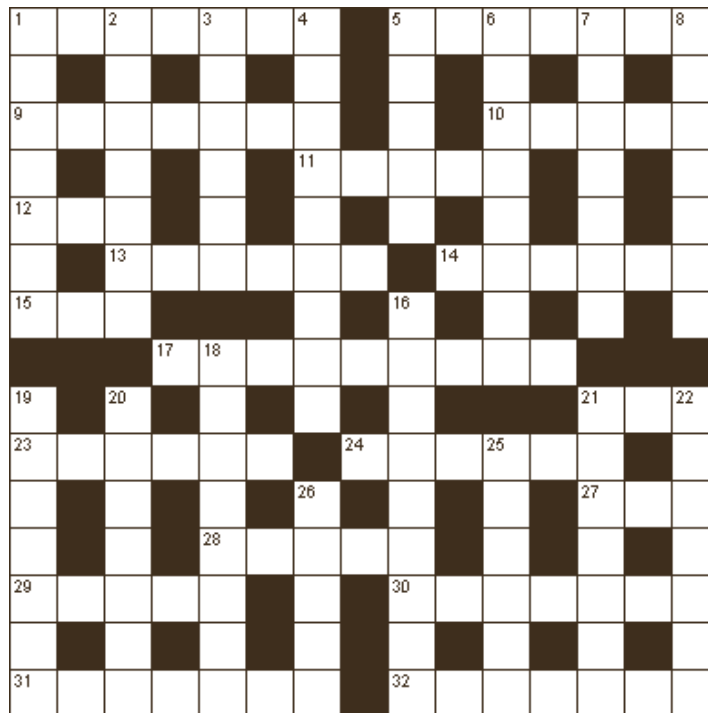
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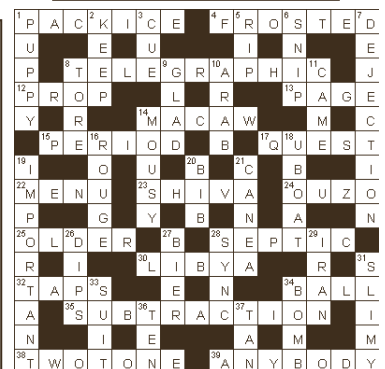


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1. Married man (7)
5. Lease holders (7)
9. Most tidy (7)
10. Affected by rust (5)
11. Country in NE Africa (5)
12. Jelly (3)
13. Crotchety (6)
14. Keep under restraint (6)
15. At the present time (3)
17. Ornamental water jets (9)
21. Minor falsehood (3)
23. Member of the Society of Friends (6)
24. Take on a fresh supply of fuel (6)
27. Cereal grain (3)
28. Slumbered (5)
29. That group (5)
30. List as an item (7)
31. Folds (7)
32. Make clear (7)



1. Pistol (7)
2. Devour (7)
3. Person who wields an axe (6)
4. Tending to deter (9)
5. Capital of Japan (5)
6. Situated in the north (8)
7. Feed bag (7)
8. Horizon (7)
16. Holy Land (9)
18. Abroad (8)
19. Living in water (7)
20. Combat area (3,4)
21. State in the SE United States (7)
22. Among (7)
25. Maintenance (6)
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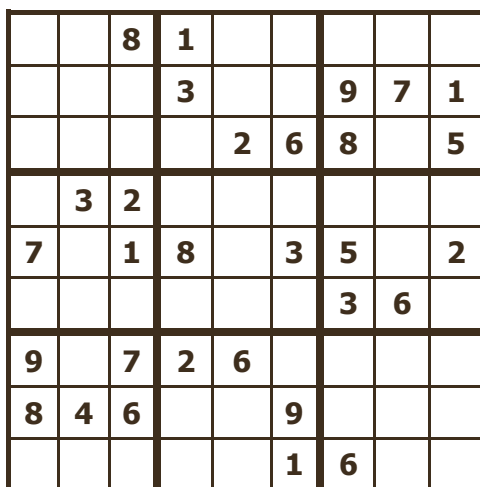
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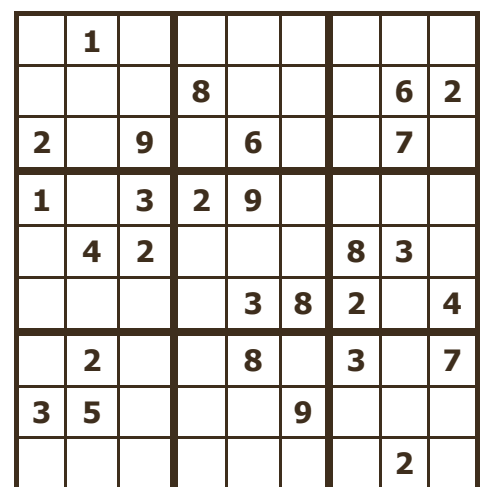
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Prize winners will have 30 days to claim their prize from the time the results are made public. Voucher to be collected in MCC Office.

Rent Supplement Changes Will Increase the Usability of the System

Scheme still not ideal, but changes will go some way towards remedying the situation

Deputy Catherine Murphy today welcomed the announcement that the Rent Supplement system will undergo some much needed change. Deputy Murphy has consistently lobbied the Minister on the need for various changes to the scheme, including recognition of the rental differences in different parts of certain Counties, including Kildare. Under the changes announced, Kildare will now be separated into two separate bands with differing rent limits.

“I am very pleased to see that the Minister has taken on board what I have been saying in relation to the need for change in the system. Certain elements of the scheme had proved unworkable for people seeking accommodation in their area of choice and the changes now made to the system will go some way in addressing that.”

“The key issue for a workable scheme is that people are able to find accommodation in the area they are connected to. Increasingly, people are relying on private rented accommodation and it is vital that they can obtain suitable accommodation. Of the 100,000 families and individuals on housing waiting lists, 43% of these are split across 6 counties, with Kildare being one of those Counties. As a result, Kildare is a high demand area and the rents reflect that. The new limits are still particularly low, given the average rental prices, but the changes will be of some help to families struggling to find suitable accommodation.”

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Crime Report Belies Kildare Reality

Crime Rates Dropping Because Gardai Unavailable to ‘Police’ Many of the Criminal Acts as They Happen

Responding to the Irish Examiner's piece on crime in Ireland today, Deputy Catherine Murphy challenged the assertion that the overall crime rate in Kildare has decreased and that Kildare ranks 10th in the Country for crime levels. The report correctly identified Kildare as having the lowest Garda ratio per population than anywhere else in the country with only 15 Gardai per 10,000 residents and this, Deputy Murphy asserts, is the reason for the misleading figures on crime in County Kildare.

“Claiming that the crime rate in Kildare is falling is a misrepresentation of the problem. The reality is that when you have a Garda force that is so thin on the ground, many criminal acts go undetected and unreported because, quite simply, there are no Gardai around to ‘catch’ the criminal act as it happens. I am referring to acts that don't generally require someone reporting them but instead rely on age old policing work.”

“It is no coincidence that the crime rates for those acts that generally require reporting, such as burglaries and robberies, are on the increase in Kildare – we are 4th nationally for burglaries and 5th for robberies, while the offences that require Gardai to be present to ‘catch’ the criminal act as it happens are falling; acts such as

road traffic offences, drug offences, public order offences etc.”

“We cannot continue in a situation where inadequate policing levels are facilitating the under detection of criminal offences which in turn lead to grandiose statements about falling crime rates in the County. The fact is that Kildare cannot be expected to operate a Garda force at 40% lower than the national average and still provide an adequate policing solution for a County with a population of 210,000. It is simply not feasible and no amount of skewed statistics can change that fact.”

Strategic Investment Fund Creates New Opportunities For Reform and Savings

Thinking Outside the Box Can Create Long-Term Savings and Improved Governance

Catherine Murphy TD has welcomed the announcement yesterday that the Government have established a new Strategic Investment Fund but she cautioned that any strategic investment expenditure would require some thinking outside the box if it is to be beneficial in the long term.

“When we think of investment we tend to think of hardware projects such as roads, water treatment plants, etc., but we need to be looking at radical examples such as the E-Governance model in Norway. The Norwegians decided to invest their funds in an online governance model, similar to our very successful Revenue on Line system but on a much wider scale. This investment has already saved them massive amounts in the short term, estimated to be around \$7 billion, and it will go on saving them money going forward and that is the true test of any investment.

“The model not only saved vast amounts of vital funds for the Government, it also dramatically improved the functioning of the public service and radically cut the amounts of time and resources spent on public service administration. It also provided a more efficient system to facilitate the interaction between citizens and their State, and would also increase the efficiency and reduce the cost of doing business; both things which are poorly lacking here in Ireland.”

“We need to start thinking about setting up a major digital platform for all arms of our governance system and various other elements of our State – including the digitising of current and historical records- instead of providing piecemeal approaches to various individual projects. The creation and sustainment of a project such as the digital platform suggested here could potentially employ an army of workers and it would seem obvious that the new Strategic Investment Fund would be used to help fund a project like this.”

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Club's - Organisations - Residents Associations

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Maynooth Newsletter

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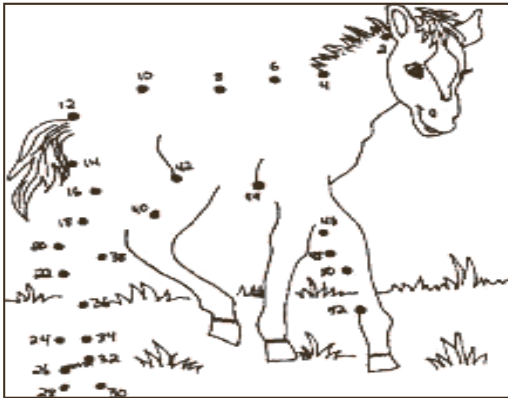
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McDonalds Children's Colouring Competition



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June Winners:

Age: 3 - 5: Lauren Nolan Usher, Moyglare Hall

Age: 6 - 7: No Entry

Age: 8 & Over : Aoife Mitchell, Dara Court,
Celbridge

Prizes for Colouring Competition can be collected at:

Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre.

Entries must arrive before: 16th July 2013

McDonald's

July Diary Planner

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

Community Library

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

Toastmasters

Toastmasters meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month in Glenroyal Hotel at 8pm. The meetings are very enjoyable but with a good learning input. They stop for tea half way through and end at 10pm. All visitors are welcome. Felicity Cuthbert PRO

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

There will be no club meeting in July or August as we break for the summer and resume in September
PRO Maureen Fagan

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

I.C.A.

Meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm. in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour. No monthly meeting July or August, but will resume in September, however crafts will continue every Monday night until end of July at 8.00pm. New members welcome

Parent & Toddler Group

Every Thursday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. in the Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills

University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Fridays at 11am in Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills
New Members Welcome
Enquiries: Helena
Phone: 087 6717062

History Group

Meetings every last Thursday of the month in Maynooth Community Council Office
Tesco Shopping Centre 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

If you would like your event put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter 01 6285053/01 6285922

JULY GARDENING

In hot weather, remove the mower's box & allow the cuttings to act as a mulch on the lawn. Check all annuals for dryness; new plants especially as they establish roots. For a second bloom, cut annuals back to half their height & fertilize. Replace dead annuals with hardy annual or perennial newcomers. Avoid using tap water for lime hating plants such as Camellias, Rhododendrons & Azaleas - they will not thank you for it.



Snap Dragons should be pinched back after blooming to promote a second flush growth. Cut back & fertilize Delphiniums & Phlox to encourage a second flowering. Tall flowers should be staked to prevent wind damage. Don't be afraid to cut flowers for indoor bouquets & arrangements, cutting flowers actually encourages new blooms. Water thoroughly at least once a week. Hoe beds & borders to get rid of the weeds.

Never let your grow-in-the-bags go short of water. Plants in pots may need extra watering everyday & should be fed once a fortnight with a liquid feed. Tomatoes should be starting to fruit this month. Keep the plants well supported & remove side shoots. Use liquid tomato feed every week to ensure a bumper crop. Carry on sowing salad crops outside. Fresh beans can also be sown at the beginning of the month for a late crop. Onions will need a lot of water at this time of year or the yield will be reduced. Fall harvest of Lettuce, Radish, Carrots, Beets, Turnips, Kale & Spinach, sow them late July to early August.



Pick vegetables when they are at optimal size & maturity for best eating quality. Tomatoes will ripen off the vines but are best picked when fully coloured but not overripe. Green Peppers may be picked at any stage but some will turn red if left for a few weeks. Harvest vegetables & fruit daily. Time to dig the Garlic, Onions & Potatoes up.

Keep your pond topped up with fresh water - a build up of algae in warm weather can be toxic. If Water Lily leaves are crowding the surface of the pond, cut off half of them well below the surface of the water & remove them. Remove Blanket Weed with a net or a rake to let oxygen into the pond. Pile the weed next to the pond edge for a day just to give aquatic life a chance to get back into the pond. Rainwater is best for the pond, as tap water can effect the nutrient balance in the water. Remember to clean the filters & the pumps.



As Strawberries finish producing, cut back the old foliage, remove runners, then give a top dressing of compost & a fresh mulch. Thin Apple & Pear crops. Leave them unthinned if you prefer a larger crop of smaller fruit. Prune side shoots back to four leaves on Gooseberry & Redcurrant bushes to help the formation of next years buds. Prune summer fruiting Raspberries as soon they have finished fruiting. Earth up Potatoes as they grow.



Blueberries require lots of water. Check the berries regularly to harvest before the birds get them. Spray your Apple Trees for Apple Scab. Sow Spring Cabbage, Carrots, Turnips, Oriental Vegetables, Chicory, Fennel & Autumn/Winter salads. If you are growing Cucumbers, Courgettes or Squashes pinch out the side shoots to divert the energy into



fruit production. Trained fruit trees, such as Cordons, Fans, Dwarf Pyramids & Espaliers should be trimmed of any unwanted shoots this month. Pick Blackcurrants as soon as they ripen. Keep them watered in dry weather & give them a handful of all-purpose plant food.

Don't wait for someone to bring you flowers. Plant your own garden and decorate your own soul.

Maynooth Town F.C.

Summer Soccer Camps

Camp 1 - 1st - 5th July, 2013

Camp 2 - 19th - 23rd August, 2013

Fee €30 Payable on Registration

Limited Places - Early Booking Advised

Contact: Ann Monaghan 0864076148

e-mail: ann.monaghan65@gmail.com

Maynooth Town Football Club - Weekly Lotto Results 2013

| W/End | Numbers | Jackpot | 3 x €35 Winners |
|--------|-------------|---------|--|
| 24-Mar | 9,10,12,28 | €1,550 | Trish Mulchrone - Collette Kavanagh - S Mc Gibbon |
| 31-Mar | 1,7,9,15 | €1,600 | Andrea Geraghty - Evan Duff - Eunice Kerrison |
| 07-Apr | 7,15,21,25 | €1,650 | Caroline Mc Cabe - Alan Tighe - Tom Nestor |
| 14-Apr | 10,12,15,16 | €1,700 | Emer Hewson - Aidan Dempsey - Ollie Geoghan |
| 21-Apr | 14,16,19,20 | €1,750 | Frank Cullen - Breda Gorey - Colette Kavanagh |
| 28-Apr | 9,11,18,27 | €1,800 | Liz Green - Lorraine Dunne - Betty Byrne |
| 05-May | 2,4,14,26 | €1,850 | B, J & D Penny - Maurice Byrne - Dan Bradley |
| 12-May | 3,8,10,20 | €1,900 | Noel Wade - Jason Reilly - Nuala Mc Tiernan |
| 19-May | 11,18,19,24 | €1,950 | Marie Furlong - Kevin Galligan - Jim's Shoe Repair |
| 26-May | 3,5,13,19 | €2,000 | Paul Hartnett - Conor Cleary - Dara Mc Hale |
| 02-Jun | 5,14,18,20 | €2,050 | Stepnen Geraghty - Nula Mc Tiernan - Walter French |
| 09-Jun | 9,15,19,28 | €2,100 | Donal O Donovan - Mary Cahill - Tony Byrne |

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Congratulations to Maynooth Town U9's. Winners the Leydens Cup 2012/3, beating Balscadden FC 3:1. Maynooth last won this trophy in 2000/01
Back Row from left to right - Darragh Healy, Jack Gilligan, Finn O'Regan, Cian Mullen, Patrick McNally, Ultan Dolan
Front Row from left to right - Lucas Durcan, Dara McHale, Cian Gallagher, Ryan McHale, Robbie Wall

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SUNDAY 7th JULY

kids bingo
games for all
fun for all

bouncy castle
Jazz Freaks
face painting
DJ Eric

Down Syndrome Ireland

Funday's Party Invitation!
We would like to invite you to our family fun day on Sunday 7th July. Please come along and join in the fun!

DATE: SUNDAY 7th JULY
TIME: 1pm to Late
VENUE: Ryevalle Tavern Leixlip

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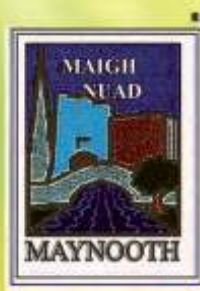
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Kildare County Council is participating in the 2013 GLT campaign. The GLT awareness campaign aims to reduce littered gum in the most sustainable way; by changing irresponsible disposal behaviour – the root cause of the issue – by encouraging the public to dispose of their gum responsibly. The campaign was launched locally in May and the Council are now reminding the public to bin gum litter responsibly and avoid a €150 litter fine.

Incorrect disposal of chewing gum is a significant issue for many local authorities. It is an important and emotive issue for local residents as carelessly discarded gum can be costly to remove. Promoting a behaviour change among gum droppers through local campaigns helps create a cleaner, more attractive local area that residents, visitors and businesses can enjoy. This website introduces the Gum Litter Taskforce and explains how we are making this behaviour change happen, as well as giving you the opportunity to get involved with the campaign. For more information visit the GLT website <http://www.gumlittertaskforce.ie/>

Photos: Above Left: L/R Cllr. Senan Griffin & Cllr. John McGinley: Above middle: Maynooth Tidy Towns Junior Volunteers at the launch of the 'Bin It Your Way' Campaign. L/R front row: Niamh Geraghty, Megan Sweeney, & Tara Kavanagh. Back row from L/R: Keelan Murphy and Ross Kavanagh. Above Right: Cllr Senan Griffin, Cllr John McGinley, Richard Farrell, Matt Callaghan and other reps from Maynooth Tidy Towns at the launch of Gum Litter Taskforce in Maynooth.

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Summer Recipes

Apple, Celery & Walnut Salad

Serves 6

Ingredients

3 Pink Lady Apples (or similar) thinly sliced
2 stick Celery thinly sliced
100 g Goodness Walnuts
1 Red Onion thinly sliced
1 tsp Wholegrain Mustard
1 tsp Mayonnaise
1 Lemon juiced
Salt & Pepper, to season



Method

To make the dressing, combine the lemon juice, mayonnaise and wholegrain mustard to a bowl and season with some salt and pepper. In a salad bowl add the thin apple slices, onion, celery and mix together until thoroughly combined. Next add the mayonnaise dressing, sprinkle the walnuts over the salad and serve immediately.

Avocado, Red Onion & Vine Cherry Tomato Salad with Lime & Coriander Salsa

Serves 4

Ingredients

2 Avocados, halved
1 Red Onion thinly sliced
100 g Vine Cherry Tomatoes halved
1 Cucumber seeds removed cut into small pieces
1 tbsp Olive Oil
2 Radishes thinly sliced
1 Lime juiced
Salt & Pepper



SALSA:

1 bunch Coriander chopped
1 Shallot finely sliced
1 tbsp Red Wine Vinegar
1 Red Chilli deseeded & finely chopped
Lime

Method

Squeeze a little lime juice over the avocado to prevent it from discolouring. Place some red onion, vine cherry tomatoes, radish and cucumber into a bowl and gently combine ingredients with your hands. Drizzle with a little olive oil and season with some salt & pepper. Spoon the salad into the avocado.

To make the salsa, place the coriander, shallot, red wine vinegar and chilli into a bowl and squeeze the lime juice over the ingredients. Season with a little salt & pepper. Spoon a large spoonful of salsa over the avocado salad and serve with some crusty bread.

Potato Salad with Smoked Bacon & Shallot Vinaigrette

Serves 4

Ingredients

1 kg Baby Potatoes cooled and quartered
150 g Smoked Bacon Rashers fried
3 Shallots thinly sliced
2 tbsp White Wine Vinegar
1 tbsp Olive Oil
0.5 Lemon juiced
1 tbsp Fresh Herb Chives
Salt & Pepper



Method

Stir the vinegar, lemon juice, shallots and olive oil together well to make the dressing. Season with salt and pepper. Drizzle the potato quarters with the dressing and carefully shake the bowl. When cooled add the snipped chives and crispy bacon rashers. Season again with salt and pepper.

Mediterranean Salad

Serves 4

Ingredients

250 g Pasta Fusilli
200 g Sundried Tomatoes, fresh from our Deli Counter
3 Mixed Peppers deseeded and sliced
1 Courgette
1 Red Onion
Salt & Black Pepper, to season
1 Lemon juiced
2 tbsp Olive Oil



Method

Preheat oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas Mark 4. Cook the pasta as per pack instructions, drain and allow to cool. Drizzle with some oil. Place the courgette, onion, sun dried tomatoes and peppers on a baking tray. Season with salt and pepper. Drizzle some olive oil over the vegetables and place in the oven for 20 minutes. Remove from the oven and allow to cool. Then, in a large salad bowl combine the pasta with the vegetables, squeeze the juice of 1 lemon and season with some black pepper.

Quotes & Intriguing Trivia



Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom!

Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens!

A wise man will never tell his wife to keep quiet. He will tell her, she looks beautiful with her mouth closed!

A good lawyer knows the law, a clever one takes the judge out for lunch!

Think like a man of action, and act like a man of thought!

The one for the road, could be two for the cemetery!

Rest is a good thing but boredom is his brother!

Whenever I indulge my sense of humour, it gets me into trouble!

Your body temperature is at its lowest at 4am!

No word in the English language rhymes with month, silver or orange!

In France, it's illegal to sell an ET doll because selling dolls with no faces is illegal!

The liquid substance inside a young coconut can be used as a substitute for blood plasma!

The elephant is the only animal with four knees!

A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures for anything!

Until you spread your wings, nobody can clip them!

It's never so bad that it can't get worse!

Life is like toilet paper. The closer you get to the end the faster it goes!

He who laughs last is slowest to get the joke!

I'm going to try thinking positive, but I don't think it will work!

I know the voices in my head aren't real but sometimes their ideas are just absolutely awesome!

The secret to happiness is not to do what makes you happy, it's to be happy doing what you're already doing!

Friends are like a four leaf clover, hard to find, lucky to have!

I know that I am stupid but when I look around me I feel a lot better!

A good speech should be like a woman's skirt. Long enough to cover the subject and short enough to create interest!

Life is the dash between the birth date and the passed away date!

I'm not here to judge, I'm just pointing out all the mistakes your making!

Clever Household Tips & Tricks



Rubbing a walnut on scratched wood can disguise the scratches.

Prevent apple browning in your kids lunches by keeping the shape of the apple and putting a rubber band it.



A bowl acts as a cheap amplifier for your iPhone.

Remove crayon masterpieces from your tv or computer screen with WD40. (it works on walls too)

Store bed linen sets inside one of their own pillowcases. No more hunting through piles for a match.

Re-use a wet-wipes container to store plastic bags.

Baby powder gets sand off skin easily - so it's a must for days on the beach.

Install a tension rod to hang your spray bottles under the sink.

Turn your muffin pan upside down, bake cookie dough over the top & voila, you have cookie bowls for fruit or ice cream.

Even out small scratches from your favourite CD or DVD with a dry cloth & some toothpaste.



Organise Tupperware lids by using CD racks.

Keep cans organised in a magazine file.

To prevent necklaces from tangling, thread one side through & re-clasp.



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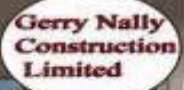
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Community Council Notes

Community Council Notes 8th July 2013

The MCC meeting took place on Monday 8th July in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Congratulations on the appearance of the Town of Maynooth expressed

The meeting opened on a very positive note.

Congratulations on the wonderful appearance of the Town came from MCC member, Gabriel Martin via the MCC Secretary. Thanks were expressed to Maynooth Business Association, Kildare County Council, Maynooth Tidy Towns, and MCC for their achievement and collaboration. Paul Croghan (Maynooth Tidy Towns) who said it was a mark of what can be achieved and that it set a new standard of excellence in the Town. It was also noted that the approach roads were looking exceptionally good.

Co-options

Senan Griffin representing Ballygoran and Ben Finnegan representing Maynooth Students' Union were co-opted and welcomed. Ben expressed his thanks to the meeting and outlined his wish for the close collaboration with MCC. Ben is the first President of Maynooth Students' Union in 25 years who comes from Maynooth.

Maynooth Students' Union

Ben Finnegan stated that Maynooth Students' Union would like to get more involved in community activities such as Maynooth Tidy Towns and the upcoming Festival. It was noted that the MSU had taken part with the Tidy Towns in litter pick up in the past. Mattie Callaghan expressed thank for their great work with the Tidy Towns in recent times.

Ben highlighted that their charity for next year will be SOSAD Ireland (*Save Our Sons And Daughters*). This charity is an [Irish suicide](#) prevention and [bereavement](#) support group founded in 2006. It currently has four offices spread out across the north east region, in Louth, Meath and Cavan. At present they are looking for premises in the Maynooth area. This is a very worthy charity and any support of it would benefit both students and the community as a whole.

Re-Zoned Land and Education clarification

The question of re-zoned land at the Educate Together site was clarified. The land has been rezoned for education purposes. It has not been allocated to any individual existing or non-existing school. Maynooth Community Council does not have a policy in relation to schools in the area. It was stated that recent letters printed in the Liffey Champion and the Maynooth Newsletter in relation to a proposed Gaelcholaiste on the re-zoned land were not the views of the MCC. Letters written by individual Maynooth Community Council members do not represent the views of the Maynooth Community Council.

Department of Social Protection and extension of Community Employment Scheme

John Doogan was congratulated on the publication his first *Maynooth Newsletter*.

The MCC Executive met with two representatives of the Department of Social Protection, Mr. Tom Rowan and Mr. John Blake. The MCC Office is now responsible for an additional five employees under the umbrella of the Irish Episcopal Conference, **specifically Accord, Irish Prisoners Overseas and The Bishops Drug Initiative**. The additional

employees will work in the Columba Centre in St. Patrick's College. MCC Office Manager will look after the administrative needs of the appointment as laid down by FAS and the necessary training and day to day work will be supervised by personnel in the two organisations mentioned. It is hoped to have the people in place in two months.

Muireann Ni Bhrolcháin, Secretary stated that this was testament to the success of the Community Employment Scheme in Maynooth as recognised by the Department of Social Project. The CES will have 35 workers between MCC Office, the Harbour, the Soccer Club, the Community Space and St. Patrick's College. It was noted that the merging of the Environment Project and the Maynooth Community Council and the handover from Brian Curtis to the present office manager, John Doogan was a seamless and successful transition. The MCC Plan for 2014 is being prepared and will be completed before the end of July. It was an excellent week for Maynooth Community Council.

Reports from Sub-Committees

Senior Citizens: The final Tea Dance will take place on 21st July. Senior Citizens will go on holidays for a week at the end of August. The group will re-commence on the 3rd September. It was stressed that safety and duty of care continues and the Mass bus will continue to run during the holiday period. On behalf of the group, Josie Moore expressed her thanks to all who supported Senior Citizens both physically and fiscally.

Educate Together School: The sixth class graduated. Building of the two new ASD units will commence on the 9th July and should be completed by September. It will cater for 12 school children.

Tidy Towns: The greatly improved appearance of the Town for the Irish Open was commented on. Thanks were expressed to the Maynooth Business Association, Kildare County Council, the Sunday Morning Crew of MTT, to Clubs and Residents Associations that got **involved and to the group of 10 ten people from M+W Group**. Some areas needed improvement - grass cutting on the slipways could have been better. The Chairman reported that the overall feedback on the appearance of the town was very good but that was room for improvement in certain areas.

Three new projects have been undertaken by MTT. In conjunction with KCC a new sign has been erected at Carton Avenue. New approach road signs will be in place in the next few weeks. The removal of sticky signage is being undertaken but it is a time consuming job.

It was commented the posting of these signs is illegal and the Bye-Laws should be enacted. Many of the signs have mobile numbers and these should be reported rather than removed by Tidy Town members. Ben Finnegan MSU stated that they would reinforce the anti-litter message on their website and through their newsletter. The MSU intend to be out doing their bit during Freshers Week.

Maynooth Harvest Festival: Plans are ongoing.

U3A: June had been a very busy month. They celebrated their 10th anniversary in a joint concert with the ICA. They visited the Shackleton Endurance Exhibition in Dún Laoghaire. They took part in a Céile with Rita Doyle.

Update on Twinning: The Chairman of MCC will visit Canet-en-Rousillon on the 19th July to make

contact with various groups to try and establish links between groups in Canet and Maynooth. He reported that there is an exchange page on the Maynooth website for those interested in taking part in family holiday exchanges. The Maynooth Harvest Festival will have visitors from Canet and it will coincide with the second anniversary of the signing of the charter between the two towns.

The next Maynooth Community Council Meeting will be in September.

Back to School Tips

If your finances are under pressure, the National Consumer Agency has the following tips for ways to save on the back-to-school costs: Uniforms can be one of the biggest back to school expense. Ask you school or other parents to see if there is a second-hand uniform sale planned. Some websites or local groups on social media sites also sell second-hand uniforms. Keep an eye out for special promotions in shops on school uniforms and try to shop around for generic items of clothing like grey skirts or trousers, white shirts etc., just because the school crest appears on the jumper does not mean you have to buy the matching plain skirt or trouser from the schools supplier. The larger chain stores can be good for these, but remember that stocks do not last when demand is high so it is a good idea to buy early rather than waiting until just before the start of the new school year.

If the school requires an item of clothing with a school crest, ask them if you can purchase the crest and uniform separately to save you money.

Check out your local charity shop. You might be surprised by what you find, like school ties, stationary and clothing. Watch out for shoe sales during the year. Consider buying second-hand school books. Before you do, you will need to check whether your school specifies a particular edition of a given textbook. Some schoolbook websites also sell second-hand books or allow you to sell your books through their websites. If you have to buy brand new books, make sure you shop around. You can compare prices in bookshops with online retailers, as well as specialised schoolbook websites.

Many schools operate book-lending schemes and do not forget that some books, such as popular classics are also available from libraries, though lending times can be limited.

You may also be able to sell your child's old books if they are in good condition. Certain online sites allow you to place free ads. You can place an ad for the books you want to sell as well as the books you need.

Buying stationery in bulk can be cheaper than buying items one-by-one. There are usually good offers at back-to-school time, if you can afford it, it might be worth buying what you will need for the year, or you could get together with other parents and buy in bulk.

Packed lunches prepared at home are not only cheaper than shop-bought lunches they are often more nutritious. Lunchbox products targeted at children can contain large amounts of salt and sugar and generally work out more expensive. A little time spent planning your family's weekday lunch menu before you do the shopping can reduce food wastage and save you money.

Bulk-buy food items, this can be expensive initially but will last for several days. Buy foods that are in season as they are normally cheaper.

If you can afford to, it is a good idea to start to plan ahead and put a little money aside for next year's back-to-school costs. Saving even a small amount regularly can make a big difference. Keep this year's receipts so that you will know how much you will need for next year.

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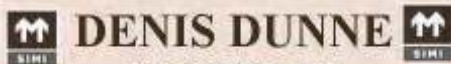
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Know Your Rights A: Appealing your Leaving Certificate results

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Answer:

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Viewing: If you decide you would like to view a particular paper, you mark the form accordingly. There is no charge for viewing your papers. You must return the completed form to your school by 20 August 2013. The Organising Superintendent appointed by the State Examinations Commission will assign you to one of the viewing sessions. These will take place on 30 and 31 August 2013 in your school or examination centre.

Appealing: If you decide to appeal your results, you indicate the subjects you wish to appeal on the appeal application form and you pay the appeal fee. Your application to appeal your 2013 results must be received by 4 September 2013.

Your paper will be re-marked by an appeal examiner, who will be different from the examiner who originally marked your work. The same marking scheme is used for re-marking. Your result may be upgraded, left the same or downgraded as a result of an appeal. There is further information about the [appeal process on the website of the State Examinations Commission](http://www.examinations.ie/appeal-process-on-the-website-of-the-state-examinations-commission).

If you are not happy with the outcome of your appeal, you may request a review by the Independent Appeals Scrutineers. Application forms for an appeal review are provided with your appeal results.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Know Your Rights B: Rent Supplement reviews

Question:

I have been getting Rent Supplement for nearly a year. I have been told that my Rent Supplement is being reviewed. What does this mean? Will I lose my Rent Supplement?

Answer:

Your claim for Rent Supplement is reviewed regularly, usually every six months. During the review you will be asked to complete a Rent Supplement Review Form (your landlord will have to fill out part of this form). You should return this to the Department of Social Protection (DSP) officer dealing with your claim. The

officer will examine the form to make sure that you are receiving the right amount of Rent Supplement. The maximum rent limits for Rent Supplement are reviewed regularly and the latest limits are effective from 17 June 2013. In some cases the officer dealing with your claim may visit your accommodation to confirm the tenancy and the type of accommodation. You should return the form as soon as possible to the officer to ensure there is no delay to your payment.

If your circumstances have not changed since you started getting Rent Supplement you should continue to get your payment. If your circumstances change while you are getting Rent Supplement (for example, if you get extra work or the number of people living in the household changes) you should contact the DSP officer dealing with your claim immediately. You should not wait until your review as this may mean that you are overpaid Rent Supplement which you will have to repay.

If you refuse two offers of social housing from a local authority within a 12-month period, your Rent Supplement will be stopped and you will not be allowed to claim Rent Supplement for 12 months.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Know Your Rights C: Compensation for cancelled flight

Question:

I booked a flight from Dublin to attend my niece's wedding in France. When I arrived at the airport, I was told the flight was cancelled and the next available flight meant I would miss the wedding. Am I entitled to a refund for the cost of the flight?

Answer:

Air passengers have specific consumer rights under European law when they are denied boarding against their will or their flight is cancelled or delayed

As your flight was cancelled, you are entitled to a choice of:

A refund of the cost of your ticket within 7 days or
Re-routing to your final destination at the earliest opportunity or
Re-routing at a later date at your convenience, subject to availability of seat

In your case, as you missed your niece's wedding, you should be given a refund of the cost of your ticket.

You may also be entitled to compensation because you received less than 7 days' notice of the cancellation and you were not offered an alternative flight departing no more than 1 hour before your original departure time and arriving at your final destination less than 2 hours after your original scheduled time of arrival.

However, if the airline can prove that the cancellation was caused by an extraordinary circumstance which could not have been avoided, even if all reasonable measures had been taken, no compensation is payable. Examples of extraordinary circumstances may include weather conditions, air traffic control restrictions, security risks and industrial disputes that affect the

operation of the flight.

If you have a complaint about the assistance and compensation you have received for your cancelled flight, you must first contact your airline directly. If you are still not satisfied you should contact the Commission for Aviation Regulation, either online at [aviationreg.ie](http://www.aviationreg.ie) or by phoning (01) 661 1700.

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Know Your Rights D: Medical card reviews

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Answer:

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In any case, the HSE will ask you periodically to confirm your circumstances. For people aged 66 years or over their medical card is normally reviewed every four years. For people aged under 66, their medical card is generally valid for three years but, depending on the individual's circumstances, it may be issued for a shorter period. Medical cards awarded on a discretionary basis are usually valid for two to three years.

The HSE sends you a review form, which you must fill in and return to the HSE Central Medical Card Office. If you do not return your review form your application cannot be re-assessed and your card may not be re-issued.

You can use your expired card while a review is taking place, as long as you are still involved in the review process. Your eligibility can be confirmed by any GP or pharmacist, or you can confirm it yourself online at [medicalcard.ie](http://www.medicalcard.ie).

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Maynooth Newsletter Editorial

The Newsletter would like to take the opportunity to remind readers that this year's Festival takes place at the end of September. There was great involvement last year and it hoped that there will be even larger crowds this time around. Most of the successful events from last year will be repeated with a continuing emphasis on culture and heritage. This year the students have expressed an interest in becoming involved and we will be welcoming our Canet friends as well. The Festival has also been recognized as part of the Gathering.

Politics in all shapes and forms dominated the news landscape for the past month. The fact that the Oireachtas was closing for the summer meant that important legislation was being debated and had to be completed. The Protection of Life during Pregnancy bill had to be passed as the Government, particularly Fine Gael, could not have their back benchers return to their constituencies to face the electorate for the summer months. This might have led to many more dissenters and defectors than actually occurred. The antics of the last month have not filled people with a great faith in the political system. The sexism shown in the Dáil and in the Seanad was quite astounding. And questions must be asked; should the Dáil be sitting until 5am, should the bar be open until 5am? No is the answer to both. But that still does not excuse the childish and sexist behaviour of a male TD who feels that there is nothing wrong with grabbing a female TD and put her sitting in his lap. She did not seem impressed. This action would have been bad enough in the aforesaid Dáil bar; it was inexcusable in the House itself and, and during such a sensitive debate, it thoroughly reprehensible. Had he forgotten that the cameras were active? But even if they were not, it is still not what we want to see in our national parliament.

The behaviour in the Seanad, while discussing the possible abolition, was even more amazing and bizarre. David Norris was a serious candidate for the presidency of Ireland and there he was castigating another female TD with expressions that struck many people as quite extraordinary. The shouting and screaming during this scene may have ensured the demise of the Seanad. Teachers would never tolerate such behaviour from children in National School. For other observers, it was the sight of so many sober-suited men debating women's bodies again that was chilling. This has been a constant since the 1980's; the most intimate details of women's bodies being discussed in public, and probably in private, by men, some of whom have shown that they have little or no respect for women. Some of the details that some Senators felt they had to reveal were again reprehensible and completely irrelevant to this present bill. Perhaps this explains why there are so few women in politics? It is still part of the 'old boys' club? Certainly the working hours are not compatible with married life, particularly as it is still mostly women who arrange the childcare. Who wants to be told at short notice that they will be working, not until 10pm, but until 5am? Who does the childcare then? Who arranges to look after them? This may sound sexist against men but it is by and large women who take children to the work crèche or pick the children up after work. Quotas are all very well but if the working conditions are anti-family and particularly anti-mothers, then the number of women in politics will not increase.

All this behaviour shows that there is an inherent sexist, even from gay men, against women in Irish society. Those who are elected represent the people, and, even if voters do not want to admit it, they reflect the views of the people. This also applies to those who have been

shown to be suspect in their business affairs and are elected over and over again. Of course David Norris is fighting his own medical battles, but this surely cannot excuse his attack on another public representative in such a fashion?

Although the abortion debate did not divide the country in quite the same way as occurred in the past but that may have been because it was a bill rather than a referendum where everyone had a vote. There is little doubt that this is not the end of the debate or of necessary legislation. Both sides of the issue, and those in the middle, are not content with the present bill and there will be future attempts to legislate further or to backtrack again.

The anger at the Government took an ugly turn during July when Minister Pat Rabbitte was spotted having a pint outside Doheny Nesbitt's after a Dáil sitting. Until now it was unusual for protesters to target a Minister when relatively off-duty. Interestingly, there were few, if any, such attacks on Fianna Fáil/Green Party Ministers when it became increasingly obvious that they had helped to bring the country to bankruptcy. Mar is gnáth, cuirtear an milleán iomlán ar an mion-pháirtí, Lucht Oibre sa chás seo. Ach is iad Fianna Fáil is mó is cúis leis an dochar a déanadh don tír seo. Is iad a bhí i gcumhacht ar feadh beagnach cúig bliana déag. Tá súil again go bhfuil gach éinne ag baint sult agus taitneamh as an aimsir. Tá cluichi CLG mar chúla ar an samhradh mar a bhíonn i gcónaí. But one of the big matches will be the Battle of the Crisps as Hunky Dory's Tyrone meet Tayto's Meath. May the best Crisps win!

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

GREAT TRUTHS

1. In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress

-- John Adams

2. If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.

-- Mark Twain

3. Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of the government. But then I repeat myself.

-- Mark Twain

4. I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

--Winston Churchill

5. A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

-- George Bernard

6. A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money.

-- G. Gordon Liddy

7. Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner.

--James Bovard, Civil Libertarian (1994)

8. Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.

-- Douglas Case, Classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University .

GREAT TRUTHS (Cont)

9. Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.

-- P.J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian

10. Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavours to live at the expense of everybody else.

-- Frederic Bastiat, French economist(1801-1850)

11. Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.

--Ronald Reagan (1986)

12. I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

-- Will Rogers

13. If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free!

-- P. J. O'Rourke

14. In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other.

--Voltaire (1764)

15. Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you!

-- Pericles (430 B.C.)

16. No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session.

-- Mark Twain (1866)

17. Talk is cheap, except when the government does it.

-- Anonymous

18. The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other.

-- Ronald Reagan

19. The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings. The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery.

-- Winston Churchill

20. The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.

-- Mark Twain

21. The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools.

-- Herbert Spencer, English Philosopher (1820-1903)

22. There is no distinctly Native American criminal class, save Congress.

-- Mark Twain

23. What this country needs are more unemployed politicians

--Edward Langley, Artist (1928-1995)

24. A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have.

-- Thomas Jefferson

25. We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.

-- Aesop



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Maynooth Golf Society

Result Sheet 2013

Woodlands Golf Club Date 21/06/2013

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| 1st Prize | Danny Finnan | 42pts |
| 2 nd Prize | Tom Coffey | 39pts |
| 3 rd Prize | Aaron Tobin | 37pts B9 |
| 4 th Prize | Gerry McTernan | 37pts |
| 5 th Prize | John Saults | 36pts B6 |
| 6 th Prize | Barry Desmond | 36pts B9 |
| 7 th Prize | John Carroll | 36pts |
| Front 9 | Martin Shields | 21pts |
| Back 9 | Marty Maguire | 17pts |
| Nearest the Pin | Darren Naughton | |
| 2's Club | Barry Desmond, Barry Farrell, Eamon Murphy | |
| Visitor | Trevor Naughton | |

The Friday evening outing to Woodlands Golf Club on Friday 25th May was a great success. This now mature 18 hole parklands course was in fine condition, with its variation of holes and many lakes it was challenging for the 47 members and visitors who played. This outing was sponsored by Ollie Bright and Tom Nolan.

Competition for prizes was very tight with all prize winners scoring over 36 points. The winner on this competition was new member Danny Finnan with a score of 42 points who beat Tom Coffey into second place 39 points, 3rd place Aaron Tobin 37 points, 4th Gerry McTernan 37points also beaten on back 9. All other prize winners are listed above.

The prizes were presented in Brady's Bar to a large number of members and friends from the society. The captain Marty Maguire thanked the sponsors Ollie Bright and Tom Nolan for their support and sponsorship of the society. He also congratulated all the prize winners on another successful and well supported golf society outing.



ASK SHARON THE STYLIST!!

"I love the confidence that makeup gives me"—
Tyra Banks (American Super Model)

Question: "How much makeup should I wear?"

It really is a matter of personal choice, it's been so hot recently that I didn't even want to wear any make-up and foundation during the day but because I know that it will also act as a second skin and protection from the sun because it contains SPF I stuck with my BB cream. BB is short for Beauty Balm and is basically a hybrid between a tinted moisturizer and foundation and I like it because it's a little thicker and offers more coverage than a tinted moisturiser. When I'm having an "off day" and I put my makeup on I always feel better. I have it down to a fine art which takes 5 to 10 minutes depending how much I decide to put on and when you think of all the hours in the day it is a small price to pay to look and feel better. Here is a basic make-up lesson to follow from start to finish, just take out specific parts that you want to try and because "practice makes perfect" you will find in time you will get quicker too.

Basic 10 Minute Make Up:

Start with Sunscreen: Starting with a clean face, apply sunscreen to face and neck, rain or shine you should get in the habit of applying sunscreen every day, if you have dry skin, apply moisturizer BEFORE sunscreen.

Foundation is next: Apply BB Cream to your face making sure to blend along the jaw line so you don't have a tell-tale line.

Translucent Powder: Loose or Pressed. Next using a puff or brush, apply or pat powder gently on your face to blot wet patches and prepare for blusher.

Blusher: Apply blush just under the apples of your cheeks with a medium blusher brush, use your ear as a guideline and work towards the nose to just under the eye, if using cream blusher apply on to the apples of your cheeks first before translucent powder directly onto foundation.

Optional: Eyebrows: Some brows may need to be filled in, match your eyebrow pencil colour to the same colour as your natural eyebrow. After pencilling in, use an eyebrow brush to blend in colour.

Eye Shadow: For a basic eye, simply apply a base shade or highlighter all over the lid of the eye. Apply a darker shadow on the lid of your eyeball to contour the natural shape of your eye and then a little just under your bottom lashes.

Mascara: Apply Mascara by wiggling the wand from the roots of your lashes on through to the ends.

Lips: Apply lipstick and if you like you can fill in lips with lip liner.

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Princess Leah Update Beauty and Bravery Still Shining True



It has been two months since we printed an article on Leah Taaffe and here at the Newsletter we thought that we would give you an update on how she is doing now. Just to refresh your memory, Leah, or Princess Leah as she's known by her family and friends, is 6 years old and attends Robertstown National School. Leah was diagnosed with a rare form of brain tumour, so rare in fact that only one in five million may contract it worldwide and up to now there has never been a recorded case of it here in Ireland. It is so rare that, unfortunately, that there are no proper facilities to deal with it in Ireland and so Leah has had to go to England for suitable treatment.

This treatment is very expensive at 250,000 euro. Leah's aunt, Kym Kelly, explained that they were not able to secure state funding to help with the medical costs and so they have to raise the money themselves and with the help of a very generous community. There has been a very positive response from the general public, whereby people have run coffee mornings and afternoons, arranged music and dance nights and there was a sky dive on the 27th July to add to those much needed life-saving funds for Leah.

Leah had her last radiation treatment on 1st of July and as Kym says "there is no more treatment now for up to 10 weeks. They cannot scan before then as there may be swelling and this will give a false reading. Once the scans are done, we will then know if the cancer is finally responding to treatment. Chemo did nothing for Leah. Our hopes are resting in radiation. If it doesn't work we then have to fight hard for Leah. We are currently contacting hospitals in the UK, in the hope that they will take on her case."

To date just over 105,000 euro has been raised for the Princess Fund, but this is still far short of the 250,000 euro necessary for the on-going treatments. If any pubs, clubs, shops or businesses from Maynooth are willing to run a fundraising event please contact kymkellymusic@gmail.com. If you feel that you would like run a coffee morning, a music or dance event or have a civvies day at work or when you go back to school to help raise funds for the Princess Leah Fund, contact Kym who will also give you updates. To follow Leah's courageous battle log on to her Facebook page or to make a donation visit www.idonate.ie/princessleahfund. Leah and her family would also like to express their gratitude and thanks to all those that have donated their time effort and support to date and that the response and generosity shown by so many people who are willing to help is greatly appreciated.

By: Brian O'Neill

Maynooth - Ontario - Canada

Maynooth is the heartbeat of the municipality of Hastings Highlands



Maynooth where? I hear you ask. Well there is a Maynooth in Canada, which is not an unusual phenomenon as there are many towns around the world that bear the same name as those in other

geographical locations; such as Dublin City in Ohio, America and it's obvious counter-part, and fore-bear, here in Ireland and if you can't guess where that is then you could just try Google-ing it. Now that I have your interest and without any further ado, here are some facts about our namesake in Canada. Maynooth is a small hamlet in Hastings Highland which is in the northernmost portion of Hastings County, Ontario. It is just 20 minutes north of Bancroft and located at the junction of Highway 62 and Highway 127. Maynooth hamlet is just South-East of the world famous Algonquin Park. This area is known as Canada's Mineral Capital because of the diversity of minerals and gems. Maynooth Natural Granite is found in a glacial deposit formed from these rocks and sand during the last ice age. The granite rocks themselves are some of the oldest in the world and estimated to be in excess of 1 billion years' old. They have been metamorphosed (exposed to extreme pressure and



temperature), mixing in a large range of minerals to create unique and colourful rocks. In contrast to our own town, which was founded many hundreds of years ago and has a

resident population of 12,510, Maynooth, Ontario, was founded in 1861 and its present population is 4168 with 94.0% who speak English as their first language; 1.0% speak French as their first language and 5.0% indicating a language of first choice from other cultural and ethnic backgrounds. It went through a period of name changes; initially it was called Doyle's Corner, then Oxenden, which was changed to Tara and ultimately the residents settled on Maynooth in honour of Patrick Fitzgerald and his family who are a descendent branch of the Fitzgeralds of Kildare.

The current municipality of Hastings Highlands was incorporated on January 1, 2001, by amalgamating the former townships of Bangor, Wicklow and McClure, Herschel and Monteagle and the township's administrative and commercial centre is the community of Maynooth. The township also encompasses the communities of Baptiste, Combermere, Bell Rapids, Birds Creek, Centreview, Graphite, Greenview, Hickey Settlement, Hughes Hybla, Lake St. Peter, Maple Leaf, Maynooth Station, McAlpine Corners, McGarry Flats, Monteagle Valley, Musclow, Purdy, Scotch Bush, Scott Settlement and York River.

Each year the residents host a festival, which was formerly known as "Maynooth Madness", but is now referred to as the "Maynooth Loggers Games" on Labour Day weekend. This festival has a variety of attractions and



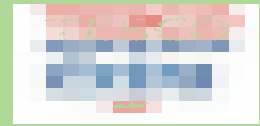
games such as the obvious logger's games which include events such as log-slicing with chainsaws and skidder operating systems. This festival is a spin-off from the Maynooth Autumn Fair and also includes events such as the annual mud-run, a parade, a rummage and craft sale, Fall Fair and many other fun events such as chair-carving. On 31st of August this year the Maynooth Highland Heavies in conjunction with 25 members of the Canadian Scottish Athletic Federation (C.S.A.F) will be throwing in a number of events including the Caber Toss, Hammer, Weights for distance, Weights for height, Sheaf and Stone Putt. These athletes are from all over Canada and America and have trained and travelled to compete in what is a very famous and popular festival.

Like our own town, Maynooth Ontario is small. Our own town relies on St. Patrick's College and N.U.I and also its close proximity to Dublin to compliment the indigenous industry to sustain local financial prosperity. Maynooth Ontario relies on the fact that it is a good place to base visits to other localities such as the Algonquin Provincial Park to view the beautiful and panoramic scenery to indulge in some camping, canoeing, kayaking, hill walking or even a visit to the outdoor logging museum. When in the outdoors everybody has to be wary and alert for bears, moose and wolves among other such native animals. Though wolves are mostly based in the interior and rarely seen, the more common species of animal to be seen are beavers and otters which are fairly common. In our own society we take for granted the convenience of having Tesco's, Dunne's, Aldi and Lidl among other supermarkets and shops. In Maynooth, Ontario, there is a small grocery store with a plentiful stock, which is comparatively expensive but acceptable value. While there is a local café serving treats there is also a local pub which was set up by the local hostel owners for both guests and non-guests. This, in itself is an obvious contrast to the number of café's, pubs and clubs we have on our own doorstep here.

The Public School is located in a rural setting at 24 km's North of Bancroft. This is a Junior/Primary school with approximately 100 students in attendance, from Junior Grade to 6th Grade. While maintaining a focus on success for every student, learning is celebrated through achievement assemblies, character education, Reading Buddies, family literacy night, a Science Fair and a participation in a variety of community celebrations. When the students begin their second level education they start attending York River Public School in Bancroft.

This is only a small window on the aspects of another place called Maynooth and while the name is the same as our own town they are very different places to live in with very different attributes to offer the residents and the visitor alike. But then isn't that what makes life so interesting; if all places were the same what would be the point of travel holidays?

By: Brian O'Neill



Tesco's Food Appeal for Local Charity

I would like to thank all our customers most sincerely for your very kind generosity at the Tesco Extra Maynooth Food Appeal held on Friday 5th & Saturday 6th July 2013. €884.69 was raised in our store and in total €17,000 was collected in 26 Tesco Stores nationwide. All the food donated was distributed among local charities. Maynooth St. Vincent De Paul was the chosen charity for our store. These events are very important for local communities and I am always very happy to get involved. If you have any ideas or would like to talk to me about up and coming events you can contact me in store. Once again thank you for your support

Bernie Kane
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Mary Fleming



Vera Phelan with grandkids Rhys, Craig & Amy Bourke

Irish Open at Carton in Pictures



Spectators admire the "Hole in One" prize at the 17th Hole in the Irish Open



Des Matthews and David Cregg enjoying the Golf



Paul Mc Ginley Ryder Cup Captain signs autographs for delighted fans



Darren Clarke ponders his next shot



Andre Sherchenko with Rory Mc Elroy his partner at the Pro Am.



Brian McFadden (Westlife) enjoys the golf



Graeme McDowell signing autographs for the fans



Keith Duffy (Boyzone) makes time for fans



Program sellers enjoying the Golf



Young fans enjoy the golf at Carton



Paul Casey winner of the Irish Open with Enda Kenny



Paul Casey Irish Open Champion 2013

The general feeling from the feedback so far is the Irish Open in Carton was a huge success and a great benefit to the Town. It is always dangerous to put names to people who volunteer their time to make this type of event successful but on this occasion they do deserve a mention. With apologies in advance to anyone we miss. The Management & Staff of Carton, The European Tour, Tourism Ireland, Kildare County Council, Councillor's Senan Griffin & John Mc Ginley, Maynooth Business Association, Maynooth Community Council & the Staff of their Community Employment Scheme, Maynooth Tidy Towns, Maynooth 10k Committee, Maynooth Scouts, the Students & Staff from both the College & local schools, Brent Rumford, our Town's golfing ambassador, the Management & Staff of McDonald's Maynooth, the Management & Staff of M+G Group Maynooth and finally a big Thank You to P & his crew Mick McCarthy, Luke Bell, Conor O'Rourke and Myles Behan who kept the Avenue and surrounds clean and a point of information for many of the visitors who pass through the area.



Brett Rumford and party in Maynooth Square.



Golfer Brett Rumford with Dermot & Joy O'Neill winners of Best Shopfront



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Maynooth Labour News

NUIM Cut Grass on Kilcock Road Following Cllr. McGinley Motion

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the June meeting of the Area Committee: That NUI, Maynooth be again asked to cut the grass (hay) on the verges on the Kilcock Road outside their premises and on the roundabout at the entrance to NUI, Maynooth as it is a disgrace at present. NUIM cut the grass shortly afterwards, but Cllr. McGinley pointed out that NUIM leave in too late in the year before they begin the work and as a result the entrance to the town becomes an eyesore.

Cllr. McGinley Demands Action on large gully/open drain at Leinster Street:

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion: "That a report be given to the area committee on what action has been taken by planning or roads sections over the past 18 months to make the large gully/open drain at Leinster Street, Maynooth, safe and not a litter magnet and eyesore. Has consideration been given to covering it over with a footpath seeing that this most pedestrianised street in Maynooth does not have a footpath at present?"

Council Reply:

"Consultants (Aecom) have been appointed to review and design a cycling route corridor through Maynooth. As part of this scheme, they are developing proposals for a footpath along Leinster Street on the line of the open drain. When the design for this is completed a report will issue to the area committee."

Cllr. McGinley Demands Safety for School Children on the Celbridge Road

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion: "That the provision of a footpath on the east side of Celbridge Road, Maynooth, from Rockfield to the Educate Together School, be included in the Sustainable Transport Grants sought for 2014." Council Reply:

The area office will keep this suggestion in mind when consideration is being given for the 2014 NTA application.

Council Clear Drains on Main Street, Maynooth, Footpaths

Following Cllr. John McGinley's motion the Council cleaned out the drains on the footpaths on Main Street, Maynooth. John asked that this work be carried out on a regular basis in order to save the extra cost of unscrewing the drain covers.

Cllr. McGinley Gets the Council to Agree to Remove the Gum from the footpaths on Main Street, Maynooth

Kildare County Council have agreed to Cllr. McGinley's motion to have the gum removed from the footpaths on Main Street, Maynooth. The work will take place in July. The Council launched The National Gum Litter Campaign in Maynooth on 3rd July.

Planning Permission Being Submitted for the New Second Level School

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised that the Kildare & Wicklow Education & Training Board (Formerly County Kildare VEC) proposes to submit a Planning Application to Kildare County Council for the Maynooth Education Campus at Moyglare Hall in July

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Update on 66 Bus Extension:

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

"That a report be given to the Area Committee on the progress made on the extension of the 66 bus service to Newtown, Maynooth and if as a result of the change of the terminus from the Straffan Road will there be traffic signals or a roundabout at the junction of the Straffan Road/ Meadowbrook Link Road."

Cllr. McGinley Asks for the Closure of Pedestrian Access at Parson Hall.

Following a request from the Residents' Association Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

"That the Council sets in place the procedure for the closure of the pedestrian access/right of way to Parson Hall estate, Maynooth, as requested by the Residents' Association in their petition of 3 July to the Council."

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Proper Signage for Maynooth at N7

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

"Will the Council ask the NRA to add Maynooth to the sign indicating Straffan and Kill at Junction 7 on the N7 in order to facilitate motorists?"

Cllr. McGinley Asks for the Sight Line at Educate Together School to be Improved

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

"Can the Council cut the grass on the town side of the Educate Together School, Maynooth, in order to improve the sight line for cars emerging from the school?"

Stagg Lodges Case for Reinstatement of Ambulance Service in Maynooth

Deputy Emmet Stagg has lodged a file with Minister of State at the Department of Health, Alex White T.D., seeking the reinstatement of direct dispatch of Emergency Ambulances from Maynooth Ambulance Base on Thursday's between 7 am and 7 pm.

Maynooth Ambulance Station, stated Deputy Stagg, covers a population of 60,369 people in the towns of Maynooth, Celbridge, Leixlip, Clane, Kilcock and Straffan. Between 7 am and 7 pm, every Thursday, no ambulance is available for dispatch directly from Maynooth Ambulance Station. In the event of an emergency an Ambulance would have to come from Athy, which is 90 minutes away, Naas, which is an hour away or Dublin or Cavan. To allow this situation to continue is putting people's lives at risk.

Deputy Stagg previously raised this issue in the Dail by way of Topical Debate and during that debate Minister White stated "If it can be demonstrated there is some risk associated with this change, that must be addressed".

Deputy Stagg has sought a meeting with Minister White and has supplied the Minister with Letters from local G.P.'s outlining their serious concern at the non dispatch directly of ambulances from Maynooth Ambulance Base on Thursday's. Some of the comments of the Doctors include:

"a patient who had a heart attack in a Doctor's Surgery would have died if it happened on a Thursday between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm. The Doctor believes that lives are being placed at risk due to non-dispatch directly from Maynooth Ambulance Base".

"non provision of the service presents a public health risk which should be addressed with seriousness".

"the decision poses a serious risk to public health particularly in Cardio-Pulmonary events".

"without doubt there is an increased risk involved to the public by not having dispatch locally from Maynooth" These letters stated Deputy Stagg clearly demonstrate the serious risk to public health posed by the non-dispatch from Maynooth Ambulance Base on Thursday's and in seeking the meeting initially with Minister White Deputy Stagg pointed out that he wanted to have this matter addressed once and for all.

Stagg Welcomes Boost for Local Employers and Long Term Unemployed

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement today of JobsPlus which is a new employer incentive, from the Department of Social Protection, which encourages and rewards employers who offer employment opportunities to the long term unemployed.

Deputy Stagg stated that this is a simple scheme for employers to access up to €10,000 for a qualifying recruit, payable on a monthly basis over a two year period.

JobsPlus is a new employer Incentive which will encourage and rewards small and medium employers in Co. Kildare who offer full time employment opportunities to the long term unemployed on the Live Register. The Scheme offers regular cash payments to employers to offset wage costs where they engage jobseekers from the live register.

Commenting on the new initiative which initially is targeted at 2,000 places nationally Deputy Stagg stated 'I believe this represents another example of new thinking by the Government. This is an example of the Labour Party in Government listening to concerns raised by employers regarding existing supports and incentives available to them and of Government's determination to make sure that Ireland is a good place in which to do business and that our recovery is business-led. It is also an example of our commitment to create opportunities for the Long Term Unemployed. In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that JobsPlus will provide a proactive service that helps jobseekers and, crucially, employers. The development of JobsPlus gives employers an incentive to recruit and can make a real contribution to their bottom line and in doing so reduce Long Term Unemployment.

Approval of Leader Funding for Further Development at St. Catherine's Park

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement today by the Minister for Environment Phil Hogan T.D. of approval of Leader funding of €493,385 to Laraghcon Residents Association in Lucan for the development of further amenity facilities at St. Catherine's Park, between Leixlip and Lucan.

The total cost of the amenity projects including County Council funding and local contributions totals €657,847 and the project involves the provision of a playground, a skate park and a BMX Trail. In addition there will be general landscaping works, development of picnic areas and extensive tree and bulb planting. St. Catherine's Park currently has attractive woodlands in the southern part of the park with sports pitches and open grassland in the northern section. The provision of these additional facilities will add to the attractiveness of the area for recreational pursuits for people in Leixlip, Lucan and throughout North Kildare. Deputy Stagg complimented Laraghcon Residents Association for volunteering to be the lead Community Group in developing the grant application

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Tips from the National Consumer Agency on grocery shopping

Shop around

Our Grocery Price Surveys have shown that the best way to get the best prices is through shopping around and spreading your spend across a few of different stores. Small local shops may offer convenience for consumers, which is great, but you may find prices are that little bit higher to pay for that local convenience. On the other hand, savings you might hope to make on a trip to an out-of-town discount store should be balanced against the cost of getting there



and back

You can also check the larger shops' websites or use online comparison sites to check prices before you go shopping

Check the unit price

Always check the unit price of what you are buying to work out the best value for you. Buying another size (sometimes even the smaller size) may represent better value overall

Some items are usually cheaper when bought in bulk, but this only makes sense, value-wise, if you're going to use it up before it goes off. Some items, such as vegetables, can work out more expensive when bought pre-packed than if you buy them by weight from the "loose" vegetable section

Make fresh meals from scratch and buy in season

Take-away, frozen, pre-packed or ready-meals can work out a lot more expensive than making fresh meals yourself. Meals made from scratch are generally healthier too

If you don't have time to cook every day, make several meals at the one time and freeze them

Buying raw, whole fruit and vegetables can be a lot cheaper than buying prepared ones, as you are paying for someone else to do the washing and chopping for you

Fruit and vegetables can be more expensive when bought out of season and are usually imported

Buying seasonal fruit and vegetables means you get the best quality, locally produced food at a lower price, and you help support Irish producers. To find out what is in season, visit Bord Bia's Best in Season website

Buy only what you need

Don't buy too much of items that may go off

Plan meals and make a shopping list of what you need

Keep an eye on "use by" and "best before" dates on food packaging even after you've bought it. If it looks like you're not going to use it before that date, freeze it for use at a later date

Buy discounted items and look for special offers

Keep an eye out for discounted fresh food – it might be near its use-by date, but you might be able to freeze it

Most supermarket and many local shops advertise their special offers in the media, on their website and in flyers dropped through your door. These can help you compare deals across a number of shops in your area, choose what to buy and where, before you even leave the house

Don't be a brand slave

You don't have to stick with the same brand of particular products

Ask yourself whether your usual brand offers you good value

The best-known brands can be the most expensive, but this does not necessarily mean that they are "better" than others. You might make savings by choosing a less well-known brand or own-brand product

Use coupons wisely

Coupons can save you money - but don't buy products you don't need just because you have a coupon

You can find coupons on the back of receipts from most of the major supermarkets and on lots of websites

Earn with loyalty cards

Never let a loyalty card scheme make the decision on where to shop for you – they can be useful but they should never become the only reason to shop somewhere

Some supermarkets allow you to accumulate points, which give you money-off vouchers for the same store, or you can often swap the points for vouchers for restaurants, days out or hotel breaks

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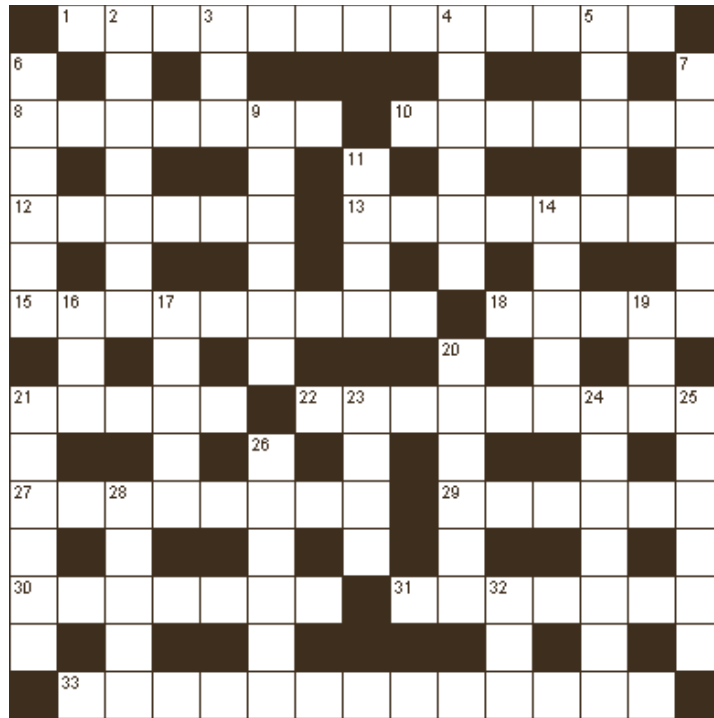
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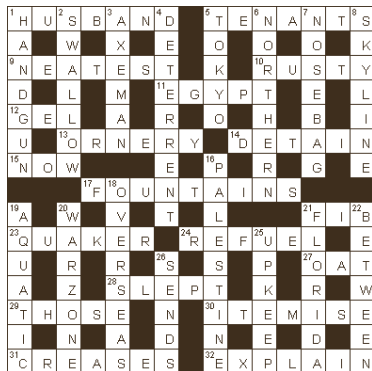
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Clues Across**August 2013 Crossword - No: 416****Clues Down**

1. Fife village (13)
8. Sad (7)
10. Somewhat hungry (7)
12. Intense fear (6)
13. Physicist (8)
15. Officer (9)
18. Long-billed sandpiper (5)
21. Fiend (5)
22. The right-hand side (9)
27. Magnificent (8)
29. Rule (6)
30. One who aspires (7)
31. Snake (7)
33. Small spaniel (6,7)



2. Capital of Iran (7)
3. Viper (3)
4. Contraction of need not (6)
5. Slip (5)
6. Rural (6)
7. Alter (6)
9. Door (6)
11. In good health (4)
14. Latin-American dance (5)
16. Lyric poem (3)
17. Tend a fire (5)
19. Average (3)
20. Capital of Czechoslovakia (6)
21. Repudiate (6)
23. Commotion (2-2)
24. Anthropoid (3-4)
25. Peril (6)
26. Fit to be eaten (6)
28. Language (5)
32. Slender metal fastener (3)

Answers to Crossword 415

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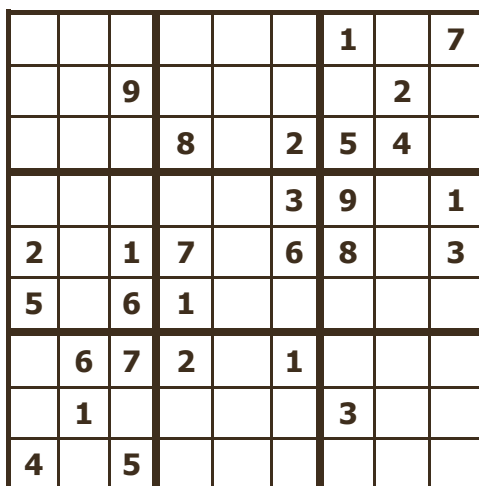
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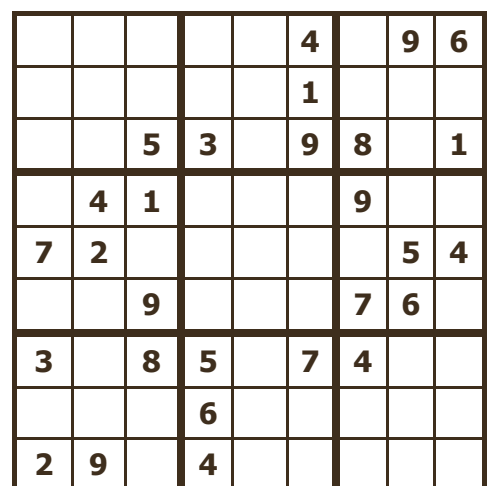
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CSO Crime Figures Don't Account for Lack of Garda Resources

Crime Rates Dropping Because Gardaí Unavailable to 'Police' Many of the Criminal Acts as They Happen

Responding to the CSO figures published today which detail reductions in various crimes, Independent TD Catherine Murphy reiterated her contention that fewer Garda resources will inevitably lead to reduced crime levels –not because the crimes are not occurring but because they are simply not being 'caught' due to the lack of Garda presence.

"The reality is that when you have a Garda force that is so thin on the ground, many criminal acts go undetected and unreported because, quite simply, there are no Gardaí around to 'catch' the criminal act as it happens. I am referring to acts that don't generally require someone reporting them but instead rely on age old policing work."

"We cannot continue in a situation where inadequate policing levels are facilitating the under detection of criminal offences which in turn lead to misleading statistics about falling crime rates. An unfair distribution of scarce resources will inevitably lead to distorted figures. Kildare, for example, operates a Garda force 40% lower than the national average

despite a population of 210,000. The crime rates in Kildare cannot be accurately compared to somewhere like Sligo/Leitrim with half the population yet almost identical numbers of Garda resources.

Murphy Highlights Changes in Maternity Benefits to Working Mothers

Independent TD Catherine Murphy today drew attention to the fact that since July 1st, Maternity Benefit has become subject to PAYE tax and as a result, many women will find their payment amounts dramatically reduced this month and hereafter.

"This measure was announced in December's budget however it is only now that the change has come into effect, and many people are being caught unawares and the difference in the amounts of payment can be dramatic. Women may find themselves down several hundred euros a month under these new arrangements."

"The period of maternity leave is a stage when costs are exceptionally high for new parents, a new baby and all the costs that entails, can be stressful enough on women and families and this measure will further increase the difficulties many face during what should be a joyful time for all involved. I would urge women to double check their tax credits and engage with their employer to ensure that all their tax details are up to date so as to try and limit their liability as much as is possible."

Tidy Towns Notes

We greatly appreciate the comments that people have given us during the Irish Open on how well the town looked. We had teams out from Tuesday to Sunday up each evening watering the planters and general tidying up.

A New Information Board has been placed on Carton Avenue with the support of Kildare County Council.

Elsewhere you will have read information about the new Chewing Gum initiative that we were asked to take part in. Once again we ask everyone to make a special effort to keep Maynooth clean and tidy.

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Five Reasons to Ditch the Sports Drink plus a Healthy Alternative

Ask any athlete what their go-to product for electrolyte replacement is and I guarantee that almost everyone will say Gatorade. Or Powerade. Or any other -ade product. The marketing campaigns of these products has been quite successful. While most people think that sports drinks are doing their body a favor, in reality these “aids” are doing more harm than good. Here are five excellent reasons to ditch the sports drinks for good!

■Sports drinks that you can find in the store are loaded with refined sugars and high fructose corn syrup. They have almost as much sugar as soda!! Just think of someone who is trying their hardest to exercise and lose a little bit of weight. Chugging a sports drink after that exercise isn't going to help their weight loss efforts at all.

■Along with the electrolytes that are included in sports drinks, you will also find artificial flavors, sweeteners, and colors. None of these are food and none of these belong in your body. Their only role is to create a flavor and appeal that is simply missing from the product. These ingredients certainly don't replace electrolytes.

■There is a LOT of processed salt in these products. This is understandable because these drinks are designed to replace the sodium lost during high intensity exercise. I would like to stress “high intensity exercise” here because if you are only working out at a moderate level and are not sweating profusely, these drinks can do more harm than good.

■The acidic nature of sports drinks can be very damaging to teeth. The citric acid present in the product softens tooth enamel, and your dentist probably wouldn't be too happy about that.

■For most people these sports drinks are useless. The average person exercising most likely isn't performing at a vigorous intensity for longer than an hour. In this case, a drink of water would be more beneficial than any sports drink.

So, what is the alternative for an endurance athlete that must replace the electrolytes lost during an intense workout?

Coconut water. Coconut water is a natural source of potassium, magnesium, sodium, calcium, and phosphorus. Besides electrolytes, coconut water also contains B vitamins, minerals, amino acids, enzymes, and antioxidants. Simply, coconut water is a good, good food.

Making this drink is so simple you may wonder why you didn't think of it yourself. Or, maybe you have!



Healthy Sports Drink

Ice

Coconut water (I like to choose a product that is NOT from concentrate)

Lemon or lime (or a mix)

Healthy pinch of Sea Salt

Honey (a teeny bit if you like a sweet drink – we think it is delicious without)

Basil (a leaf or two, chopped)

Fill your water bottle with ice and top off with the coconut water. Squeeze an entire lemon or lime into your drink and top it off with a healthy pinch of salt. Add the basil and shake it up to combine (be sure to put the lid on first, ha!)

You may wonder why salt is added if coconut water is already a source of sodium. While coconut water is loaded with potassium, the levels of sodium just aren't sufficient to replace the sodium lost during a high intensity/endurance work out.

I must give my husband credit for adding the basil to the ingredient list. On a hunch, he added the basil, and it was a good move. This drink is so versatile, so have fun adding to the flavor mix!

Enjoy!

ANNIVERSARIES

Historically celebrating wedding anniversaries date back to medieval Germany when husbands crowned their wives with a silver wreath on their 25th anniversary and a gold wreath on their 50th. The origins of current gift conventions date back to 1937, when the American National Retail Jeweller Association expanded the list of gifts. The revamped list gave a gift for every year up to the 20th anniversary and then for every 5th anniversary after that. Traditions vary in different countries but generally the main anniversaries are the same.

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| 1 st Anniversary | Paper | 15 th Anniversary | Crystal |
| 2 nd Anniversary | Cotton | 20 th Anniversary | China |
| 3 rd Anniversary | Leather | 25 th Anniversary | Silver |
| 4 th Anniversary | Linen | 30 th Anniversary | Pearl |
| 5 th Anniversary | Wood | 35 th Anniversary | Coral/Jade |
| 6 th Anniversary | Iron | 40 th Anniversary | Ruby |
| 7 th Anniversary | Wool/Copper | 45 th Anniversary | Sapphire |
| 8 th Anniversary | Bronze | 50 th Anniversary | Gold |
| 9 th Anniversary | Pottery | 55 th Anniversary | Emerald |
| 10 th Anniversary | Aluminium | 60 th Anniversary | Diamond |

Birthday Flower

Most people have heard of Birthstones, well the following list is of Birth-flowers.

JANUARY

Flower: Carnation, Snowdrop

FEBRUARY

Flower: Primrose, Violet

MARCH

Flower: Jonquil, Violet

APRIL

Flower: Daisy, Sweet Pea

MAY

Flower: Hawthorn, Lily of the Valley

JUNE

Flower: Honeysuckle, Rose

JULY

Flower: Larkspur, Water Lily

AUGUST

Flower: Gladiolus, Poppy

SEPTEMBER

Flower: Aster, Morning Glory

OCTOBER

Flower: Calendula, Cosmos

NOVEMBER

Flower: Chrysanthemum

DECEMBER

Flower: Holly, Narcissus, Poinsettia

***COPYDATE FOR SEPTEMBER
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Matches



Can you solve our Wordsearch Puzzle?

Summer Search

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August

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McDonalds Children's Colouring Competition



Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

July Winners:

Age: 3 - 5: Layla Mathias, Rockfield Green

Age: 6 - 7: Lorna Fokam, Moyglare Hall

Age: 8 & Over: Sinead Crowley, Moyglare Abbey

Prizes for Colouring Competition can be collected at:

Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre.

Entries must arrive before: 20th August 2013

McDonald's



August Diary Planner

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

Community Library

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

Toastmasters

Toastmasters meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month in Glenroyal Hotel at 8pm. The meetings are very enjoyable but with a good learning input. They stop for tea half way through and end at 10pm. All visitors are welcome. Felicity Cuthbert PRO

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

There will be no club meeting in August as we break for the summer and resume in September
PRO Maureen Fagan

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

I.C.A.

Meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour.

No monthly meeting in August, but will resume in September. Crafts will also resume every Monday night in September at 8.00pm.

New members welcome

Parent & Toddler Group

Every Thursday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. in the Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills

University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Fridays at 11am in Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills

New Members Welcome
Enquiries: Helena
Phone: 087 6717062

History Group

Meetings every last Thursday of the month in Maynooth Community Council Office
Tesco Shopping Centre 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

If you would like your event put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter 01 6285053/01 6285922

August Gardening



August is a month of plenty in the vegetable garden, and harvesting is the order of the day. All the summer vegetables will be in full flow by now, and you're likely to have plenty of french beans, peas, potatoes, cucumbers, tomatoes, courgette and runner beans. The vegetable patch will look very green, with mature plants covering most of the soil, and there will be lovely splashes of colour from the runner bean and courgette flowers.



Stake tomato plants. Remember to keep your strawflowers well watered. Try not to get the flowers wet when watering. Gather herbs for drying as they mature. Pinch the stems of basil regularly to prevent flowering. Harvest about once a week. Lift main crop potatoes after the stems have died. Bend over the tops of your cooking onions to prepare for lifting them. Seed winter vegetables now. Once your strawberries have finished fruiting, remove any straw, old leaves and runners that you don't want. If your strawberry plants are disease free then propagate your own strawberries from the runners that your plants will be throwing out. To get the best strawberry crop, you need to replace your strawberry plants every 3 to 4 years. Now is the time to plant new strawberry plants ready for next year. As your autumn fruiting raspberry canes grow, tie them to any supports and wires to stop them rocking about in the wind.



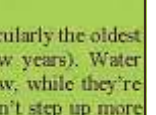
Keep hedges neat and under control daffodils and tulips should be fertilized in early to mid-August. Hardy geraniums can be cut back a little to remove tired leaves and encourage a new flush of growth. Prune climbing and rambling roses that do not repeat flower or produce attractive hips, once the flowers have finished. Propagate perennials by dividing once they have finished flowering, but only in areas with some rain and duller weather, to avoid drying out problems. Pick sweet peas regularly to encourage more blooms. Keep a close eye on your nasturtium for aphids. Water hydrangeas with hydrangea colourant for true blue hydrangeas next year. Inspect chrysanthemums for the first signs of white rust and take immediate action.



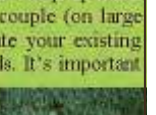
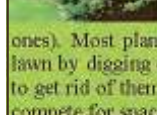
Clear pond water can be achieved with proper plant balance. If the pond is in full sun, 50-70% of its surface must be covered with foliage such as floating heart, water hyacinth, water poppy, water lily, or lotus. Underwater grasses are essential to maintaining water clarity as they utilize the oxygen in the water, which helps prevent algae from accumulating in the pond.



Following are some easy guidelines to know when trying to figure out how many grasses are needed: 1 clump of grass per 1 sq. ft. of surface area for ponds less than 25 sq. ft. 1 clump of grass per 2 sq. ft. of surface area for ponds greater than 25 sq. ft. Time to fertilize all water lilies and lotus once a month to keep the plant blooming continuously throughout the season. Time to switch from spring fish food to summer fish food since water temperatures have risen above 70 degrees. At higher temperatures, fish metabolize at a faster rate, thus creating a need for a diet higher in protein, which the summer food contains.



Trees are especially vulnerable to drought, particularly the oldest and the youngest (those planted in the last few years). Water deeply. If houseplants need repotting, do it now, while they're still outside (less messy than in the house). Don't step up more than an inch in diameter (on small pots) or a couple (on large ones). Most plants don't like to swim in their containers. Renovate your existing lawn by digging out or selectively spraying existing broadleaf weeds. It's important to get rid of them before you over-sow the grass, otherwise they'll compete for space and ruin the look. If you've used a herbicide to kill weeds, check the withholding period before sowing new grass. Fill bare patches and slight dips with our Lawn Mix. Later in August, when overnight temperatures are at 7plus then you can sow grass seed. In hot weather, raise your lawnmower blades as longer grass is more tolerant of dry conditions.



Take lots of photos of your garden now if you want to rearrange it in winter - it's much easier to do this if you have a reference point. Regularly mist plants in greenhouses, polytunnels and conservatories to prevent red spider mite infestation.

Tide the earth with a hoe, it will laugh a harvest!

P's MUSIC SESSION IN THE PARK

SATURDAY AUG 10th POUND PARK

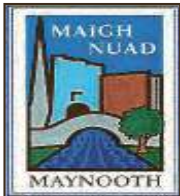
JACK "THE RIPPER" HOGAN & POSSE

A NON-ALCOHOLIC EVENT

ADMISSION FREE

2pm - 10pm

REGGAE DANCEHALL ROOTS TECHNO House TRANCE



Maynooth Twinned With Canet-en-Roussillon Information Exchange Forum



The following groups from our Twin Town Canet-en-Roussillon and the surrounding area are interested in forming associations with compatible groups from Maynooth with a view to developing a cultural exchange program. Any interested groups should contact the Maynooth Community Council office or e-mail maynoothcc@eircom.net. Further information will be published to our websites Canet Information Exchange Link over the coming weeks at www.maynoothcc.com

Culture

Friends of Maritim Museum
Plastic Arts of Canet
Friends of Old Canet (heritage)
Sculptors of Catalunya
CMusic(choirs)
Philatelic Club
Theater Club
Readers Digests
Theaters Actors Club
Symphonic Orchestra of Canet
Temps Dance
La Llevantina (Traditional Dances)
Old Catalan Boats
Leisure
Canet Accueil (3rd age Association)
Environment Association and Arboretum
Life in Canet (3rd Age Association)
Normand of Canet (Association of Native People from North France)

Sports

Amicale Cycliste Canetoise (Tourism Cyclist) – Public from 40 to 80 years
Basket Ball Club – Public from 8 to 35 years
Canet 66 Volley-Ball – Public from 8 to 35 years
Judo Canet - Public from 4 to 40 years
Canet 66 Natation (swimming) – Public from 4 to 65 years
Canet Kite surf – Public from 10 to 30 years
Yachting Club Canet – Perpignan – Public from 8 to 75 years
Karate Canet – Public from 4 to 40 years
Perpignan Canet football Club – Public from 4 to 45 years
Yachting club Canet Roussillon – Public from 8 to 75 years
Canet Saint- Marie Rugby XV – public from 4 to 45 years
Salanque Rigby XV – Public from 16 to 35 years
Surf Club – Public from 12 to 35 years
Badminton Canet – Public from 8 to 35 years
Canet 66 Tennis Club - Public from 4 to 75 years
Other
Firemen Association

Things to Keep your Children Happy this Summer

Clonfert Pet Farm

Indoor Soft Play Area

While our ducks love the Irish weather we know your little ducklings may have a harder time enjoying the rain, which is why we have added a great new 600sq ft indoor soft play area. Your children will love this.



Outdoor Play Area

With lovely walkways around the farm and plenty of picnic and seating areas if the weather permits, it is always enjoyable to be out in the fresh country air. There are two outdoor children's play areas with swings and slides and always a favourite with the children is the permanent bouncy castle. We also have outdoor Go Karts the children will enjoy!

Animals

A huge variety of animals can be found at the farm for example we have highland cows, ponies, donkey, wallabies, alpacas, pigs, goats, sheep, Llamas, Rhea, ferret, peacock, puppies, ducks, turkeys, Geese, hens, bird avery. During lambing season the children can get up close and can bottle feed the baby lambs.

Phone 087-2309712

Straffan Butterfly Farm

The **Straffan Butterfly Farm** which is owned and run by Des and Iris Fox has been open to the public every summer since 1986. The **butterfly exhibition** continues to run every year during the months of June, July and August in **Straffan, Co. Kildare, Ireland**.

This Butterfly Exhibition is our attempt to introduce people to the existence of the **world of butterflies** that they may not have really known about. The idea is to let our visitors have a window into this world and enjoy the magic of butterflies as they fly freely all around.

It is also a plea for us all to be more aware of the great loss we will experience if we let the destruction of rain forests and indeed our very own countryside continue. Reading this - do you think there were more butterflies around when you were a child? Now why might that be? - Find out at the Straffan Butterfly Farm.

This is an indoor exhibition so whatever the weather, there is always something to see. .

Phone: +353 1 6271109
Email: info@straffanbutterflyfarm.com



Fort Lucan

2013 marks 20 years of fun, adventures and craic at Fort Lucan!!!

Kids create their own adventures as they discover secret slides, climb 40 foot towers and high walkways before zipping across the aerial runways.

Escape your friends in the maze or challenge them on the army-style assault courses.

Fort Lucan is a fully supervised outdoor adventure playground for children aged 2-14.

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Email: info@fortlucan.com



Wallaby Woods

Wallaby Woods is a great adventure day out for young and old alike.

Explore all of our nature trails, flora and fauna, discover lots of different exotic animals, rare breeds and learn about each animal and their habitat.

Guided Tour / Do it yourself

We offer a full guided tour or alternatively stroll at your leisure.

This fun filled day out is suitable for all ages. For more details call us on the number below.

Activities & Onsite Facilities

- Exotic & Rare Species
- Interactive Petting Area
- Woodland Nature Trails
- Private BBQ areas
- Grounds
- Coffee Shop
- Pet Shop



Petting Area

We have a variety of small animals in our interactive area including

- Rabbits
- Ferrets
- Guinea Pigs
- Goats
- Pot Belly Pigs
- Donkeys
- Kerry Bog Ponies & Foals

Phone: 045 909 555



Lullymore has a host a Heritage and Biodiversity areas to suit all ages. Our new Biodiversity Boardwalk, the first of its type in Ireland, meanders serenely through glassy lakes and rejuvenating peatland of birch, heathers and bog cotton. There's so much to discover on this trail. Follow the trail and learn much more about this unique attraction. Lullymore Heritage Park offers one of the best visitor attractions in Ireland for heritage and biodiversity.

- [Pet Farm](#)
- [Funky Forest Indoor Play Centre](#)
- [Outdoor Play Area](#)
- [Road Train](#)
- [Cafe](#)
- [Woodland Walks](#)
- [Themed Gardens](#)
- [Treasure Hunt](#)
- [18 Hole Crazy Golf](#)

Lullymore Heritage & Discovery Park
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Fax: +353 45 870 238

The Kildare Maze

The hedge maze was established in the late 1990's and opened to the public in 2000, known to many as The Millennium Maze until 2012. Since then we have undertaken a major development programme, adding great new attractions to give you a more enjoyable and fun day out.

Test your skill and balance on the adventure trail. Can you make it around the course without making a mistake?

Or just enjoy the thrill of the zip wire

The Kildare Maze
Ballinacagh Farm,
Prosperous,
Co. Kildare
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Visit: www.thekildaremaze.com

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Maynooth Celebrates the Harvest Gathering Festival 2013

Thursday 26th – Sunday 29th September

Festival Programme Inside

The Festival returns with all the successful events from last year. The committee have worked very hard for months together with other organisations to ensure that this will be a much better Festival. As part of the countrywide Gathering, the town will welcome a delegation of musicians and dancers from Canet – our twinned town. Here are a few photographs from last year's events:



The youngest member of Maynooth Fire Brigade



Arts & Craft at the Maynooth Festival



Garda Mounted Unit with Tesco Mascot Toby & Owner Tanya Lewis



Singers in Maynooth Castle



The Maher Byrne School of Dancing



Winners at the Woofs Dog Show

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BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCH IDEAS

CHICKEN PITA SANDWICHES

Ingredients

- 1 cup cooked chicken (or turkey) shredded
- 1 medium-size pita (about 6" across)
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon mustard
- 2 leaves lettuce
- 1/2 tomato, in slices (optional)



Directions

Cut the pita in half to make two pockets. Spread the mayonnaise and mustard equally between the two halves' insides. Stuff the chicken into the pockets, then add the lettuce and tomato. If you are packing these for lunch, keep the tomato in a separate bag until it's time to eat so the bread won't get soggy.

HAM & CHEESE RANCH ROLL-UPS

Ingredients

- 8oz. cheese, softened
- 1 1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese, room temp
- 1 cup low or fat free mayonnaise
- 1 dip mix of your choice
- 3/4 lb. shaved deli ham, chopped
- 3/4 cup green onion or cucumber thinly sliced
- 12 (8-inch) low fat or fat free whole wheat flour tortillas



Method

In medium bowl, mix together cream cheese, cheddar, mayonnaise, and dip mix until well combined. Stir in ham and onion or cucumber. Spread each tortilla thinly with ham mixture, leaving a scant 1/2-inch edge on one side. Roll up and wrap tightly in plastic wrap; chill well. Cut in half for sandwiches -- it will make 12.

BLAT CLUB SANDWICHES

Ingredients

- 6 large slices white bread, toasted
- 1/2 avocado, mashed
- 4 short-cut rindless bacon rashers, cooked
- 4 baby cos lettuce leaves, trimmed, sliced
- 6 cherry tomatoes, thinly sliced



Method

Spread 1 side of each slice of toast with butter. Spread avocado over 4 slices. Top 2 avocado slices with bacon. Place remaining 2 avocado slices, avocado-side down, on bacon. Top with lettuce and tomato. Top with remaining toast slices, butter-side down. Cut each sandwich into 4 triangles.

CHICKEN & AVOCADO BBQ QUESADILLAS

Ingredients

- 2 dollops (30ml) Hellmann's Light Mayonnaise
- 1tsp dried chilli flakes
- 1tsp dried oregano
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- black pepper to season
- 2 skinless chicken breasts, cut into chunks
- 8 cherry tomatoes (optional)
- 1 avocado
- 2tbsp sweetcorn kernels (optional)
- 1 lime, juiced
- 4 flour tortillas
- 50g reduced fat mature cheddar, grated



Method

In a small bowl, mix together the mayonnaise, chilli flakes, oregano and garlic. Season with freshly ground black pepper and spread over the chicken. Cover with cling film and leave to marinate in the fridge for an hour, or longer if you have time. Finely chop the cherry tomatoes and avocado. Stir through the sweet corn and the rest of the mayonnaise. Season with black pepper and the lime juice.

Once marinated, BBQ the chicken over a medium heat for about 15 minutes, turning frequently. Remove from the heat and allow to cool for a few minutes before chopping roughly and stirring through the quesadilla mixture. Spread the mixture evenly across half of each tortilla, sprinkle with grated cheddar and fold over the empty half of the tortilla to create a half circle, pressing down firmly.

Lay the quesadillas over the BBQ and grill over a medium heat for 2-3 minutes on each side, or until the cheese has melted and the tortillas are crisp. Cut into wedges.

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HOME OWNERS - Did you know that you may be eligible to earn up to €10,000 per annum tax free by sharing your home with students?

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<http://www.revenue.ie/revsearch/search.jsp> under the room to rent allowance.

LANDLORDS – talk to us about finding students to rent your property. We can help you find and keep the student tenants you want. We also have a small number of students who need 12-18mth tenancies.

Here at the Residence Office we want to hear from you if you have accommodation to offer our students. There are various ways to get involved.

Here are the categories:

- 1) You have a house or apartment to let (House Share):
- 2) You have a room or rooms in your home to let (Self Catering)
- 3) You can offer partial or full board (Digs)

Contact Us

E mail: residence.office@nuim.ie

Ph 01 7083322

Residence Office NUI Maynooth

Residence Office, Student Services Building,
North Campus, NUI Maynooth



NUI MAYNOOTH
Oí nuaire na hÉireann Mhá Nuas

New Maynooth Town FC invites you to join their New Colts & Elite Coaching Academies for boys & girls from the ages of Under 5's to Under 10's.

Have you ever wondered what makes the German, Spanish and Dutch sides so great at playing creative football? **Coerver!**

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Based on Skill Repetition for Ball Mastery



Starts August 24th 2013 with early Booking advised. Booking open immediately and deposits Accepted to secure your place. Closing Date for the 1st Term is August 10th 2013. Academy Fee €75 for 10 weeks and each child registered for the First Term only will receive their Full Academy Training Gear worth €50 absolutely **Free**. Players of all abilities from all clubs welcome.

Location: NUI Maynooth All Weather Campus Every Saturday Afternoon for 1 hour per age group Contact the Academy Team by email or phone to book your child's place or to enquire today.

Academy Director: Ciarán Quinn on 0857306836

Academy Admin: Paul Brogan on 0879020103

maynoothtownfcacademy@gmail.com

Nobody is Born the Best, they Train to be the Best; so from Summer 2015 an Academy Team will Travel to Soccer Tournaments both here and in the UK.

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Newtown Grove

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Donal O' Dwyer MVBMRCS, Patrick Jones MVBMRCS & Associates

WHAT DEVELOPS AN ANIMAL'S BEHAVIOUR?



We have to take control and responsibility for our pet's behavioural development and this starts as early as the first few weeks of life. We may never know the real story of how dogs became domesticated but, the number worldwide and the different breeds leaves us in no doubt about their

popularity. In our psyche we always think of our dog as a hero figure like "Lassie"! How many times did he rescue someone from the forest fire or save someone from drowning? Some dogs, after the death of their owner are known to have gone into a deep depression. Why is it that some dogs are highly sociable and some dogs not? In some it is due to their breed, Setters and Retrievers can be extremely friendly. In other breeds it can be their development. Socialization of puppies with their litter mates for a long enough period is vital in the development of your pup. Puppies need the initial 8 – 9 weeks of life to learn the way of their litter mates and their



mother. Puppies weaned too early and thus homed too early, at 5 weeks, can grow up to be inhibited, introverted and sometimes aggressive in later life.

From 7 – 12 weeks of age it is important to develop human socialization. During this period the puppy is taught how to relate with humans, to accept commands and to understand

boundaries. It is important for your pup in its development to get to know and understand his/her position in the pack, ie at the bottom and not to become the dominant.

In Maynooth Veterinary Clinic, Newtown Grove 01 6289467, we organise "Puppy Parties" to give your pet more confidence to enable him/her to react positively to different situations.

By taking these small steps you and your puppy will be able to walk the long mile!





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P's MUSIC SESSION IN THE PARK



What a glorious day we had with dance and reggae in Pound Park on Saturday the 10th of August. Thanks to everyone who came and supported this event. Well done to Patricia Moynan and Catheine Carton for a top job

cooking the burgers and to Linda and Gerry Kelly for supplying the barbeque all proceeds went



to the special needs bus. Also to Des Verschoyle from Eurosaver for his special deals on minerals and snacks and looking after the "the POSSE" as well as CPL Auto Parts who supplied the power for the park. "P" would also like to thank Patricia and Norman Kavanagh for the use of the Marquee, Moulin



Rouge, Maynooth Jeweller's, Coyne's Butchers, the Elite Bakery and all the staff in



the Maynooth Community Council office. The party then continued in Mc Mahons Bar which was provided free of charge for the night which was a great success as well. A big thank you to all the people who supported this day. It goes without saying "P" would like to thank all the members of "the POSSE" for putting it together on the day. See you again next year.



Quirky Quotes

A word to the wise isn't necessary - it's the stupid ones that need the advice!

Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes!

Don't take life too seriously. You will never get out alive!

Go to heaven for the climate, hell for the company!

As a child my family's menu consisted of two choices; take it or leave it!

If the facts don't fit the theory, change the facts!

A woman's mind is cleaner than a man's; she changes it more often!

Weather forecast for tonight: dark!

If Fed Ex & Ups were to merge, would they call it Fed Up?

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!

Success always occurs in private & failure in full view!

Beware of the toes you step on today. They could be attached to the ass you may have to kiss tomorrow!

I like breathing, it's a sort of habit I have!

"Fat Free" means eat the whole bag!

Listen & Silent are spelled with the same letters!

Idiots are like air, they are everywhere!

When there is nowhere left to turn..... go straight!

Wonder in the Square. MCC Arts Festival 2013.



On Friday 26th July the Square in Maynooth was once again transformed with art, crafts, games bubbles and refreshments as Maynooth Community Church held its annual Arts Festival. This

year's festival was around the idea of "Wonder" and it featured a wide variety of displays, pieces and performances that had



been created by MCC's young (and some not so young) members during the year. The weather was great and throughout the day people gathered to enjoy the art, play some games,



have their faces painted or simply to sit for a while over a refreshing tea or coffee. In the evening the festival finished off with its usual concert in the square featuring a number of talented musicians from around the area including Maynooth's own Pound Lane Big Band. MCC would like to express thanks to all who made the day possible and to all who came along and joined in the fun. You can see more photos of the event on the



church website maynoothcc.org/artsfestival. Next year's event will be on the 25th July 2014.





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Maynooth Scouts



On Saturday 28th September, Maynooth Scouts Venture and Rover sections will
be running orienteering in the old campus.

You will find the scout group in the Harbour Field on Sunday afternoon, 29th September where they
will have a large scout site pitched near the site of their new den, the Geraldine Hall which will be getting a new
lease of life over the coming year.

Come visit us here where you will see how scouts live when they're on camp. There will be demonstrations of
tent pitching and outdoor cooking by the younger sections. You will get a chance to take part in our "CUBE
Challenge" and more!! If you're around in the morning, you may even be able to spot the scout group building the
site."



Editorial

In case you did not notice in our previous publications – the Maynooth Harvest Gathering Festival takes place during the last weekend in September, the 26th – 29th to be exact. A full timetable of events is found in the middle of this publication. The committee decided to chose these dates because the students will be back in the University and there will also be International students who might be interested in some of the displays and events. The University has agreed to include a timetable in the student's information pack. What better way to get to know your new University town than to hear Irish music, song, drama and history in your first week in Ireland. Apart from this, the Community Council and Kildare County Council are celebrating the second anniversary of the twinning with the French town of Canet during the Festival and they are expecting a contingent from that town to arrive in the town as well.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Leaving Certificate students on their success and to wish them well in their future in a very uncertain economy and country. We would also like to welcome the students back to the University and particularly the First Years and the ever-increasing International cohort who are becoming a permanent feature of University life. They bring their own mini-tourist industry to the town as their relatives and friends visit them or come to visit after they have spent their semester or year in Maynooth. Increasingly, they are from the USA and Canada and the University is constantly finding ways of accommodating them. More on that news in the future and it should benefit the town as well.

Heritage Week took place in the third week of August as has happened over the last number of years. It is increasingly successful with events taking place all over the country and in every small town in Ireland. Disappointingly however, the OPW close a lot of heritage sites at the end of September or even before so the Castle will be officially closed for the entire winter months – exactly when the International visiting students attend the University. This is also true of visitor's centres like that at Teamhair (Tara), Co Meath, the primary royal site of the country. Not only is this an employment nightmare for those who work at these venues, it is also illogical for those who might want to visit these sites during the months that they are unattended. This does not happen at Brú na Bóinne (Newgrange), but then that is billed as the premier site in the country and a visitor has to pay to get in there. Thereby may lie a tale of its own.

Tara was host to another wonderful Feis Teamhra (The Festival of Tara) this year, the sixth such event to take place in this special place. It was again co-organised by the Pulitzer prizewinning Paul Muldoon who is now a Professor at Princeton University and by Susan McKeown the talented singer resident in New York. They have brought many famous artists to the Hill, Seamus Heaney, Michael Longley, Colm Toibín to mention just a few. This year the visitors included Paul and Susan themselves, the poet Evan Boland, up and coming writer Kevin Barry and the unique singer Iarla Ó Lionáird. It is a very relaxed event with the opportunity for the public to meet all the guests and chat informally. The madness of the motorway was not forgotten however and people present were reminded of the futility of the whole project, tolled for 45 years and now as people turn their back on using the road – the rest of the country is left paying the shortfall of the tolls. Shameful. To add to that, the other roads in Meath are now in very bad repair and there is very little money to fix the growing potholes.

This cannot be said of Maynooth as we welcome the resurfacing of the Main Street and Parson Street, it looks lovely and the work was mostly carried out at night. For once the Council must be congratulated on their work and this must also be said of the addition

footpaths on the Celbridge Road. Perhaps the schoolchildren and their parents will now use the footpath rather than climbing over the fence at Laurence Avenue and running down the green area. As people know, Maynooth has tried very hard to organise successful Festivals over the last number of years. A number of events take place in the Castle but this year, officially, the Castle will be shut to visitors. It is hoped by the committee that an exception can be made for that particular weekend.

The Gathering countrywide seems, on the whole, to have been a successful idea, but we will have to wait for the official figures. It was mocked and ridiculed by a number of people, including the noted Irish actor Gabriel Byrne. It was seen by some as a cynical attempt to extract American dollars in particular from those claim Irish descent – those who were forced to emigrate recently or those descended from emigrants forced to leave over the past hundreds of years. What a scenario. Millions have to leave the Emerald Isle but we will happily welcome them back to holiday but not to return permanently because we have allowed the country to become bankrupt – again. Only in Ireland. Anecdotal evidence indicates that Dublin and the West of Ireland at any rate are full of tourists, so much so that they are asking where the Irish people are. Maybe the natives are so strapped for cash now that they are at home because they cannot afford to be in the pubs and restaurants. One can hardly move on Dublin streets these days and many of those enjoying the sights and sites are not speaking English.

Again – we welcome letters to the editor on any topic.
Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

Community Council

There was no Community Council Meeting last Month due to Holidays

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In 2012 I moved to Maynooth and overall have found the town to be a pleasant place in which to live.

On Friday evening 14/07/2013 however, while I was shopping at the Spar, Newtown Shopping Centre I encountered some teenagers/children taunting a shop assistant on the grounds that they perceived him to be gay. It was an ugly scene and does no favours for the town.

I hope it is something which is not repeated, either in Maynooth or elsewhere.

Best wishes

Name and Address withheld

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Voting from Hospital

Question

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Answer

In order to vote in the [referendum](#) on 4 October 2013 you must be registered to vote. Every local authority is responsible for compiling and publishing a list of voters in its area. This is called the Register of Electors or the Electoral Register.

You may also qualify to be on a [Special Voters List](#) if you live in a hospital, nursing home or similar institution and wish to vote at the hospital or nursing home. Applications for inclusion on the Special Voters List must be made by 25 November each year. Your first application must be accompanied by a medical certificate.

At an election or referendum, you will be notified of the day and approximate time when a special presiding officer and a Garda will visit you to allow you to vote. The special presiding officer will carry evidence of his or her identity and an appointment warrant. Only the presiding officer and the Garda can be present when you cast your vote. You mark the ballot paper in secret, place it in the special envelope provided, close the envelope and present it to the presiding officer. If you need help with voting, it will be provided by the special presiding officer in the same way as at a polling station.

If you are eligible for the Special Voters list but are not already included, you can apply for inclusion in the **supplement list** so that you can vote in the upcoming referendum. You must apply at least 22 days (excluding Sundays and public holidays) before polling day. This means the latest date for receipt of applications to the Special Voter supplement list is **9 September 2013**.

Application forms are available from your local authority. Return your completed forms to the local authority.

Passport for a child

Question

I am taking my 3-year-old on holidays abroad. Her surname is different from mine and I'm not in touch with her father, my ex-partner. Can I put her on my passport?

Answer

All Irish citizen children, regardless of age, must have an individual passport in their own name if they are travelling abroad. An application for a passport for a child living in Ireland is made on [form APS 1 \(pdf\)](#), and the child's full birth certificate, showing the parents' names, must be submitted with it. The application form includes a section for parental consent, which must be signed.

Joint guardians of a child

If you and your child's father are joint guardians of your child, both of you should sign the parental consent section of the application form. However, if you are not in touch with him, or if he does not consent, you can apply to the [District Court](#) for a court order, which will allow the Passport Office to issue the passport without his consent.

(Married parents are automatically joint guardians. If the parents are not married, the mother is automatically the sole guardian, but the father can arrange to become a joint guardian.)

Sole guardian of a child

If you are the sole guardian of your child, but the father's name is on the birth certificate and he agrees

with you to sign, both of you can sign the parental consent section. If his name is **not** on the birth certificate, or if he doesn't sign the parental consent section, you will have to provide an [affidavit \(AFF 1\) stating that you are the sole guardian](#). (This also happens if the other parent/guardian is deceased, and you will also need a death certificate in this case.)

Extra documentation

The additional documentation that needs to accompany the passport application depends on several factors, including when and where the child was born. Some countries require you to have further additional documentation for a child, as well as the passport – it's worth checking this out before you travel.

Moving from One-Parent Family Payment when my youngest child turns 12

Question

My youngest child turns 12 next month and I hear that my One-Parent Family Payment will stop at that stage. Is there any other payment I can get instead?

Answer

You may qualify for a Jobseeker's Allowance Transition (JST). This payment aims to support lone parents into the workforce.

You must have been getting a One-Parent Family Payment (OFP) within the 3 years before you make your claim for Jobseeker's Allowance Transition and your payment must have stopped because your youngest child reached the relevant age limit. You do not qualify if your OFP stopped for another reason, for example if you started cohabiting or if your income went over the income limits.

You must also be habitually resident in Ireland, you must be capable of work and your youngest qualified child must be aged at least 7 and under 14. When your youngest child turns 14 the normal Jobseeker's Allowance (JA) conditions will apply to you.

The rules for JA and JST are very similar. The means test is exactly the same and the maximum weekly rate is the same (€188). Income from work is assessed in the same way. The main differences between JA and JST are:

For JST, you are not obliged to be unemployed, available for full-time work and genuinely seeking work.

The 4-in-7 rule applying to JA does not apply to JST (you do not have to be fully unemployed for 4 out of 7 days). This means that you could work part-time for 5 days, for example.

You cannot cohabit with another person while you are getting JST.

To get JST you must sign a quarterly declaration to confirm that you are still entitled to the payment. You must participate in employment activation measures. You will also be able to access childcare supports. You can get more information about Jobseeker's Allowance Transition from your local **Intreo** centre or social welfare local office or Citizens Information Centre.

Unpaid Household Charge

Question

I thought I was exempt from the Household Charge so I didn't pay it last year. How can I check if I should have paid it? And can I pay it now if I'm liable?

Answer

If you owned a residential property in Ireland in 2012, even if you were living abroad, you were obliged to declare your liability for the [Household Charge](#) of €100

and pay it by the due date.

There are some waivers and exemptions. You are entitled to a waiver if you were getting Mortgage Interest Supplement on 1 January 2012 or you were living in one of the unfinished housing estates listed as qualifying for a waiver. You cannot claim a waiver online – you must complete a Household Charge registration form and send it to Household Charge Support Centre, PO Box 12168, Dublin 1.

The list of qualifying unfinished housing estates is on [householdcharge.ie](#) and you can download the registration form from there or else contact the Household Charge Support Centre at the above address to get it posted out. You can also phone the support centre on LoCall 1890 357 357, Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. (If calling from outside the State, phone +353 1 485 3695.) The email address is [support@householdcharge.ie](#).

The list of exemptions is on [householdcharge.ie](#). You do not have to register if your property is exempt. If you were liable to pay the Household Charge and did not pay it, late payment penalties and interest will have accumulated on top of the unpaid €100 of the charge. Since 1 July 2013, any outstanding Household Charge was increased to €200 and added to the [Local Property Tax \(LPT\)](#) due on the property. In effect, Household Charge arrears were converted into Local Property Tax and are now being collected by the Revenue Commissioners through the Local Property Tax system. Local authorities can no longer accept payment of the Household Charge.

For all queries about payment arrears, contact Revenue at 1890 200 255, Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. (If calling from outside the State, phone +353 1 702 3049.) The email address is [lptcarrears@revenue.ie](#).

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Information is also available online at [citizensinformation.ie](#) and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, 0761 07 4000.



May Daly's Coffee Morning for St Brigid's Hospice

Just a quick note to remind you that May Daly is having her coffee morning on Thursday 19th September from 10 o'clock to 4.00pm.

All are very welcome for such a great cause.

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We here at the Men's Shed, in collaboration with Newsletter Staff, are currently in the process of preparing the Maynooth Community Events Calendar 2013/2014. To date our research has revealed that not all of you are enjoying optimum benefits by way of maximum public attendances and financial support.

Some of our findings indicate calendar clashes, short notice of a forthcoming event and, in a few cases, reports have been received of a past event for which no prior notice was posted.

The month of September is, for most voluntary organisations, the beginning of a new year of activity so why not make a 'new year resolution' and send in your events guide and be sure to include a contact name, telephone no./email address to:- The Men's Shed c/o Maynooth Community Council, Unit 5 Tesco Shopping Centre.

Maynooth Men's Sheds continue to meet every Wednesday at 11.00am in Maynooth Community Council Office (beside Post Office).

We are currently on the look out for a premises/location to enable us carry out projects during winter months.

Can you help? Contact us at 087 2041334 - John Fleming or Newsletter Office at maynoothcc@eircom.net with Men's Shed in the subject line

MAYNOOTH ICA GUILD

As part of "Maynooth Community Harvest Gathering Festival" (Sept 26 - Sept 29th) Maynooth Guild ICA will host a Gathering of all current and past members of the guild,

DATE: SEPT 29TH. TIME: 2-4 O'CLOCK.
PLACE: THE ICA HALL, THE HARBOUR.

So if you have ever been a member please come along for a social afternoon. We would love to meet everyone for a catch-up and of course refreshments.

The guild members have had a break to enjoy the lovely Summer. We have had a very busy year so far. Monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday, craft nights each Monday @ 8 o'clock. Members entered lots of competitions both local & National and had a real winning streak. Congratulations to the Drama group who won the National final of the "Elenora Gibbon" competition. The final was held at An Grianan. Taking part were Catherine O'Reilly, Mary Dunne, Mary McNamara and Bernie Byrne. Well done to Mary O'Gorman who won the "Make & Model" at Federation and to Margaret Houlihan who won the "Gem Pack" baking at Federation. The Table Quiz team will represent Kildare at An Grianan in February next.

We were delighted to welcome members of U3A to the hall in June for a lovely social evening with singing, drama and chat. Congratulations on their tenth anniversary.

The Annual Garden Party at An Grianan in July was enjoyed by our members. Courses continue at An Grianan as usual with lots of choices for all. Members and non members welcome. The next Guild meeting Sept 5th at 8 o'clock. Craft nights resume Monday Sept 9th. Badminton will resume later in Sept. New members always welcome

Rosemary Hanley

BACK TO SCHOOL

Back to school money saving tips If you have a child that's starting or returning to school in September, it's an expensive time of year and you may be concerned about meeting the costs.



The best way to prepare for these costs is to set out a budget. Set a spending plan make a list and stick to it do not think you are the only one in Maynooth doing it remember budgeting has become fashionable again.

Check whether you are eligible for Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance which helps towards the cost of uniforms and footwear. You can get more information on the conditions

you must meet to qualify and how to apply on the Department of Social Protection website

If your finances are under pressure, follow our tips below for ways to so save on back-to-school costs:

Uniforms

•Uniforms can be one of the biggest back to school expenses. Ask your school or other parents to see if there is a second-hand uniform sale planned. Some websites or local groups on social media sites also sell second-hand uniforms.

•Keep an eye out for special promotions in shops on school uniforms and try to shop around for generic items of clothing like grey skirts or trousers - just because the school crest appears on the jumper doesn't mean you have to buy the matching plain skirt or trouser from their exclusive supplier. The larger chain stores can be good for these, but remember that stocks don't last when demand is high so it's a good idea to buy early rather than waiting until just before the start of the new school year.

•If your school requires you to buy an item of clothing with a school crest, ask them if you can purchase the crest and uniform separately to save you money.

•Some chain stores discount uniforms at the end of September or October, so you could buy a few pieces for your child for the following year in a larger size.

•Check hems of skirts and trousers to see if they can be let down.

•If the uniform still fits but is fading, dye it.

•Check out your local charity shop. You might be surprised by what you find, like school ties, stationery and clothing.

•Watch out for shoe sales during the year.

•If you can, buy a good quality rucksack that will last for a couple of years. This will reduce cost in the long run as you won't have to change it every year.

•Keep your uniform receipts so you can budget for uniform costs for the following year.



Books

•Consider buying second-hand schoolbooks. Before you do, you'll need to check whether your school specifies a particular edition of a given textbook. Some schoolbook websites also sell second-hand books or allow you to sell your books through their websites.

•If you have to buy brand new books, make sure you shop around. You can compare prices in bookshops with online retailers, as well as specialised schoolbook websites.

•Many schools operate book-lending schemes and don't forget that some books, such as popular classics, are also available from libraries, though lending times can be limited.

•Remember, you may be able to sell your child's old books if they are in good condition. Certain online sites allow you to place free ads. You can place an ad for books you want to sell and an ad for books that you need.

Stationery

•Buying stationery in bulk can be cheaper than buying items one-by-one. There are usually good offers at back-to-school time, such as bundles of copybooks, pens and notebooks, so, if you can afford it, it might be worth buying what you will need for the year.

Lunches

•Packed lunches prepared at home are not only cheaper than shop-bought lunches - they are often more nutritious. Lunchbox products targeted at children can contain large amounts of salt and sugar and generally work out more expensive. A little time spent planning your family's weekday lunch menu before you do the shopping can reduce food wastage and save you money.

•Bulk-buy food. This can be expensive initially but will last for several days. However, do make sure to check shelf life of what you buy.

•Buy foods that are in season as they are normally cheaper.

•You can get tips on making healthy lunches on the safefood website.



After School activities

•Ask family/friends if they have good quality equipment that you can buy, borrow or have.

•Children can change their minds so ask if they can attend the first class for free before paying the full fee.

•If the fee is for the full year, ask if you can spread the costs over a few months rather than paying it all up-front.

It's never too early to start planning ahead.

If you can afford to, it's a good idea to start to plan ahead and put a little money aside for next year's back-to-school costs. Saving even a small amount regularly can make a big difference. For example, saving €5 each week will add up to €260 for back-to-school costs next year. Keep this year's receipts so that you'll know how much you will need for next year.

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|--------|-------------|---------|--|
| 02-Jun | 5,14,18,20 | €2,050 | Stephen Geraghty - Nula Mc Tiernan - Walter French |
| 09-Jun | 9,15,19,28 | €2,100 | Donal O Donovan - Mary Cahill - Tony Byrne |
| 16-Jun | 1,5,10,24 | €2,150 | Colette Kavanagh - Marguerite O Donnell - S. Kearney |
| 23-Jun | 1,8,14,18 | €2,200 | Marie Bonass - Mick Mc Govern - Mick Troy |
| 30-Jun | 9,15,24,28 | €2,250 | Jenny Sutton - Brian Mc Call - Kieran Horgan |
| 07-Jul | 5,10,16 | €2,300 | Tatiana Mazilu - Bob O Toole - Colm Brett |
| 14-Jul | 8,15,27,28 | €2,350 | Susan O' Regan - Mary Murtagh - Carol Kearney |
| 21-Jul | 10,15,16,19 | €2,400 | Aileen Gleeson - Paul Nulty - Pat Farrell |
| 28-Jul | 5,13,22,28 | €2,450 | Lorraine Dempsey - 3 Penny's - Kenneth Gibson |
| 04-Aug | 4,9,11,24 | €2,500 | Catherine Carton - Mc Govern Sisters - Kevin Byrne |
| 11-Aug | 8,14,17,28 | €2,550 | John Mc Ginley - Eugene Sheehan - Hartmut Krahn |
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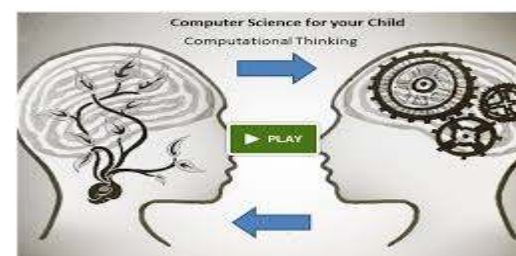
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Having fun rolling around in big bouncing balls

The kids were not left out either as they had giant connect four, football, face-painting and big balls to roll around in. The weather was great which made for a great carnival atmosphere. People just seemed to have such a great time and the turnout was huge. Donation boxes were all round the park and everyone gave something plus there was a raffle for some great prizes, with all proceeds going to Melanoma Ireland and with the stall holders giving up the takings for the day, they made €18,000 from the event. This shows how communities can get together and do something for themselves and have fun doing it. When you have a venue like Clonfert Pet Farm with all the animals for the kids and then add in a market like that, you get the best family day out to keep everyone happy and smiling, while doing something good at the same time.




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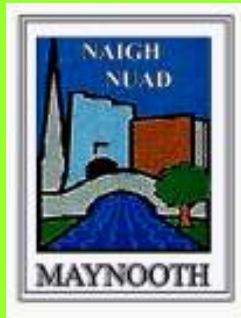
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Maynooth Harvest Gathering Festival 26th -29th September 2013

This year's Harvest Gathering Festival promises four days of music, song, dance, storytelling, art, family fun activities, displays, competitions, history walks and talks, nature walks, traditional music and much more. A large number of community groups and businesses will take part to make it an enjoyable and entertaining event for all. The festival offers an opportunity to showcase the diversity and vibrancy of the community as a whole. A number of additional connections have contributed to the further development of the Festival this year..

We are very pleased to welcome a delegation from our twinned town Canet-en-Rousillon who will take part in the Festival and help us celebrate this special Gathering event. The Festival will also mark the second anniversary of the signing of the Charter between the two towns.

We would like to acknowledge the support of the International Office at NUI Maynooth in promoting Maynooth and the Festival among their students. The Festival welcomes our new international students who begin their studies in September. We welcome NUI Maynooth Students' Union (MSU) involvement and help in the Festival. The MSU president, Ben Finnegan who hails from Maynooth, along with his committee, has been very proactive in the Festival.



<http://www.nuimsu.com/>

Maynooth Students' Union would like to wish the Maynooth Community Council the best of luck with this years town festival. The Students' Union is very excited to play an active part this year and looks forward to a successful year long working relationship with the community.

Maynooth GAA - On the March Again!

Every year Maynooth GAA Club organises a great fundraising event with a walk to Croke Park from Maynooth. It's that time of year again, with the 4th annual "Walk to Croke" planned for Sunday 29 September 2013 – coinciding with the weekend of the Maynooth Festival 2013.

This year there's an alternative slant to the event, as the Gaels of Maynooth will walk in the opposite direction along the Royal Canal, from the gates of Croke Park to Maynooth GAA Club.

The walk is open to everyone over 18 years of age, club members and non-members alike – all you need is a good pair of shoes! It is a truly fantastic event, with well over a hundred participants each year. A number of walkers are planning to walk it again this year, and many for the 4th time! Maynooth GAA are hoping for another big turnout again this year, and your support and participation would be greatly appreciated.

This 15 mile walk along the picturesque banks of the Royal Canal provides a great opportunity to have fun and get fit, while also walking the route that a group of Kildare men followed along the canal to play their part in the 1916 Easter Rising. Beginning at 7.00am from The Square in Maynooth, bus transport will be provided for all participants into Croke Park to begin the walk. At a leisurely pace, the walk takes approximately 4 hours to complete.

Once back in Maynooth, the group will assemble across from Carton House and march through the town to Maynooth GAA Club, where they will join fellow walkers, family and friends for a celebration of their achievements.

If you're interested in participating in this fantastic and highly-rewarding event, or if you wish to offer some sponsorship support, please contact organisers Kieran Duff and Pat Power on

085 749 9192, or email maynoothgaawalkfromcroker@gmail.com



L/R Gerry Quinn, Kieran Duff (Maynooth GAA), and Declan Kennedy (Brady's Clock House) prepare to hang a poster for the event in the town square

Maynooth Harvest Gathering Festival Programme 2013

Programme Subject to Change Without Notice

Update Information Will be Available at www.maynoothcc.com

Thursday 26 September

The Library, NUI Maynooth

Launch of the Festival - 7.30pm-9.00pm

Followed by a Gathering in O'Neills (Invitation only)

Maynooth Community Library - 10.00am-12.30pm

Online Photograph exhibition of Old Maynooth

Online photograph exhibition of publications about Maynooth and publications by Maynooth authors

Exhibition: Teresa Brayton: A Literary Nationalist, consisting of memorabilia representing the political and culture interest of the Kilcock writer.

Friday 27 September

Russell Library, St. Patrick's College Maynooth

The Library, NUI Maynooth - 11.00am-12.30pm

Tour of both libraries for Canet-en-Rousillon and other visitors (places limited) please contact

Susan.Durack@nuim.ie to book a place.

2pm-3.30pm

Tour of Campus (Canet Visitors)

Manor Mills - 2.00pm-3.00pm

Meet your local library outreach event run by Maynooth Community Library

Boys' National School- 6.00pm

Children's Quiz (3rd to 6th classes)

McMahon's Pub - 8.30pm

Community and Residents Associations Quiz

Saturday 28 September

On Saturday and Sunday the Festival will take place in various locations around the town – The Square, the Harbour, the ICA Hall, Maynooth Castle, Tesco car park, St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Maynooth GAA.

The Square - 1.00pm-9.00pm

National Learning Network Maynooth – Music and Song - 1.00pm

Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group - 1.00pm – 5.00pm

Comhaltas Ceolteoiri Eireann, Maynooth Branch – traditional Irish music - 2.00pm

Schools Scarecrow Competition organised by Curves

Maynooth - vote for your favourite scarecrow

Pub Theatre – Leixlip Variety Group - 3.00pm

Canet-en-Rousillon Musicians and Dancers - 3.00pm & 5.00pm

The Jazz Freaks 6.00pm -7.30pm

Route 66 (Maynooth's very own) - 7.30pm-9.00pm

Face painting, Jugglers, Buskers, colouring competitions etc. throughout the day.

The Geraldine Castle - 2.00pm-7.00pm:

An afternoon and early evening programme of music, song, dance, storytelling, poetry and prose

Rita Doyle School of Dancers

Catherine Maher School of Dancers

Tony Savino - Swing & Jazz

Maynooth Local History Group & Other performers

TESCO Car Park - 2.00pm-6.00pm

Family fun activities, fun dog show, music, bands, dancing, cakes & bakes, displays, spot prizes, arts & crafts and much more.

American Wrestling Show - Doors Open 6.00pm - Bell Time 6.30pm

St. Mary's Church of Ireland - 3.00pm-5.00pm

Open to the public

Sunday 29 September

Maynooth GAA Club

Walk from Croke Park - See Details on page 16

The Harbour Field 2.00pm-6.00pm

Walk and talk about the history of Maynooth & the Royal Canal (Rita Edwards, Declan O'Connor and Matt Kennedy)

Meet at Castle Gate 2.00pm

Performance by Maynooth Brass and Reed Band - 3.00pm-4.00pm

Dog Show run by the Kildare Animal Federation

Maynooth Scouts activities including a Treasure Hunt in the College Grounds

Tug of War

Visit and talk : Presentation Convent Cemetery (Hilda Dunne) meet at Convent gates - 4.30pm

Pony rides, Bouncy Castle, Face painting & much more.

St. Mary's Church of Ireland

Open to visitors - 3.00pm-5.00pm

Manor Mills - 2.00pm

Barry Smith - WING TSUN IEWTU- Self-Defence Demonstration

Pub Theatre

Leixlip Variety Group continues

Brady's Pub.

Music Entertainment in Brady's marks the end of the Maynooth Harvest Gathering Festival - 6.00pm-8.00pm

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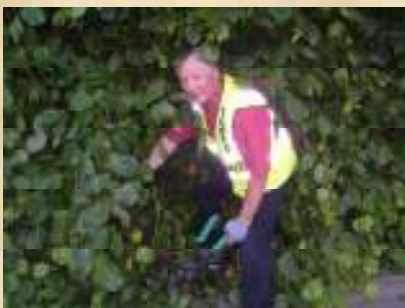
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Tidy Towns

At time of writing we are awaiting the National Tidy Towns results due early September, full breakdown of the report will be in the next edition of the newsletter.

Also due around this time is the latest listing of IBAL, Irish Businesses against litter.



Our committee members and volunteers have



worked very hard to ensure that we have a town and environment to be proud of, working every Wednesday evening,

Saturday morning, also our Sunday morning clean up teams.

Amongst new features for this year are an Information Board about the island in Duke's Harbour, a new Information Cabinet on Carton Avenue with the support of the environmental section of

Kildare County Council, new planters on Straffan Road and the 67 terminus courtesy of Dublin Bus



community awards. Thanks to McDonald's for support in replanting the roundabout at Carton Park. All existing flowerbeds were redesigned and replanted. New flowerbed on the entrance to Maynooth on the Moyglare Road.



Hanging Baskets and floral displays throughout the town.

New Name Stones on the

Celbridge, Kilcock and Leixlip Road at Blacklion, the latter funded by Kildare County Council.

Finally else where you will read of the Picadeos / Finesse Football Tournament held earlier in the Summer, Maynooth Tidy Towns wish to acknowledge the receipt of €701 received from this event.

We wish Maynooth Harvest Festival Gathering every success and ask everyone to make a special effort in keeping Maynooth clean and tidy.

Richard Farrell PRO

"Picaderos Soccer 7's Cup raises €1900 for Maynooth Community"

The first annual Picaderos Soccer 7's Cup was a great success, and raised a whopping €1900.00 euro for the local Maynooth community recently. €1200.00 was raised and donated to Maynooth Town Football Club, and a further €700.00 was raised and donated to the Maynooth Tidy Towns Association. Held on the 13th of July last, at the superb football grounds on the Rathcoffey road which are home to Maynooth Town Football Club, and sponsored by Picaderos Restaurant, of Main Street, Maynooth, the tournament was a huge success on all levels.

Attracting 120 players, and a large number of spectators, the event was played out in a World Cup style format on 3 beautiful 7-aside grass pitches. With 3 FAI referees present, and the FIFA Fair Play flag flying at full mast, it promised to be a very fair, if hotly contested trophy. The group stages were up first, and they quickly proved to separate the contenders from the pack, and the very fit, from those who really hadn't played so regularly of late.

Having really struggled to get out of their group, Team Picaderos finally showed some promise and beat Thomas Halton's team 2-1 in a thrilling quarter final match-up.

However, the Picaderos squad had their suspect fitness levels crucially exposed in their next match, and were resoundly beaten 5-0 in the semi-final by the younger and fitter FC Tahiti. The final was then won in a fast paced and engaging game by 'Made in Maynooth' who, true to their moniker, were mostly made up of the Maynooth Town first team squad. This impressive young team had won all of their group games, and had even made light work of their semi final draw against the formidable Astro Legends, by handily beating them 4-0. In a gritty final, 'Made in Maynooth' narrowly edged out FC Tahiti, who were actually last season's Maynooth Town under 18's team, by 2 goals to one, to lift the trophy.

So, of the 13 teams entered, it was two of the Maynooth Town teams who made it to the final, and rightly so, given the quality and flair that they displayed with on the day. The prestigious Player of the Tournament award was presented to Tom Donnelly, and the Golden Boot was lifted by Dan Reynolds, with a rather impressive tally of 12 goals in just 6 games.

The event organisers, Martin and Chris McMahon, who are brothers and also local businessmen, put a great deal of effort into planning the day and into making it a true community event. To illustrate this growing community spirit even further, the brothers wish to pay a very special thanks to those who contributed to making the event so successful on the day. As such, grateful thanks are due to John Doogan and Maynooth Community Council's CES staff at Maynooth Town FC, who were instrumental in the preparation, treatment and lay-out of the pitches, and to local celebrity Noely Healy, who performed all the administration duties on the day.

A special word of thanks is also due to Eleanor Finn, of Finesse, who operates on the Main Street in Maynooth. Finesse (01-5054584) set-up a delicious and healthy shop in the clubhouse during the tournament, to facilitate the players nutritional needs, and Eleanor also kindly provided free Physical Therapy and Massage treatments, both during and after the tournament! These treatments were gratefully received and were keenly snapped up by a queue of sore and weary footballers! Final thanks must also go to Miriam O'Riordan, who also very generously provided free Reflexology treatments on the day to very grateful, yet very tired footballing feet. Miriam practices locally in the Maynooth area and is contactable at 087 7670617.

The tournament was such a success that it will be hosted again next year, in July 2014. So, to all those interested in playing, please send your details to Martin McMahon, Manager, Picaderos Restaurant, Main Street Maynooth, or call (01)6292806 to register.



Left: The Winning Team. Picaderos Cup Winners 2013, 'Made in Maynooth'. From left to right: Peter Gannon, Daniel Burke, Daniel Reynolds, Peter Warren, Thomas Donnelly, Dean McAvenue, Adam Knop, Martin O'Connor.

Bottom Left: Presenting Cheque for €1200. From left to right: Miriam O'Riordan (Reflexologist), Martin McMahon (Manager of Picaderos Restaurant) Hugh Franklin (Accountant & Treasurer at Maynooth Town Football Club) & Chris McMahon (Owner of The Treatment Room)

Bottom Right Presenting Cheque for €700. From left to right: Martin McMahon (Manager of Picaderos Restaurant) Mattie Callaghan (Chairman, Maynooth Tidy Towns) Richard Farrell (P.R.O. Maynooth Tidy Towns) & Chris McMahon (Owner of The Treatment Room)



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This lady has now changed her habit of how she lists her names on her mobile phone after her handbag was stolen. Her handbag, which contained her mobile phone, credit card, wallet, etc., was stolen. 20 minutes later when she called her hubby, from a pay phone telling him what had happened, hubby says 'I received your text asking about our Pin number and I've replied a little while ago.' When they rushed down to the bank, the bank staff told them all the money was already withdrawn. The thief had actually used the stolen mobile phone to text 'Hubby' in the contact list and got hold of the pin number. Within 20 minutes he had withdrawn all the money from their bank account.

Moral of the lesson:

- Do not disclose the relationship between you and the people in your contact list. Avoid using names like Home, Honey, Hubby, Sweetheart, Dad, Mom, etc.
- And very importantly, when sensitive info is being asked through texts, **CONFIRM** by calling back.
- Also, when you're being texted by friends or family to meet them somewhere, be sure to call back to confirm that the message came from them. If you don't reach them, be very careful about going places to meet 'family and friends' who text you.

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Maynooth Labour News

Success for Cllr. McGinley on Celbridge Road Footpaths

Cllr. McGinleys long campaign to have the footpaths completed between Maxol and opposite 1 Laurence Avenue on the Celbridge Road has come to an end with the construction of the two sections of footpaths at the end of July. The new Area Engineer also agreed to Johns request and constructed a footpath into Laurence Avenue from the Celbridge Road. This work will significantly improve the safety of school going children.

Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) 2013 - 2019 is Agreed

The Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) 2013 - 2019 was agreed at the Council Meeting on 29 July. There were 11 submissions as a result of the public display of the Draft Plan.

A submission from a member of the public opposed the rezoning of 9.1ha of land on the Celbridge Road from Agriculture to New Residential. Cllr John McGinley and his Labour Party colleagues supported the submission but they were outvoted by the other Councillors.

A submission from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government asked that the roads objective of a road, parallel to the M4, between Straffan Road and Rathcoffey Road be reinstated. (Cllr. McGinley had previously got this road removed with the unanimous support of the other Councillors). Cllr. McGinley and his Labour Party colleagues rejected the submission but they were outvoted by the other Councillors.

A submission from the owner of the land between Carton Court and ESSO asked that the zoning of the land revert to General Amenity from Open Space and Amenity. Cllr. McGinley and his Labour Party Colleagues rejected the submission and this time his proposal was carried by 9 votes to 6.

Shared Cycleway & Footway on Canal Bank from Maynooth to Westmeath Agreed

The NRA proposal of a Shared Cycleway & Footpath from Maynooth to the Westmeath Border was agreed at the Council meeting on 29 July following public consultation. It means that the existing walkway constructed by the Royal Canal Amenity Group will increase in width from 5ft to 10 ft. The Council engineers stated that where feasible there will be a 1m buffer zone of grass margin between the canal and the cycleway/footway. It is estimated that the scheme will cost in the region of €3-4m, the funding for which has been secured by the Council from the NRA.

Casual Trading By-Laws for The Square, Maynooth, Agreed

Casual trading by-laws for The Square, Maynooth, were agreed at the Council Meeting on 29 July following public consultation. The fee for a licence is €100 per annum and casual trading will not be allowed elsewhere in the town.

Proposal to extend the smoky coal ban to Maynooth

Following representations by Cllr. John McGinley and other Councillors Kildare County Council proposes to expand the smokey coal ban to Maynooth.

The smokey coal ban was introduced in Dublin in 1990. The ban was subsequently extended to other areas, including Celbridge, Leixlip and Naas in 2000, and Newbridge earlier this year so as to deliver similar air quality benefits for urban dwellers outside Dublin. Kildare County Council has now proposed to the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government that the ban area should be further extended to include the town of Maynooth with effect from 2014 so as to further extend the clean air benefits of the ban and deter the sourcing of smoky coal from outside the ban area.

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Submissions will be accepted until 5pm on Friday 20th of September.

Proposed Extension of the 66 Bus Service to Newtown, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"That a report be given to the area committee on the progress made on the extension of the 66 bus service to Newtown, Maynooth and if as a result of the change of the terminus from the Straffan Road will there be traffic signals or a roundabout at the junction of the Straffan Road/ Meadowbrook Link Road."

Council Reply:

"The traffic management engineer will be asked to prepare a report for the members on his return."

Cllr. stated that it was surprising that nobody else in the Roads Department could give an update after 4 years of work on the Project.

Cllr. McGinley Supports Closure of Pedestrian Access at Parson Hall

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"That the council sets in place the procedure for the closure of the pedestrian access/right of way to Parson Hall estate, Maynooth, as requested by the Residents' Association in their petition of 3 July to the council." Councillor Griffin also had a similar motion on the Agenda and the Council replied as follows:

"The closure of a public right of way is a reserved function. If the area committee is in agreement the drawings can be prepared and the proposal advertised in the local newspaper. It should be noted that this process is quite costly in terms of the advertisement, possible oral hearing and the staff time involved. It should also be noted that, even if there are no objections to the proposal, this process will take 3 to 4 months to complete. The Area Committee unanimously agreed to begin the process of closing the access.

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Proper Signage to Maynooth from N7

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"Will the council ask the NRA to add Maynooth to the sign indicating Straffan and Kill at Junction 7 on the N7 in order to facilitate motorists?"

Council Reply:

"This issue was raised before with the NRA who replied that the current signage layout is consistent with the NRA policy and methodology for signage on motorways. The issue can be raised again and the area office will keep the members informed of the reply."

John pointed out that the NRA reply made no sense and that their policy should be to direct people to Maynooth it being the only University Town in Ireland.

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Grass to be Cut at the Exit from Educate Together School

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"Can the council cut the grass on the town side of the Educate Together School, Maynooth, in order to improve the sight line for cars emerging from the school?"

Council Reply:

"It is normal practise for public and private facilities to cut the grass outside their own exits and egresses to ensure the safety of users unless there are extenuating reasons why the roads department should intervene in this

instance."

However, following further representation from Cllr. McGinley the grass was cut.

Irish Water Starts Installing Water Meters in Maynooth

Irish Water will begin the roll out of water meter installation in Moyglare Hall and Parklands from 12 August. They expect that most of Maynooth will be covered by the end of October.

Integrated Diabetes Nursing Post to be filled in Autumn

Following contact from Diabetes Ireland, Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Health about the delay in appointing an Integrated Diabetes Nursing Post in the integrated care area of Dublin South West and Kildare and Wicklow West.

The HSE responding on behalf of the Minister have indicated to Deputy Stagg that the recruitment process was underway and that the identified candidate will take up the post in September/October and that an advisory group was discussing how to develop a plan for the introduction of the post. The HSE also advised Deputy Stagg that there were a number of successful primary care initiatives in the area of diabetes already underway in the area and that it was hoped to build on and develop these initiatives further.

Deputy Stagg stated that Integrated care will provide a bridge between GP's and Hospitals ensuring structured monitoring of people with Type 2 diabetes, preventing health complications and avoiding costly hospital treatment. The appointment of the integrated care nurse will help prevent personal tragedies for people with diabetes who may unnecessarily lose a limb or their sight and other diabetes related complications.

Further Grant of €119,898 to Kildare Co. Council for Adaptation Grants for People with Disabilities and Older People

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been pressing his colleague Minister of State Jan O'Sullivan T.D. to allocate further funding to Kildare Co. Council for Adaptation Grants for people with Disabilities and older people.

The Minister of State has now advised Deputy Stagg that she has allocated a further €119,898 to Kildare Co. Council towards these Grant Schemes this week bringing total funding for same to €1,739,898 for 2013. The further allocation to Kildare comes about as the Department has kept its capital budget under review and is redirecting funds to Council's in a position to spend same.

Whilst the additional sum involved is small Deputy Stagg stated that it will assist a number of families to continue to live in the Community, either through the provision of downstairs toilet facilities for disabled persons, the provision of stair lifts, walk in showers or other work.

€264,000 Investment to Lower Energy Bills for Kildare County Council Tenants

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the allocation of €264,528 to Kildare Co. Council to insulate local authority homes with very poor energy ratings. Last month, the Minister for Housing, Jan O'Sullivan., announced a €50 million energy efficiency investment programme to insulate 25,000 homes owned by local authorities around the country over the next three years. Today, €10 million was released to local authorities, out of which €264,528 went to Kildare Co. Council, to invest in insulating the first 5,000 homes this year. A further 12,500 social housing units will be insulated next year and another 7,500 in 2015. The 3 year scheme should see over 700 of Kildare Co. Council's housing stock insulated properly.

As a result of this investment, thousands of families will benefit from warmer homes and an estimated €400 saving in heating costs per annum. This will do much to

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reduce fuel poverty and carbon emissions. It is also expected to create 1,000 jobs.

I congratulate Minister O'Sullivan and the Minister for Public Expenditure, Brendan Howlin, for introducing this programme. It will be money well spent.

Tenants can remain in their homes while work is being carried out, which will take a couple of days to complete. Contracts will be open to both community-based, not-for-profit providers and commercial energy efficiency contractors.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that the Investment is good for tenants, good for Jobs and good for the environment.

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Delivering Cleaner Air

Proposal to extend the smoky coal ban to Maynooth

Approximately half a million tonnes of bituminous (or 'smoky') coal is imported each year for household use in Ireland, resulting in the release of over 4,000 tonnes of sulphur dioxide into the air we breathe. The smoky coal ban helps to protect human health and the environment by reducing air pollution, particularly during the winter months.

The smoky coal ban was first introduced in Dublin in 1990 in response to severe episodes of winter smog that resulted from the widespread use of smoky coal for residential heating. The ban proved effective in reducing smoke and sulphur dioxide levels in Dublin and research indicated that this resulted in over 350 fewer winter mortality deaths each year. Additional benefits of the regulations have also been identified through the stimulation for householders to switch from using solid fuels, which generally are less efficient and more polluting, to more efficient and less polluting gas and oil. The associated reduced fuel costs to consumers were estimated at €184 million per year. The ban was subsequently extended to other areas, including Celbridge, Leixlip and Naas in 2000, and Newbridge earlier this year so as to deliver similar air quality benefits for urban dwellers outside Dublin. Kildare County Council has now proposed to the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government that the ban area should be further extended to include the town of Maynooth with effect from 2014 so as to further extend the clean air benefits of the ban and deter the sourcing of smoky coal from outside the ban area.

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| 9th Prize | Declan Byrne | 34pts |
| 10th Prize | Darren Moran | 34pts B6 |
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ASK SHARON THE STYLIST!!

"You can never be overdressed or overeducated." — Oscar Wilde

Question: "What do you think is a good option for the school run?"

Yes it's that time of the year again when school books and uniforms have been consuming your thoughts but as if that's not enough, recently I have been asked by some of my client's about ...dare I say it "School run fashion parades"

So if you want to achieve a stylish yet smart casual look, here are some of my tips for Mum's on the school run...

Mac Coat, Blazer or ¾ length Jacket and Cardigans

A Mac is always a really good basic to have in your wardrobe as it can be dressed up or down, for those colder mornings a heavier Coat will do the trick. Blazers or softly draped jackets teamed with jeans makes casual daytime wear look polished. Long line Cardigans can be worn loosely or with a belt added to give a little more shape and look smarter than Jumpers.

Tops & Blouses

For a smart casual look wear t-shirts/tops with jackets and blouses with cardigans.

Dresses & Tunics

Dresses work really well because you have an outfit in one, wear with tights, leggings, skinny jeans and flat pumps or boots. Wear ankle & knee high boots with dresses and same colour opaque tights to elongate legs in Autumn/Winter.

Jeans & Leggings

Well-fitting jeans, they're the most versatile wardrobe staple of them all and good quality pairs of leggings in assorted colours are great staple pieces as they go with lots of different looks. Jeggins are a mix of leggings & jeans and hold you in better than leggings.

Ballet Flats, Low Wedge Sandals, Flat Ankle & Knee High Boots

Flats are a must for Mums and they are here to stay because they are so comfortable, flattering and classic.

Scarves, Jewellery, Handbags & Makeup

Throw on a coloured scarf to complete your look or add a statement necklace to add style to any outfit. Remember a smart leather structured bag will dress up every casual outfit. Mascara and lip gloss closely followed by concealer and bronzer are viewed as the absolute minimum applied to complete your look.

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Maynooth Area Rep.



Wishing all students the best on their return to school and college.



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Maynooth Community Text Alert

On Thursday the 22nd of August an initial meeting was held to establish a community text alert for the town. This meeting was organised by Fianna Fáil Local Area Rep. Naoise Ó Cearúil.

There has been a sharp increase in crime over the past number of years in Maynooth and Ó Cearúil feels that this is an ideal initiative to tackle the problem. This will be one of the first text alert towns in Ireland as nearly all text alerts are based in rural areas.

The text alert works accordingly;
 Signs are erected on the entrances to the town and at the entrance to each estate/area.
 These signs will have a number on them that residents can contact if there is any suspicious activity
 The Gardaí are notified via this text and act accordingly. The Gardaí can then send a text to all registered members alerting them of any danger.

Text Alert Areas are proven to reduce crime in areas where they are operating, in particular burglaries.

Representatives from the Maynooth Community Text Alert Scheme will be calling to your house shortly to see if you are interested in becoming part of the scheme.

If you would like to get involved with the establishing committee or if you have any queries please contact Naoise Ó Cearúil on (086) 456 5204 or via email on naoiseocearuil@gmail.com.

More information to follow in next month's issue of the Maynooth Newsletter.

Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge First for Water Meters

On Friday the 26th of July it was announced that Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip would be the first towns in the State to have water meters introduced by Irish Water. These towns are to act as the catalyst for introducing water meters across the country.

Naoise Ó Cearúil, Fianna Fáil Representative for Maynooth has expressed serious concerns over the implementation of meters and has highlighted many flaws in the Government's plans.

Ó Cearúil stated that, "The household charge turned out to be a fiasco and many people struggled to pay this ludicrous charge. To make matters worse Fine Gael and Labour are inflicting more hardship on struggling households".

He continued, "The Government are still unsure over how much the charge will cost each household but they are thinking €300-€400. This is just not acceptable, especially if one considers the household charge, refuse charges etc. In most countries the household charge covers all facilities but this government are intent on squeezing those who are finding it difficult."

The delay of charges until 2015 could be seen as a cynical electoral ploy by the government. Many serious questions remain about the roll out water charges, just how realistic the targets are, the ultimate cost to households and what kind of service consumers can expect in terms of water quality and supply.

Leaflets are being distributed in the three towns at the moment and installation is expected to begin in August. Eoin Ó Neachtain of Irish Water has re-assured households that contractors will carry identification and will need no access to the house.

"Prosperous - Not the case in terms of Public Infrastructure "

Prosperous is falling behind other towns in Kildare in terms of infrastructure, amenities and services. With a population of over 2,500, the town should have basic amenities but this is not the case.

Fianna Fáil Rep, Naoise Ó Cearúil stated that "The situation in Prosperous is beyond a joke at this stage. There are no simple facilities for families or for residents of the town such as picnic benches, a playground or adequate lighting".

The main amenity in the town is a footpath that surrounds the town and this is where the majority of people go for a walk. However this walk is posing a risk as there is no lighting on the footpath and an accident is sure to occur if this is not

resolved.

Ó Cearúil continued, "The footpaths in the town are in disrepair. A constituent rang me last Wednesday in distress as he had fallen and cracked a rib. I'm calling on the County Council and in particular the county councillors to assess the situation in Prosperous and introduce an improvement plan to target many issues in the town"

Pat Walsh from Prosperous who fell on the footpath said that "I'm in serious pain. I had to stay over in Naas hospital after the accident and they think it's worse than a cracked rib, they reckon it could be my spine. I'm furious over this. The town isn't being supported at all and I'm sure I'm not the first or the last to be injured by the state of the town"

In 2012 a small town plan was adopted for Prosperous as part of the County Development Plan 2011-2017 but residents of the community have not seen any changes in numerous years.

Old Carton Cumann News

There have been many meetings and events that members of the Old Carton Cumann attended over the summer, these include;
 The Comhairle Dáil Ceantair AGM,
 The Comhairle Ceantair AGM,
 The George Colley Summer School.

A new Committee was also elected at the Cumann's AGM,
 Secretary: Colm Ó Cearúil
 Cathaoirleach: Naoise Ó Cearúil
 Leas-Cathaoirleach: Cyril McAree
 Treasurer: Brid Feely
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Former T.D. for Kildare Paddy Power passes away

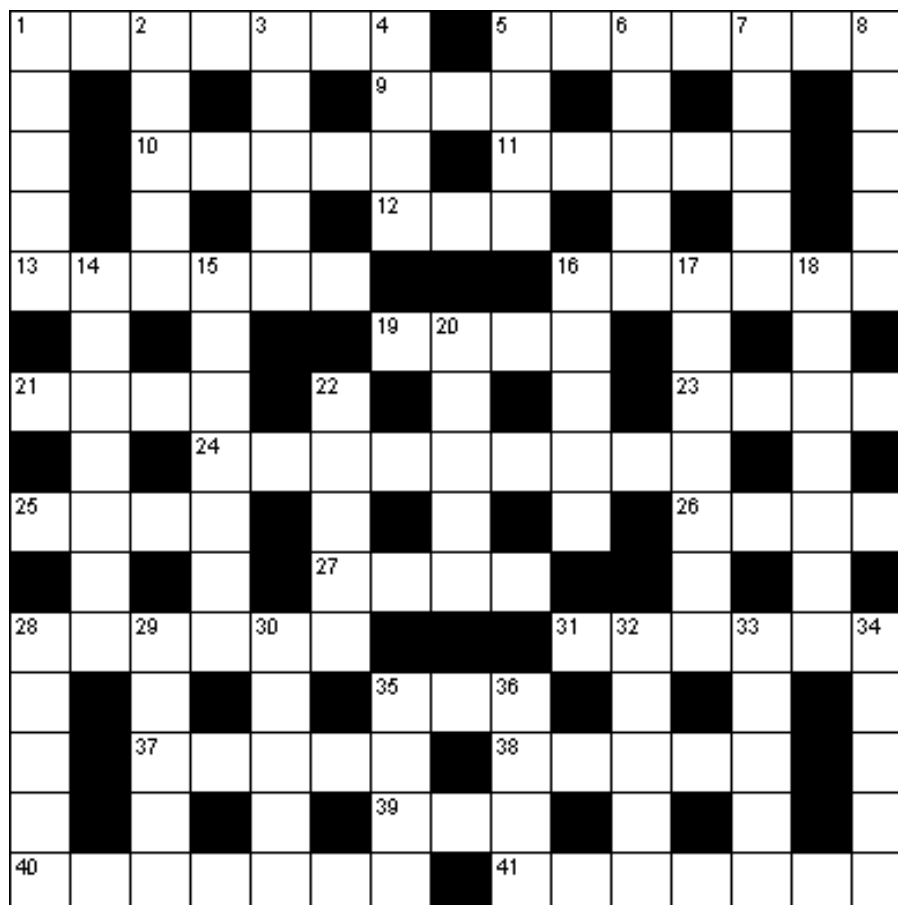
Former Kildare T.D. Paddy Power passed on the 14th of August at the age of 84. Paddy was a T.D. for Kildare between 1969 and 1989 and served as Minister for Defence, Minister for Trade, Commerce and Tourism and Minister for Fisheries and Forestries. Mr. Power also served as an MEP between 1977 and 1979.

Paddy Power worked hard for the Irish People and for the People of Kildare for 20 years and will always be remembered fondly as an honest, hard working man of the people.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis

Clues Across**September 2013 Crossword - No: 417****Clues Down**

1. Vivid (7)
5. Betrothed (7)
9. Did possess (3)
10. Russian liquor (5)
11. Pack leader (5)
12. Rotational speed (3)
13. Help (6)
16. Contaminate (6)
19. Cease moving (4)
21. Bucket (4)
23. Information (4)
24. Boozy (9)
25. Stiff (4)
26. Tartan skirt (4)
27. Ladder step (4)
28. Easily remembered (6)
31. Squirts (6)
35. Gave food (3)
37. Tooth (5)
38. Merits (5)
39. Globe (3)
40. 220 yards (7)
41. Makes journeys (7)



1. Marijuana (5)
2. Small town near Moray Firth (5)
3. Conceals (5)
4. Burn slightly (4)
5. Yellow cheese coated with red wax (4)
6. Colour (5)
7. Open space in a forest (5)
8. Down-filled quilt (5)
14. Endurance (7)
15. Mohammedan (7)
16. Republic in S Europe (5)
17. Burn unsteadily (7)
18. Hertfordshire town (7)
20. Grey (5)
22. Frightening (5)
28. Precipice (5)
29. Device to assess time taken (5)
30. Shout of greeting (5)
32. Anorak (5)
33. Passageway (5)
34. Appears (5)
35. Amphibian (4)
36. Something that is owed (4)

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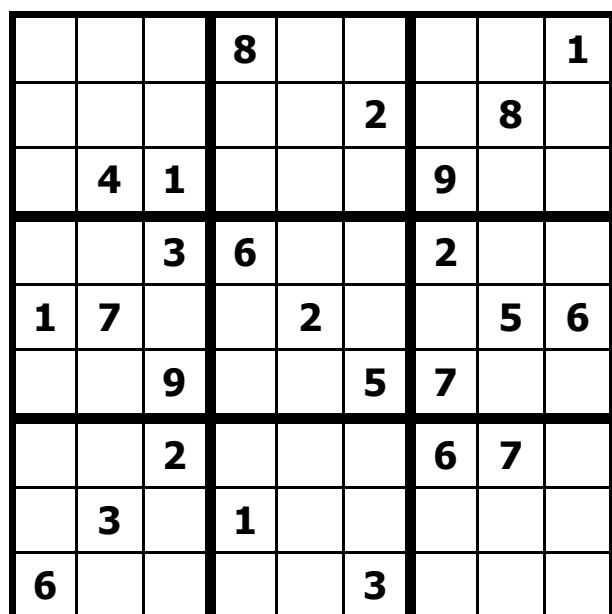
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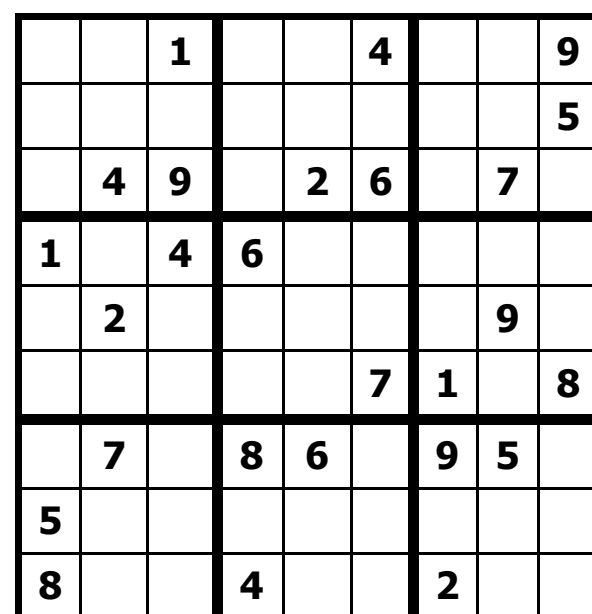
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SIPO Needs Teeth In Order That It's Bite Is Worse Than Its Bark

The Standards in Public Office Commission has responded to a query by Independent TD Catherine Murphy on the issue of financial donations made to some Pro-Life Lobby Groups, by stating that while SIPO agrees that Youth Defence, The Life Institute and the Family and Life Organisation activities come under the definition of groups operating with 'political purposes' and as such should be required to register as a third party for disclosure purposes, it has no powers to force them into compliance and there are no sanctions for their failure to comply with this provision of the Electoral Act.

SIPO further informed Deputy Murphy that it has previously written to current and past Ministers and alerted them to the absence of sanctions for failing to comply with this provision of the Electoral Acts. To date nothing has changed. Deputy Murphy feels strongly that groups with a clear political agenda, irrespective of what the subject matter is, must be forced to register with SIPO and declare the sources and amounts of their funding.

"It is clear that over the past few months we have seen campaigns from Pro-Life groups that were comparable to General Election Campaigns and that does not come cheap. If we look at the things we seen such as nationwide Billboards, Ad-mobiles, full page advertisements in national newspapers etc. we start to get an understanding of the massive amounts of funds invested in this campaign for political purposes."

"The Electoral Act is very clear in the requirements that registered groups must adhere to regarding donations and funding amounts but these requirements are essentially negated by the fact that groups are not obliged to register nor can there be any sanctions for not registering and SIPO's hands are tied in this regard. It seems ludicrous to have a standards commission that cannot implement standards. The Minister must imbue SIPO with the necessary powers of enforcement if it is to have any useful purpose.

Historical Records Deserve Better Than Backstreet Hovel

Independent TD Catherine Murphy today wrote to Ministers Jimmy Deenihan and Leo Varadkar to express her utter dismay and extreme disappointment at the news that the General Register's Office is to be moved to a 'new' temporary location – the old labour exchange building on Werburgh Street in Dublin 8.

This move represents yet another move in a series of moves since the GRO was moved from Lombard Street in 2007 to the Irish Life Mall and now onto this new and wholly unsuitable location. Deputy Murphy is adamant that the lack of respect given to our historical records means that we are ignoring the myriad of opportunities for the Irish Diaspora to explore their Irish roots and as a result we are losing out on the tourism and subsequent economic opportunities this presents.

"Given the digital age we are in, we should not only be seeking to centralise all our records in a first class facility in the city centre but we should be aiming to digitize the entire collection and have everything searchable online – a move that has been embraced in Northern Ireland. By the end of this year, our Northern neighbours will have their entire GRO catalogue online in addition to a new purpose built facility in the Titanic Quarter of Belfast. We should be trying to emulate this example; instead we are pedalling backwards and pushing our records further out of reach"

"There have been some improvements in the field, including the recent upgrades to www.irishgenealogy.ie, however these measures do not go far enough and as someone who has extensively researched her family tree, I fully understand the hindrances the current system creates and I also recognise the opportunities it can open to us. Vast swathes of the Irish Diaspora are eager to find their link to the island of Ireland and my experience shows me that once people make a connection to a place, most will return to it again and again. It would be downright negligent of us to squander such an opportunity; instead we should be doing everything in our power to attract the diaspora here by making the system as accessible, both physically and online, as possible."

"To push an office such as the GRO, which is a key census substitute and is, as such, a vital tool in anybody's genealogical research, into a dingy backstreet building, replete with barbed wire, broken fences and graffiti, is simply scraping the barrel and attempting to make a silk purse from a sow's ear."


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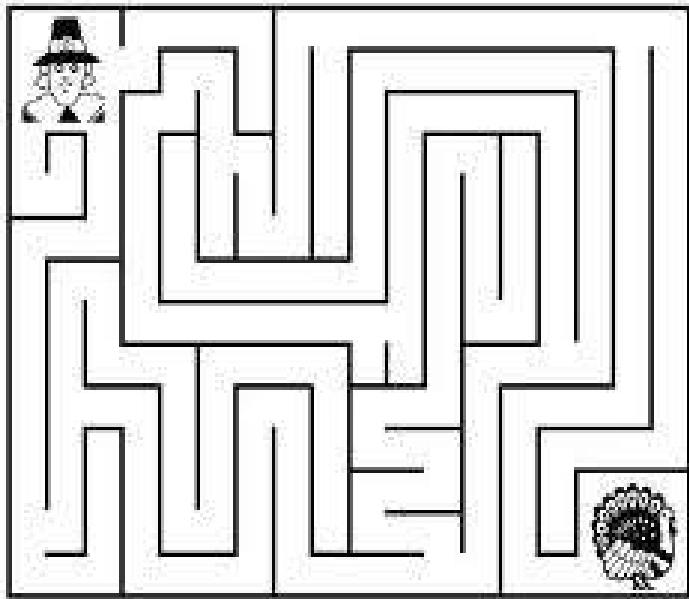


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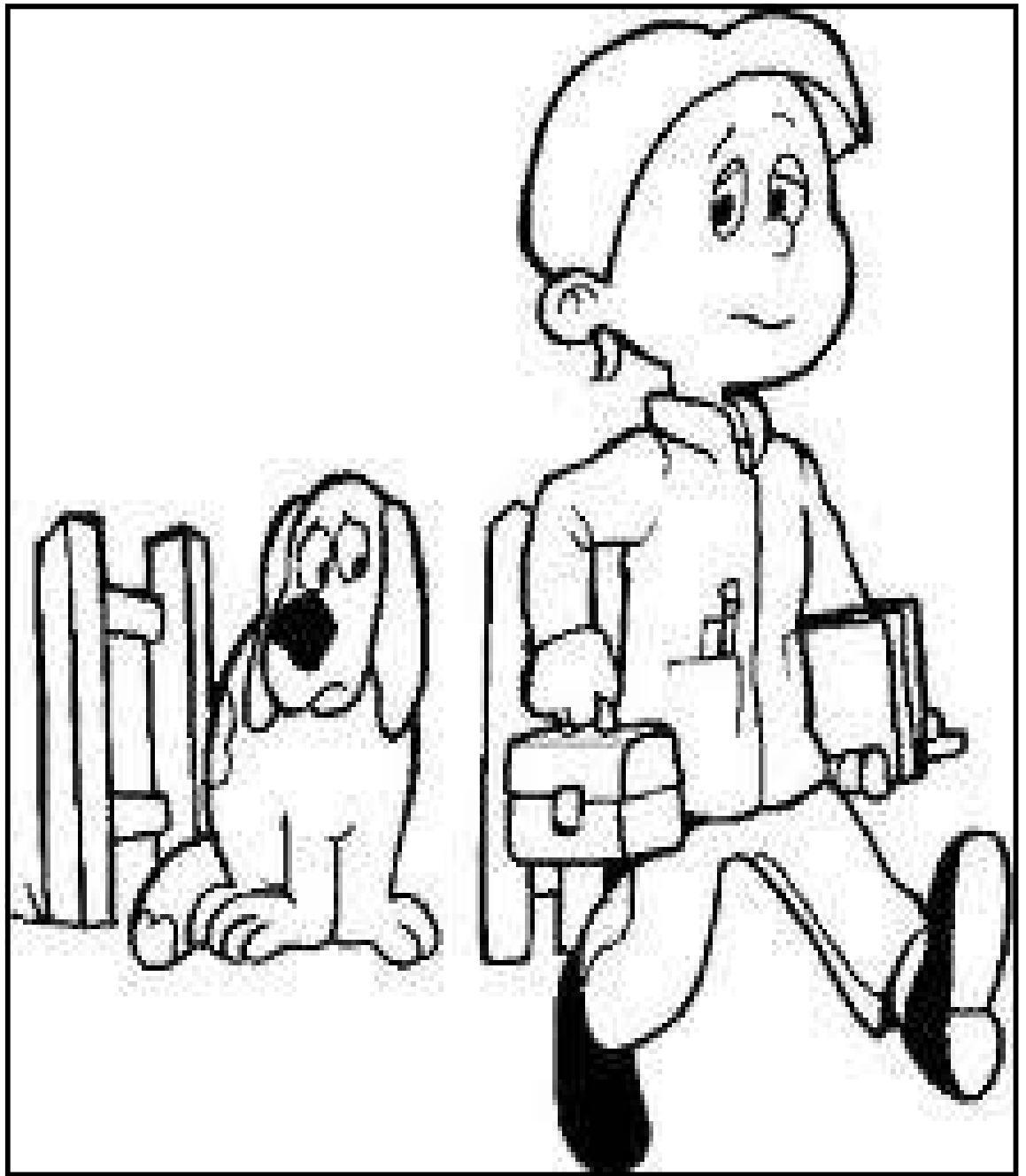
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Toastmasters

Toastmasters meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month in Glenroyal Hotel at 8pm. The meetings are very enjoyable but with a good learning input. They stop for tea half way through and end at 10pm. All visitors are welcome. Felicity Cuthbert PRO

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

Gala Night
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Maureen Fagan PRO

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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

SEPTEMBER



Sweet Pea plants can be sown from seed in early September. Soak the seeds in tepid water over night and sow the following day into compost indoors. The plants will be ready to plant outdoors in early November. Virginia Creeper is a beautiful red foliage climber if you are looking to get a climber. This needs to be sown in early September and is great to cover unsightly bare fences or walls. Place the plants 1 metre apart.



Winter flowering Pansies, Violas, Heathers and Aconites can be planted now for a strong show of colour in patio planters and window boxes from late September until late Spring. Plant Spring bulbs now such as Daffodils, Tulips, Snowdrops, winter Aconites, Cyclamen and Crocus. Prune climbing roses once they have finished flowering, cut sideshoots back a couple of buds from the main frame.



Dead and damaged hedges should be removed this month. This is a great time to replant with new hedging plants. The Hardy Laurel hedging is a choice to use. Make sure to use compost when planting as this will ensure strong root growth. Do not prune Azaleas, Rhododendrons and other spring flowering shrubs because they already have next year's buds showing. If you prune them unnecessarily, you will sacrifice next year's flowers. Time to transplant Peonies or divide them.



September is the best month of the entire year to seed your lawn. This includes seeding a new lawn and reseeded an existing lawn. If you need to you can lime, fertilize and seed your lawn at the same time.

Time to bring in your houseplants and feed them a slow releasing fertilizer and don't feed them again until February. Its very important to mulch after planting bulbs especially if you are planting them late. Mulch keeps the soil warmer longer so roots can grow.



Pak Choi or Chinese Cabbage can be planted this week for use a tasty vegetable in October and November. Pak Choi is easy to grow and ideal as a vegetable in stir fries or as a green vegetable. Duke of York potatoes are now ready for planting. Plant 5 potato tubers into a planter using compost and place in a sunny location out of doors or in a tunnel greenhouse. By the end of November your potatoes are ready to harvest and store until Christmas. Savoy cabbage plants can be planted now out of doors in the vegetable garden. Plant a dozen plants to ensure regular cutting from late winter onward. Japanese onion sets should be planted over the next couple of weeks outdoors. This will give you fresh green shoots in early Spring and full-sized onions for April and May next year.



Move tender plants into sheltered positions. Start feeding song birds before the winter starts. Wild bird feeds and protein high peanuts should be offered to all garden birds. Fit some insulation to protect against the cold nights ahead. Keep your greenhouse well ventilated during the day but make sure the warmth is trapped during the evening. One last effort at weeding will help to improve the look of the garden in the winter time. Ponds that have submerged oxygenating plants might need to be thinned out as they can build up quickly and fill the pond. Remove dead leaves from waterlilies when the leaves die back. Divide Water Lillies and any pond plants to increase your stocks and control the growth. Planting should never cover more than 50% of the ponds surface.



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Maynooth improves in IBAL League and National Tidy Towns Competition

The say lightning never strikes twice in the same place but Maynooth Tidy Towns volunteers are celebrating two recent successes. On previous occasions Maynooth could do well in one competition and badly in the other states Tidy Towns Vice-Chairperson, Paul Croghan. IBAL is the "Irish Business Against Litter League which rates towns just on the prevalence of litter while the Tidy Towns Competition judges us on ten different categories he says but it has happened before that we could do badly in IBAL but yet score well on litter in the Tidy Towns competition in the same year.

Maynooth had scored badly in the previous two IBAL judging's which is based on the level of litter found on ten locations in the town but Maynooth jumped from 41st place in the previous judging to 14th in the latest one going from being considered "moderately littered" to being "Clean in excess of European Norms". In the 2013 National Tidy Towns Competition Maynooth jumped eight points to score 289 Marks in 2013. The normal level of increase in marks awarded has been between two and four each year.

Maynooth Tidy Towns had identified the categories where marks could be gained in the Tidy Towns competition and worked hard with projects in these categories. But while Paul Croghan wanted to acknowledge the efforts of tidy town's volunteers he also commented that 2013 was a special year in Maynooth. The staging of the Irish Open at Carton House in late June encouraged many others to clean up Maynooth for the golf visitors. The Maynooth Business Association members have to be complemented for their work this year which contributed very positively to our work he stated. In fact many actions were undertaken together and he believes that the standard set this year can only continue with the active support of many groups working together.

Paul also commented on the very supportive role played by Kildare County Council compared to previous years as well as more active support from other community groups too numerous to mention as well as the students from NUI, Maynooth who came out to help us as well. These are all very positive actions that Maynooth needs to continue as pride of place in the environment of Maynooth is something that everyone can support he said. You can read the latest IBAL report and the 2013 National Tidy Towns Report elsewhere in the Maynooth Newsletter.

Photo's Left Bob O' Reilly, Liz Callaghan & Mattie Callaghan of Maynooth Tidy Towns. Far Left: Mattie Callaghan.



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HAPPY HALLOWEEN RECIPES

Hooting Halloween Owls

Makes 12

Ingredients

280g butter, softened
280g golden caster sugar
200g self-raising flour, minus 1 rounded tbsp
1 rounded tbsp cocoa powder
6 medium eggs
200g butter, softened
1 tube orange ready-to-use icing
1 tube choco M&M's minis (use just the brown sweets) or Cadbury's mini buttons
1 tub jelly diamonds (just the orange ones)
280g icing sugar, sifted
1 small bag Maltesers



Method

Heat oven to 190C/fan 170C/gas 5. Line a 12-cup muffin tin with brown muffin cases. Beat the first 5 ingredients to a smooth batter and spoon between the cases, almost filling them to the top. You may have a little left over. Bake for 20-25 mins until risen and spongy. Cool on a rack. Beat the butter and icing sugar until smooth. Slice off the very tops of the cakes and cut each piece in half. Spread a generous layer of icing over each cake. Working on one cake at a time, squirt a pea-sized blob of orange icing onto two Maltesers and use to fix a brown M&M on each. Sit the eyes, two pieces of cake top (curved edge up) and a jelly diamond on the icing to make an owl.

Freaky Fingers

Makes 20

Ingredients

100g caster sugar
100g butter
200g plain flour
20 blanched almonds
red food colouring, paste is best (optional)
1 egg yolk
1/2 tsp vanilla extract



Method

Place the first five ingredients and a pinch of salt in a food processor and whizz just until a ball of dough forms. Tear off a golf ball-size piece of dough and use your hands to roll into finger-size cylinders – you should get about 20. Place on a baking sheet lined with baking parchment – a little apart as they will spread during baking. Use a knife to make a few cuts, close together, for the knuckles. Place an almond at the end of each finger and trim away excess pastry around the edge to neaten. Place in the fridge for 30 mins, heat oven to 180C/160F/Gas 4, then bake for 10-12 mins just until firm. Leave to cool a little, then paint the almond with food colouring, if you like.



Brainballs

Serves 10

Ingredients

85g popping corn
1 tbsp vegetable oil, plus extra for shaping
25g butter
Bloodthirsty squash
11 cranberry juice
85g marshmallows
11 lemonade
juice 3-4 limes



Method

Place the popping corn and vegetable oil in a large pan set over a medium heat. Stir the kernels around the pan to coat in the oil. When the kernels start to pop, place a lid firmly on top and turn the heat down to low. Cook, shaking the pan often to stop the popcorn burning or sticking, until the corn has stopped popping, about 5 mins. tip into a bowl, discarding any unopened kernels. Heat butter and marshmallows over a low heat until melted. Pour over popcorn and mix well until coated. Lightly rub oil over your hands and shape the popcorn into small balls. Set aside on a tray lined with baking parchment and leave to set.

Bloodshot Eyeballs Recipe

Serves 24

Ingredients

2 cups confectioners' sugar, divided
1/2 cup Creamy Peanut Butter
3 tablespoons butter, softened
1/2 pound white candy coating, coarsely chopped
24 milk chocolate M&M's
1 tablespoon water
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon red food colouring



Directions

In a small bowl, combine 1 cup confectioners' sugar, peanut butter & butter. Shape into 1-in. balls; place on a waxed paper-lined pan. Chill for 30 minutes or until firm. Melt white candy coating; stir until smooth. Dip balls in coating; allow excess to drip off. Place on waxed paper. Immediately press an M&M onto the top of each eyeball for pupil. Let stand for 30 minutes or until set. In a small bowl, combine the water, food colouring & remaining confectioners' sugar. Transfer to a heavy-duty resealable plastic bag; cut a small hole in a corner of bag. Pipe wavy lines downward from pupil, creating the look of bloodshot eyes. Store in an airtight container.

Happy Halloween

Are you hosting a Halloween party for your kids this year? Here are some fun games that you can set up at your child's party that will sure to be a childhood memory for your guests.



Bowling with pumpkins is a fun game to play at your Halloween party that will be sure to induce many giggles. It is best played outside or with plastic trash bags covering your floor and possibly walls. Line up 10 empty plastic bottles of soda as you would with bowling pins at the bowling alley. Have the child stand back at a distance appropriate for their age and let them bowl a small pumpkin into the bottles.

When your guests arrive at the party, start the games as they enter. Set a bowl of plastic bats with numbers on their bellies near your door and when guests arrive have them choose a bat at random. Tell them to hold onto their bat for a prize sometime during the party. Later, pull a number out of a hat and that child will win a special door prize.



Musical Graves is based off the game Musical Chairs and works the same way. Play fun Halloween music like Monster Mash and have the children circle the chairs. When the music is shut off everyone has to find a chair and the child who does not is then out. With younger children it is sometimes nice to have a small prize for them when they are out.

Halloween is the perfect time for a good old fashioned witch hunt. Have an adult or older child volunteer to be the witch. Have them hide and ask the guests to find the witch. This game can be played multiple times if the witch happens to get away.



A classic child party game is Pin the Tail on the Donkey. With a little creativity you can turn this game into Pin the Wart on the Witch. Blindfold the child, spin them around three times, and see if they can get the wart on the witch's nose. Your guests will burst out in laughter at this Halloween game when they see all the funny places that the wart was pinned.



Candy Corn Catch is a great game and you can later eat it. Fill small baggies with candy corns for partners to toss to each other. Start the players out fairly close together and after each toss they take a step back. Whoever can toss the candy corns the furthest away without dropping wins. Be warned, it is hard to toss a bag of candy when you are giggling really hard.



If you are hosting your party indoors you might want to play a slightly less active game. Silly Zombie is a hilarious Halloween party game that will have your little guests in stitches. Have all the guests sit in a circle and choose a child to be the zombie hunter and blindfold them in the centre of the circle. Spin the child around a few times and ask them to walk in any direction to find their victim. Once they grab the hands of their victim they will say "silly zombie" and the victim will then give their best scary zombie laugh. If the blindfolded child guesses who their victim is, they get to take off the blindfold and the victim then becomes the zombie hunter. If they do not guess correctly, they need to hunt for another zombie.

A game of rolling pumpkins into empty soda bottles would be perfect for a fun time. Keep the party fun and remember that these parties can be just as fun for the guest's parents if you include them.



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DENTAL PROBLEMS



Pups have 28 temporary or "milk teeth". Cats have 26. Pups develop permanent teeth the last of which will generally have erupted around 6 – 7 months. Adult dogs will have 42 permanent teeth each with a crown and root. Cats will have

30. Puppies will often be seen biting and chewing on anything; slippers, carpets, skirting boards! This behaviour is due in part to the "teething" process as seen in babies and with time this behaviour should disappear.

Dental disease can affect up to 80% of dogs over 3 years of age. Dental plaque can turn into tartar, a crust deposited on teeth, this can lead to bacteria increase in the mouth and will cause tooth decay and "halitosis" otherwise known as bad breath. Bad breath is not natural for your dog or cat. Your

dog's general health is directly affected by its dental health.

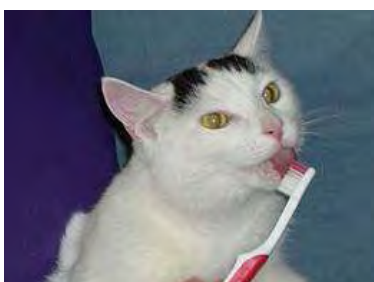
Bacteria from your pet's mouth can be absorbed into the blood stream causing possible heart and kidney problems. In cats, feline leukaemia virus can alter the defence mechanism and can cause a severe

gingivitis.

It is probably easier to detect dental problems in cats than in dogs. Cats will behave as if they want to eat, will go to their dish but will not be able to eat! They will show salivation (dribbling), rubbing their face against objects and will loose considerable weight. As a general rule it is hard to detect pain from a dog and this is where a 6 month check-up in Maynooth Veterinary Clinic (01 6289467) can be very productive in treating and preventing dental disease.

Dental care can start early in a pups life by getting it accustomed to having its teeth cleaned. A soft toothbrush can be used with a pet toothpaste.

Feeding your dog and cat dry food can help prevent dental tartar developing. In many cases problems have advanced too far and a dental scaling is necessary for your dog or cat to reduce the plaque and dental bacteria. This entails an anaesthetic and the teeth are scaled and polished and sometimes extractions are necessary. In some of our older patients a pre-anaesthetic blood test is required to determine kidney and liver function. Dental scaling is a procedure that dramatically improves the general health and wellbeing of your pet!!



the Rye gallery



Supporting Local & Irish is never out of the news these days and is reported to be a key factor in the country's recovery. Money spent locally stays in the community and helps to create local employment and also assists start-up businesses

This is what the Rye Gallery is all about – Stocking and Showcasing the products of local and regional entrepreneurs, producers and crafters.

The Rye gallery Maynooth is a new retail Irish business which has recently opened on Main Street Maynooth, at the University end of the town just opposite the AIB. The business is dedicated to quality and bringing its customers the best of Irish products – from artisan foods hampers to hand-crafted Gifts. The Rye gallery prides itself in being a showcase for Irish produced products and providing a sales outlet for small indigenous craft and food businesses. It is the perfect spot to pick up that special gift solution and feel proud in the knowledge that your purchase has been imagined, designed and created in Ireland, or if it a food product it has been produced by many of the talented Irish artisan food producers we have in this country.

Its owner Mary Gorman's passion for retailing and sourcing of quality Irish products was developed growing up working within the family businesses and later during her career in retailing within the Irish grocery industry where she worked in sales and marketing for various Irish manufacturers. Added to that experience, she completed a business innovation course before opening the Rye Gallery.



Mary originally established the Rye gallery in Leixlip and moved to Maynooth at the start of the Summer using this opportunity to expand the range of Irish crafted gifts and introduce new brand name to the shop like Shannonbridge Pottery, Jerpoint glass, Eoin O'Connor prints, Caulfield Country Boards and Brooke and Shoals organic candles. Mary continues to stock her range of delicious marinated olives, sundried tomatoes and artisan cheeses/chutneys and crackers supplied by



Sheridans Cheesemongers, Rapeseed/olive oils and condiments in addition to the range Burren smokehouse salmon, McCarthy meats. Homemade Jams/Marmalades/Dessert sauces and chutneys are sourced from Nicola in the 'Big Red Kitchen' Stamullen Co.Meath. Chocolates come from Aine in Cavan and Chez Emily in the Ward North Dublin.

Kilbeggan organic porridge always proves a winner twinned with the famous Orchard Syrup from Kilkenny. Food hampers of any

size from €20 to €90 are proving popular with customers as that alternative gift or simply buying that chutney/cheese or homemade Jam as a little treat!

In addition to stocking the established and well known national brands The Rye gallery also continues its ethos of stocking and supporting local crafters and producers. Many well know local brands are stocked such as traditional slate tableware from 'The Splate' company based in Celbridge, Soy Wax Handmade candles from 'Tracy Clifford Candles' in Leixlip, Baressential soaps lovingly handcrafted in Castledermot, Handmade silver Jewellery made using Swarovski crystals and wire by local jewellery designer 'Grace O'Reilly from Celbridge, Handmade bags and accessories by Val Stephenson also from Celbridge. The shop also stocks handmade merino wool felted scarves and jewellery, original art from a local Maynooth artist Brian Tuohy, handmade greeting cards from crafters in Summerhill, Clane, Maynooth and collection of photographic cards of Carton House and Maynooth by a local photographer living in Enfield. Wooden crafted pieces from local woodturners in both Leixlip and Kilcock.

That locally sourced and Irish element of the business has been attractive to not only local residents buying that birthday or wedding present but to the many visitors who visit the town and the university and want to bring a little gift home from Ireland and Maynooth.



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own tools.

- Check your windows for damaged hinges or catches.
- Take a look through your own windows and see what valuables are visible that you might have left in plain sight. A Wallet, Phone, Laptop, Car Keys Handbags etc .

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Also lock up ladders and do not leave small
bathroom windows open .You would be surprised
what space a small person can get through.

If you have to lift up your handle and turn a key to
lock your front door .Consider fitting a night-latch
or a cylinder with an inside thumb-turn .

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Editorial

As we go to press the Festival is still imminent and there will be photographs and accounts in the next edition. The town is still looking exceedingly well thanks to all those who have been working ceaselessly for the last year but particularly since the Irish Open. The Tidy Towns group, the Traders, Kildare County Council and the Community Employment project have been cooperating and the results are clear to see. The CE project employees are to be praised and this is the first year that the Community Council has sponsored this part of the project. There were accounts here before of the merger between the various schemes in the town and now there is only one that is spread over a number of locations. Individuals will not be mentioned here but our thanks go out to all those workers who have made the town look so well. This was recognized by IBAL in their recent report as well. We would also like to thank the workers in the office for their hard work on the Newsletter etc. and at the moment their dedication to the Festival. Above all we would like to acknowledge and thank our new supervisor, John Doogan.

In November Hallowe'en is celebrated, an old Irish or Celtic festival that has its roots in the pre-Christian beliefs of the country. It is Samain in Old Irish, the beginning of a new year and one of the four festivals marked to the present day. But it has been exported to America and now back again with shops full of spiders, witches and ghouls. This has little to do with the original belief that the Otherworld opened at this time of year and that there was a two-way passage between it and this world. The living and the dead could move around but there was the possibility that they could get stuck in each other's worlds.

The Referendum on the abolition of the Seanad is nearly upon us along with another, that no one mentions, about the establishment of a Court of Appeal. Every house should have received a booklet that explains the issues in both cases. There seems to be little or no controversy about the Court of Appeal but the proposed abolition of the Seanad is another matter indeed. Fianna Fáil have made cogent arguments for its retention and as the turn out for both is likely to be relatively small there is a strong possibility that the Seanad one may be lost by the proposing Government parties. It was, of course, a Fine Gael initiative, well, more than likely an Enda Kenny proposal. There are those who believe that the Dáil might as well be abolished and that no one would really notice! But they are among the most cynical. However, would it not be possible to reform both Houses in some more positive way? At a time like this it is important that democracy is protected. But we should read what is available and take the trouble to vote and not to vote on the Government, there will opportunity enough to do that.

In the recent past, a number of speakers such as Mary O'Rourke, ex-Fianna Fáil minister, have put forward the idea of a Fianna Fáil/Fine Gael merger. A merger suggests a new party entirely and this would require a new name. Well a merger of words would give us either Fine Fáil or indeed Fianna Gael! Both would still have a meaning but I wonder how many members would know what the old or the new titles mean. This would eliminate the anachronistic words of the national anthem, 'Sinne Fianna Fáil' that some resent singing or hearing. The anthem was originally written in English of course and it said 'Soldiers are we' that was then translated to Irish. The original meaning of Fianna Fáil is 'warriors of Fál' (the name of a distant Otherworld island and also found in the name of the stone at Tara, the Lia Fáil). Fine Gael means 'the family of the Irish'. Mary O'Rourke suggested a coalition as well and this could result in the normal type of Left/Right politics at last – nearly 100 years after the 1916 Rising.

Community Council Notes

Notes September 2013

The Maynooth Community Council met in the Glenroyal on 9 September after its summer break in August.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcoming all who attended. The minutes were approved. There were no matters arising.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the Maynooth Development Association which outlined the recent plan under the advice and guidance of the Charities Commissioner to transfer €28,000 including interest (which had been gathered for a swimming pool in 1967) to the Maynooth Post Primary School Sport Development at Moyglare Hall and which will benefit other schools in the town. The letter was also printed in the *Liffey Champion*.

Maynooth Tidy Towns Congratulations!!

Mattie Callaghan, Moira Baxter and Elizabeth Callaghan attended the Tidy Towns Award Ceremony. Mattie Callaghan reported the great news that Maynooth went up in points this year and received a bronze medal. A round of applause followed. Mattie thanked the Tidy Town volunteers, Maynooth College, the Students Union, the Maynooth Business Association, Kildare County Council, local Councillors, our local engineer and the Canal Scheme workers. He reported that there will be an event to celebrate the achievement. Ben Finnegan, president of the Maynooth Students' Union commended the Tidy Towns for all their work and stated that MSU are willing to get involved again and possibly take on a particular project.

Maynooth Harvest Gathering Festival

It was reported that plans were well underway with the programme being updated on a daily basis. It was with regret that we heard of the passing of the wife of the Mayor of Canet-en-Rousillon which impacted on the planning of the proposed visit of Canet citizens to Maynooth. We are however looking forward a delegation from Canet representing, tourism, education and sport who will be attending the Festival. The change of date of the Walk from Croker by Maynooth GAA to 29th September (the last day of the Festival) was warmly welcomed by the Festival Committee. Maynooth Students' Union will get involved in the Festival.

The Festival will run a monster raffle leading up to and during the weekend of the Festival. The raffle entitled "A taste of Maynooth" was the brain child of one of the members of the committee. The three prizes will comprise vouchers to the various eateries in the Maynooth such as 10 vouchers for evening meals in the various Maynooth restaurants, 10 lunch vouchers and 6 coffee vouchers. The vouchers will be valid for one year. The support of the local businesses was absolutely wonderful. The warm reception received by the Maynooth Festival Committee, the interest and

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to apologize if I offended anyone with remarks about David Norris and women. I know him and that he was a great supporter of the Tara cause. I would count him as a friend. If my remarks in any way offended the gay or lesbian community I would like to say that this was not my intention. Again I apologize. By mhaith liom leithscéal a ghabháil má cuir mé fearg ar éinne nó má ghortaigh mé éinne aerach, nó go deimhin éinne eile, leis an méid a scríobh mé.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

commitment shown by the businesses to the Festival raffle was inspiring to say the least. We also received other very generous spot prizes from other businesses around the town to support the Community Quiz. The monies earned from the raffle will be ring-fenced for the festival next year for example to invest in a marquee etc

Maynooth Community Council Annual Collection

The annual collection took place at the end of August. MCC thanked its committee members, the Maynooth Tidy Towns, Mens Sheds and Senior Citizens who did great work collecting at TESCOs, Donovan's and at the Masses. The generosity of the public was acknowledge and appreciated.

Maynooth Community Council Office and Work Schemes

There are 33 workers on the scheme in five locations. John Doogan, Manager was commended for his work in organising and running the scheme and for the extra time he has given freely to the post. It was noted that this is a challenging position. The office is currently advertising for an assistant supervisor which is necessary for the number of employees involved and which is written into the Department of Social Protection contract. The *Maynooth Newsletter* will profile the MCC office and its work in the coming months.

Community Space

Paul Croghan and Tom McMullon will be meeting with TESCOs to discuss the situation regarding the community space as the existing lease finishes in September.

Teenspace

Monthly meetings have resumed.

Maynooth local history Group

A talk on Garret Mor the Great Earl was delivered by Professor Marian Lyons of NUI Maynooth History Department in the Geraldine Castle during Heritage Week. Maynooth History Group will also be taking part in the Festival.

Senior Citizens

Have just resumed after a great week in Kerdiffstown. There will be a Tea Dance on October 20th which coincides with the Tony Smith Memorial Walk.

Educate Together School

The school extension is finished. The support of the Department of Education and Skills was acknowledged on behalf of the school. After school options are being explored.

The completion of the Special Unit has given so much needed space and is greatly benefiting the students and is a great boost to the school. The work of Paul Croghan and Adrienne Flynn in the project was acknowledged.

Other issues

Paul Croghan raised the point that Maynooth was becoming a car park for Croke Park and that cars parked on green spaces and in housing estates needs to be addressed. Irish Rail should be contacted. People living in the area around Croke Park get lots of benefits for the disruption that they endure. It was suggested that the Dunboyne Train Station be used as there is ample parking there.

Mattie Callaghan welcomed the work done on the new footpath on the Dublin Road. However, he questioned by rubbish was left exposed and why it had not been taken away. He will contact the local engineer.

As requested, the St. Patrick's Day Parade will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

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JobsPlus scheme

Question

What's the new JobsPlus Scheme?

Answer

JobsPlus is a new cash incentive to encourage employers to employ jobseekers from the Live Register. The Department of Social Protection will pay the incentive to the employer monthly in arrears over a two-year period. It will provide two levels of regular cash payments to employers depending on how long the jobseeker has been unemployed - €7,500 (paid over two years) for people who have been unemployed for a year and €10,000 (paid over two years) for people who have been unemployed for two years. The employee does not get any extra payment. To qualify, both the employee and the employer must meet certain conditions.

Eligible employees must have been getting Jobseeker's Benefit (JB) or Jobseeker's Allowance (JA), or signing for credits and: Have been at least 12 months (312 days) on the Live Register in the previous 18 months or Have been at least 24 months (624 days) on the Live Register in the previous 30 months People who are taking part in internships under JobBridge and the Work Placement Programme (WPP) and who were getting a qualifying payment before their internship may be employed directly from these schemes once the required qualifying period and conditions are satisfied. Employees can get confirmation of their eligibility for the JobsPlus scheme even if they have not yet found a suitable job. A list of frequently asked questions for employees is available on the JobsPlus website, jobsplus.ie.

Eligible employers must be registered as a PAYE employer with the Revenue Commissioners and be compliant with Irish tax and employment laws. The employer must offer employment of over 30 hours per week, spanning at least 4 days per week. The eligible employee must be on the payroll and subject to PAYE and PRSI. A list of [frequently asked questions for JobsPlus employers is available on the JobsPlus website, jobsplus.ie](#). Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Non-Principal Private Residence Charge arrears

Question

My cousin who lives in England never paid the Non-Principal Private Residence (NPPR) charge on a property he inherited in Ireland because he was not aware of the charge. What should he do to ensure that his affairs are in order?

Answer

The Non-Principal Private Residence (NPPR) charge was introduced on 2009 for residential property that is not the owner's only or main residence. This charge is payable to the local authority. The NPPR continues to apply for the year 2013. The NPPR will no longer be charged after 2013, but outstanding liabilities and payments will still be collected and these can be

substantial.

The NPPR charge is €200 for each relevant property you own on 31 March each year and it should have been paid by 30 June each year. A late fee of €20 was charged for each month, or part of a month, after 30 June of each relevant year. These fees and penalties increase each month and if you have never paid the NPPR, the total due since 2009, together with late fees and penalties, would now be well over €3,000. [A table of charges available online at \[nppr.ie\]\(http://nppr.ie\) shows how much is due](#). For example, if you were liable for the NPPR since 2009 and have never paid it, you will owe €3,720 in October 2013.

Your cousin should arrange to pay the outstanding charges for 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 plus the late fees that have accrued. He should register the property and pay the charge online at nppr.ie or else use a [paper form](#).

He should also ensure that any other taxes and charges have been paid – such as the [Household Charge](#) (payable on the property for the year 2012 in addition to the NPPR), the new [Local Property Tax \(LPT\)](#) and the [septic tank registration charge](#) (if relevant).

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Applying for a Debt Relief Notice

Question

I lost my job a couple of years ago and I have large credit card debts that I ran up over several years. I live in rented accommodation and get a weekly Jobseeker's Allowance payment. Is there anything I can do to reduce my debts?

Answer

You may qualify for a [Debt Relief Notice \(DRN\)](#). This is one of three new debt resolution mechanisms introduced under the [Personal Insolvency Act 2012](#) for people who cannot afford to pay their personal debts. The DRN is for people who have very low disposable income or assets and meet a set of eligibility criteria. It allows for the write-off of qualifying debt up to €20,000, subject to a three-year supervision period.

In general, you can qualify for a Debt Relief Notice (DRN) if all of your debts are unsecured and if your total debt to all your creditors adds up to €20,000 or less. Credit card debts are unsecured debts. You will only qualify for a DRN if, after deducting certain outgoings, you would be left with a net disposable income of €60 per month or less. The outgoings include payment of debts that are outside the DRN process and reasonable living expenses, which are assessed using detailed guidelines.

You must apply for a DRN through an Approved Intermediary (AI). You can choose an AI from the [Register of Approved Intermediaries](#) published by the Insolvency Service of Ireland (ISI). You must disclose all details of your financial affairs to the AI, who will then advise you whether or not you meet the conditions for a DRN, the consequences, any alternative options, and the fees (if any) that you may have to pay.

Several Money Advice and Budgeting Service

(MABS) companies have been authorised to act as AIs. If you are thinking of applying for a DRN through MABS, you will first need to answer some questions to check if you satisfy the eligibility criteria. You will need to assemble all the relevant information about your debts, assets, income and circumstances. You can use the [MABS pre-screening guide](#) to help with this. Further information is available from the ISI's helpline 0761 06 4200 (Monday to Friday, 9 am to 6 pm) and from [its website isi.gov.ie](http://its.website.isi.gov.ie). Citizensinformation.ie has detailed information about [DRNs](#) and other [insolvency options](#). Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Declaring a vehicle off the road

Question

I'm travelling abroad for work for six months and I won't be using my car from November. I understand that there have been changes to the way you declare your car is not being used. How do I declare it off the road?

Answer

New procedures have been introduced for declaring a vehicle is temporarily off the road. This means that you do not have to pay motor tax for that period. (Previously you could make a declaration to a Garda that the car had not been used in a public place after the car had been off the road for a period.)

You are required to declare in advance that your vehicle will be off the road and not in use for a period of between 3 and 12 months using a [Declaration of Non-Use of a Motor Vehicle Form RF150](#) (available online or from your local motor tax office, Garda station, Citizens Information Centre or library). You submit the completed form RF105 to your motor tax office. You do not need to have the form witnessed at a Garda Station. The declaration must be for full calendar months, starting on the first day of a month and ending on the last day of a month.

At the latest your declaration of non-use must be made in the month your current motor tax disc expires. If motor tax arrears are due the arrears must be paid and the vehicle taxed for a minimum of three months before you will be able to declare the vehicle off the road. A vehicle can be used during the period of a non-use declaration in only two cases: to bring it to and from a test centre for an NCT test or bring it for repair after a re-test (and back).

During the period covered by the declaration of non-use you must keep your car parked off the road and not in a public place to avoid a liability for motor tax.

You can read [a list of frequently asked questions about vehicle-off-road procedures on the Department of the Environment and you can get more information from \[citizensinformation.ie\]\(http://citizensinformation.ie\)](#).

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public. Information is also available online at citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, 0761 07 4000.

Being Assertive

My friend and I were chatting the other day, and we got to talking about being assertive without appearing to steamroll the person or people we are dealing with. We agreed we should be able to assert ourselves more, but that it is very important to differentiate between assertiveness and aggression.

Assertiveness according to Collins English dictionary is "confidence and directness in claiming your rights or putting forward your rights."

Aggression as defined by Wikipedia is "behaviour or a disposition that is forceful, hostile or attacking."

We all have occasions when we feel the need to stand up for ourselves. Instead of taking a deep breath and assessing what we are faced with, we barge in head first. This is because we are ruled by emotion and it is only later when we have time to think, we realise there would have been a better way to deal with the situation.

We can also take on too much because of our fear of saying "No". We are conditioned in a certain way and we agreed that feelings of guilt play a big part in our mindset.

We tend to put other's needs ahead of our own for these reasons. The resulting stress can be detrimental to our health and wellbeing. The danger about stress is that it can become so familiar we don't realise it is taking its toll.

The Mayo Clinic has listed a number of ways being assertive can help us. By asserting our needs we can:

- Gain self confidence
- Understand and recognize your feelings
- Earn respect from others
- Improve communications
- Create win-win situations
- Improve your decision making skills

Assertiveness is a personal choice and even though there are times when it is best to say nothing at all, it is also true that we are entitled to put our own needs on an equal footing with those of others.

A quote from author Paulo Coelho tells us "This is the present moment. Learn how to gobble it up without fear or guilt."



Being Assertive

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Maynooth Senior Citizens

Our morning club is now back in full swing and I welcome our new members. Remember if there are Senior Citizens out there who have not yet joined us, now would be a good time. Just pop along to the ICA hall any Tuesday or Thursday morning from 10.30 and you will be made very welcome. If you need further information you will find us on the Parish web-site.

A group of our members have just returned from a week in Kerdiffstown, where a wonderful time was had by all. Our next event will be our Halloween Tea-dance which will take place on

Sunday October 20th at 3pm in the GAA club and all are welcome. The Tony Smith memorial walk will also take place on the day. This event is organised each year by the Labour Party for the benefit of our Senior Citizens. So anyone out there who would like a bit of exercise while supporting a great cause can pick up a card from Dave Moynan or myself. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Labour Party for this event as every cent counts. Many thanks also to Colm, Martin and all the GAA club members for their continuing support. Their club is a great facility which we very much appreciate.

Our Sale of Work will take place this year on November 17th but more about that anon.

Finally may I say well done to Peter Garred and his team in the 8th Kildare scouts for their tenacity and determination in acquiring the huge funding for the restoration of the Geraldine Hall. This is a major undertaking which will benefit our community in the years ahead. This was a wonderful hall in the past and was used by so many groups, not least the senior citizens. We held our first party there in 1965 and we look forward to returning there in the future. Our organisation is giving this project our full support and I would encourage the whole community to do the same. Up until the late sixties Maynooth enjoyed a picture house and two halls. The parish/Nolan's hall where there was dancing every weekend and the CYMS which is now the Geraldine hall, facilitated a billiard club, a youth club, Irish dancing and concerts etc. All of which provided an alternative to the pub culture for the young and not so young alike. Maynooth has been without a hall for far too long. So come on people, community works.

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Medicalcard.ie Stats Don't Tally with Reality

Independent TD Catherine Murphy today called upon the Minister for Health to investigate what she called the 'crisis conditions' surrounding the policy of issuing discretionary and urgent medical cards. According to Deputy Murphy, the majority of applications are taking over five weeks just for income information to be reviewed – despite the fact that on the medicalcard.ie website it clearly states applications will be fully processed within fifteen days,

Currently, regardless of a person's emergent medical needs, they are, in the first instance, financially assessed. Medical circumstances, extenuating circumstances and any other mitigating factors are simply not considered until the financial review takes place. Only after the financial review takes place will any relevant medical information be taken into account. Currently a letter from a GP certifying that a case is urgent is required for the medical information to be reviewed sooner than five weeks.

"People are suffering. At what is, for many, some of the most stressful times in their life dealing with an illness or that of a loved one, they are being put through the ringer and forced to wait inordinate amounts of time, while costs continue to be incurred for treatments, medications etc. Many people are at their wits end trying to manage this financial aspect alongside their illness."

"This is a case of bureaucratic nonsense taking the place of compassion and a human centred approach to people's health. We must take a holistic and nuanced approach to ensure that we don't allow the red tape of government become yet another element of the suffering being endured by those in desperate situations with their health and finances. The Minister must ensure that applications are fully processed in the fifteen days promised by his Department and that provisions are made for urgent cases.

Class Sizes Indicative of Our Short-Term Vision and Lack of Investment

Independent TD Catherine Murphy reacted to today's reports about increasing primary school class sizes by reiterating her calls for strategic investment in vital services to ensure we avoid future societal problems.

"If Primary Education is not considered a vital service then what is? The Fine Gael Manifesto was very clear, it says, quite simply; "We will not increase class sizes". Now we see reports that one in four primary school children are in classes of thirty or more and Dept. of Education statistics are clear, class sizes are rising and almost 9000 primary pupils are in classes with over 35 students."

"The population increases mean that school numbers will continue to rise, and my own County – Kildare has some of the highest class sizes in the Country because of the rapidly growing population. Yet schools in Kildare and other population centres nationwide are not receiving any extra resources to deal with the increasing demands – in fact in many instances school resources are being cut. In an era of so called free education, parents are being forced to pick up huge tabs on a yearly basis for even the most basic of school activities."

"The lack of investment in Education, particularly Primary Education is yet another example of a terribly short-term approach to a national problem with huge ramifications for the future. If we don't place proper emphasis on a thorough primary education for all then we are opening ourselves up to later problems such as poor literacy rates, lower than average third-level numbers and less attractive employment opportunities etc."

"There are no two ways about it – in classes with numbers in the mid-thirties, the education of those children suffers and we leave ourselves open to a range of problems further down the line. Investment in education is urgently required, nationally set upper-limits on class sizes are urgently required if we are to avoid future problems for society."

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Princess Leah Update



It has been few months since we first printed an article on Leah Taaffe and we followed this two months later in August with an update on her progress and here we are now two further months on and we thought that we would give you the most recent update on Leah. Just to remind you that Leah Taaffe or Princess Leah as she's known by her family and friends is 6 years old and attends Robertstown National School. Leah was diagnosed with a rare form of brain tumour, so rare in fact that only one in five million may contract it worldwide and up to now there has never been a recorded case of it here in Ireland. It is so rare that, unfortunately, there are no proper facilities to deal with it in Ireland and so Leah has had to go to the UK for suitable treatment.

This treatment is very expensive at 250,000 euro. Leah's aunt, Kym Kelly, explained that they were not able to secure state funding to help with the medical costs and so they have to raise the

money themselves and with the help of a very generous community. Leah had her last radiation treatment on 1st of July and then had to wait for ten weeks before she could undergo an MRI scan to assess the results. Unfortunately the radiation treatment did not work, but Leah and her family are still battling on to beat this rare form of cancer. Leah is still holding strong and is keeping her spirits up despite the illness and all the treatments that she has had to endure. The very necessary fundraising efforts are still

ongoing to raise that magical figure of 250,000 euro and all donations are greatly accepted. September was Childhood Cancer Awareness month and with four children diagnosed every week with some form of cancer it brings home the stark reality of the real need for funding, resources and support.

To date 130,000 euro has been raised through many sponsored events such as skydiving, cake sales, music events and even an Anne Summers party which was held on 27th September. If you feel that you would like to run an event to help with the fundraising effort or you would like to make a donation then contact

kymkellymusic@gmail.com or log on to www.idonate.ie/princessleahfund. Many people from all walks of life have offered to contribute to the fundraising efforts, but when Brendan O'Carroll heard that Leah loved his character, Mrs Brown, he made a big effort to meet her and appropriately turned up in character to meet a thrilled Princess Leah. As Kym says about Brendan's visit "the kids loved it. We loved it and I am utterly delighted beyond belief that this came about. Nothing is ever impossible once, you simply ask. Another special day for a special girl."



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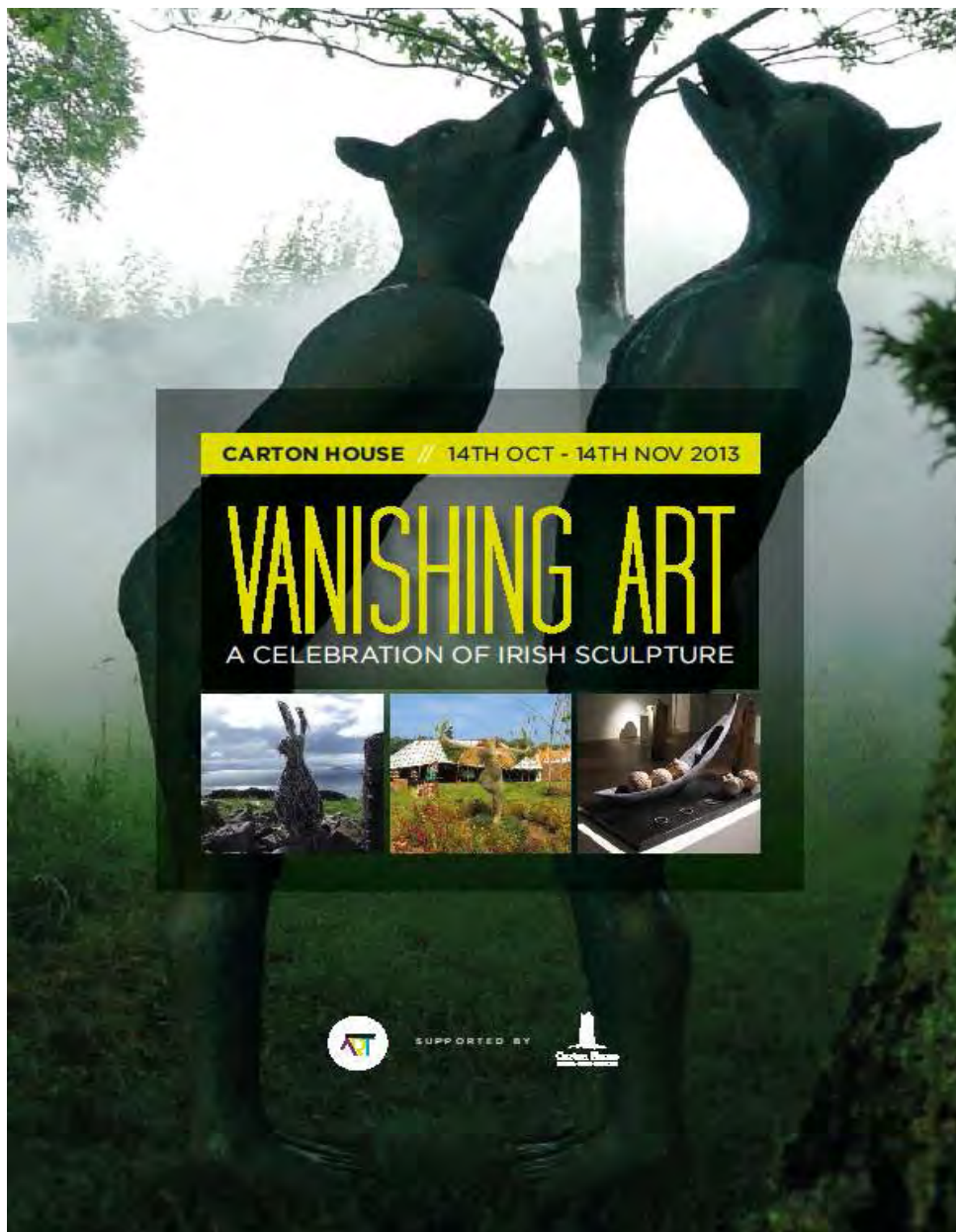
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Carton House, one of Ireland's acclaimed luxury destinations, is renowned for its hospitality and leisure facilities, in modern and stylish settings. Earlier this year it played host to the Irish Open 2013 Golf Tournament, garnering universal praise for the four day event which amassed a total of 81,379 visitors. With this sporting reputation in mind, Vanishing Art is delighted to announce its arrival at Carton House and hopes to provide a unique cultural experience to a wide variety of visitors.

The exhibition will feature artworks from some of Ireland's most acclaimed artists, including Kevin Sharkey, whose work is highly sought-after by collectors worldwide. The artwork will be displayed throughout the expansive grounds of the estate with a small number of pieces being displayed within the historic mansion house. The exhibition displays a vast array of styles, including a piece from Conleth Gent carved from a 200-year-old fallen oak tree from the Carton Estate itself. The exhibition hopes to be an event showcasing the dynamic range of work being produced in Irish art.

Vanishing art aims to provide artists with a unique platform to showcase their work, as well as supporting local businesses through increased footfall to the area, and also inviting potential tourism to the area. Vanishing Art promises to be a cultural event that Maynooth can be proud to host.

The exhibition opens on 14th October and runs until 14th November.

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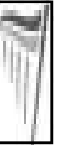
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Fianna Fáil Local News

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Fianna Fáil Launch Policy on Early Childhood

Fianna Fáil TD, Robert Troy launched a discussion Paper on Early Childhood Care and Education. This paper addresses many issues affecting the families with young children and those in the childcare sector. Naoise Ó Cearúil attended a meeting in Leinster House organised by Early Childhood Ireland and spoke to many local childminders.

This discussion paper addresses many of the issues that have been affecting those in the childcare sector for many years. The paper acknowledges Fianna Fáil commitment to support the fundamentals to support the strengthening of these fundamentals to ensure that previous investment is not lost and the infrastructure is protected, sustained and improved.

Campaign against Seanad Abolition Kicks Off

Fianna Fáil's launched it's campaign to oppose the upcoming referendum on Seanad Abolition. Fianna Fáil is the only major political party campaigning for a No vote.

Rather than bringing forward any real reform of Irish politics, the Taoiseach is asking us to give him and his ministers even more power.

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Fianna Fáil Launch Proposals on Seanad Reform

As part of Fianna Fáil's campaign to retain and reform our Seanad, the Party has launched "A Seanad for the People", a discussion document focused on reforming the Seanad.

Many of the proposals within the document are easily achievable and would go a long way towards creating a chamber of Government that enhances Irish democracy, rather than going down a path that discards one half of our National Parliament without making any guarantees on substantial Dáil reform.

Attack at Prosperous Cemetery

Recently a lady from Prosperous, who does not wish to be named, was attacked at Prosperous Cemetery. This isn't the first incident to occur at the cemetery. There have been reports of attacks over the past number of years. Fianna Fáil Area Rep, Naoise Ó Cearúil visited the cemetery and had this much to say, "I highlighted some weeks ago the lack of lighting and footpaths in Prosperous. Shortly after that a vulnerable lady has been attacked and robbed while visiting deceased loved ones. This should never happen to anybody ever, especially when visiting a cemetery".

He continued, "I'm again urging Councillors in the Clane Area to assess the needs of Prosperous and devise a plan of action to address continuing problems. It was recently announced that there were new public bins acquired for the town, why has there not been public lighting and adequate footpaths acquired also?"

Ó Cearúil highlighted some weeks ago the lack of investment in Prosperous after Pat Walsh from Prosperous was injured badly on a public footpath. There is no lighting in or outside Prosperous Cemetery and no footpath leading to it.

The victim stated that the attackers were travelling in a black car with yellow registration plates and is still in a state of shock. If anybody has any information they are urged to contact the Gardaí in Clane on (045) 868262.

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Curves Maynooth, waives service fee in partnership with Action Breast Cancer for Breast Cancer Awareness month

Curves Maynooth has pledged to raise vital funds in support of Action Breast Cancer during the October Breast Cancer Awareness campaign.

Curves Maynooth has committed to help raise money for Action Breast Cancer to highlight the importance of early detection and prevention amongst its members, through a series of fundraising and informative activities.

Designed for women, Curves located in Maynooth Business Park (just off the M4) will waive its service fee for new members during October in return for a donation to Action Breast Cancer. The amount raised will go towards funding their ground breaking research projects, as well as their wider support services for people living with breast cancer.

Emma, Manager of Curves Maynooth, said: "Fundraising for Breast Cancer charities is something which unites the Curves community globally and we're delighted to champion Action Breast Cancer, whose goals of supporting and strengthening women match Curves' core values extremely well."

With one in eight women at risk of developing breast cancer in her lifetime, Curves and its members cannot afford to ignore such a pertinent health matter. The team in Curves are committed to not only supporting research through funding, but also increase awareness by encouraging our members to take a proactive approach to breast health, whilst lowering their risk through regular exercise.

Curves Maynooth have been fundraising for breast cancer charities over the past ten years. We are looking forward to celebrating our 10th Birthday in November. We've seen so many ladies change their lives at Curves and we look forward to welcoming new members into our club.

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The poet, Paul Muldoon, a great friend of his, put me in touch with Seamus Heaney during the Tara campaign to try to stop the M3 going through the Gabhra Valley. I will never forget the day I picked up the phone and this wonderful voice said ‘Hello, this is Seamus Heaney’, that was the biggest OMG moment of my life. He rowed in with the campaign, wrote a piece for us and then he came to read on the Hill with Paul and others over the last number of years. Indeed, the latest Feis Teamhra took place a week before Seamus passed away. I did not know him as well as others like Paul, who flew home to give his beautiful tribute as the Mass. Seamus was the most gentle, most humble man I have ever met, also funny, self-deprecating and so generous with his time and energy. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

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The novel encompassed life in New York and London as well as Ireland.

Available as an e-book or paperback from Authorhouse, Amazon etc.

For further information, Google Romancing Charlotte by Colin Scott, also Google Book Depository Romancing Charlotte

Book Review

I've been lucky enough to snag a copy of the new novel *Romancing Charlotte*, by Colin Scott. On the more obvious level, this is a charming page-turner of a romance set in modern-day Ireland. With well-developed characters and touching but realistic familial relationships complimenting the various romantic plotlines, this is a great book to cosy up with on a chill evening.

That being said, there's a lot more to this story: Scott's hero and heroine are no ingénues, and it's refreshing and all too rare to read a romance about folks in their later years. With a Downton-Abbeyesque twist, Charlotte is the lady of the local manor, while PJ, recently returned from living in the States, is descended from a humbler family. This division is a tricky one anywhere, and it's made even more complex in an Irish setting, what with issues of religion and politics. Scott also weaves in a strong sense of place, and a subplot involving illegal turf-cutting in peat bogs, an issue that is similarly layered and three dimensional. While "Colin Scott" is - according to his own twitter profile - a pseudonym, it's obvious that this Irish author is writing from inside the culture: *Romancing Charlotte* take place in the nuanced, complex world of modern Ireland, not some "top o' the mornin' " Hollywood version.

The Verdict: *Romancing Charlotte* is like a good raspberry cordial: It's sweet and goes down easy, but nevertheless can be quite nuanced and much more nourishing than you might think. It's a perfect choice for anyone in the subtleties of modern Irish culture, for anyone who'd like to take a trip abroad between the pages, and really for anyone looking for a good read that will neither traumatise nor patronize.

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Cllr. McGinley Calls for Safety Measures at The Band Hall, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Cebridge Area Committee on 20 September:

"That the following safety measures be carried out at the Band Hall, Maynooth:

That the wall beside the hall at the green (PoundPark) be repaired using the €80,000 allocated in the Capital Programme in 2008

That the public light that was removed from opposite the Band Hall at Bartons, Pound Lane, Maynooth, be replaced without any further delay."

John got the following reply:

"The 80,000 allocated to the repair of the boundary wall in Pound Park cannot be used in the current year for repair work as the annual expenditure allowed for within the Amenity and Recreation Capital Programme has been fully allocated for the current year. However, the project will be considered for inclusion in the 2014 Capital Programme.

The issue regarding the public light has been referred to the Transportation Department for consideration."

John stated that the wall had to be repaired in 2014 as we are already waiting 5 years for this safety measure to be carried out.

In relation to the missing light John stated that he was completely unhappy with the reply as he have been getting the same one for the last two years. He further said that it would not cost much to put a light on the existing pole on the other side of Fagans Lane if it was too costly to erect a new pole behind Bartons new building.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for the Footpath from Maynooth Park to Laurence Avenue to be Repaired:

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Cebridge Area Committee on 20 September:

"That the footpath along the road from Maynooth Park to Laurence Avenue, on the Greenfield Supermarket side, be repaired as it is in a terrible state as a result of lorries parking on the path and that bollards be erected to stop the lorries from parking there in future."

John got the following reply:

"The footpath is indeed in great distress due to people parking on the path and using the adjacent shops, takeaway etc. We cannot put an exact time for this upgrade at the moment but it will be listed for attention when resources allow. "

Cllr McGinley Calls for Safety Measures for Pedestrians at the Straffan Road/M4 Slipway

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Cebridge Area Committee on 20 September:

"That measures be introduced at the slip way to Dublin on the M4 Junction at the Straffan Road to allow pedestrians and business park workers to cross the junction in a safe manner."

John got the following reply:

"Measures to improve the connectivity between the Business Park and Straffan Road are included in the draft plans for the NTA funded North-South Corridor Study. When pre-consultation drawings are ready, these will be presented to the Committee."

The North-South Corridor is from Moyglare Hall to the Business Park and the Area Engineer told Cllr. McGinley that the Drawings would be ready very soon.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for a Footpath for the Celbridge Road to Pikesbridge

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following question for the consideration of the Cebridge Area Committee on 20 September:

"Can a footpath be installed on the Pikesbridge Road from Kilcar House to Pikesbridge in order to improve safety for pedestrians?"

John got the following reply:

"We have reviewed this road, and would conclude that the length and expense of the footpath that would be required to link Kilcar House to Pikesbridge could not be justified on a Cost/Benefit analysis, even though it would be desirable."

The Area Committee agreed to Cllr McGinleys proposal that a deputation from the residents be invited to attend our next meeting on 18 October to consider what can be done to improve safety on this busy windy road.

Extension of the 66 Bus service to Newtown:

The following appeared in the "Progress Report" at the Celbridge Area Meeting on 20 September:

"Parson Hall Residents Association (and Closure of Pedestrian Access)

This matter will have to be considered in conjunction with the Council's plans to provide a new bus turning facility in this location. Roads Design will discuss this matter with the elected members concerned.

66 bus service to Newtown, Maynooth

Plans for building a "turn-back" facility on the Rathcoffey Road are being prepared. The extension of the Bus Service will be possible following the successful implementation of the works."

Cllr. McGinley expressed his outrage at the underhand manner that the Council had gone about selecting a location for a "bus turning" facility without consulting with the elected members and outlining the alternatives. Also it is unclear whether it is a "bus turning" facility or a "bus terminus" as is the case at ESSO at present. There is a big difference between the two.

John also expressed his annoyance that the Officials rowed back on the decision unanimously made at the July meeting to proceed to the next stage in the procedure for the closure of the pedestrian access/right of way. He made the point that there should be no connection between the closure of the access route and the bus "turn Back" facility and he was fully supported by Cllr. Senan Griffin.

John and Senan asked that the issue be discussed fully at the next meeting on 18 October.

Safety Measures at Presentation Convent School, Carton Avenue

The Council has advised Cllr. McGinley that they intend carrying out the safety measures at the School during the mid term break at the end of October. The Area Office has also identified an appropriate crossing point close to the entrance to the Dentists surgery and Photo shop. They will be preparing drawings for this crossing and seeking funding from the NTA to carry out this work at the same time as the work at the top of Carton Walk.

The Council Agrees to Cllr. McGinleys Request to Have the Large Signs for the Celbridge Road/ Kilmacredock Junction Removed

The Area Engineer has advised Cllr. McGinley that he will remove the two large ugly signs when the junction is re-aligned at the end of the year.

New Footpath from TESCO to Blacklion

The Area Engineer has advised Cllr. McGinley that he will tidy up the island left as a result of the new footpath having to be put in place to facilitate a turning in lane for the planning permission granted at this location in 2010. John asked that the dumping in the hedge be removed and that a hedge be planted outside the new green fence.

Cllr. McGinley Asks that the VAT for the Tourism and Hospitality Sector be Kept at 9%

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Full Council at it's meeting on 30 September:

"That this Council supports the campaign of the Restaurants Association of Ireland to keep the VAT rate for tourism and hospitality at 9% into 2014 and beyond."

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley Calls for a Sewage Treatment Plant for the Residents of Barrogstown and Kilmacredock

The residents are currently preparing a submission for funding in 2014 for this badly needed sewage system for Barrogstown and Kilmacredock. It is such a worthy development, especially for the environment and the Labour Party through Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley will do everything possible to help the residents in their submission to Irish Water in 2014.

Cllr. McGinley Gets the Council to Agree to Remove the Gum From the Footpath on Main Street, Maynooth

The Council has agreed to Cllr. McGinleys proposal to remove the gum from the footpaths on Main Street, Maynooth. It will be a pilot scheme for the county. A contractor has been appointed and the work is scheduled to be carried out in early October.

Tony Smith Memorial Walk

The annual Tony Smith Memorial Walk will be held on Sunday 20th October at 3 pm from Maynooth G.A.A. The walk goes from Maynooth G.A.A. down through Maynooth Village and into Carton Estate and back again.

All funds raised from the walk are handed over to the Senior Citizens Committee in Maynooth. The Walk is open to all and if any member of the Public would like to join us on the day and requires sponsorship cards please contact Dave Moyonan at emmet.stagg@oir.ie

Stagg Welcomes Proposed Expansion of Cycle Network in Kildare from 38km at present to 427 km by 2023

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the Publication of the National Transport Authority's proposed Cycle Network for the Geater Dublin Area which is now under Public Consultation until Monday 14th October. The Plan stated Deputy Stagg covers Kildare, Dublin, Meath, and Wicklow and as well as expanding the cycle network in urban centres also proposes new connections between existing towns. The aim of the Plan is to achieve a target that 10% of all journeys will be made by bike by 2020 and a key to this objective is a high quality and extensive cycle route. Some of the Proposed cycle network improvements in Kildare are as follows:

CELBRIDGE - Provision of New Cycle route from Town Centre to Hazelhatch station and to link up with route along Grand Canal, Along the Clane Road to Town Centre, from Scoil Na Mainistreach to English Row, along Aghards Road, Through Castletown Demesne Grounds to Barnhall and the rear entrance to

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Castletown Demesne.

MAYNOOTH - Provision of new Cycle Route along Celbridge Road, along the Rathcoffey Road, extension of cycle route on Straffan Road, along the Moyglare Road, along the Kilcock Road, along the Dublin Road to Pikesbridge where it will then link up with the continuous cycle route along the Royal Canal to near the yellow wall at Blakestown.

LEIXLIP - Provision of new Cycle Route along the Celbridge Road to Barnhall to Castletown Demesne, along the Lucan Road. Links to the continuous cycle route along the Royal Canal.

CLANE - Additional Cycle Routes in Clane Main Street and Prosperous Road.

NAAS - Provision of new Cycle Route along Blessington Road, along the Monread Road, along the Kilcullen Road, between the Kilcullen Road and Blessington Road, along the Newbridge Road, along Main Street, continous cycle route along the Grand Canal.

In addition the following Rural Cycle Routes are Proposed:

(A) Full length of Royal Canal

(B) Celbridge to Maynooth through Ballygoran avoiding the busy Main Route.

(C) Celbridge to Clane via Straffan.

(D) Celbridge to Ardclough and on to Kill.

(E) Maynooth to Rathcoffey to Ovidstown to Clane

(F) Kilcock to Rathcoffey.

(G) Clane to Naas through Millicent and linking up with Grand Canal

(H) Full length of Grand Canal

(I) From Grand Canal at Sallins to Naas to Newbridge to Kilcullen.

(J) From Killeel to Kill and onto Naas.

(H) From Naas to Newbridge

(K) From Naas to Blessington.

6,800 Homes in Kildare Upgraded Through Better Energy Schemes in past 5 years

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement by Minister Pat Rabbitte T.D. that the *Better Energy Homes* and *Better Energy Warmer Homes* Schemes will continue in 2014 following the release of figures which show that 6,800 homes in Co. Kildare have benefitted from the schemes in the past 5 years.

The figures stated Deputy Stagg show the extremely positive progress that is being made by the schemes in local communities, where low income households are the beneficiaries.

The popular Better Energy Home Scheme involves grants for insulation and heating upgrades, while the Better Energy Warmer Homes Scheme relates to Free Home Energy Upgrades. Overall 250,000 homes throughout Ireland have benefitted from the schemes which has seen an investment of €600 Million in the small buildings sector and on average supported 3,800 jobs each year. It is estimated that homeowners on average save €240 per year on their energy costs following the upgrades.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg commended his colleague Minister Pat Rabbitte T.D. for ensuring the continuation of these valuable energy saving schemes.

Labour Advice Service

Deputy Emmet Stagg has resumed his Advice Service in McMahons (formerly Caulfields) every Monday (except Bank Holidays) from 4 to 5.30 pm.

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| 07-Jul | 5,10,16 | €2,300 | Tatiana Mazilu - Bob O Toole - Colm Brett |
| 14-Jul | 8,15,27,28 | €2,350 | Susan O' Regan - Mary Murtagh - Carol Kearney |
| 21-Jul | 10,15,16,19 | €2,400 | Aileen Gleeson - Paul Nulty - Pat Farrell |
| 28-Jul | 5,13,22,28 | €2,450 | Lorraine Dempsey - 3 Penny's - Kenneth Gibson |
| 04-Aug | 4,9,11,24 | €2,500 | Catherine Carton - Mc Govern Sisters - Kevin Byrne |
| 11-Aug | 8,14,17,28 | €2,550 | John Mc Ginley - Eugene Sheehan - Hartmut Krahn |
| 18-Aug | 7,11,12,19 | €2,600 | Lily Murphy - David Wright - Kenneth Kenny |
| 25-Aug | 2,19,22,23 | €2,650 | Colette Kavanagh - Sean O Keane - Victor O Neill |
| 01-Sep | 5,8,9,18 | €2,700 | Gina Folan - Colette Kavanagh - Jenny Sutton |
| 08-Sep | 1,6,16,19 | €2,750 | Patsy Leavy - Liam Curley - Terry Hinds |
| 15-Sep | 5,8,12,24 | €2,800 | Aidan Dempsey - Aisling & Liam - Caroline Mc Cabe |
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| Leinster Senior League Premier 1 Saturday Table | | | | | | | | | |
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| # | Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts |
| 1 | Maynooth Town | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 5 | 8 | 12 |
| 2 | Booth Road Celtic | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 7 | 4 | 10 |
| 3 | Lorcan Celtic | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 12 | 1 | 10 |
| 4 | Colepark United | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 2 | 14 | 9 |
| 5 | Laytown United | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| 6 | Palmerstown FC | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 7 | 4 | 7 |
| 7 | Inchicore Athletic FC | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 11 | -1 | 6 |
| 8 | Ballyoulster UTD FC | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 13 | -1 | 5 |
| 9 | Pegasus/St. James Ath | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 12 | -4 | 2 |
| 10 | Orwell FC | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | -3 | 0 |
| 11 | Eblana FC | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 30 | -27 | 0 |
| Leinster Senior League Major Division Sunday Table | | | | | | | | | |
| # | Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts |
| 1 | St. John Bosco | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 7 | 14 | 16 |
| 2 | Shamrock Bhoys | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 21 | 6 | 15 | 11 |
| 3 | Tullamore Town | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 11 |
| 4 | Crumlin United FC | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 17 | 21 | -4 | 10 |
| 5 | Maynooth Town | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 9 |
| 6 | Enniskerry YC | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 10 | 1 | 8 |
| 7 | Hyde Park | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 17 | -3 | 8 |
| 8 | Leicester Celtic FC | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| 9 | Lorcan Celtic | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 14 | -1 | 7 |
| 10 | Fairview Cym | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 19 | -7 | 5 |
| 11 | Dublin City University | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| 12 | Knocklyon UTD FC | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 17 | -12 | 3 |
| 13 | Mid Sutton/Schalke | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 12 | -4 | 1 |
| 14 | Athy Town | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 6 | -4 | 0 |

Maynooth Golf Society

Results Sheet 2013

Athlone Golf Club Date 31/08/2013

Shay Moore Cup sponsored by the Moore Family

| | | |
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| 1st Prize | John Saults | 44pts |
| 2nd Prize | Marty Maguire | 36pts B9 |
| 3rd Prize | Liam Farrelly | 36pts B6 |
| 4th Prize | Sean Farrelly | 36pts |
| 5th Prize | Gerry Mc Terman | 35pts B9 |
| 6th Prize | Mick Flynn Sr | 35pts B6 |
| 7th Prize | Peter Finan | 35pts |
| | | |
| Front 9 | Jody Connolly | 19pts |
| Back 9 | Martin Shields | 18pts |
| Visitor | Maura Moore | |
| Nearest the Pin | John Thompson | |
| 2's Club | Terry Moore, Brendan Bean, John Thompson | |
| Next Outing: | | |
| Presidents Prize to Moyvalley on Saturday 21st September | | |

Maynooth Golf Society annual Shay Moore Cup played at Athlone Golf Club was a great success with 39 members and visitors playing for this coveted trophy. The weather conditions were favourable for golf and the winner on the day John (tiger) Saults produced a fantastic score of 44 points to win the cup by 8 points. 2nd place Marty Maguire, 3rd Liam Farrelly, 4th Sean Farrelly all on 36 points but placing was decided on a count back.

The prizes were presented by Mary and Sean Moore to all the winners in McMahons Bar. There was a large attendance for the presentation of prizes, the craic was good and the banter was fantastic. McMahons served food for all the members and supporters of the society on the night this added to the mix to make the presentation night a great success. Thanks to Sean and all of the staff at McMahons.

Thanks also to the Moore family for their continued sponsorship of this outing.

Our next outing is to Moyvalley Golf Club on 21st September for Paddy Foy's Memorial (Presidents Cup).



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I wanted to tell you about this now is because most of us will be soon planning for the upcoming party season ahead and it is something you should sort out first before you try on and buy your outfit as it will be a much better fit, look great on and you will probably also go down a size. This is the season when they are most popular and if you leave it until the last minute items in your size may be out of stock and finally don't think of Bridget Jones, there are lots of different styles which will not only look pretty but will also make you feel pretty too so you've got a win win situation.

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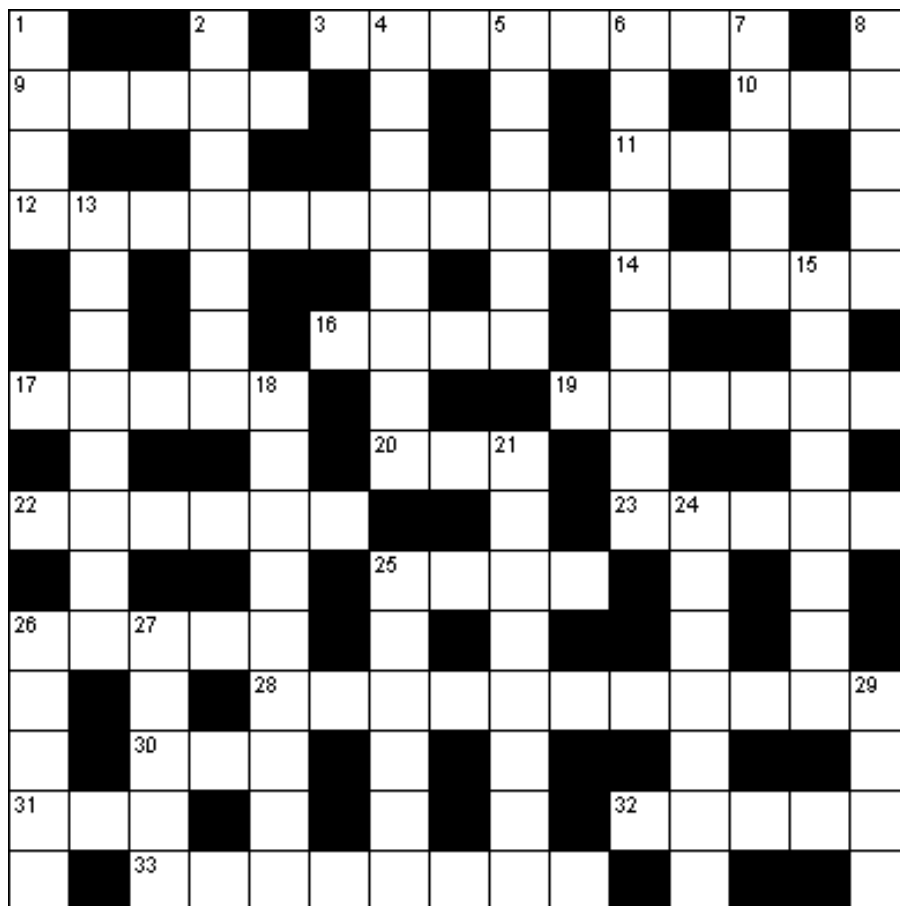
Experienced MSC tutors and trainee teachers (doing the Science or Mathematics Education Degrees) will be available to help and students can call in for as long as they want. Students can come individually or in groups, and they can come with specific questions or to study. The tutors will help with any queries that the students have, however, under no circumstances will the tutors give solutions to homework. They will help with methods, work on similar examples and encourage students to study independently. The sessions are not grinds; they are student-led, students are encouraged to ask questions and start a discussion. The support started in 2009 and since then 702 students have availed of the service. Feedback from anonymous questionnaires filled out by the students is very positive, especially from those who use the support regularly. In particular they refer to the friendly nature of the tutors and they appreciate that the tutors often discuss possible solutions amongst themselves and with the students. Students have stated that because of this, they have come to see maths as something that can be worked out rather than a subject that you either know or do not know. Maths can be seen as approachable, accessible and above all achievable. One student commented last year that "The first time I came here, within five minutes of a tutor sitting down beside me I worked out a problem that had confused me since last September. For me, it has changed my outlook on Project Maths entirely".

Another unexpected benefit of the sessions is the impact that they have had on the Science and Maths Education students who help to tutor. They report that it gives them added insight into the issues that students may have in a regular school classroom, and it helps to improve their teaching. The tutors' combination of enthusiasm and knowledge is a great combination and is proving inspirational to those who have accessed this fantastic resource. The numbers can vary but there is always enough tutors to go around.

Full information of the support, including details of the dates and a map of the venue are available on the website <http://supportcentre.maths.nuim.ie/secondlevel>. If you have any queries you can contact Dr. Ciarán Mac an Bhaird, Manager of the MSC at ciaran.macanbhaird@nuim.ie.

Clues Across**October 2013 Crossword - No: 418****Clues Down**

3. Breaks (8)
 9. Wrathful (5)
 10. Ask for a loan (3)
 11. Narrow beam of light (3)
 12. Wastefully extravagant (11)
 14. Listens (5)
 16. Stink (4)
 17. Flowers (5)
 19. Occurring each hour (6)
 20. Pen point (3)
 22. Inhabitant of Kansas (6)
 23. One-twelfth of a year (5)
 25. Drag (4)
 26. Worth (5)
 28. Important (11)
 30. Exclamation of contempt (3)
 31. Wrath (3)
 32. Plentiful (5)
 33. Leaning to one side (3-5)



1. Low in pitch (4)
 2. Crease in the skin (7)
 4. Exact moment of noon (4,4)
 5. Material in the form of a tube (6)
 6. Worm that burrows in soil (9)
 7. Genre (5)
 8. Secret agents (5)
 13. Wide view of an extensive area (8)
 15. Something deleted (8)
 18. Spacecraft (9)
 21. Fashion shop (8)
 24. End result (7)
 25. Minor Prophet of the 6th century (6)
 26. Brilliant (5)
 27. Defamation (5)
 29. Digits (4)

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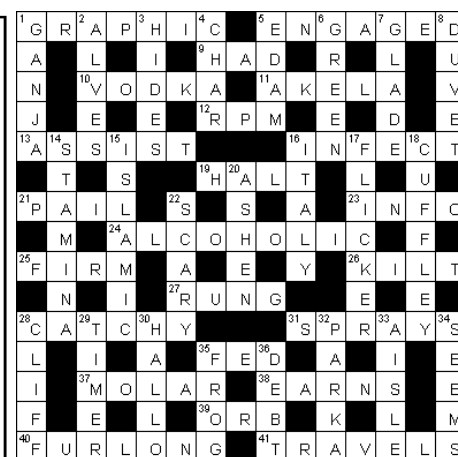
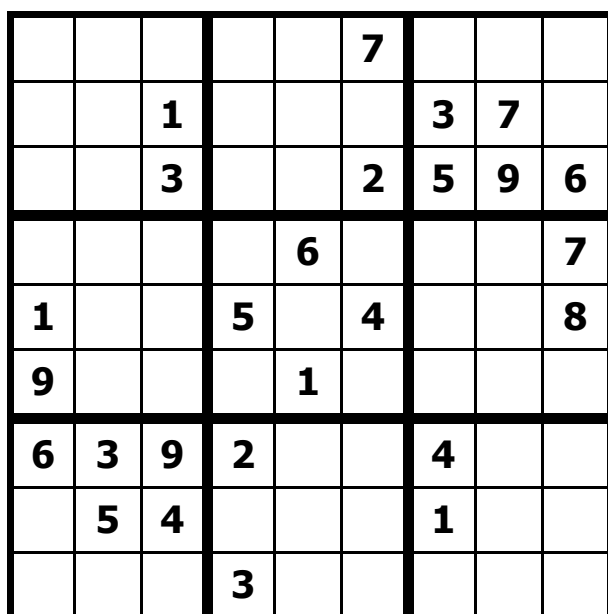
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 No. 417
 September**

**Bernadette Duffy
 Kingsbry
 Maynooth**

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Answers to Crossword 417**Difficult**

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October 2013



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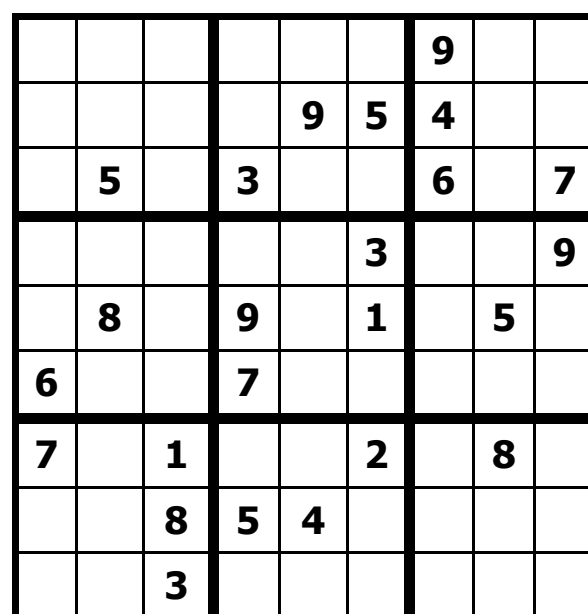
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Super Difficult

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 The Green
 Moyglare Hall, Maynooth**

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Maynooth Tidy Towns Notes

Kildare towns come up shining in latest IBAL litter survey

Dublin City now clean but pockets of our cities remain litter blackspots. Vacant premises in town centres a growing concern

The latest survey in the Anti-Litter League by business group Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) shows all four Kildare towns to be as clean or cleaner than European norms. In the ranking of 42 towns and cities, Maynooth and Newbridge, in 13th and 19th position respectively, are deemed ‘cleaner than European norms’. Meanwhile, Naas, in 21st place, and Leixlip, in 25th, ‘are ‘clean to European norms’. IBAL has warned that vacant properties in towns are a growing concern, despite continued progress on litter nationwide.

According to the An Taisce Maynooth report it was “a very good result for Maynooth ... with seven out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade. Clearly great efforts have been made with the presentation of the Main Street with wide paving, bins and road paving / signage in good order – so it was a pity that the litter bins (of which there were plenty) were so grubby and that they weren’t being used sufficiently. Tesco Shopping Centre, Sports Grounds at Maynooth College and Glenroyal Hotel were all in very good condition as well as being clear of litter. Surveyor observed noticeable improvements along the Dublin Approach Road, resulting in a Grade A site.” Regarding Newbridge, the An Taisce inspectors stated: “Congratulations to Newbridge – there was no bad site. With the Derby on 29th June and Tidy Towns planter boxes very much in evidence, Newbridge is clearly making a concerted effort in the presentation of the town. All three approach roads got the top litter grade and Newbridge Silverware was an excellent site – clearly great efforts are made with the presentation of same. Surveyor noted on the main street that some disused Eircom phone boxes had been used for advertising – this is a feature that has become more apparent in recent times. Is permission required for same??”

According to the report Naas was “Another satisfactory result for Naas. Naas Shopping Mall, Town House Hotel and Naas Sports Centre / Swimming Pool and Gum were some of the six top ranking sites surveyed – they were not just clear of litter but very well presented and maintained. With a little extra effort the Main Street could easily become a Grade A site. The only bad site in Naas was the NCPS Car Park – the name implies that this is a ‘managed’ facility so surely somebody is accountable for same? The top ten towns in the survey had no bad sites.” An Taisce’s comment for Leixlip “A satisfactory result - many of the top ranking sites in Leixlip were very nicely presented and maintained e.g. Springfield Hotel, St. Charles Borromeo School and the Main Street – the latter was particularly well presented. All three approach roads were moderately littered. Lidl was moderately littered and there were no bad sites.” The survey, carried out by An Taisce, showed three-quarters of areas to be as clean, or cleaner, than European norms. Cavan was Ireland’s cleanest town, ahead of last year’s winner Kilkenny. Dublin, previously 5th from bottom, was ranked ‘cleaner than European norms’, and Limerick City and Cork City were both successful in attaining ‘clean to European norms’ status. 3 towns - Monaghan, Ennis and Mullingar – were branded ‘littered’, with a further 7 towns ‘moderately littered’.

IBAL says towns are suffering from the growing number of vacant properties, typically shops and apartments, which serve as magnets for litter and

graffiti. “No town is spared the challenge of managing such unused premises – they are a function of the rise in out-of-town shopping and the recession,” says Dr Tom Cavanagh of IBAL. “However, great creativity has been shown in certain areas, notably Galway’s West End, in encouraging pop-up shops, murals and civic spaces to replace what would otherwise be depressed derelict sites,”. The litter inspectors carried out specific surveys of recycling facilities, hotels and sports facilities in the towns and cities concerned. IBAL expressed ‘disappointment’ that 7 in 10 recycling centres nationwide were littered and a number were litter blackspots. By contrast, sports grounds fared especially well, with over 80% deemed to be litter-free, as did hotel grounds, with three-quarters free of litter.

Editors note:
Set up in 1996, Irish Business Against Litter is an alliance of companies sharing a belief that continued economic prosperity - notably in the areas of tourism, food and direct foreign investment - is contingent on a clean, litter-free environment. As part of the IBAL Anti-Litter League, An Taisce monitors towns of population 6,000 and over, independently and in accordance with international grading standards. The programme is run in conjunction with the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government. Visit www.ibal.ie for further information.

IBAL Anti Litter League 2013 – 1st Round Results 2013

Comments on Maynooth from IBAL Anti-Litter Survey

A very good result for Maynooth in the IBAL Anti-Litter Survey with seven out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade. Clearly great efforts have been made with the presentation of the Main Street with wide paving, bins and road paving / signage in good order – so it was a pity that the litter bins (of which there were plenty) were so grubby and that they weren’t being used sufficiently. Tesco Shopping Centre, Sports Grounds at Maynooth College and Glenroyal Hotel were all in very good condition as well as being clear of litter. Surveyor observed noticeable improvements along the Dublin Approach Road, resulting in a Grade A site.

Dublin Approach Road: Grade A. Surveyor noted there were big improvements along this road, resulting in a top ranking site. The background environmental indicators were in good order.

Kilcock Approach Road: Grade B. There was a very definite litter presence along this road – the majority of the litter was food related.

Dunboyne Approach Road: Grade A. A well maintained approach road – closer to the town of Maynooth the flower beds / grass area were in good order and bollards / bins / signage etc. were in good condition.

People’s Park: Grade A. (runs parallel to the Main Street). A lovely green space in a mature setting which has clearly been well respected and cared for.

Tesco Shopping Centre: Grade A. This was an exceptionally good site. It was very nicely laid out with colourful flower beds and attractive paving – all aspects of the site were in very good order and there was a complete absence of litter throughout.

Sports Grounds within Maynooth College: Grade A. The grounds and the area immediately surrounding it were in very good order, not just clear of litter but well maintained.

Glenroyal Hotel: Grade A. There was some nice planting at the entrance to the hotel which broke up the bare look of the car park – it was a top ranking site, completely clear of all litter.

Recycle Facility at Aldi: Grade B. With a little extra effort on behalf of those using the facility this could be a top ranking site – some small bits of litter were around the base of the recycle bins.

Maynooth Main Street: Grade B. There were many positive aspects to this street – a wide paving created a great sense of space, plenty of litter bins and road / paving / signage etc. were in good order. However, the litter bins were grubby, chewing gum was very pronounced and there was a variety of food related litter.

St. Mary’s School: Grade A. A Green Flag was flying proudly at this school and thankfully the school grounds were clear of litter and well maintained.

| Ranking | Town/City | Status |
|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Cavan | Cleaner than European Norms |
| 2 | Kilkenny | Cleaner than European Norms |
| 3 | Waterford City | Cleaner than European Norms |
| 4 | Killarney | Cleaner than European Norms |
| 5 | Longford | Cleaner than European Norms |
| 6 | Roscommon | Cleaner than European Norms |
| 7 | Clonmel | Cleaner than European Norms |
| ~ | Fermoy | Cleaner than European Norms |
| 9 | Wexford | Cleaner than European Norms |
| 10 | Tramore | Cleaner than European Norms |
| 11 | Tullamore | Cleaner than European Norms |
| 12 | Tralee | Cleaner than European Norms |
| 13 | Maynooth | Cleaner than European Norms |
| 14 | Dublin City | Cleaner than European Norms |
| 15 | Dun Laoghaire | Cleaner than European Norms |
| 16 | Bray | Cleaner than European Norms |
| ~ | Drogheda | Cleaner than European Norms |
| 18 | Swords | Cleaner than European Norms |
| 19 | Newbridge | Cleaner than European Norms |
| 20 | Letterkenny | Cleaner than European Norms |
| 21 | Naas | Clean to European Norms |
| 22 | Limerick City | Clean to European Norms |
| 23 | Cork City | Clean to European Norms |
| 24 | Carlow | Clean to European Norms |
| 25 | Leixlip | Clean to European Norms |
| 26 | Shandon/Blackpool | Clean to European Norms |
| 27 | Dublin Airport Environs | Clean to European Norms |
| ~ | Sligo | Clean to European Norms |
| 29 | Dundalk | Clean to European Norms |
| 30 | Tallaght | Clean to European Norms |
| 31 | Athlone | Clean to European Norms |
| 32 | Midleton | Moderately littered |
| 33 | Galway City | Moderately littered |
| 34 | Ballina | Moderately littered |
| 35 | Castlebar | Moderately littered |
| 36 | Portlaoise | Moderately littered |
| 37 | Tipperary | Moderately littered |
| 38 | Navan | Moderately littered |
| 39 | Mullingar | Littered |
| 40 | Ennis | Littered |
| 41 | Monaghan | Littered |
| ~ | (None) | Seriously littered |
| 42 | Dublin Inner City (North) | Litter Blackspot |

Maynooth Tidy Towns Notes Cont.

Tidy Towns Competition 2013 Adjudication Report

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|---|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Centre: | Maynooth | Ref: | 377 |
| County: | Kildare | Mark: | 289 |
| Category: | F | Date(s): | 18/06/2013 |
| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2012 | Mark Awarded 2013 |
| Overall Development Approach | 50 | 44 | 44 |
| The Built Environment | 50 | 37 | 38 |
| Landscaping | 50 | 43 | 44 |
| Wildlife & Natural Amenities | 50 | 29 | 31 |
| Litter Control | 50 | 30 | 31 |
| Sustainable Waste and Resource Management | 20 | 12 | 13 |
| Tidiness | 30 | 18 | 18 |
| Residential Areas | 40 | 27 | 28 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 50 | 33 | 34 |
| General Impression | 10 | 8 | 8 |
| TOTAL MARK | 400 | 281 | 289 |

Tidy Towns Competition Report 2013

Overall Development Approach:

Maynooth is welcomed to the 2013 TidyTowns competition. Thank you for your comprehensive entry and copy of your three year plan, supporting documentation and helpful map. You have a good number on your committee of eighteen people along with volunteers working in their own areas putting feed back into the main committee on their plan of work. Maynooth TidyTowns are a very active group liaising with the community, organisations, schools and Kildare County Council. Your support from local business undertaking joint projects and the many other sponsors that gives assistance or financial support is to be commended. This type of community support is an indication of a positive strong committee that generates awareness through on the ground action. Your communication through local media and through local newsletter (which will be even more popular this year as a free newsletter) as well as local newspapers are good ways of spreading the news on your activities. Well done on the web portal for Maynooth.

The Built Environment:

Maynooth is a modern town with a unique historical background. St. Patricks College on one end and Carton House on the other are a major part of the town’s history. The main street with its landmark tree avenue links the two together to form the old town. NUI Maynooth on the Kilcock Road is the new modern addition to St. Patricks College. The link to the college is one of Maynooth TidyTowns supporters in helping to maintain this part of the town for the competition. The Glenroyal is another important support to the committee through their sponsorship. It is nice to get a tenant into Geraldine Hall to preserve this historical site. The changes undertaken at the entrance to St. Patricks College has really enhanced this area. The Pound was also visited and this amenity was admired. The new modern buildings that blend in with the streetscape are easy on the eye and attractive. Courthouse Square is another superb amenity for this lovely town. Your work on unoccupied houses in conjunction with the owners and County Council has improved their overall appearance but has created extra work on already over-worked voluntary organisations. Well done on your work in this area.

Landscaping:

The approach road to the town has superb landscaping. The new planters at the bus terminus were admired. The planters are top quality concrete and metal, more durable and more in keeping with the surroundings. It is good to see uniformity in planters and do continue this pattern. There were lovely areas of permanent landscaping that provide all year round colour and more planting of a similar nature is recommended. On the way from the canal to the bus terminus there is an area where more planting of this kind would look good. Around the college there are superb trees and planting. Your Green Campus Report makes interesting reading. The bollards through the town compliment the landscaping and the re-instated hanging baskets together with the superb trees on the Main Street enhance the streetscape of Maynooth. It is noted in

your three year plan that you propose to develop flower boxes at the base of trees on Main Street, the adjudicator wonders would this distract from the trees and if it would add to the streetscape.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your proposed wildlife survey of Maynooth will provide the framework for a wildlife trail incorporating all areas like Carton Avenue, the harbour and other habitats. Providing information boards at each would provide the town with a linked educational wildlife trail which is commended. There are many natural habitats in the trees, hedges, walls and of course the canal. This adjudicators walk along the canal encountered many species of wildlife. The wildlife area at Parsons Street is a fine natural area where you just stop, listen and hear. Working so closely with the schools and involving them in your projects around wildlife is commended. The many walks already in place provide amenities for the community to partake in and enjoy. The Maynooth town wildlife trail when complete will attract many wildlife enthusiasts to the area.

Litter Control:

Litter is on-going and without a litter management plan in place it is difficult to eradicate the problem. Maynooth TidyTowns have a management plan in place and have identified locations where litter can be a problem. The support you receive from Kildare County Council will help considerably to control litter in the town. Your Spring Clean events and regular litter picks is quite noticeable to the passerby and this in itself should encourage people to become involved. Having the business involved is important, so too are the school children and youth organisations. Having a committee member as liaison person with the school will ensure the schools participation. Some towns have an “adopt a road” policy in place where residents maintain that road from litter, which seems to work well. Some litter was noticed in the town on adjudication day around the bus terminus and Doctors Lane. You have a good Management Plan in place which is obviously working well.

Sustainable Waste And Resource Management:

This category is about reducing the amount of waste produced in the community where possible and reusing or recycling so that less waste is been sent to landfill sites. Carrying out a survey of households and businesses to identify the type of waste that is being produced and then taking steps to reduce where possible. The Tidy-Towns handbook gives good guidelines to TidyTowns groups on waste prevention. Looking at the pyramid, waste prevention sits at the top and this is the area that all groups should aim for. It is how the people of Maynooth can reduce the amount of waste entering the town. Your group are doing good work in the area of reusing and recycling which is also part of the waste pyramid. Encouraging composting in both communal and households is another way of using up green matter which is useful for flowerbeds etc. The whole area of resource management is areas of water, energy and transport should be looked at, carpooling and cycling to work and school and the use of rainwater are some of the areas that can offer savings to the community.

Tidiness:

There are some areas of untidiness but nothing too major. Some weed growth was noticed on the pavement at the bus terminus. Graffiti is also a problem. Signage was generally good, some poles were in need of painting or removal. The bollards through the town looked well. Traffic was flowing well through this very busy town. Some areas at Dukes Harbour such as a gate to the playground and railing at the harbour are in need of painting which presented an untidy appearance.

Residential Areas:

Working along with the residents association and providing support if required on the maintenance of the estates is encouraging to the residents. The competition for the Best Kept Estate also encourages and rewards residents for the work they do in maintaining their estates and also helps the TidyTowns in preparing for the National Competition. All estates visited were nicely landscaped with nice gardens and maturing trees. The many private residents through the town were also well presented and added to the streetscape with colourful displays of hanging baskets and window boxes. Well done to all the residents for the work they have done in the presentation of their areas.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads to the town are well presented with nicely maintained grass verges and superb landscaping. The Kilcock Road has a rustic look with lovely mature trees and good landscaping. The work when complete on this road will make it more amenable for pedestrians and cyclists and improve traffic flow in this area. It is good to see the use of bi-lingual signs as nameplates and this is encouraged by the TidyTowns. The commercial business premises present the roads around their premises to a high standard and this is to be commended.

General Impression:

Maynooth is a town with great potential to progress in the competition. It has incorporated the old and new, rural and urban to make the town that has retained its historical foundation. Thank you for participating in the competition, it was a pleasure to visit this lovely town and you are wished continued success.

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| 3. autumn | 8. dracula | 13. monster | 18. safe |
| 4. boo | 9. frankenstein | 14. october | 19. spooky |
| 5. candy | 10. frighten | 15. orange | 20. treat |



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Age: 8 & Over: Lilli Mathias, Rockfield Green

Prizes for Colouring Competition can be collected at:

Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre.

Entries must arrive before: 22nd October 2013

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October Diary Planner

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

Community Library

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

Toastmasters

Toastmasters meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month in Glenroyal Hotel at 8pm. The meetings are very enjoyable but with a good learning input. They stop for tea half way through and end at 10pm. All visitors are welcome. Felicity Cuthbert PRO

I.C.A.

Monthly 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

University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Fridays at 11am in Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills
New Members Welcome
Enquiries: Helena
Phone: 087 6717062

History Group

Meetings every last Thursday of the month in Maynooth Community Council Office
Tesco Shopping Centre 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

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

AGM in Glenroyal Hotel on October 15th at 8.00pm
Demonstrators: Harriet Phelan & Mary Dalton from Dunboyne Flower Club
All Welcome
Maureen Fagan PRO

Parent & Toddler Group

Every Thursday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. in the Maynooth Community Space, Manor Mills

If you would like your event put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter 01 6285053/01 6285922

OCTOBER GARDENING



Keep on weeding & tidy up your borders a little. Leave the seedheads for the birds if you are not collecting them. Remove any diseased, spindly, old stems & burn the diseased material. Finish planting spring bulbs such as narcissi, crocuses - tulips can wait till November to be planted. Bury bulbs at least 3 times their own depth, tip upwards. Begonias hate frost so lift tuberous begonias sooner rather than later. Dahlias - wait until frost has blackened them then cut stems back to 10cm from the ground. Label each plant you lift, doing that will make it easier when you are planting again. Hang them upside down to allow all the moisture to leave. When they are dry, completely bury them in peat free compost & store them somewhere that is frost free over the winter. Lily bulbs can be planted up in pots this month.



Cut back all that has died. Lift & bring tender perennials inside before the frosts hit. Make sure that all your tall plants are well supported for the winter. Time to plant winter bedding & spring bulbs. You can choose from a wide variety of hardy cyclamen, heathers, dwarf conifers, variegated box & winter pansies. Don't forget to lift the pots & containers up off the ground if you are leaving them outside. This helps drainage & protects against frost damage. Remember not to grow wallflowers & ornamental cabbages in the same place 2 years running.

Cut down Jerusalem artichokes. Cut back stems to ground level as they will be dying now. Dig up rest of the crops including carrots, beetroot & potatoes. Parsnips taste better after there has been a frost. Plant winter lettuces, autumn onion sets, spring cabbages, overwintering broad beans & garlic. Don't forget to cover with fleece or net to protect against the



birds. Don't forget to pot up some mint, parsley & chives for the winter. Harvest any remaining raspberries, apples & pears. Plant fruit trees and new strawberries. Clear out old plants. Cut the canes off blackberries, loganberries that have already fruited & tie in the new ones.



It is worth cleaning out thoroughly your greenhouse now that your greenhouse crops have finished. This will prevent all the pests hibernating in there. Keep an eye on containers & pots for watering & for wilting leaves. Trees & shrubs should have a circle of free earth around them & should be kept clear so the moisture can get to the roots. Mulching around them will help. Plants & trees that provide colour the month of October include burning bush, camellia, viburnum, crape myrtles, October glory maple, red sunset maple, nandina,



pyracantha & sweet gum. There are lots of perennials to consider anemone, chrysanthemums, perennial asters & ornamental grasses. Don't forget to feed your evergreens. Choose ones that contains slow-release nitrogen, sulphate of potash, iron & other micro-nutrients for overall plant growth & development.

October is a great time to lime, seed & fertilize your lawn. You can seed a new lawn in early October or reseed an established lawn to make it thicker & healthier. You can lime, fertilize & seed your lawn all at the same time. Your soil is your most precious commodity, so start digging in compost, manure and as much organic matter as you can lay your hands on to replace the goodness in it. The earlier you start the better, especially if your soil is heavy. It can be left in a pretty rough state over the winter when the elements will break the clods down, making spring planting infinitely easier!



Don't forget to remove the debris from your garden pond. The quantity of debris that makes its way into your pond will increase during autumn. Remove the debris on a regular basis to prevent accumulation. This will allow your filtration to work more efficiently but it prevents potential equipment damage due to clogs. Pond rakes & skimmer nets are ideal for removing small amount of leaves & any debris.



Don't forget to start leaving out fresh water & food for the birds now so that they can build their reserves for the winter.

A true gardener, like an artist, is never satisfied!

Many Congratulations Ladies



Well done to Anto and the Maynooth Ladies GAA Team on a fantastic win on Saturday the 14th September in Hawkfield, Newbridge against Sarsfields. It was the Intermediate Championship Final. The Cup they were playing for is named after Anto's Dad - The Tony

Mooney Cup. So this win was extra special and it was great to bring The Tony Mooney Cup home to Maynooth where it belongs. Pictured with the team is Anto's nephew, AJ (assistant manager) and baby Jody Carey, new arrival to Maynooth players Ginny Breslin and Noel Carey.

Maynooth now will represent Kildare in the Leinster Club Championship where they will now travel to Mountmellick to play Sarsfields of Laois on 5th October in the Leinster Quarter Final.

Anto would like to thank the Maynooth GAA Club for supporting the team throughout the year. Especially Colm and Hilary who are never more than a phone call away. Thanks to Angela Gallagher for



providing physio to the team. Thanks also must go to Martin and staff in the clubhouse for looking after the girls after the match. Thanks also to Carton House our sponsors and to Mantra for giving the team the VIP treatment into the small hours! A special thanks to all the parents who bring the girls to training and matches and for their kind words of support during the year and after the final win. Also a thanks to all the other supporters who came to matches and

gave the team a big boost on final day. Thanks to Deaglan Ní Cheallaigh for all the photos he has taken during the year. Thanks must also go to Catriona Dolan and Annmarie Farrell for their help and support throughout



the year. Finally a huge thanks to all the players on the panel that trained so hard during the year. You guys did all the hard work and guess what "we did the double".



Quirky Quotes

The smarter the woman is, the more difficult it is to find the right man!

A girl without freckles is like a night without stars!

A smile is the best makeup any girl can wear!

Time waits for no man neither does a good woman!

The quieter you become, the more you can hear!

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film!

I just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory!

Seen it all, done it all, can't remember most of it!

It is hard to understand how a cemetery raised its burial costs and blamed it on high cost of living!

The 50-50-90 Rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong!

Flashlight: a case for holding dead batteries!

People who snore always fall asleep first!

Everyday is a gift, that's why they call it the present!

3 words to humiliate men everywhere - "hold my purse"

Keep the dream alive. Hit the snooze button!

The most fun things in life are either immortal, illegal or they make you fat!

Don't count your days. Make your days count!

A smile is a curve that can straighten a lot of things!

Indecision is the key to flexibility!

How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on!



Labour Advice Service



Emmet Stagg TD

Emmet's Advice Service has resumed
in Maynooth as follows:

**Every Monday at 4.00 pm in
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Maynooth Newsletter



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MAYNOOTH HARVEST GATHERING FESTIVAL – A SUCCESSFUL WEEKEND!



Maynooth Community Council ran a very successful Festival over three days from 26 to 29 September. The Festival took place in The Square, the Castle, Post Primary School, St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Tescos, the Harbour, Russell Library St. Patrick's College Maynooth, JPII Library NUI Maynooth and Maynooth Community Library.

The Festival was launched by NUI Maynooth University Librarian, Cathal McCauley in the new university library on Thursday 26th September. The attendees included a delegation from the Mayor's Office of Canet-en-Roussillon led by Emmanuella Garbani de

Lacvivier and Jocelyn Hodapp, as well as community representatives from Maynooth. This September marked the second anniversary of the signing of the twinning charter between the towns. A DVD of the signing ceremony was shown during the launch which impressed our Canet visitors. An online exhibition of Maynooth photo's and publications by Maynooth authors prepared by the Maynooth Community Council Office was also shown during the launch. Tours of the new library were provided by library staff. Our thanks go to Michael O'Dwyer who very kindly provided the necessary translation for the evening.

Since last year's Festival there has been an increase in the number and variety of programme events – music, song, dance, poetry, prose, history talks and walks, library exhibitions, online exhibitions, art exhibitions, dog shows, table quizzes, pub theatre, pony rides, martial art display, combat theatre display, scouts display and treasure hunt, bird watching, family fun events, mobile planetarium, environmental information by Transition Maynooth. The scarecrow competition (organised by Curves Maynooth) was great fun and brought many families to the festival. First prize went to Maynooth Boys' National School for "Neil Armstraw", second prize went to "Cailin" Presentation Convent and third prize went to "Captain Hook" Educate Together.

The success of the festival was due to the participation of many groups and individuals in the town. We had Maynooth Brass and Reed Band, Maynooth Gospel Choir, Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group, Rita Doyle, Catherine Maher and the Tully schools of Dance, the Maynooth Zumba troupe, Barry Smith aka Tony Savino, Maynooth Scouts, Maynooth Music Academy, Route 66, the Jazz Freaks, local bands Lemon and Pound Lane Big Band, Maynooth Local History Group, Maynooth Students Union Comhaltas Ceolteoiri Eireann Maynooth, National Learning Network Maynooth and many more - thanks to all.



The International Office of NUI Maynooth highlighted the Festival to their new incoming students. The weather was in our favour which made for a great turnout over the weekend. Our delegation from Canet-en-Roussillon enjoyed the events immensely. They reported that they experienced a great welcome from the organisers of and participants in the festival. They enjoyed fine dining in our local restaurants. They were amazed at the variety of events in the Festival which showed many aspects of the town and its community that they would not have been aware of before. A webpage has now been added to the MCC website which provides links for people in

Maynooth to make their own contacts with Canet.

<http://maynoothfestival.maynoothcc.com/canetinforation.html>

An additional element to this year's festival was the Taste of Maynooth Raffle which was the main fundraising event towards next year's festival. This was given excellent support from all of the eateries in the Town who gave generous gift vouchers as prizes for the raffle. The first prize of 10 evening meals went to the Guest Family, the second of 10 lunches to Keith Doyle from Newcastle and third prize of six coffee breaks went to Bernie Kane, Tesco's which I am sure are very welcome after her work in organising the Tesco events for the Festival.

Credit is due to all who sold tickets on behalf of the Community Council. We would like to express our gratitude to those businesses who gave spot prizes for both the children's and community quizzes; to the OPW for opening the Castle and to both St. Mary's Churches, Maynooth Post Primary School and Maynooth Community Library for hosting events for the Festival, Cathal McCauley, NUI Maynooth Library for launching and providing tours of both JPII and Russell Libraries. Thanks are also due to Declan Kennedy of Brady's who supplied the power for the music events in The Square; to McMahons, O'Neill's and the Brady's who provided the venues for the Pub theatre, quiz and for the provision of spot prizes; to Willie Saults and Pat Farrell for all their work and support over the weekend and to Willie Kiernan for providing the sound equipment. Finally and by no means least thanks to John Doogan and the office staff for their help with the festival, programme and online exhibitions.

The Festival is organised by a small voluntary committee, working with a modest budget. We endeavour to improve on each Festival. We welcome and have noted suggestions from people who gave their opinions and ideas over the weekend. We express our thanks to the people of Maynooth for their continued and valued support.

Susan Durack PRO Maynooth Community Council and Maynooth Harvest Festival Committee



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2. Whelping – having the pups
3. Passing the afterbirth or placenta

Initiation

In the last week of pregnancy your pet will begin to look for a place to have the pups where she is comfortable and secure. This is called nesting. It is a good idea to have a whelping pen organised for her because some bitches will want to have their pups in the house if left to their own devices. Generally shredded newspaper is used as bedding.

During the last 12 hours restlessness and excessive panting are noticed.

Whelping



The onset of this stage is indicated by straining. The water bag, in which the pup is contained and nourished, appears and will rupture. The head of the pup arrives and this will require the greatest effort to deliver. Some breeds find this stage more difficult than others.

Bulldogs and Pekinese have large rounded heads in comparison with the Collie and Greyhounds and so



have more difficulty having pups. Time of delivery for the first pup can be up to 1 hour after straining is first noticed. On delivery the mother will lick and clean the pup. This process will tear the sac around the pups head and both stimulates and allows the pup to start breathing. The second pup is delivered generally after a resting period of maybe 30 minutes but, this can vary up to 2 hours. Straining between the birth of pups is normal but, if straining continues for an extended period and no pup is appearing you should contact us at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic 01 6289467.




The time taken for a bitch to have her pups can vary greatly and obviously can be determined by the number she is expecting ie. 4-8 is the average – greater than 10 is a large litter. Some bitches will be 12 hours in labour, others will be shorter 4-6 hours.

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TONY SMITH MEMORIAL WALK 2013 TO RAISE IN EXCESS OF €7,000



The Tony Smith Memorial Walk 2013 was held on Sunday 20th October and will raise in excess of €7,000 for Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee. At the time of writing the sum raised to date is €7,219 but this figure will rise over the coming weeks.

The Annual Walk is organised by Maynooth Labour Branch and all funds raised go directly to the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee who use it in their various supports for senior citizens in the area.

The Walk was led off from Maynooth G.A.A. grounds at 3 pm on Sunday 20th by Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley and then proceeded down to the Main Street, up Carton Avenue and into Carton Estate. We would like to thank Carton Estate for their continued support for our Annual Walk.

The Sponsored Walk was first held in 1979 and was the idea of the then Treasurer of Maynooth Labour Branch, Tony Smith, who wanted to assist the senior citizens of the Town. Tony died tragically at the age of 33 in 1982 and the Walk was then renamed in his honour.

The proceeds of the Walk will be handed over to the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee at their Annual Christmas Party on December 8th.

Finally we would like to thank the Participants and all those who sponsored us for this worthy cause.

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have their Christmas stock in now to suit all tastes in
fashion but if you're not sure what to wear yet Bill
Blass the famous American fashion designer said
'When in doubt wear red' and there's no better time to
wear it than now. If time does not allow or you would
rather not buy anything and wait until the sales are on,
try updating an outfit you already have with this year's
fashion trends such as some statement jewellery or new
shoes and bag to transform your look and feel festive.
On another note, last month I attended a 'Women in
Business Charity Afternoon Tea' in aid of the Alz-
heimer's Association of Ireland in Finns Town House
Lucan on the 26th September which was hosted by
Brenda Clarke who did a fantastic job and for all her
hard work was given a beautiful bouquet donated by
Carraig Flowers & Gifts, Old Dublin Rd, Maynooth. I
would also like to say a special Thank you to Tesco's in
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Editorial

The Festival was regarded by most to be a success and most events were well attended. The accompanying raffle was also a success and the Newsletter would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those involved. There were a number of criticisms voiced during the weekend and these will be taken on board by the committee. There is a full report in this edition with plenty of photographs as well – a picture tells it more than any account.

It was surmised in the previous editorial that the Government-sponsored proposal that the Seanad be abolished might be rejected by the people and indeed this was the case and decisively so. But what now? Like so many other events in Irish life, once mentioned it is now more or less forgotten and all the proposals for reform seem to have vanished. It seems a golden opportunity for reform at all levels in the Oireachtas – both Dáil and Seanad. The strength of certain senators was evident on the No side as well. Three in particular stood out - David Norris, John Crown and Catherine Zapone who were successful advocates of the cause. These are the type of senators who would not be TDs and who would be lost to public life in a sense if the Seanad were abolished. They add so much to political life in this country.

The analysis in the media was quite patchy and left quite a lot to be desired. There was great surprise when the result was announced but the No side must have been more determined than the Yes side as is often the case. The opinion polls were quite wrong about the result but the turn out was disgracefully low in places. One wonders if it is time to make voting compulsory; the right to vote was so hard won in this country and particularly the vote for women. Perhaps a referendum should not be considered valid unless there is a certain percentage of votes cast.

The next election is three years away and the turn out then will be interesting to watch. The voters are turning on the Labour Party at present and the Budget was another opportunity for protest; it was the pensioners who turned out again but not in the same numbers as previously. Their anger was mainly directed towards the Labour Party there as well. Interestingly, people seem to have forgotten already that it was during a Fianna Fáil led government that the economic collapse occurred. With massive emigration again, the best of our young people are leaving as they did in the eighties. This leaves behind the more conservative-minded and they may very well return Fianna Fáil to power in 2016. The local elections will have its own story to tell as well and this will give the electorate an opportunity to speak.

A major problem that has arisen in the aftermath of the so-called Celtic Tiger is the quality of the homes that were constructed during that period. The disaster of Priory Hall may be replicated in other places and pyrite is a very serious problem for those unfortunate people who have discovered this in their homes. It is not that long since the last of the tenements were knocked down in this country and with the bad quality of these modern dwellings, it would appear that we are building the tenements of the future. Evictions and repossession hold painful folk memories for Irish people from the days of the famine and those words strike horror into people's hearts. But this time the homes were built by Irish people and the evictions are also brought about by our own. There is a bleak future for young couples who have bought tiny apartments that were intended as starter homes but now they are stuck in them with small and young children. These apartments are not like those on the Continent where there is room for storage, bicycles etc. Practically every small and large town in the country has been disfigured by these builds and in many cases they are only skeletons that will probably never be completed and may have to be demolished. But will Ireland learn? Will this happen again in the future? There is no evidence that Irish people learn from the past despite our supposed love of and interest in history.

The most recent proposed destruction is a new road through medieval Kilkenny. This city has been protected until now and the people appear to have had a real interest in continuing in this vein until this crazy decision was reached. Kilkenny is also the home of the Heritage Council and one can only wonder what that organization thinks of this proposal. The progress will be watched by environmentalists all over the country. Three years after the completion of the M3 at Tara the fallout is still happening and the bad luck continues for those involved. The latest victim is Ferrovial, the toll company, that is going bankrupt in Madrid. Perhaps there is some truth to the 'curse of Tara' after all.

Muireann Ni Bhrolchain

Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Notes October 2013

The Maynooth Community Council met on Monday 14th October at 8.30 in the Glenroyal Hotel.

The Chairman welcomed the members. The minutes were approved, there was no correspondence.

The members were reminded to give their email address and or mobile phone numbers to the Office in order to receive notice of meetings as postage is expensive.

The treasurer's report was read out. The Annual Maynooth Community Council Collection raised €1,520 which was 50% up on last year. While the finances are in a healthy state there is a continued need to fundraise whenever possible.

Sub-committees

Senior Citizens- will have their Tea Dance this Sunday 20th October and will coincide with the Tony Smith Memorial Walk. The walk is an exceptionally good cause and people were asked to support it. The walk begins at the GAA at 3pm. There will be a sale of work on November 17th.

Educate Together – will have their annual fundraiser, a sponsored walks on 24th November. Thanks were expressed to IBM for their donation of €1,170 to the school.

Students Union – have had a busy month. There has been a daily clean up of the town with both students and transition year students from the local Post Primary School taking part. Forty to fifty students have been out cleaning the streets on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

The Drama Society took part in the Festival and really enjoyed it and would like to get more involved next year. Other societies have also expressed an interest in taking part.

The MSU have helped to raise awareness in Mental Health and Cyber Bullying. They have taken part in Social Justice Week and have had John O'Shea to give a talk on the topic. They have organised self defence classes which have been so well attended by female students that two sessions have had to be organised.

Freshers Week was extremely busy and any complaints that were received by MSU have been addressed. Follow up letters have been sent out to residents. It was agreed that austerity has had some effect i.e less noise and less littering in the town.

The initiatives of the MSU were acknowledged and welcomed by the meeting. It was noted that where there are a large number of students away from home usually for the first time that there is bound to be some element of noise and disruption in the town albeit carried out by a small number.

Teen Space – Monthly meetings are going ahead but there is uncertainty over continuing in the Community Space. It was unlikely that this would be resolved in the next week. An alternative location needs to be found.

Maynooth Local History Group – The walks and talks during the Festival went very well. It was reported that the footfall in the Castle on the Saturday of the Festival was c.850. The Castle was well attended on the Sunday also. The Group visited the historic town of Drogheda and visited Millmount Fort which is run by a FAS Scheme. It had been suggested that perhaps Maynooth Castle could be kept open longer if the Maynooth History Group were involved. The first of a series of talks will take place in Carton on 15 October at 8.00pm – The Live(s) of Lord Edward Fitzgerald 1763-1798 by Dr. Liam Chambers (MIL). Other talks in the series are

18 November, 8pm – Dr Ciaran Reilly (NUIM) "Fun and games at Carton": The education of the young

Fitzgeralds in the early nineteenth century
9 December, at 7.15pm Christmas Lecture followed by dinner in the Gold Salon (optional – see below for details) – Prof. Marian Lyons (NUIM), "Garrett More FitzGerald, "the great earl" (c.1456-1513), architect of the Kildare Ascendancy: an assessment of his career on the 500th anniversary of his death".

4 February 2014, 8pm – Prof Christopher Ridgeway (Curator Castle Howard), "No long swimming against the tide? The future of the landed estates in the 21st century - Carton House, Castle Howard and other examples.

11 March 2014, 8pm – Prof. Terence Dooley (NUIM) "The loss of the Fitzgerald fortune, 1903-1948). Light refreshments served each evening from 7.15pm. Admission fee per lecture €10. Separate fee December talk and dinner. Contact sales@cartonhouse.com for more details.

Maynooth Scouts- The Geraldine Hall project is well underway and will be carried out in two phases. Phase one will be the demolition of the two extensions and renovation of the roof. €200,000 has been secured through leader funding. Phase two will include work on windows, doors, landscaping etc and will require a further €150,000. There was a family bingo day on the 6th October and there was great support from the Senior Citizens Group which included two sizeable donations. Further fundraising events are planned. There will be a cake sale in the Boys' National School after all Masses on Sunday 20th October. There is a 12 days of Christmas National Draw. Tickets will be on sale throughout the town. There will be pre-Christmas bag packs in Dunnes and Tesco's.

The scouts enjoyed their participation in the Harvest Festival. Venture Scouts will camp at Kerdiffstown House on the 4/5/6th October. Venture Scouts have made a video which is now on YouTube. The Scouts will be seriously seeking support from the community and Maynooth Community Council for their fundraising efforts. They will be advertising their events in the Maynooth Newsletter. Josie Moore of the Senior Citizens group endorsed the Scouts and their work at the Geraldine Hall and the need to support them. The need for the support of the Community Council was stressed.

Maynooth Harvest Gathering Festival
Reports from individuals and participants in the Festival indicate that it was a very successful event. There was a major increase in the numbers that visited over the weekend. Thanks were expressed to community groups and individuals for their contributions and support. John Doogan, office manager (MCC), Willie Sauls, Pat Farrell, Bernie Kane and the Twinning Committee, were commended for their input and support. Our Canet visitors enjoyed fine dining in Maynooth and were impressed with the variety and diversity of the Festival which they said gave them a wonderful insight to the activities of the town particularly as their own festivals have a narrower focus - usually music and dance based. It was acknowledged by the Festival Committee that there was always room for improvement. Suggestions and ideas received over the weekend were welcomed. (See report in Newsletter).

St. Patrick's Day invitation to Ballymena Borough Council

Keith McCrory addressed the meeting with an idea that Maynooth Community Council, with the suggestion to invite members of the Ballymena Borough Council to Maynooth for St. Patrick's Day. An invitation to view the parade would be one of the activities. It was agreed that Keith explore the idea further.

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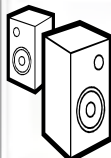
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Getting a pet is a momentous occasion. It is very important to choose an animal that will fit in with the family situation. The first thing to consider is how much time you can spend with the animal and how much time the animal will need your attention. When my children were growing up we had a cat. They are such interesting creatures to be around. They have very individual temperaments and love to be pampered by their owners. That said they are also fiercely independent and are capable of being alone

and love their own company. They make strong bonds but are very choosy about who they get attached to. They are above all a clean animal and its not hard to have them around the house.

It was therefore a great morning when my grandchildren got a kitten. The bed was bought, the food and water dishes, the 'scratcher' and a blanket for the little bit of comfort. It was explained that this was only a tiny baby taken from it's Mother and would be very frightened. The children listened intently and I wondered how much they were actually taking in, but the minute the small girl was introduced to 'kitty' an instant love was formed. The absolute joy when she saw the little ball of fur was palpable and when the terrified kitten was released into the unknown she spoke with a gentle and coaxing voice, reassuring and telling him how much she loved him. It appeared the creature didn't want to know as he immediately found his 'safe place' under the sofa and refused to come out for hours. How and ever hunger and the need to use the facilities (litter tray) overcame and a little head appeared and gingerly came out to explore and roam for a while. The little lady continued to talk to it as it made its way around the room and it soon became obvious to all present who was going to be firm friends. It was no surprise that soon the tiny animal cried every time she left the room.

Perhaps it is a gentle voice, a quiet manner or indeed an



authorative manner they respond to, but when a cat decides to love you it is the most wonderful feeling in the world.

Even the smallest child in a household can learn valuable life lessons when learning to care for an animal. A child will realise that just like people it will need food, exercise, shelter and above all love.

By: Cora Tolan



Wedding Anniversaries

Historically celebrating wedding anniversaries date back to medieval Germany when husbands crowned their wives with a silver wreath on their 25th anniversary and a gold wreath on their 50th. The origins of current gift conventions date back to 1937, when the American National Retail Jeweller Association expanded the list of gifts. The revamped list gave a gift for every year up to the 20th anniversary and then for every 5th anniversary after that. Traditions vary in different countries but generally the main anniversaries are the same.

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MAYNOOTH AND 1916 by Seamus Cullen

‘This year 2013 marks the centenary of the formation of the Irish Volunteers in Dublin and to commemorate the event we publish an account on the involvement of the Maynooth Volunteers in the Easter Rising of 1916’.

*We but mustered a few from the plains of Kildare
And bravely we fought for dear Mother Erin
Though forced to surrender, not conquered we were
But strong in our hearts burn the wish to be free,
And we pray for the day to soon come again
And the chance once again to prove we're men.*

This verse describing a county Kildare involvement in the Easter Rising, 1916, was penned by Matthew Maguire one of 15 Irish Volunteers that marched from Maynooth and joined the GPO garrison on Easter week.

The Irish Volunteers were formed in Dublin under the leadership of Eoin Mac Neill in November 1913. Their aim initially was to support the implementation of Home Rule and to oppose attempts by the Ulster Volunteers to prevent the measure from coming into force. The secret Irish Republican Brotherhood [IRB] were prominent in the movement and gained control of the executive. Branches subsequently spread very quickly throughout the county.

The Maynooth Volunteer Company was formed in the summer of 1914 but following the split in the autumn as a result of John Redmond's commitment to World War I two rival Volunteer companies emerged in Maynooth. The National Volunteer Company which followed Redmond's policy on the war was by far the largest. However, this company within a short time largely dissipated and remained in existence in name only. The smaller Irish Volunteer Company which included Domnall Ua Buacalla, the most prominent nationalist in Maynooth remained loyal to the Eoin Mac Neill leadership. They remained active throughout 1915 and early 1916.

In the autumn of 1915 Pádraig Pearse Director of Organisation of the Irish Volunteers, appointed Ted Kelly a medical student who was a native of Maynooth as volunteer organiser for county Kildare. The IRB of which Pearse and Kelly were members were making plans for a rising while Britain was at war and county Kildare with the largest concentration of British military in the country was vital to their plans. Kelly had mixed success in his endeavours but managed to re-organise some Irish Volunteer Companies and to obtain the affiliation of others to the Volunteer leadership in Dublin. A secret military council within the Volunteer leadership had emerged and James Connolly from the Irish Citizen Army was co-opted to this council. Plans were made at this stage for a rising to commence at Easter 1916. Tom Byrne a veteran of the Irish Brigade that assisted the Boers in the Boer War was appointed by Pearse to lead the operations in county Kildare. Early on Holy Week 1916, both Byrne and Ted Kelly travelled to Kildare and contacted the various Irish Volunteer Companies passing on the news of the rising. The Volunteers in Maynooth were informed of the rising by Byrne on

Holy Thursday night.

The Maynooth Company of the Volunteers mobilized on Easter Sunday along with other companies in county Kildare. However, a message to Ua Buacalla from Eoin Mac Neill cancelled any movement of the Volunteers. This countermanding order by Eoin Mac Neill was also published on the Sunday Independent. Ua Buacalla, later received orders from Pearse informing him not to leave the district but to await further orders.

In the afternoon of Easter Monday news reached Ua Buacalla from a van driver that the rising had commenced. No dispatches or orders had been received in Maynooth and Ua Buacalla cycled to Dublin to see the situation for himself. Returning to Maynooth he made preparations to return to Dublin and take an active part in the rising. At this point Patrick Colgan seemed to be directing the operations of the Maynooth Company, with Buckley acting as an influential father figure. Colgan had been informed by a priest in Maynooth College of the news from Dublin and sent word to the company members to mobilise at the back of Buckley's Shop. One member Pat Kirwan was not mobilised due to the fact that he was a married man with a young family, despite this he joined his comrades. The group at this stage were all Maynoothmen with the exception of William O'Regan a native of Kells in county Meath. Two men that were not members of the company now joined, Patrick Weafer, who was Captain of the defunct Maynooth National Volunteer Company and Oliver Ryan a Dublin man employed in Maynooth College. Not all of the company mobilised as two had gone to Fairyhouse Races.

One of the first objects of the company was to make contact with the Dunboyne Volunteers with a view to coordinate activities and this was carried out by Jack Maguire. However, while this was happening Tom Byrne, Ted Kelly and Tom Harris who had been assisting them throughout the weekend arrived in Maynooth with the intentions of getting into Dublin. The Kildare Volunteer plans which were to be carried out under Byrne and Kelly were in tatters due to conflicting orders throughout the weekend.

The new plan for the group now assembled at the back of Buckley's Shop was to attempt to get to Dublin fully armed and assist in the rising. With Tom Byrne in charge, they decided to go first to Maynooth College. As the Volunteers marched through Maynooth a local man who was in a high state of intoxication insisted in joining them and had to be dissuaded in a tactful way. Another more serious incident occurred on the street as two unarmed members of the RIC, Sergeant Peter Cleary and Constable Michael Nolan followed them. Ted Kelly approached them, drew his revolver and informed them that he would shoot both if they didn't back off. This they did.

The volunteers entered the college and held a meeting with the President Monsignor J. Hogan who unsuccessfully advised them against taking part in the rising. When his advice fell on deaf ears he gave them a blessing although it was not regarded as his blessing to participate. The group left by the College Canal entrance, which is now closed up and proceeded by the Canal towpath to Druncondra.

Having spent the night in Glasnevin Cemetery they managed to march on an unguarded route to the GPO where they were given a rousing reception and welcomed by both Pearse and Connolly. They were the only company from the country to successfully get into Dublin and join the rebels in Easter Week.

The Maynooth Company were engaged in heavy fighting throughout the week and there are many stories of their participation and various encounters. It is recorded by some sources that Joe Ledwith was the last man to leave the GPO before the roof collapsed. Two of the group Ted Kelly and Tom Harris were wounded in the fighting. Following the surrender four volunteers escaped. Three of them Joe Ledwith, Patrick Weafer, and Sean Graves returned to Maynooth and were promptly arrested, court-martialled and sentenced to two years in prison. Tom Byrne was the fourth rebel from the group to escape and he subsequently avoided capture. Ted Kelly when his injuries were healed escaped from Jervis St Hospital assisted by his aunt who was a nun on the staff of the hospital. She was a member of the Cullen family from Greenfield, Maynooth.

Included among the Maynooth participants were the company captains of both the Irish Volunteers and the National Volunteers and also the captain of the local Gaelic football team. Various individuals from the contingent were also prominent in local groups such as the Maynooth Bass and Reed Band and the Gaelic League.

Many arrests followed the collapse of the rising with Irish Volunteer members that had been in contact with Tom Byrne and Ted Kelly among those targeted by the authorities. Including among the arrests were the Kenny brothers John and Edward from Maynooth. They had mobilized for duty on Easter Monday but were granted permission to withdraw and bid farewell to their mother. Having done so they failed to return.

Within weeks of the rising and particularly following the executions the mood of the country had changed. A gradual release of the prisoners began by the late summer and by Christmas all the Maynooth detainees and prisoners had been released.

Four county Kildare companies Maynooth, Athgarvan, Kill and Naas together with Dunboyne in county Meath mobilized for duty on Easter Week but only the Maynooth Company successfully made it to Dublin. The incident on Easter Monday on the Main Street Maynooth involving Ted Kelly and two members of the RIC was the first armed rebel incident in county Kildare since 1803.

The 1803 incident occurred when Maynooth rebels loyal to Robert Emmet fired at a mail coach at two locations on the main street in the town. There had been no armed incident in county Kildare in 1848 and 1867 when attempted rebellions occurred in the country. It is ironic that between the 1798 rising and the first violent incident of the 'War of Independence' in county Kildare in January 1920, there were only two violent rebel incidents and both occurred in Maynooth carried out by local rebels.

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Addendum

The Maynooth Volunteer Company including Thomas McGee and Patrick Ledwith who had been absent at Fairyhouse and also the Kenny Brothers all played an important part locally in the 'War of Independence'. McGee served as Captain of the company during the period with Thomas Mangan, serving as First Lieutenant. Patrick Colgan for most of this period served as Commandant in charge of the Kildare Battalion. Donal Ua Buacalla played a leading part in the political struggle during the period serving as a TD and Chairman of Kildare County Council.

One of the forgotten figures of the Maynooth contingent was Tim Tyrrell, His fight in the militant side of the struggle that began on Easter Monday 1916, only ended on 1 December 1922 when captured by the Free State Forces during the Civil War following an encounter at Pike Bridge. He was the last of the Maynooth GPO men to be freed from prison for political activity when he was released on 7 June 1924 more than 8 years after the Easter Rising.

Appendix:

The names of the 15 men that marched from Maynooth to the GPO on Easter week 1916

Thomas Byrne - Patrick Colgan - Sean Graves
Thomas Harris - Ted Kelly - Pat Kirwan
Joe Ledwith - Jack Maguire - Matthew Maguire
Thomas Mangan - Oliver Ryan - Timothy Tyrrell
William O'Regan - Domnall Ua Buacalla & Patrick Weafer

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee Notes

Our Halloween Tea-Dance on Oct 20th in conjunction with the Tony Smith Memorial walk was very successful indeed. Many thanks to all who supported this fund raiser, the Labour Party who organise the walk, those who walked, those who parted with their cash and of course Carton and the GAA who allowed us to invade their property. Congratulations to all who came in fancy dress and entered into the spirit of the occasion. As I write this article our people are preparing their banners for the protest on Tues Oct 22nd Re: abolition of tel. allowance, Medical cards, Death Grants etc. and will join the march to Kildare street.

Our next event will be our sale of Work on Nov. 17th at 3pm in the Aula Maxima in Maynooth college. This is our main fund raising event and all we ask is that you give us the same support that you have so generously given to us in the past. Our people will be calling to your door during Nov looking for the usual donations of bottles, toys, cakes, etc. Now would be a good time to clear out your attic. Remember one person's trash is another's treasure. A word of caution though, most of you know our committee by now, but if you are in any doubt about the caller ask for ID.

Maynooth is getting bigger by the minute and if we don't get to your house you can contact me on 0879002296. You can leave items at my house, with any committee member in your area or at the Aula Maxima on Sat. Nov. 16th / Sun 17th. We will be selling tickets for our Monster hamper this year at Tesco on Sat Nov 2nd, at Manor Mills on Fri. Nov 8th and at SuperValu on Thurs Nov 7th Fri 8th & Sat Nov 9th and we thank them all for this facility

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With over €300,000 spent on new equipment and refurbishment, the Glenroyal which is recognized for its personal service has upgraded equipment and accessories of which consists of 22 new treadmills, 15 new cross trainers, 10 new upright Bikes, 4 Recumbent Bikes, Steppers, 20 Spin Bikes, Selectorized Strength Machines, New discovery plate loaded machines, Icarian strengths stations and new benches.



Claira Barbour Sales and Marketing Manager Glenroyal with Kildare Footballer Brian Flanagan.

Mickey Ned O'Sullivan gave an interesting talk on keeping up your fitness regime throughout the year and called on GAA experts Graham Geraghty and Brian Flanagan for their input. They explained how the Gym comes into play in the harsh dark winter months and is an essential part of keeping their fitness level where it should be, Mickey thanked the Glenroyal for inviting him to what he explained as "A Truly Enjoyable Evening" With this new state of the Art equipment All Cardio machines have the functionality to be personalized and the ability to set goals and monitor their work outs, it will track progress on mobile applicators through smart phone and manually add all other exercise done. Members took the opportunity to get pictured with their favourite sporting hero. Rob Kearney, Eoin Reddan and Sean O'Brien were among the celebrities getting snapped up.

Sharon Madigan delivered a dynamic talk on Diet and Nutrition in our daily lives, for the more committed gym members Noel McPartlin advised how to maximise Power and Strength. Eamon O Muirheartaigh joined in the seminars and gave his expert advice on the benefits of fitness when managing Arthritis. Claira Barbour Sales and Marketing Manager for The Glenroyal Leisure Club thanked all Guests and members who joined in their celebration. Claira added "The Glenroyal Leisure Club is one of the best in Leinster. Located in the Glenroyal Hotel the purpose built club is fantastic for relaxing leisurely swims or more strenuous workouts. The Leisure Club team strive to get to know every member and create a club with a great atmosphere. The Glenroyal Leisure Club has all the latest equipment and excellent facilities for your workout and we're always here to help with any advice or direction you may need."

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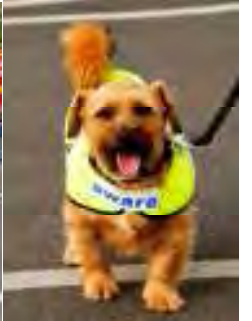


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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Thank you to all who sent good wishes to the team on our National Tidy Towns Award, the presentation of the Bronze medal at time of writing has not being made and further recognition will be given at the Annual Kildare County Council Community Awards being held for the first time in NUIM on the 30th October. Full report and photos of both events in next newsletter.

Below you will see photos of the wilful damage caused to the much admired sign in the Dukes Harbour area this sign was commissioned by Maynooth Tidy Towns last May, attempts were made in September to deface by Graffiti and permanent damage was done to the fabric of the Sign in October along with damage to planting outside the GAA premises and a huge amount of glass debris all on one night.

Congratulations to all for a wonderful Community Festival we were delighted to play our part in the festival by ensuring that the town looked at it's best with clean ups and hanging baskets and new flowers been planted in the square.

Our volunteers, despite the above setbacks continue to work on Saturday morning, and our Sunday morning Clean up continues for the foreseeable future. We have finished our Mid week clean up until next Spring, thanks to all who helped this year.

Also in this edition you will see or may have seen the Gum removal team supported by Kildare County Council in operation on the streets of Maynooth, this is part of the programme launched earlier in the Summer(see previous newsletter) to rid and educate about gum litter. We plan to enter this part of the tidy of the National Tidy Towns competition in 2014.

As you are aware we greatly improved our position in the IBAL competition the judges are currently out and about so please make a special effort to keep Maynooth Tidy to keep us up with the leaders.

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| 18-Aug | 7,11,12,19 | €2,600 | Lily Murphy - David Wright - Kenneth Kenny |
| 25-Aug | 2,19,22,23 | €2,650 | Colette Kavanagh - Sean O Keane - Victor O Neill |
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| 15-Sep | 5,8,12,24 | €2,800 | Aidan Dempsey - Aisling & Liam - Caroline Mc Cabe |
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Maynooth Labour News

Public Light to be replaced at Band Hall Maynooth

The Area Engineer has advised Cllr. McGinley that the reinstallation and ESB connection of this light will be progressed in the coming weeks.

Parson Hall Residents Association and 66 bus service to Newtown, Maynooth

The Area Engineer gave the following Report to the Area Meeting on 18 October:

"These two items relate to the same location. A public consultation process will be entered into in respect of the proposed bus turning area. The elected members are advised that the proposed closure of the pedestrian access will be considered as part of the proposed public consultation process for the bus turning area."

Cllr. McGinley again expressed his annoyance that the two items were being linked. The pedestrian access provides an escape route for burglars and needs to be closed off to provide security for the residents. The Area Engineer responded by saying that funding for the bus turning area would be unlikely if the pedestrian access was closed off. Cllr. McGinley told him to get another turning area and suggested the area at the junction of Greenfield Lane/Meadowbrook Road.

Presentation Convent School, Carton Avenue

The Area Engineer gave the following Progress Report at the Area Meeting on 18 October:

"The area office intends to go to tender for the repaving of the entrance to the Carton Walk scheme on the 17 October and commence the works on the 25 November. As part of our consultations for this scheme, school parents asked us to reconsider the current one way system on Pound Lane. We consider that their suggestions to allow two entry to the lanes from the Moyglare Road side and from the Dunboyne Road ends, with one way exit from the lanes to the Main street, has merit and should be pursued."

He also stated that "proposals for any changes to the no entry signs on Pound lane and connected lanes to the Main St are a separate issue and will require Section 38 consultation. Allowing entry from the Dunboyne road will allow parents to drop and continue down Pound lane rather than having to do a U turn. I would also like to include entry from the Mill Street."

Noise Reduction M4

Cllr. McGinley and other Councillors have been trying to get the NRA to reduce noise levels on the M4 for many years. Councillors were given the following report at the Area Meeting on 18 October.

"The roads and transport department has had discussions with the NRA regarding noise mitigation measures, however, no commitments have been given thus far. The Council will continue to pursue this matter with the NRA and will update the members should any progress be made."

Cllr. McGinley asked that the Director of Services writes to the NRA asking them when they will be re-surfacing the M4 with low noise emitting tarmacadam as the existing surface is 19 years old. They should also be asked when they will be erecting noise barriers.

Cllr. McGinley Demands Action on Illegal

Parking

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Cebrige Area Committee on 18 October:

"That the council's traffic wardens take immediate action to stop the illegal parking outside NUI, Maynooth on the Kilcock Road, Maynooth and at the slip way into Manor Mills shopping centre."

John got the following reply:

"Gardai have been very active in last few weeks at the new roundabout at the new NUIM entrance and the Council's own Traffic Wardens were patrolling the R148 recently."

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Pay Parking to be Introduced in Maynooth Without any Further Delay

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Cebrige Area Committee on 18 October:

"That the pay parking bye-laws for Maynooth be processed without any further delay."

John got the following reply:

"It is the roads and transport department's intention to bring the draft parking by-laws to the November area meeting."

John read out the following E mail that he got from a local business person:

"Local business contributed over 1 million in parking levies as we renovated.

We cannot survive without proper parking. Every day the same cars are parked in the same spots ALL DAY blocking customer turnover. We need your help before there is nothing but filthy take-aways and vacant units left."

Cllr. McGinley Asks for a Footpath on Pikes Bridge to Ballygoran Road

As a result of Cllr. McGinleys motion a deputation from the residents made a presentation to the Area Committee on 18 October. In a very professional presentation they outlined their following main concerns:

1. Excessive speeding causing danger to pedestrians (speed limit is 60kmhr)
2. Increased volumes of traffic to INTEL, Carton House, TESCO, McDonalds and Schools.
3. Bus stop with no footpath or lighting beyond Carton Gates
4. Dangerous winter driving conditions.

They Area Engineer will come back to the next Area Meeting on 15 November with proposals on traffic calming.

Stagg Welcomes 21% Drop in Crime and Setting up of New Traffic Corps in Leixlip

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement at the County Kildare Joint Policing Committee on Monday October 7th by Chief Superintendent Mike Byrnes concerning the dramatic reduction in crime in the County of 21% in the first 9 months of 2013 compared to the same period in 2012.

Chief Superintendent Byrnes advised that recently compiled statistics showed that a range of crime areas including burglaries, assaults and public order offences had decreased significantly. Burglaries are down 26%,

assaults are down 18%, public order offences are down 12%, criminal damage is down 22%. There were however a number of areas where there was an increase in crime, notably an 11% increase in assault causing harm, 16% increase in thefts from shops and a 12% increase in thefts from Motor Vehicles.

Deputy Stagg thanked the Chief Superintendent for the work done given the limited resources available to the force and the new more difficult roster for members of the force that was now in place.

Deputy Stagg further welcomed the announcement that a new dedicated Traffic Corps was to be established in the North Kildare Sub-Division which will be based in Leixlip. Up to now the whole County was covered by the Traffic Corps in Naas and the new group in Leixlip will ensure by their actions that the law is enforced, the roads will be safer and lives will be saved.

7,000 CHILDREN TO BENEFIT FROM FREE GP CARE IN KILDARE NORTH – STAGG

Approximately 7,000 children in Kildare North are to benefit from the roll-out of free GP care, which was announced in this week's Budget, according to Labour Deputy Emmet Stagg.

"I am pleased to confirm that approximately 7,000 children in Kildare North will be eligible for free GP care when it is rolled out, based on the latest Census data. This is a historic and significant initiative which means that local families with children aged five and under no longer have to give a second's thought about visiting the doctor when their child gets sick.

"After years of making sacrifices to help stabilise the country, it is only fair that hard-pressed families get something back from this Government. The roll-out of free GP care, along with other initiatives such as book rental schemes for every primary school in Ireland, is a shining example of how the Government is trying to make a tangible difference to people's lives and circumstances.

"I commend my colleague, Labour Minister Alex White, for championing this particular issue at the Cabinet table for many months and I hope that families in the locality can reap the benefits when the measure comes into effect in the second half of next year.

"There is clear evidence that people delay or avoid visiting their GP where a fee is required. Removing this cost barrier will mean that local families will be far more likely to address medical problems at an earlier stage, leading to better outcomes and treatment that is of less cost to the State.

"The Labour Party has long been campaigning for the principle of universal access to GP care and this is the first step. I am pleased that a Labour Minister has delivered this historic public health initiative which not only reforms our health service but also gives something back to families."



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Dear Emmet,

I refer to my recent meeting with you and Deputy Bernard Durkan along with representatives of the parents' associations from Maynooth. The deputation put forward the view that the new Maynooth Community College being established in 2014 should be configured along with the existing Maynooth Post-Primary School in a junior school / senior school scenario rather than as two separate fully vertical schools.

I have fully considered the matter and I am of the view that the schools can operate successfully as two vertical schools. I consider this to be the optimum configuration for the two schools and indeed the best provision that can be made for the pupils in the area.

I think it would be useful for me to set out in some detail the management and governance arrangements that it is envisaged will apply in the Maynooth Education Campus to illustrate how the two schools would operate in a fully vertical manner and to clarify this for the parents' associations.

As you will be aware, the Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training board (ETB), comprising the former Kildare VEC will be the patron of the new school which will be known as Coláiste Phobal Maigh Nuad (Maynooth Community College). Kildare and Wicklow ETB owns a 40 acre site within the Maynooth environs and arrangements are now well advanced for the two new school buildings to be constructed on that site, in a Campus environment, to accommodate both the new school and the existing Maynooth Post-primary school. Also, if required, the campus facilities would accommodate a Special Needs Unit and an all-Irish Aonad.

The Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board has developed a specific management structure for this new innovative Educational Campus that will be constituted along the lines outlined below and illustrated in the attached diagram. **(Note from Editor: Diagram not supplied with letter)**

The fundamental concepts of the management and governance structure for the Maynooth educational campus will provide as follows.

In order to guarantee to Parents/Guardians and Students a fair and equitable enrolment policy for both schools and to ensure that the overall management of the campus would be as cohesive and effective as possible, it is proposed that a single **Governing Authority** be established. The Governing Authority will be representative of the stakeholders from both schools together with members of the Education and Training Board and will be under an independent Chairperson. This authority would be established under the provisions of the Education and Training Board Act 2013.

The composition of this Governing authority will include the following:

- Independent Chairperson (1); Principal of Maynooth Post-Primary School and Principal of Coláiste Phobal Maigh Nuad (2); a Teacher and Parent/Guardian nominated by the board of Management of each school (4) and members of the ETB (2). The CEO of the ETB or her/his nominee (1) will also attend meetings.

The responsibilities of the Governing Authority would consist of the following core functions:

- Manage all facilities on the Campus including the Sports Hall, ancillary and catering facilities and the adjacent amenity lands
- Enter into Service Level Agreements (SLAs) with both schools for the maintenance and upkeep of all facilities on the Campus
- Develop and co-ordinate the overarching enrolment policy for both schools, following appropriate consultations with the respective Boards of management of both schools and ensure that the policy is in keeping with the ETB Policy and DES guidelines. This function does not supersede the powers conferred under the Education Act 1998 to the Board of Managements of the individual schools.

The schools will-

- Provide education to students that is appropriate to their needs and use available resources to so do
- Be managed in a spirit of partnership
- Develop and maintain the unique ethos of each individual school and establish and maintain all other policies required to ensure the orderly day to day management and effective running of each school

In addition to the establishment of the single Governing Authority, the Patron will establish a Board of Management for each school. The functions of the Schools and the Boards of Management are those described under the Education Act 1998 and include the following:

- Ensure that the educational needs of all students, including those with disability or special educational needs, are identified and provided for, in the curricular programmes planned and delivered at the schools,
- Endeavour to promote and deliver quality in teaching and learning
- Ensure the promotion of moral, spiritual, social, and personal development of students and provide health education for them
- Promote the concept of respect for all persons,
- Nurture and support the spirituality (as appropriate and based on belief) of each student and encourage them to be positive and active citizens in a continuously changing society,
- Promote collaboration, co-operation and real partnership between Patron, home, school and community,
- Promote equality
- of opportunity to both students and staff,
- Ensure the effective and efficient day-to-day management of each school,
- Ensure prudent management of financial resources and comply with the accounting and procurement requirements of the ETB and /or DES,
- Ensure the development, updating and monitoring of the education plans of the schools,
- Ensure that good corporate governance practices and policies operate in the school
- Consult with and keep the ETB regularly informed of any decisions and proposals of the individual Board of Management. In particular, the Board must report any proposed changes to official school policy or practice that the Board feels necessary to implement, to ensure good governance of the school. Boards of Management must obtain the necessary approval from the ETB on matters that relate to the reserved functions of the ETB,
- Ensure the development and publication of and adherence to official school policies,
- Promote respect for the diversity of values, beliefs, traditions, languages and ways of life in society by having regard for the principles and requirements of a democratic and pluralist society,
- Promote the development of the Irish language and traditions, Irish literature, the arts and other cultural matters,
- Establish and maintain contacts with other schools throughout the community served by the respective schools,
- Conduct its educational activities in compliance with any regulations published from time to time by the ETB and/or the Minister.

It shall be a function of the Education and Training Board (ETB) to select all staff for appointment to the ETB. It should be noted that it is a function of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the ETB to assign staff to each school in compliance with the staffing allocation as determined and communicated by the Department. In carrying out this function it will be the responsibility of the CEO to ensure the effective utilisation and deployment of all ETB staff. The Principal of each school shall carry out their functions as determined by the Education Act in accordance with policies as determined by the Education Act in accordance with policies as determined by the ETB and in accordance with any directives or regulations issued by the CEO of the ETB and/or the Minister, from time to time.

The pooling of resources of the two schools would mean the provision of the widest possible range of subjects for the pupils in both schools. This will be particularly important during the initial years of the establishment of Maynooth Community College. By pooling the pupils from both schools, it will also be possible to offer a subject in one school where the demand from both schools would bring the class size to a viable number.

You will be well aware that the existing school in Maynooth, under the patronage of Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board, is very highly regarded locally. The intention of the Education and Training Board, is very highly regarded locally. The intention of the Education and Training Board is that the new community college would replicate and achieve the high standards and success attained in the existing school. The synergies generated by the new campus environment should be a significant benefit to both schools towards building on the success of the existing school and should assist them both in attaining high standards. The management and governance structures for the Maynooth Education Campus that have been developed by Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board as outlined above, seek to ensure that the necessary appropriate relationships and close co-operation will exist between the two schools at all levels, from the Principals and the Boards of Management through to the pupils and the staff.#

I hope that this clarifies the position.

Kind Regards,

Ruairi Quinn TD
Minister for Education and Skills

Fianna Fáil Notes

Fianna Fáil select Naoise Ó Cearúil and Daragh Fitzpatrick to contest Local Elections

Maynooth Area Fianna Fáil, covering the former Clane Electoral Area with the addition of Maynooth and Straffan, has selected Naoise Ó Cearúil and Daragh Fitzpatrick to contest next year's local elections.

The selection convention was held in Kilcock GAA Club on Tuesday the 1st of August. At the same selection convention, Local Area Representative for North West Kildare, Ben Doyle was unsuccessful.

Daragh Fitzpatrick, is the son of the late T.D. Michael Fitzpatrick and he is a former member of Kildare County Council between 2007 and 2009 and narrowly missed out on a seat at the last local elections.

Ó Cearúil, the Local Representative for Maynooth has been very active over the past number of months, highlighting issues in Maynooth and further afield. When asked how he felt, he stated, "I'm very honoured and proud to be given the opportunity to go before the people and hopefully represent them. I'm in this to help people and make people's lives a little easier"

At the same meeting Cllr. Liam Doyle declared that he would not be contesting next year's local elections. Cllr. Doyle has been elected to Kildare County Council since 1985 and has served the people of Kilcock and Kildare with distinction. He has always been straight forward and honest.

Upon giving his decision he stated that the primary reason he would not be seeking election was due to the limited powers afforded to the County Council and that he has become disillusioned with it. He said that since he has first been elected, powers have been stripped continuously, powers such as; housing lists, water and student grants to name a few. He thanked his family, his friends and the people of Kilcock for their support throughout the years which was an emotional speech by the esteemed councillor.

Doyle's announcement came as a shock to all present and will no doubt be a surprise to the people of Kilcock. The two selected candidates have big shoes to fill, however Ó Cearúil's appointment shows Fianna Fáil's commitment to renewal and trust in a new generation of politicians. At 24, Ó Cearúil is the youngest candidate to be selected in the country to date.

THE FINAL CUT IS THE DEEPEST FOR BEREAVED FAMILIES

Fianna Fáil Local Area Rep, Naoise Ó Cearúil, has condemned the government's decision to abolish the Bereavement Grant in the budget.

The Bereavement Grant of €850 has been paid to an average of 22,000 families per annum who are eligible to help deal with funeral expenses.

Commentating on the government's targeting of the elderly in the budget, Ó Cearúil stated "The government is now

chasing the elderly with cuts all the way to the grave. This final cut is the deepest for bereaved families.

"Funeral costs in Ireland have risen over the past number of years with the average price in the county around €3,000 to €5,000. The Bereavement Grant is paid to people who have made PRSI contributions over their working life and is vital to help ease the burden of a close family member passing on. This modest grant gave many families peace of mind and was a welcome respite at a time of grief and stress. By abolishing it, the Government again demonstrates its ability to measure the cost of everything and the value of nothing."

ELDERLY CANNOT DEPEND ON MOBILE PHONES TO ACTIVATE PANIC BUTTONS

Local Fianna Fáil Rep, Naoise Ó Cearúil has rubbished suggestions elderly people will be able to use mobile phones to activate their panic buttons or home security alarms following last week's scrapping of the Telephone Allowance in the Budget.

Personal panic buttons and alarms are connected to landline telephones and provide security and peace of mind for elderly people in case of a fall or other emergency.

Ó Cearúil said: "There has been some suggestions that elderly people can use mobile phones to activate their panic buttons now that the Telephone Allowance has been scrapped.

"This is completely inaccurate. Many parts of rural Maynooth do not have mobile phone coverage at all. Many other areas have limited or reduced mobile phone coverage. I have spoken to many elderly people who are petrified of losing the Telephone Allowance and what it will mean for their security.

"The telephone is often the most frequent method by which elderly people can contact their loved ones. Taking away this security will mean more and more elderly people will be living in fear. They cannot depend on unreliable mobile phone coverage to access their personal security systems or panic buttons.

"Minister Burton's brutal abolition of the Telephone Allowance will affect over 394,671 people, including the old, the disabled and carers. It is taken as regular income by older people and is essentially a cut of €9.50 to their pensions every month.

"The abolition of this Allowance threatens the very security and welfare of the old, the disabled and their carers. The most isolated areas have the poorest mobile phone coverage, the abolition of the Telephone Allowance will lead to even more rural isolation and this decision needs to be reversed."

Government's Disgraceful attack on the Youth

Naoise Ó Cearúil has expressed his shock at the government's latest attack on young people following the announcement of budget 2014. In particular Ms Ó Cearúil singled out the cutback to the job-seekers allowance for those under the age of 26 as being a step in the wrong direction, especially at a time when youth unemployment is running at an all-time high.

"I was shocked to learn of the details of some of the cutbacks

being imposed in budget 2014. The government has singled out young job-seekers, students and graduates for highly regressive cuts next year.

"The drastic cut to the job seekers allowance for those under the age of 26 will actively encourage emigration. Ireland already has a youth unemployment crisis, with 30% of young people aged 25 and under out of work. Many of those with jobs are underemployment. But instead of providing some real opportunities for these school and college leavers, the government has chosen to remove supports and essentially encourage them to emigrate.

"This policy will force young people to go abroad for work.

The government had the opportunity to focus on job creation for graduates in a bid to reduce youth unemployment, but instead they have taken the easy route out. Young people are wondering what happened to Fine Gael and Labour's promise to create 100,000 jobs?

"This government says that it wants to promote further education for young people. Yet at the same time it is imposing a €31 million cut in funding for third level institutions.

Students are being hit with a third hike in the college registration fee under Ruairi Quinn. Minister Quinn already abolished post-graduate grants this year and is now making it even harder for students to choose third level education.

"The government is gambling with our economic recovery by targeting the future generation. The government has a choice – it can chose to stop the attack on young people and provide them with the support and opportunities they need to build a career here in Ireland. Ógra Fianna Fáil will be campaigning for these changes in the coming weeks."

Seanad Referendum

The Referendum on the abolition of the Seanad was defeated. Fianna Fáil were the only party to seek a NO Vote on the Referendum. Maynooth Fianna Fáil Rep, Naoise Ó Cearúil commented after the result; "I am extremely happy that the people of Ireland and Maynooth voted no to this Power Grab"

"People saw that it was a cynical ploy on political reform by the Government. To be honest, I don't think this result had much to do with political parties, it was down to people seeing through Fine Gael's lies. The most important thing now is that Real reform is delivered in the Seanad and the Dáil"

Fianna Fáil Events in Maynooth in October

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Selection Convention in Kilcock

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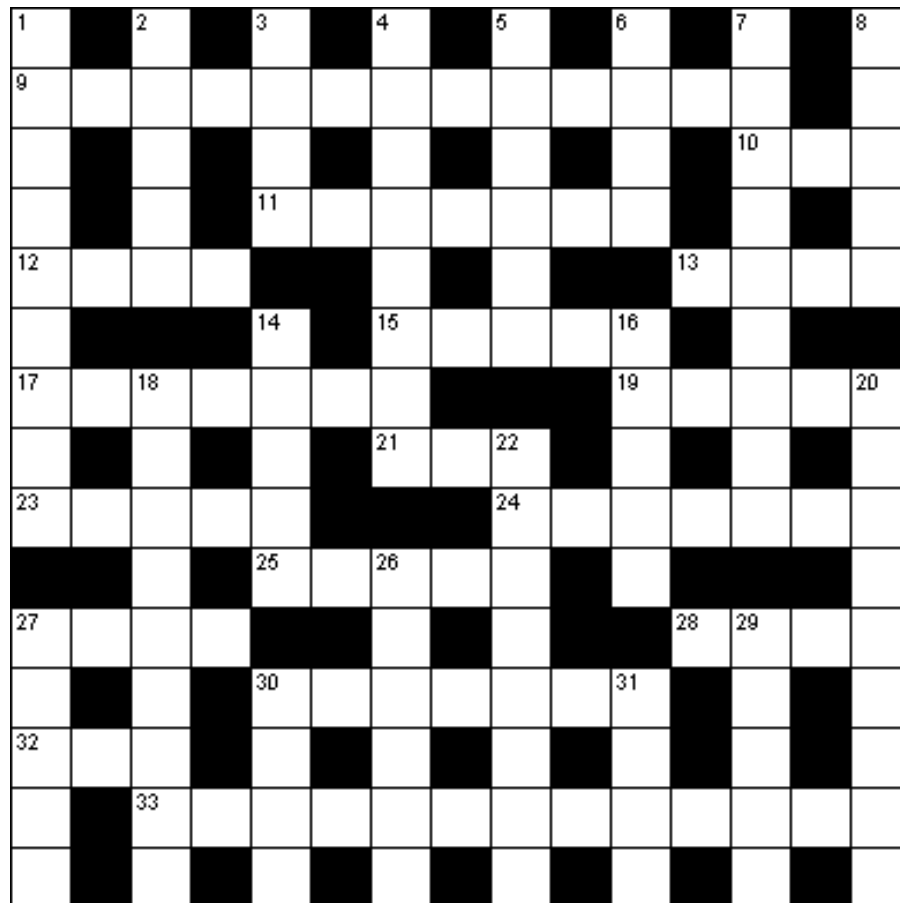
Wolfe Tone Commemoration in Bodinstown

The Fianna Fáil Candidate for Maynooth, Naoise Ó Cearúil is building a team to contest the 2014 Local Election. If you have an hour or two to spare during the week, get in touch with Naoise on (086) 456 5204.

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9. Unparalleled (13)
 10. Veterinarian (3)
 11. Pencil sketch (7)
 12. Repeat (4)
 13. Donkey cry (4)
 15. Representative (5)
 17. Countryman (7)
 19. Salt of uric acid (5)
 21. Two (3)
 23. Palm tree fruit (5)
 24. Subordinate type (7)
 25. Examine account books (5)
 27. Part of verb to be (4)
 28. German composer (4)
 30. Regulate (7)
 32. Obtained (3)
 33. Entertainer who does impressions (13)



1. Four-footed (9)
 2. To use up (5)
 3. Obscene (4)
 4. One million watts (8)
 5. Live (6)
 6. Male deer (4)
 7. Opponent (9)
 8. Spiteful (5)
 14. Light wood (5)
 16. Short and fat (5)
 18. Genuine (9)
 20. Pachyderms (9)
 22. Star-like symbol (8)
 26. Ass (6)
 27. Counterfeit (5)
 29. Look for (5)
 30. Headwear (4)
 31. Watch (4)

Answers to Crossword 418

**Entries in before:
19th November 2013**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____

**Winner of Crossword
No. 418 October**

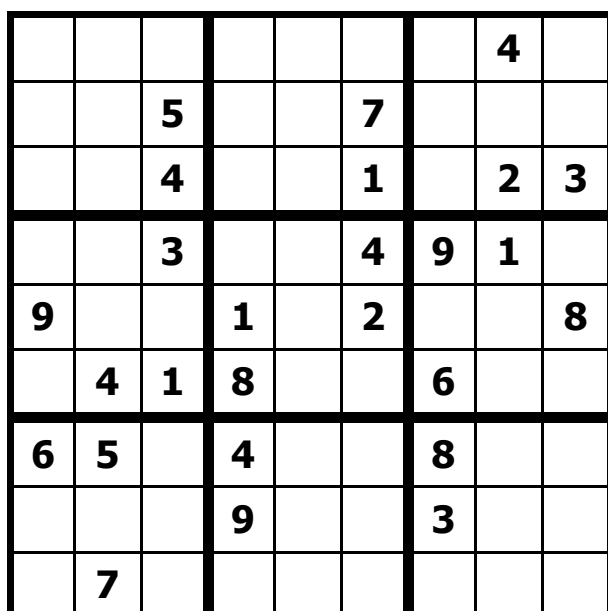
**Rebecca Doyle
Carton Court
Maynooth**

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Maynooth**

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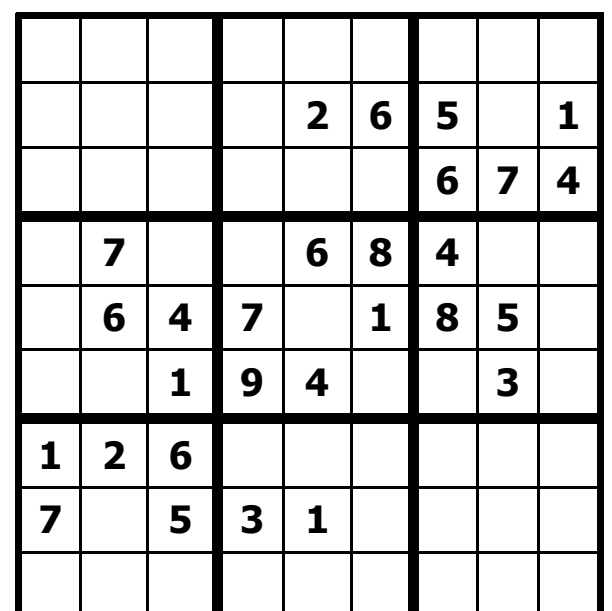
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Phone: _____

Super Difficult

Win a €10 book voucher if you are the first entry drawn with both puzzles correct.

Send completed puzzles to and collect prizes from
Maynooth Newsletter
Unit 5 Tesco Shopping Centre Maynooth.

Entries must arrive before: 19th November 2013

**Congratulations to October Winner:
Geetha Karthikesan
Moyglare Hall
Maynooth**

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Catherine Murphy Independent TD

E-mail: catherine.murphy@oireachtas.ie - Phone 01-6156625

Status Quo is Not Acceptable; Reform is the Only Option

Independent TD Catherine Murphy-who had advocated a yes vote, this afternoon welcomed the democratic decision of the electorate in the Seanad referendum.

"The electorate have spoken and it is clear the Seanad will remain but despite government protestations to the contrary during the campaign the Seanad cannot be allowed to remain in its current format. Nobody can honestly claim that those who voted to retain the Seanad voted to maintain the status Quo."

"The Government have got to acknowledge the will of the people and move forward now with true reform of all the political institutions of the state. It is simply not acceptable for them to say reform is not on offer; it may not have been offered but it was certainly demanded and that demand must be met urgently if we are to build robust political institutions that are fit for purpose in twenty first century Ireland."

"We need to stop tinkering around the edges with piecemeal reform and proceed instead with wholesale changes to the political institutions of this country. We need to release the Dáil from the stranglehold of the Executive and allow it more control over its own agenda. We need the local government reform proposals to be far more radical so as to truly decentralise power to the citizens and enhance governance at a local level which would have the benefit of addressing the excessive localism that is dominant in our national politics."

Seanad Abolition is Preferable, Political Reform is Essential

Independent TDs Catherine Murphy, John Halligan and Thomas Pringle today came together to call for a Yes vote in the Seanad Referendum though all three were adamant about the need for accompanying root and branch political reform if a unicameral system is to be effective.

Speaking about his lack of trust in this government to carry out any type of reform, Thomas Pringle stated; "if this referendum is defeated it will be up to them to carry out the needed reform and we simply cannot rely on them to do it and for that reason I am reluctantly supporting a Yes vote in this campaign."

Meanwhile, John Halligan was clear in his desire to abolish the Seanad; "the existing Seanad is an indefensible waste of time and money. The Seanad is virtually powerless; it can only delay, not overturn, legislation. The last time it actually did so was almost 50 years ago."

Summing up the need for reform, Catherine Murphy highlighted the fact that in other countries where a unicameral system works best, there is a high performing system of local government.

"Real reform at local government level is required if we are to have a unicameral system that can be effective. At the very least we need to set out a timeline for evolution of local government powers and functions. It is vital that we focus our attention on the separation of the Dáil from the Executive in order to achieve true reform."

TDs Collaborate to Launch Principles for an Alternative Budget

Tommy Broughan TD, John Halligan TD, Catherine Murphy TD, Patrick Nulty TD, and Thomas Pringle TD today jointly launched a Pre-Budget document entitled "Principles for a fair and progressive approach."

The TDs say they came together in a collaborative effort to point Ireland in a different direction, away from austerity and towards an economic policy based on equality and social justice. The budget document contains three core principles: The introduction of a wealth tax, a four year jobs stimulus programme, and absolute opposition to further cuts in public spending.

Patrick Nulty TD said;

"The last seven budgets introduced by Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and Labour have hammed families on middle and lower incomes. Ordinary people have borne the brunt of a disastrous bank bailout. Our proposals are based on tax justice, tackling unemployment and addressing our un-sustainable debt. We aim to provide a sustainable alternative to austerity."

Catherine Murphy TD was eager to draw attention to the massive strain that the astronomical debt burden places on our economy;

"People talk about us having got a 'bail-out' when in reality we have had a millstone of crippling interest placed around our necks. Not only did we pay the bondholders but we also assumed responsibility for massive interest repayments. We can wrangle around with various budget adjustments but the fundamental issue remains that we must deal with the excessive burden of debt that was placed on us - a burden that continues to grow on a daily basis."

Tommy Broughan noted the growing inequality in Irish society that has resulted from the succession of austerity budgets;

"People are at their wits end entering their sixth year of cutbacks and lower incomes. The gap between the rich and poor sections of our society continues to widen as income inequality is on the rise. The Irish people deserve a new and fairer fiscal policy in Budget 2014."

Thomas Pringle TD was adamant on the need to restore confidence to citizens instead of crippling them further:

"Minister Noonan has stated in reply to a parliamentary question that to make no budget adjustments in 2014 would reduce the General Government Deficit to 5.8%. We only need a budget that will achieve a deficit reduction of 0.7% to meet the Troika Targets and ensure our exit from the bailout programme. I believe that this shows that we need to declare an end to austerity and allow citizens the respite and confidence to participate in our economy and society."

John Halligan joined in the call to open genuine dialogue on real alternatives in this budget and urged the Government to think outside of the austerity box and look at the very practical proposals contained in this document to stimulate growth and reduce the strain on Irish society.

Pyrite Remediation Scheme Must Include Industry Stakeholders

Independent TD for Kildare North Catherine Murphy today welcomed the long awaited remediation measures for those suffering with pyrite affected but expressed her dismay at the fact that industry stakeholders have essentially been let off the hook by the Ministers decision not to impose a levy on them.

"While it absolutely essential that these homes are repaired as a matter of urgency, a key issue is who should pay? €10 million in State funding is a great first step but we also need to be demanding contributions from all the stakeholders involved in this debacle. Quarry owners, the Construction Industry Federation the Irish Concrete Association and Homebond, for

example, must step up to the plate and help with the remediation measures required."

"For the Minister to forgo the levy on the industry stakeholders makes no sense, and it places a strain on the State that should in fact be shouldered by those directly involved in causing the problems that pyrite affected homeowners now face."

"Another flaw in this scheme is that it does not provide any retrospective relief for those people who have, in many instances, taken on large debts or spent their savings in order to repair their homes during what has been an excessively long process to get to this scheme today. Many people simply could not wait and now they will be excluded from any benefit of this scheme. They are doubly hit by being required to pay Property Tax on the remediated homes."

MAYNOOTH GUILD ICA NOTES

Gathering Day organised as part of Maynooth Community Harvest Festival was a great success. Many former guild members were welcomed back and had a good "catch up" We had visitors from all around the country on the day. The Federation 60th Anniversary Dinner Dance was on Oct 4th in Kilashee Hotel. 15 members attended and had a great night.

Our next project is "Federation Guild-of-the-year" competition. The theme is "Gathering and Homecoming" This covers drama, craft, baking, recycling and Litir a sscriobh abhaile tareis dul thar lar lag lorg obair Date is Sept 23rd

A craft day will take place in Clane GAA hall on 30th Nov List of classes from craft promoter. Cost €20 with a small charge for materials on the day Craft work nights continue each Monday at 8o'clock. Members continue to knit hats and scarves for Simon Community.

The October guild night was Auction Night. Many interesting items were "auctioned" all donated by members. Proceeds will go towards part-scholarships to An Grianan. Badminton continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the College Sports Hall at 11o'clock.

Winners of Oct guild comp:- Margaret Houlihan and Mary O Gorman. Nov comp is Smallest Jug (not a toy)

The Annual Ecumenical Service for deceased members will take place at the November meeting.

The next meeting takes place on Nov 7th at 8o'clock. New members welcome.

MAYNOOTH STUDENTS HAVE BEEN A GREAT SUPPORT TO MAYNOOTH TOWN

STUDENTS at NUI Maynooth took part in initiatives recently to raise money for charity as part of the university's students union's annual 'Give a little, Do a lot' campaign.

The campaign is more than just raising money for charity though. It is about the students giving back, not just to the local community in Maynooth, but to their own communities at home. As Msgr. Dermot Farrell, former President of St. Patrick's College Maynooth once said: "Maynooth's past has done much to shape modern Ireland. It's future has much still to contribute to the spiritual, cultural and material welfare of Ireland." It is the hope of Maynooth Students Union that the students will take something away with them to continue to shape Ireland's future.

On the Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of Fresher's week, students from NUI Maynooth were joined by Transition Year students from Maynooth Post Primary School for a town clean-up operation. Each day the students met at 8.15am outside Supermac's Maynooth where they collected their gloves and bags.

Splitting up into groups the students combed the highways and byways of Maynooth collecting cans, bottles and other rubbish discarded by revellers the night before.

Johnny Nevin, Principal of Maynooth Post Primary School was "delighted with the student's participation in such an important initiative". He added that it was "heartening to see such a positive response to this local initiative in taking responsibility for the environment and the local area".

The student's teacher, Ms Nicol Henry was delighted with the success of the event and how it "highlights the importance of creating links with the town and that it was great to see some of our students involved."

Teresa Murray, a member of the Maynooth Post Primary Parents Association and the Governing Authority of NUI Maynooth, commented on how it was "great to see students taking some civic responsibility". Ms. Murray was very proud of the "noticeable difference that the student's efforts have made to the town" over the week. She said the students were a "visible presence on the streets of the town which was greatly appreciated by the local residents". NUI Maynooth student Sean Cushen, who took part in the cleanup operation said that "this little time out of our day makes all the difference".

"Maynooth students have been a great support to Maynooth town and community" said Ms Susan Durack, PRO of Maynooth Community Council.

"Through the activities of the Maynooth Students Union (MSU), there has been regular student involvement in clean-ups in conjunction with Maynooth Tidy Towns.

"MSU is a member of the Maynooth Community Council and its current President, Ben Finnegan is keen not only to participate and help in local events but also to initiate and collaborate in new projects that would benefit the town" added Ms. Durack, "we are delighted to have the MSU as part of the MCC and we look forward to further collaboration with them"

This is a sentiment which was echoed by Mr. Frank Fitzmaurice, Director of Corporate Services, NUI Maynooth.

"I would like to congratulate everybody from the University, Maynooth Post Primary School and Maynooth Tidy Towns who were involved in the clean-up of the town" said Mr. Fitzmaurice. "Our students and staff play a very active role in the local community and this week's project is a very practical example of how the University and the town integrate effectively. "creating an environment of which we can all be proud is very important to NUI Maynooth and I commend everybody involved".

When some of the concerns from local residents were put to him, Ben Finnegan, President of Maynooth Students Union made it clear that the Union has a zero tolerance policy where students engage in inappropriate behaviour.

"As Prof. Mulkeen (Registrar, NUI Maynooth) said during orientation week, the University will co-operate fully with the gardai in all matters, that too is the position of Maynooth Student's Union" said Mr. Finnegan. "where students engage in disruptive behaviour we would ask all residents to either get in touch with the gardai or ourselves so the matter can be dealt with swiftly"

This year Maynooth Student's Union is taking a proactive attitude towards combating disruptive behaviour.

When asked as to why the Union didn't ban the sale and consumption of alcohol on Union property, Ben was very clear in his response. "We cannot allow the careless actions of a few to ruin the fun for the majority who act with due respect and concern for local townspeople" he said "Here at MSU we want to provide a venue where all students can safely and responsibly consume alcohol" continued Mr. Finnegan. "As history has shown us, you cannot solve a problem related to the excessive consumption of alcohol by outlawing it, but only by educating people as to how to consume it safely"

For more information on Maynooth Student's Union's initiatives or to report any issues you may be having Ben can be contacted by email at president@nuimsu.com or by phone on (01) 7086436. For students looking for information in relation to addiction, Aidan McNally VP Welfare can be contacted by email at welfare@nuimsu.com or by phone on (01) 7086808

By: Cathal Burke

Maynooth Golf Society

Results Sheet 2013

Moyvalley Golf Club Date 21/ 09/2013

**Paddy Foy's Presidents Cup sponsored by
McMahons Bar & Lounge**

| | | |
|-----------------|---|-----------|
| 1st Prize | Paul Farrelly | 39pts |
| 2nd Prize | John Thomson | 38pts B9 |
| 3rd Prize | Pat Connolly | 38pts |
| 4th Prize | Niall Byrne | 37pts B9 |
| 5th Prize | Terry Moore | 37pts |
| 6th Prize | Mick Flynn Jnr | 37pts B9 |
| 7th Prize | Marty Maguire | 37 pts B6 |
| 8th Prize | Brendan Behan | 37pts |
| 9th Prize | Darren Moran | 36pts B9 |
| 10th Prize | Barry Doyle | 36pts |
| Front 9 | Dave Weafer | 19pts |
| Back 9 | John Carroll | 22pts |
| Visitor | A Morrison | |
| Nearest the Pin | Mick Flynn Snr | |
| 2's Club | Brendan Bean, A Morrison, Paul Farrelly, Mick Flynn Snr | |

Next Outing : Joe Murray Cup Edenderry GC
19th October for the Joe (dodo) Murray Cup.

Maynooth Golf Society played Moyvalley Golf Club on Saturday 21st September for the Paddy Foy (memorial) Presidents Cup. This event was kindly sponsored by Mc Mahons bar & Lounge who also provided food to all the golfers and friends who attended the presentation in McMahons Bar that evening.

40 members and visitors played for the new Presidents Cup, a new cup to be added to the golf society list of trophies. The weather conditions were sunny and warm, good for golf; the scoring was good and competitive. The winner of the presidents cup was Paul Farrelly with a score of 39 points to win the cup by a single point from, in 2nd place John Thompson 38 points, 3rd place Pat Connolly 38 points, 4th place Niall Byrne 37 points. All other winners listed above. The prizes were presented by Liam Farrelly (nephew) of Paddy to all the winners in McMahons Bar. Thanks to Sean and all the staff at McMahons for their sponsorship and the food. A gracious thanks was also extended to Ted Kehoe (Kehoe's Restaurant) and Supervalu for their sponsorship for this outing.

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19TH NOVEMBER**

THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have asked for many favours. This time I ask for a special one (mention here). Take it dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken Heart where your father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes it will become Your favour not mine. Amen

Say this prayer for three days. Promise publication and prayer and favour will be granted, no matter how impossible.

Never known to fail.

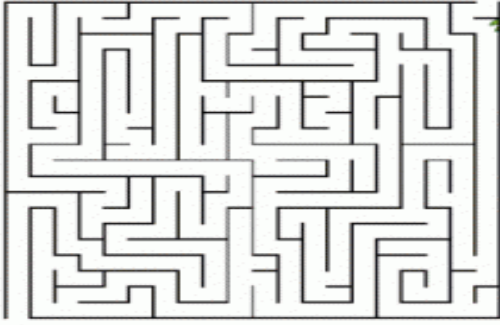
Thanksgiving for favour received.

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Help The Scarecrow

Hungry Scarecrow!

Can you help the scarecrow find his way to the pumpkin patch?



Can you solve our Wordsearch Puzzle?

Word Search



Find the 25 words listed below that are often used in connection with air pollution:

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| 1. air | 6. breathe | 11. bus | 16. car | 21. haze |
| 2. dust | 7. eyes | 12. fresh | 17. lungs | 22. nose |
| 3. oxygen | 8. pollution | 13. sick | 18. truck | 23. carpool |
| 4. particulates | 9. smoke | 14. woodstove | 19. dirty | 24. atmosphere |
| 5. inversion | 10. carbon monoxide | 15. ozone | 20. emissions | 25. environment |

McDonalds Children's Colouring Competition



Prizes:

Free Family Meal
From
McDonald's, Maynooth



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Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

October Winners:

Age: 3 - 5: Summer Doran, Kilcock

Age: 6 - 7: Anna O'Flaherty, Rail Park

Age: 8 & Over: Saoirse Reynolds, Parklands

Prizes for Colouring Competition can be collected at:

Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre.

Entries must arrive before: 19th November 2013

McDonald's

November Diary Planner

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

Community Library

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

Toastmasters

Toastmasters meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month in Glenroyal Hotel at 8pm. The meetings are very enjoyable but with a good learning input. They stop for tea half way through and end at 10pm. All visitors are welcome. Felicity Cuthbert PRO

I.C.A.

Monthly 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

History Group

Meetings every last Thursday of the month in Maynooth Community Council Office Tesco Shopping Centre 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

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

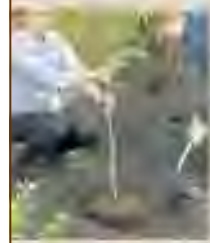
Christmas Demonstration in Glenroyal Hotel on Tuesday 19th November at 8.00pm
Demonstrators: Roisin Graham & Marie Laird
All Welcome
Just a reminder for new member that all meetings are held at 8pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except where otherwise stated)
Exhibits should be staged by 7.45p
Maureen Fagan PRO

Parent & Toddler Group

Every Thursday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Contact Maynooth Community Council Office 01/6285922 for venue details

If you would like your event put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter 01 6285053/01 6285922

November Gardening



As long as the ground is not too waterlogged or frozen you can plant herbaceous perennials, shrubs, deciduous trees roses and fruit trees. Lily bulbs can still be planted in pots this month. Flowers that can be planted now are wallflowers, forget-me-nots, bellis, primulas and violas - not forgetting to prepare the ground first. Prune back shrub roses to stop their shallow roots from being lifted by strong winter winds. Now is the perfect time to plant soft fruits such as raspberries, gooseberries, blackberries and currants. Plant in well prepared soil enriched with plenty of compost or well rotted farmyard manure, to the same depth as they were before. Blackcurrants, however, should be planted lower than usual in the planting hole with 5cm of stem below ground level as this encourages new growth from the base of the plant.

Plant winter onion sets and garlic now. Lift and divide rhubarb if it starts producing lots of thin stems. Sow broad beans and peas. Soak the seeds in liquid seaweed to deter mice. Now is also the time to be planting trees and shrubs until Christmas so that their roots settle in. Tidy up blackberry bushes. Prune branches that have borne fruit down to soil level. New stems should be tied into place and to encourage new roots bury the cane tips in the soil. Cover an empty vegetable plot with a layer of mulch such as composted bark, leaf mould or well-rotted manure. Cut back ornamental grasses and bamboos. Less hardy perennials - do not cut back the less hardy perennials such as penstemons and hardy fuchsias more than a third - the dead stems should afford some protection for the crowns in severe weather. In colder areas, mulch with composted bark or something similar and leave cutting them back fully until they begin to shoot from the base in spring.



Remove any canes or supports that are left over from your summer crops - store them safely and in a dry place. Clear fallen leaves from lawns, ponds and flowerbeds. Raise containers off the ground to prevent water logging. Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees by using grease bands around the trunks. Keep the bands sticky and free from debris until mid April.

Wash greenhouse windows and cover them with bubble wrap plastic to insulate. Spike the lawn with a fork or hollow line aerator to stop the soil becoming compacted and brush grit into the holes to improve drainage. Book your mower in for servicing - leaving it until spring just places your machine firmly at the back of a long queue! Heavy frosts may well be on the agenda this month. Either move tender plants inside or keep a supply of fleece, bubble wrap or similar to protect them from freezing conditions.

Reduce your fish feeding regimen. When the temperature drops below 65 degrees, your fish needs less food as its body starts to slow down. Start feeding the fish only a few times a week. Low protein and high carbs food are ideal. Stop feeding your fish when temperatures fall below 50 degrees. Use pond balance once a month as a preventative pond care to help control string algae. It is important that you dissolve it in warm water to activate it before adding to your pond. Trim your perennial aquatic plants that will be dormant as the weather cools. Clean out the filter, the skimmer box and the pump.



A garden is a friend, you can visit anytime!



CHRISTMAS RECIPES



Harvest Fruit Loaf

Ingredients

225g/8oz Self-Raising Flour
125g/4oz Margarine (room temperature)
125g/4oz Caster Sugar
150ml/ 1/2pt Milk (less 2 Tablespoons)
2 Eggs
350g/12oz Fruit Mix
1 Level Teaspoon Mixed Spice
Walnut Halves



Method

Preheat oven to 160° C/325° F/Gas 3. Grease and base line a 900g/2lb loaf tin. Using the All-in-One method put the flour, margarine, sugar, milk, eggs, fruit and mixed spice into a mixing bowl. Beat until all ingredients are well mixed. Transfer to the prepared tin. Smooth top with back of spoon. Place the walnuts on top. Bake in the centre of the oven for about 1 to 1 1/2 hours until well risen and a knife pushed into loaf comes out clean. Remove from oven and allow to remain in tin for about 10 minutes. Turn onto a wire tray to cool. Note: If getting too brown during baking cover loaf with sheet of greaseproof paper.

Christmas Cake

Ingredients

225g/8oz Cream Plain Flour (sieved)
175g/6oz Margarine
225g/8oz Dark Brown Sugar
375g Sultanas (one packet)
375g Fruit Mix (one packet)
100g Cherries (one Tub)
100g Chopped Mixed Nuts (one packet)
100g Ground Almonds (one packet)
3 Large Eggs
Rind and Juice of one Orange
1 teaspoon Mixed Spice
2 baby bottles of Brandy



Method

Put margarine, sugar, fruit, rind, juice and one baby bottle of the brandy into a large saucepan. Slowly bring to the boil, stirring occasionally, until the margarine has melted. Turn off heat and leave to cool for approx. 30 minutes. Meanwhile pre-heat oven to 140°C/275°F/Gas 1 and line an 8"/20cm round deep cake tin with greaseproof paper. Stir the eggs, nuts and ground almonds into the fruit mixture and mix well. Finally, stir in the sieved flour and mixed spice. Spoon the mixture into the tin and smooth it out evenly – the back of a metal spoon dipped in water is handy for this! Bake for 2 1/2 – 3 hours approx. After 2 hours, cover with paper if cake is browning too quickly. To check the cake is done, insert a skewer into the centre- if it comes out clean, the cake is cooked. Make holes in top of warm cake and pour over remaining brandy. Leave cake in tin to cool completely. When cold, wrap in greaseproof paper and then tinfoil. Store in a cool dry place.

Note:

This mixture can be divided between two 900g/2lb lined loaf tins or two 15cms/6" round cake tins or a combination of both and will bake in about 1 1/2 hours at the same temperature. This is ideal for those who just want a small cake and the second cake would make a very acceptable Christmas present!

Quick Christmas Pudding

Ingredients

50g/ 2oz Self Raising Flour
125g / 4oz Brown Sugar
125g / 4oz Margarine
2 Eggs
1 teaspoon Cinnamon
1 packet (375g) Fruit Mix
1 tub (100g) Cherries
125g / 4oz Breadcrumbs
300ml / 1/2 pint Stout



Method

Beat margarine and sugar together, add the eggs and mix well. Stir in the flour and cinnamon, next add the fruit and cherries. Mix well. Finally, add the breadcrumbs and stout, stir well. Cover and allow to stand overnight. Next day, transfer to a greased 1 litre / 2 pint pudding bowl. Steam for about 6 hours.



Maynooth Town F.C. Leinster Senior League Tables & Recent Results

Leinster Senior League Major Sunday

| # | Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts |
|----|------------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | St. John Bosco | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 24 | 9 | 15 | 19 |
| 2 | Maynooth Town | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 4 | 7 | 15 |
| 3 | Shamrock Bhoys | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 7 | 18 | 14 |
| 4 | Enniskerry FC | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 17 | 13 | 4 | 14 |
| 5 | Tullamore Town | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 11 | 3 | 14 |
| 6 | Crumlin United FC | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 21 | 24 | -3 | 14 |
| 7 | Leicester Celtic FC | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 5 | 7 | 13 |
| 8 | Hyde Park | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 21 | -5 | 8 |
| 9 | Lorcan Celtic | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 19 | -6 | 7 |
| 10 | Knocklyon UTD FC | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 21 | -12 | 6 |
| 11 | Fairview Cym | 8 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 13 | 27 | -14 | 5 |
| 12 | Dublin City University | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 7 | -2 | 4 |
| 13 | Athy Town | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 8 | -4 | 1 |
| 14 | Mid Sutton/Schalke | 6 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 11 | 19 | -8 | 1 |

Major Sunday Results

| Date | Home | Result | Away |
|------------|---------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 20/10/2013 | Knocklyon UTD FC | 0:3 | Maynooth Town |
| 28/09/2013 | Maynooth Town | 1:0 | Dublin City University |
| 22/09/2013 | Mid Sutton/Schalke | 1:2 | Maynooth Town |
| 13/09/2013 | Maynooth Town | 4:1 | Lorcan Celtic |
| 05/09/2013 | Tullamore Town | 1:0 | Maynooth Town |
| 01/09/2013 | Leicester Celtic FC | 1:0 | Maynooth Town |
| 28/08/2013 | Fairview Cym | 0:1 | Maynooth Town |

Leinster Senior League Premier 1 Saturday

| # | Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts |
|----|------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Maynooth Town | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 7 | 13 | 21 |
| 2 | Colepark United | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 3 | 21 | 15 |
| 3 | Palmerstown FC | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 23 | 15 | 8 | 14 |
| 4 | Lorcan Celtic | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 15 | 2 | 14 |
| 5 | Inchicore Athletic FC | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 20 | 19 | 1 | 14 |
| 6 | Booth Road Celtic | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 17 | 9 | 8 | 13 |
| 7 | Ballyoulster United FC | 9 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 23 | 19 | 4 | 12 |
| 8 | Laytown United | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 10 | 3 | 8 |
| 9 | Pegasus/St. James Ath | 7 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 23 | -12 | 2 |
| 10 | Orwell FC | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 15 | -11 | 0 |
| 11 | Eblana FC | 9 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 7 | 44 | -37 | 0 |

Premier 1 Saturday Results

| Date | Home | Result | Away |
|------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| 12/10/2013 | Pegasus/St. James Ath | 1:3 | Maynooth Town |
| 05/10/2013 | Maynooth Town | 3:1 | Palmerstown FC |
| 28/09/2013 | Lorcan Celtic | 0:1 | Maynooth Town |
| 14/09/2013 | Orwell FC | 1:2 | Maynooth Town |
| 07/09/2013 | Maynooth Town | 4:2 | Booth Road Celtic |
| 31/08/2013 | Eblana FC | 0:2 | Maynooth Town |
| 24/08/2013 | Maynooth Town | 5:2 | Pegasus/St. James Ath |

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As the Christmas shopping season enters full swing attention should be focused on the goods and services available locally, and the return to the economy when buying Irish goods. The purchasing power in everyone's pockets should not be underestimated. People should look first to their local shops for Christmas presents and other supplies before going further afield. In many cases, shoppers will be surprised at the range of goods and other services available in their locality, and can save a lot of time and energy by checking these out first.

Local traders provide employment, and much of the money spent in these businesses goes straight back into the local economy. People can generally find a wide range of goods and services practically on their doorstep, and there can be a very positive impact from just switching a couple of purchases. In addition to urging people to shop local, shoppers should think about buying Irish-produced and Irish-made products, which will generate income in the economy and help to protect Irish jobs. With a wide array of shops and restaurants Maynooth is the ideal one stop town for all your needs this Christmas.

Many staff and workers employed in all the shops, restaurants and cafes, pubs and hotels, not to mention all the various other businesses are people from Maynooth and the surrounding area. By making a conscious decision to support the business community in Maynooth you are helping local businesses to continue trading to their highest possible standards, and also very importantly you are actively supporting jobs in the local area.

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DOGS



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area, which are in fact heavy deposits of fat. When the ribs of a dog cannot be felt because of fat cover, this dog is classified as obese.

Obesity can cause your dog to be depressed, in pain, inactive, aggressive and sometimes unsocial. When the obese dog loses weight it becomes happy, social, confident and has an improved quality of life. Obesity is a disease just like heart, kidney or liver disease. It affects the dog's bones, joints, digestive organs, lungs and heart. It can shorten your dog's life. Before putting an obese dog on a diet some health issues have to be ruled out e.g. hypothyroidism, diabetes or neutering.

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CATS

Obese cats have become more of a problem in recent years. Cats over 5kg body weight regularly come into the Clinic. Obesity in cats causes poor skin and coat condition as the cat is too heavy to groom itself. It can also cause urinary tract infections as they are not active and urinate less frequently. These cats can also suffer from diabetes where the animal becomes immune to the effect of insulin. In the majority of cases this can be reversed by weight loss.



People usually don't realise their cat is overweight. They think he or she is happy to lie around all day sleeping with no play, no hunting or no exploring. It is only when they reduce weight that the "kitten activity" reappears!

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Maynooth Tidy Towns



Would like to wish all the readers and staff of the Maynooth Newsletter a very Happy Christmas and a Wonderful New Year.

Elsewhere in this edition you will find photographs of two events Maynooth Tidy Towns committee were represented at, the first event was the Kildare County Council Annual Community Awards Night held in Maynooth University. This was the first time this event was held outside the Council Chamber in Naas.

The second event was held in Moynalty at a Failte Ireland National Tidy Towns Awards evening where we received our Bronze Medal from Minister Fergus O'Dowd T.D.

At time of writing we are planning to hold a Thank You Evening in late November for all the wonderful volunteers who have helped us during the year.

At this time of year we ask you to recycle your Bottles and Cans in the following locations: **Tesco, Aldi & Supervalu.** Please bring home your boxes and bags from the bottle banks in the shopping centres.

If you have any electrical items for recycling WEE Ireland will be in Tesco Maynooth Car park on the 29th March 2014.

If you are buying a Christmas Tree this year you can help Maynooth Tidy Towns by purchasing one locally from Jim Doyle who will be selling Christmas Trees adjacent to the Garda Station in Buckley's yard.

In January Christmas Trees can be recycled in the Council Yard courtesy of the Environment section Kildare County Council.

Finally, thank you to Committee Members, Volunteers, Business Supporters and anyone else who helped us during this historic year for Maynooth Tidy Towns.



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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Our annual sale of work this year took place on Sunday 17th November, and what a successful day that was. The amount raised was €1,120. The community of Maynooth is just the gift that keeps on giving. There are more and more organisations pulling at the purse strings than ever before and yet you continue to support us. You have been doing that now for forty eight years and we do appreciate it. Many, many thanks one and all.

Thank you also to our sponsors; Barton's Transport, Seán Donovan, Frank Walsh, Willie Kiernan, Thornton's Recycling, St. Patrick's College, and not forgetting our scouts and other young people who give us the benefit of their youth and energy on the day.

Many thanks to SuperValu, Manor Mills and Tesco who facilitated our ticket selling for our Christmas Draw. Congratulations to all who won prizes on the day especially the winners in the big draw. Nadine Foley (Monster Hamper) James Drennan Mallon (€200) Emer Mooney (€100) Ross Kavanagh (TV Combi) Isobel Lavraghy (Portable DVD).

Our next event will be our Christmas Shopping/Party night on Wednesday 4th December, courtesy of SuperValu and our final event for 2013 will be our Christmas dinner on 8th December at 4pm in the Glenroyal Hotel.

All that is left for me to say now, is that I hope each and every one of you have a very happy and peaceful Christmas and that you are rewarded for your kindness and generosity.

Josephine Moore
Chairperson



December Gardening



While it is the winter, there are still jobs to do in the garden. Carry on digging over beds and borders and incorporate organic matter as you can in preparation for spring. Clear paths off moss and lichen, treat timber with preservative, repair fences, check sheds and walls. Clean and repair your garden tools in preparation for the spring. Now is the time to get the lawnmower serviced too. In general clear up the debris from the garden. Take care not to let leaves accumulate around alpines as they will die if left damp for long.

 Time to plant bare rooted deciduous hedging. Beech and hornbeam both keep their leaves over the winter so they are great for screening. Hawthorn is perfect for a natural almost impenetrable barrier. Prepare your trench, at least a week before planting to give the soil a chance to settle. Don't plant if the ground is frozen or wet. Avoid walking on lawns especially when its wet and frozen otherwise you could damage the lawn. Order your seeds for next year. Constantly check all climbing plants, making sure that their stems are securely tied in.

Prune apple and pear trees that are growing in the open, don't prune cordons, fans or espaliers. Gooseberries and all the currants can be pruned as well. Make sure that all the fruit is pruned so that there is open space between all the branches. Continue to harvest brussel sprouts by taking the largest lower sprouts first as this will ensure they go on cropping. Pot up some herb plants and bring into the kitchen to save going outside in bad weather. If you crave some colour for your garden plant some winter pansies and primroses in hanging baskets or window boxes.

 Put a net over the pond to catch all the falling leaves and debris. Also plants in the pond will start to die away leaving behind dead leaves. If these are left in the pond, it will cause the ammonia level to rise which is very harmful to the fish. Stop feeding pond fish. Remove, clean and service pond pumps. Another handy tip is if your pond tends to freeze place a ball in the pond, that way if it does freeze the ball will prevent it from freezing over completely enabling the fish to breathe.



Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!

January Gardening

Sow sweet peas under cover to give you a head start in the spring. Pick over pansies and violas, removing leaves with mildew or black spots on them. Carry on with pruning apple and pear trees, red and white currants and gooseberries. Keep the centre of the tree or bush open so that it gets the maximum amount of light and allows air to circulate freely. Check all ties and stakes to ensure they are not broken or too tight. Check your stored fruit and vegetables and through away any diseased ones.

 Come the end of the month add organic fertiliser to your fruit trees and shrubs, remove any mulch and feed around the roots, water and renew the mulch. Harvest leeks, brussels sprouts (from the bottom upwards), carrots, parsnips and winter cabbages. Sow early crops such as radishes, beetroot, spinach, lettuce in seed trays in a greenhouse or tunnel. Start chitting out potatoes as early varieties will be planted in March. Plan your vegetable crop rotations for the upcoming season. Unfortunately some weeds survive over the winter so hoe away before they leap into action in the spring.

Recycle your Christmas tree by shredding it for mulch. Ventilate the greenhouse on sunny days. Plant lily bulbs in pots and in borders during mild spells. Fireplace ashes should be saved to use a fertilizer for your iris and other alkaline soil plants. Bulbs such as tulips can still be planted as long as they are firm and mould free. Plant roses but don't plant them where roses were previously grown as this can lead to problems with replant diseases. Check that the heaters in the greenhouse are working and check that the insulation is still secure. Clear leaves and twigs from guttering on greenhouses and sheds. Don't forget to feed the birds and wildlife that visit your garden.

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A Story of Christmas Past

This is a true story. It happened in an orphanage around Christmas time, in the late nineteen forties. The reason why I was in an orphanage was, my mother had died when I was four years old. Three older siblings were sent to different orphanages. Visiting was allowed on one Sunday of every month. This was not one of those Sundays.

It was a cold December Sunday in the playground. Six hundred children in the orphanage were playing in groups or on their own, running around, screaming and shouting. It was the sound of childish freedom. However, all this was due to change in a moment. In the midst of all this noise an older boy grabbed a hold of my arm. "The Sister (nun) wants to see you," he said. Pulling me by the arm, he dragged me across the yard of loud youthful noise to where the Sister was standing. She told me to follow her. We walked along corridor after corridor of the large Georgian building towards the main entrance of the orphanage. "You have a visitor," she said. During this journey from the yard to the main building I was silent. The Sister however, was giving me instructions as to how I should behave towards my visitor.

"Don't do this, don't do that? You are going to meet your Father", she said."

"What is a Father?" I said to myself.

We arrived at the reception hall. It was decorated in lime green painted walls, which highlighted the large gilded framed pictures that hung from the picture rails. Dark pieces of mahogany furniture stood to attention on the herringbone-design wooden floor. Then I saw him! Standing near the door, which was framed in stained glass, stood a man dressed in a long crombie overcoat, white shirt and tie and holding a fedora style hat in his hand. All was quiet for a few moments. Then the Sister said to me "this is your Father", before she abruptly left the room. So that is what his name is, "Your Father," I said to myself. After all the times that we had met, I never knew his name.

At that moment this did not concern me. What did concern me however, was, the parcel wrapped in Christmas paper that he held in his hand. He handed me the parcel. I quickly ripped off the paper. What I saw next took my breath away. It was a large train-engine. Even with the passing of sixty years I can still describe it today. It was about twelve inches in length, four inches wide, and five or six inches in height. It had six large black wheels and a black chimneystack. The body of the engine was painted red and green, with painted strips of gold that separated the two colours. It was made of strong tin metal. My Father said to me, "this is for you, for Christmas".

If more words were spoken, I can't remember. I was lost in the moment, a moment of supreme joy that has remained in my conscious memory all my life, since that happy day.

I have no recollection as to what happened after that visit by my Father, or where the train-engine disappeared too. I can only guess that it ended up in the huge press in the long room. This long room was on the ground floor of a tall four-story building. This huge press contained toys of all descriptions. I can only assume that at some time in the past these toys belonged to other boys who were residents of the orphanage.

I left the orphanage when I was ten years old. I discovered then that the man who gave me the train-engine was in fact my Father. Sadly he died six years later, when I was sixteen. I have many fond memories of my Father in the short time that I knew him. One lasting memory I will always have of him is of the surprise visit on that December day a long time ago. Though sixty years have passed, I will never forget the moment of joy when a person who I saw as a stranger came to visit me, and gave me a Christmas present. Which in time, I saw as a gift from my Father to his son.

Hugh Hendrick





Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Meeting took place on 11 November 2014 Glenroyal Hotel

Community Space update

Negotiations are ongoing. It will be finalised in the next week or so. An email will go out to all organisations to inform them when opened

Financial situation

The financial situation requires close scrutiny and careful planning. Although there are more workers in the office there are increased costs related to that which presents a heavy draw on funds. Additional fundraising efforts (apart from the Newsletter) need to be considered and put in place. It was noted that the present financial situation was also due to timing and end of year turnaround with the Department of Social Protection.

Maynooth Students Union update

Ben Finnegan, President Maynooth Students Union - Addressed the meeting
"A major aim of mine as Students' Union President this year is to integrate the students of Maynooth with the local community.

As such, I have arranged for a number of student-community initiatives. On top of this, we are currently facilitating an employee of the An Tus back-to-employment scheme, of whom we have designated the administrative work of all of our community engagement projects.
On the week of the 2nd of December we will be launching a major community project. For two hours every day that week we will have a different society providing social entertainment and cultural performances to residents of the local TLC nursing home. Performances range from music and gospel to chess and poker. We even have the tea society on board who are simply volunteering to chat and engage with some of the community's older residents, many of whom have very little daily interactions with people other than nursing staff.

On this week not only will be reaching out to the senior citizens of Maynooth, we will also be arranging for a GAA blitz for all primary school 3rd and 4th classes, in aid of our Charity SOSAD. I have arranged for some of our GAA stars to help organise and manage the different teams in the blitz. We have also arranged for the two All-Ireland trophies to be there on the day and all of the kids will get opportunities for photos and autographs from our County players.
Both these events are offering ideal chances for Maynooth residents, young and old, to connect with the student body and for they themselves to get a taste of 'The Maynooth Experience'.

As such I would like to invite you to our Community Engagement Launch which will be held on Wednesday the 4th of December. We will be launching our Community engagement initiative and will be inviting all members of local community bodies, politicians and businesses. I believe that it is of imperative importance for both MSU and the University to be well represented at this event as it will be highlighting everybody's intent and interest in making greater connections between college and town. The event itself will be held in the Students Union at 7pm where tea, coffee and mince pies will be made available to all. There will also be a short presentation from myself and our An Tus employee on the importance of our projects to date and future plans and opportunities that we can implement.

As part of Mental Health Week there will be a Please Talk Remembrance Walk in memory of those who lost their lives through Suicide.

It will take place on Wed. Nov. 13th, leaving the South Campus Gates at 6pm across campus to the "Talking

Tent" outside John Hume if you wish to come along. The keynote speaker is Mr. Gerry Raleigh, Head of the National Office for Suicide Prevention with music from the NUIM Gospel Choir, refreshments to follow talk." The MSU's initiatives under Ben Finnegan's presidency were commended by members of the Council and the hope was expressed that links established between the MSU and Maynooth Community would be sustained by future MSU presidents.

Maynooth History Group

The OPW/Geraldine Castle requested a list of events for 2014. The History Group will be meeting to draw up a plan on November 22nd. It was noted that the Castle would be required for the Maynooth Festival in June. It was agreed that MCC should write letter of support to the OPW to follow up on a proposal that local history groups could offer tours of the Castle to the public. It was noted that the Castle is closed from October to May and this time could possibly be extended by volunteer guides.

The Morpeth Roll, NUI Maynooth Library
The Morpeth Roll- The Long Goodbye' containing c. 160,000 signatures which were gathered throughout Ireland in 1841 and in which the Duke of Leinster was involved is back in Maynooth. The signatures of members of the parishes of Maynooth and Kilcock are on display and open to the public to view during library opening hours. The exhibition ends 29 November. The parishes of Maynooth and Kilcock are on display and would be of particular interest to long established local families. A short video on the Roll on the History Department site on the NUI Maynooth website is very informative.

Scouts

Venturers are going to Glendalough and Lough Dan, Co. Wicklow. Cubs are doing a hike. Scouts will be helping with the Senior Citizens Sale of Work on Sunday 17th November. There will be a visit to Kerdiffstown House. Work on the Geraldine Hall is ongoing. The Bethlehem peace of light will be going ahead again this Christmas.

Senior Citizens

An enjoyable Halloween Party was had by all. They had the Annual Tony Smith Walk organised by the Labour Party raised c. €7,500. Maynooth Senior Citizens descended on the Dáil on 22 October in protest against attacks on Senior Citizens in the Budget 2014. Focus is on the Sale of Work next week which is the main fundraiser for the group. There will be the annual Christmas shopping night in Supervalu on 4th December and there will be a Christmas lunch on the 8th December which will close the year's activities.

Educate Together

The school had their Halloween walk in the grounds of the University and had their fourth Thriller performance. They had a very successful cake sale, which was a great social night and raised €2,500. The extension in the school is being finished off and the sensory room has been kitted out

Secondary School update

Planning permission for the second level schools was sent in last week. Once this is passed a mid-term board of management and an overarching governing board will be selected. Colm Ó Cearúil expressed his support for the plans for the schools which will be sharing resources and hoped that the Ionad would be allowed to growth within this first class facility. He drew attention to the recent Chief Inspector's Report on the poor performances in Maths and Irish. Sean Griffin pointed out that Maths in the Maynooth Post Primary was 34% way above the national average of 17% and was also far ahead of the

national average in Irish. SG requested that it be noted for clarification that Maynooth Post Primary School will continue to be there and that it is not been replaced in the new proposals.

Road planning around the new schools area was brought up. A new entrance will be designed. At the moment priority is given to the Kilcock Road and that a change in this will need to be considered as part of the planning process. There is constant movement of traffic on the Moyglare Road and will increase with the new school. It was stated that all planning included traffic planning as well.

Tidy Towns

The Saturday and Sunday clean up is going well with more people now involved. Kildare County Council hosted prize giving in the College last week. Mattie Callaghan travelled to Moynalty, Co. Meath to receive a bronze medal and scroll on behalf of Maynooth Tidy Towns. The scroll will be framed and a decision will be made as to its display, at their meeting next Thursday. Paul Croghan added that 2013 was a very successful year with many groups helping out and expressed the hope that this support would continue and that Kildare County Council's provision of new people will also be considerable addition to the Tidy Town efforts. Chewing gum is now being removed from the streets. It was noted that while the town is looking very good except for the appearance of Buckley Lodge outside the college gates. Thanks expressed to Kildare County Council.

Other reports

Maynooth Text Alert
Naiose Ó Cearúil reported Maynooth Text Alert is looking for new members. Residents have been contacted.

Christmas Lights

The Maynooth Business Association and the Students' Union will be helping to put up the Christmas lights over the next couple of days.
Paul Croghan noted that motorists are still turning at Carton Court on the Straffan Road to enter traffic going towards the M50.
What's in a name – Farrell's Bridge...?
Senan Griffin reported The bridge (locally know as Farrell's Bridge) and the green area in front of the college gates do not appears not to have an official name in documentation. The meeting was asked to consider appropriate names for these locations.
Farrell's Bridge can be kept but it needs to be submitted to the civil authorities. Once the name is decided it should be put on the bridge. If anyone knows of any documentary evidence for the names of these areas, please contact Senan Griffin. The Maynooth Historic Towns Atlas has already been checked. It was suggested that the official names could be launched at the Maynooth Festival.

Other non meeting news

Vanishing Art Exhibition – It was with great pleasure that many people visited the Vanishing Art Exhibition at Carton over the last few weeks. Local man Ken Folan has to be commended for his work in curating and setting the exhibition in Maynooth. Ken organised it from beginning to end including the production of a quality catalogue. He distributed Information leaflets (map included) to all houses in the locality. The idea came from his time in Australia where a similar but large scale exhibition took place on an annual basis and which attracted large numbers of viewers. The mainly outdoor exhibition was a delight with pieces represented from both professional artists and hobbyists. Ken hopes to continue with the event on an annual basis. Thanks to Carton House for facilitating the event.





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Know Your Rights

Know Your Rights A: The P60 tax certificate 2013

Question

My employer says I will get a P60 in January. What is this?

Answer

A P60 is the tax certificate you receive from your employer at the end of each tax year. Its full title is 'Certificate of Pay, Tax, Pay-Related Social Insurance, Universal Social Charge and Local Property Tax'.

The P60 is an important document. It states your pay during the year, the tax you paid and other deductions such as PRSI and Universal Social Charge. The P60 now also includes a record of Local Property Tax (LPT) paid, if you opt to have LPT deducted at source from your earnings.

If you need to claim a social welfare benefit you must give a P60 to the Department of Social Protection as evidence of how many PRSI contributions you paid in the year. You may also be required to provide a P60 as proof of your income, for example, if you are making a bank loan or mortgage application, if you are applying for social welfare payments or if you are applying for a student grant.

Your employer should give you your P60 for the previous tax year by 15 February of the following year. If your employer does not give you a P60 you should contact your local tax office. Revenue can contact your employer to obtain your P60 for you. Only an employer can issue a P60. However, Revenue can provide you with details of the pay and tax for the year in question as returned by your employer, which Revenue has on file.

If you stopped working for an employer before 31 December of the tax year you do not get a P60. You should get a P45 instead.

Know Your Rights B: Home Renovation Incentive

Question

I need to carry out some house repairs. What is the new scheme for home renovation that was announced in Budget 2014?

Answer

The Home Renovation Incentive (HRI) is a new scheme that enables homeowners to claim tax relief on repairs, renovations or improvement work carried out on their homes. The incentive will be paid in the form of a tax credit at 13.5% of qualifying expenditure, which can be set against your income tax over 2 years. You must be paying income tax – under PAYE or self-assessment – to avail of the incentive. You must also be up to date with your Local Property Tax obligations.

Any contractor you use must be registered for Value Added Tax (VAT) in Ireland and be tax-compliant. If several contractors, such as a builder, a plumber

and an electrician, carry out qualifying work on your home, you can combine the cost of the works to make up the minimum qualifying expenditure of €5,000 excluding VAT at 13.5%. (The maximum qualifying expenditure is €30,000 excluding VAT at 13.5%).

Repair, renovation or improvement work subject to VAT at 13.5% all qualify for the HRI, including extensions, garages and attic conversions; the supply and fitting of kitchens, bathrooms and built-in wardrobes; fitting of windows; plumbing, tiling, rewiring and plastering. Work subject to VAT at 23% (such as architect's fees) is not covered. Neither are items such as furniture, white goods or carpets.

The work must be carried out and paid for between 25 October 2013 and 31 December 2015. Qualifying work between 25 October 2013 and 31 December 2013 will be treated as if it was carried out and paid for in 2014. In general, the tax credit will be payable over the 2 years following the year in which the work is carried out and paid for. If you are a PAYE taxpayer, the amount of the allowable credit will be included in your annual Tax Credit Certificates. If you are a self-assessment taxpayer, it will be incorporated into your tax assessment.

Know Your Rights C: Opening a bank account

Question

I have recently moved to Ireland. However, I don't have any utility bills yet and I want to open a bank account. How can I satisfy the bank as to my identity?

Answer

Before you open an account with a financial institution, they have to establish your identity and verify your address. This requirement is set down in anti-money laundering legislation. Financial institutions include banks, building societies and credit unions.

You can prove your identity with one of the following:

- A valid passport or current Irish driving licence
- A National Age Card (issued by An Garda Síochána)
- An identification form with a photograph signed by a member of An Garda Síochána
- Documents issued by government departments showing your name, for example, a Public Services Card

You can provide evidence of your address with one of the following (which must show your address):

- A current utility bill (such as a gas, electricity or telephone or mobile phone bill)
- A current car or home insurance policy
- A document issued by a government department
- A certificate of tax credits issued by the Revenue Commissioners
- A current balancing statement ('Form P21') or a C2 certificate from the Revenue Commissioners
- A social insurance document

Note that you cannot use the same document to prove your identity and your address. Alternatively, you can provide a letter from your employer or licensed employment agency stating that you have recently arrived in Ireland and have started work but cannot yet provide evidence of your Irish address (you will have to provide evidence of your address at a later date). If you open an account that pays interest on your money, you also need to supply your PPS (Personal Public Service) number. If you do not have a PPS number, you can contact your local social welfare office for information on how to apply for one.

Know Your Rights D: PRSI on unearned income

Question

I understand that 'unearned income' such as rents, investments, dividends and interest on deposits will be liable for PRSI from 2014. I am employed and also have a small income from interest on savings. Will I have to pay PRSI on this?

Answer

It depends on how much income you get from your savings and on your age. People under 16 and over 66 remain exempt from PRSI and are not liable for the new charge.

You have to pay PRSI on the interest on your savings if you are what Revenue considers a 'chargeable person'. Employees and occupational pensioners (under 66) with additional unearned income of over €3,174 are considered 'chargeable persons' and are liable for the new 4% PRSI charge. They will pay the charge under Revenue's self-assessment system (Pay and File).

You are not a 'chargeable person' and you do not have to pay PRSI if your additional income from non-PAYE sources is less than €3,174 and is taxed under the PAYE system. Generally such income is taxed by reducing a person's tax credits to account for any tax payable.

Deposit Interest Retention Tax (DIRT) is a final liability for income tax purposes. This means that if DIRT has been paid on your deposit interest you are not liable to pay further tax on this income. However if you are a chargeable person PRSI is payable on such deposit interest.

If you are liable for PRSI on your additional unearned income you will pay PRSI at Class K. This class does not entitle you to any social insurance benefits. People whose only income is unearned income will continue to pay Class S PRSI on this income as before and are entitled to some social insurance benefits.

Further information is available on welfare.ie and from the Citizens Information Centre below.

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





Maynooth Newsletter Editorial

As we go to print the Troika will officially leave our shores and technically Éire will be a sovereign state again. But will we, or any other European country, ever be entirely sovereign again with Europe watching budgets in all its states? We can only wait and see. It is unlikely that there will be any great fanfare as they leave but the country can have some pride in the fact that we have finished with the bailout.

The next year, 2014, marks the 1000th anniversary of the most famous of early Irish battles, the Battle of Clontarf. More on that as the year progresses and the Newsletter editorials will contain some information on the main players in this ground-breaking event that had a major influence on the formation of medieval Ireland. There are many myths surrounding this battle and as history is not exactly a priority in the Irish education system, children seldom hear the true events and adults know very little about the reality of their early history. It is disappointing that Minister Quinn does not seem to rate History as an important subject for the Leaving Certificate either.

November has been a month of anniversaries. The 22nd marked the assassination of President Kennedy of course and there is not an Irish person who was over 7 or 8 years of age who do not remember exactly where they were on that inauspicious evening. After his visit to Ireland in the previous June he had made a most extraordinary impact everywhere he went. He had been to Ireland before of course as a young boy but his victorious return as a young, Catholic president accompanied by the so-called 'Irish Mafia' was a turning point in the minds of many young people. He was a bright shining beacon whose family was symbol of what was possible for a poor Irish family when they went to America. He opened up unbelievable possibilities for so many Irish teenagers. The shock of seeing him shot into Jackie's lap live on television was another turning point – from now on most events of this kind would be played out in public and never would a President of the USA be allowed to drive around so freely. There was an unwritten and unspoken threat forever afterwards. The conspiracy theories still continue, the media has been full of the story and books still appear on the topic. It does appear that this mysterious murder will be discussed for the next 50 years as well.

November 23rd marked the 50th anniversary of another mysterious figure – the BBC's creation Doctor Who and there has been a lot of talk about this entirely fictional figure as well with the TV in particular celebrating on many different programmes and then with the anniversary episode that brought a number of different doctors together for the first time. Although aimed at children initially and primarily, it has a strong cult following of dedicated adults who follow the series.

The arguments and disagreements about the make up and the location of the new Post-Primary Schools continue unabated in Maynooth. The Newsletter tried to bring this issue to the attention of the public over a long period of time. There were editorials and letters produced and indeed reproduced but it made very little impact that time. There is an open letter to Ruairí Quinn, the Minister for Education, in this publication and the topic seems set to rumble on and on into the future. The good news of an extra school to house the growing youthful population of the town and surrounding areas is being lost in the controversy.

Maynooth is a vibrant, growing town and there is a general baby boom in the country and there will be a huge demand for primary and post-primary schools in many of the urbanised areas over the next 20 years.

The news of the imprisonment of three women, one of whom is Irish, is breaking as we go to print. There is general shock and horror that this could happen in a busy London street in full view of the neighbours. But in these busy days how much do people really know about the people who live around them? And could this happen in Ireland where we pride ourselves on being friendly and neighbourly? With modern apartment living it is perhaps more likely that people no longer know each other as they used to in the past. With the stories of mistreatment of children in particular in Ireland, people should be aware and watchful as we do

not have a good track record in sympathy, empathy or care.

The Newsletter would like to take this opportunity to wish all of readers a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. Ba mhaith linne anseo san Nuachtlitir to mbeidh Nollaig and Bliain Nua shona ag gach éinne atá bainteach linn. Tá súil againn go mbeidh an bhliain seo chugainn níos fearr ná an ceann a chuaigh thart anois agus Troika imithe, go hoifigiúil ar aon nós.

Tá fáilte roimh litreacha agus altanna ó'n bpobal to dtí'n Nuachtlitir. We would like to remind our readers again that we welcome letters and articles to the paper.

Muireann Ni Bhrolchain

Letters to the Editor

An Open Letter to Minister Quinn

November 19th 2013

Dear Minister Quinn,

I write to you on behalf of **The Maynooth Schools Group** delegation, who met with you on May 29th 2013. We are now seeking clarification from you on a number of issues in relation to the New Schools Project in Maynooth.

Firstly, is the letter, which was addressed to Deputy Stagg and presented to us on September 25th 2013, your official response to us? If this is the case, would you please answers to the following related questions:

1. Was, the *Dr Gerry Jeffers report, commissioned by the VEC, taken into consideration, particularly the postscript?
2. Did you read the presentation made by this Maynooth Schools Group delegation?
3. Was the Patron's view of the Junior/Senior Schools concept taken into account?

Why were the parents/guardians not surveyed on the change of ethos of Maynooth Post Primary school? The parent bodies are now very concerned and indeed extremely annoyed that the parents' stated and documented parental preference has been completely ignored. Parents and guardians believe your decision, to use the buildings as 'two separate fully vertical schools' will divide the community of Maynooth and has generated calls for a boycott of the new school.

We, in our presentation outlined very clearly the advantages of the Junior/Senior concept. Yet, neither you nor your Department have at any stage since our meeting with you, responded to the parent body and explained to them the disadvantages of this concept or given the reasons why it is an unacceptable proposal. Also, nowhere in the letter to Deputy Stagg have you or any other body set out the reasons for your preference for two vertical schools as opposed to the Junior/Senior concept. Instead your letter went on to explain elaborately how your preference for two vertical schools would be organised. This approach is very much at variance with your stated position when you announced your new school building programme " *parental preference should be at the heart of considerations about the type of school to be organised* ". This cosy sound-bite is obviously for public consumption but not for implementation.

At our most recent meeting, our group considered organising a ballot of the parents/guardians on the Junior/Senior concept and on the question of ethos. We would appreciate any guidelines in conducting this, which would guarantee its viability and acceptance by your Department of Education and Skills.

It is still not too late to do the right thing on mature reflection and give the parents of Maynooth their preferred choice. Enrolment for both schools is now being processed so an early reply would be greatly appreciated or we would be glad to meet with you at your earliest convenience.

Yours Sincerely,

Teresa Murray

Chairperson of **The Maynooth Schools Group**

*Co Kildare VEC invited Dr Gerry Jeffers PhD, Education Department, NUI Maynooth, as an independent consultant, to engage with various stakeholders and report on the views associated with the proposed developments.

http://www.maynoothcampus.kildarevec.ie/uploads/1/2/0/1/12012149/msp_interim_report-2.pdf

(The letter above which is published in the interest of public information does not reflect the views of Maynooth Community Council or the Maynooth Newsletter)





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| 01-Sep | 5,8,9,18 | €2,700 | Gina Folan - Colette Kavanagh - Jenny Sutton |
| 08-Sep | 1,6,16,19 | €2,750 | Patsy Leavy - Liam Curley - Terry Hinds |
| 15-Sep | 5,8,12,24 | €2,800 | Aidan Dempsey - Aisling & Liam - Caroline Mc Cabe |
| 22-Sep | 1,7,10,17 | €2,850 | B, J & D Penny - A & M Murnane - Martin O' Grady |
| 29-Sep | 6,13,16,17 | €2,900 | Michele Hever - Austin Duffy - Ger Nugent |
| 06-Oct | 11,18,20,21 | €2,950 | Finn Geraghty - May Mahoney - Siobhan Millar |
| 13-Oct | 11,14,17,28 | €3,000 | Tess & Derek - Mary Mc Grath - C & A Mallaghan |
| 20-Oct | 2,8,14,20 | €3,050 | Keith Farrell - Gerard Hynes - Conor Cleary |
| 27-Oct | 2,5,12,21 | €3,100 | Anne Wall - Joanna Carroll - Oisin Geoghan |
| 03-Nov | 3,4,13,22 | €3,150 | Mick Mc Govern - Dave Vavasour - Eugene Doddy |
| 10-Nov | 16,17,22,26 | €3,200 | Lauren Murphy - Aidan & Siobhan O'Brien - Lorraine Dunne |
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*Happy Christmas & A Peaceful New Year
To All
From Maynooth Town FC*





Christmas Traditional Recipes



Traditional Christmas Roast Turkey

Tips: If using a frozen turkey follow the instructions very carefully on the wrapper. It is important to allow plenty of time for thawing. Allow 20 minutes per lb or 45 minutes per kg and 20 minutes over.

Ingredients: For the Turkey: 5oz margarine (softened), 6-8 tablespoons of oil.
To flavour body cavity: salt & pepper, 1 sprig of thyme & parsley, 1 oz of margarine
To stuff breast: use your choice of stuffing.

Oven Temperature: Pre-heat to Gas Mark 7/220°C for the first half hour then reduce to Gas Mark 4/180°C for the remaining time.

Method: Remove any loose fat then check inside the body cavity to make sure it is well cleaned. Season the cavity with salt and pepper, then place the herbs and 1oz of margarine to add flavour. Free the skin gently from the breast by working your hand down under the skin, from the neck end. Fill it with the stuffing immediately prior to cooking. Don't pack it too tightly. When done, skewer the neck. Cover the breast and legs with the softened margarine and season all over with the salt and pepper. Heat the oil in a large roasting tin in the oven. Place the turkey in the tin and baste with the hot oil. Roast at the high temperature for the first half hour, then reduce the heat for the remaining cooking time. Cover with foil at this stage. Don't forget to baste frequently during cooking, turning the tin around in the oven to ensure even cooking. Half an hour before the end of cooking time, test by piercing the thickest part of the leg, the juices should run clear and golden. There should be brown turkey juice in the pan. If not continue cooking until you are satisfied the turkey is cooked fully. For a crispy skin remove the foil for the last half an hour. When cooked, remove the turkey to a heated dish and leave for at least 20-30 minutes to relax and firm up.



Roast Goose

Tip: Allow 1 lb (450g) cooked weight per person.

Method: Cut the goose and singe off the pin feathers and down if necessary. Season the cavity with salt and pepper. Rub a little salt into the skin. Stuff the goose loosely and roast for 2 hours in a preheated moderate oven, 180°C/350°F. Prick the thigh at the thickest part, the juices that run out should be clear. If they are still pink, the goose needs a little longer to cook. When cooked, remove the goose to a serving dish and allow to rest for a few minutes.



Spiced Beef

Ingredients: Lean flap of beef or silverside 3-4 lbs would serve 12-16 people.

For the spice: 8oz Demerara sugar, 12oz salt, ½oz saltpetre (available from the chemists), 3oz whole black pepper, 3oz whole allspice & 3oz whole juniper berries.

Method: Grind all the ingredients in a food processor until fairly fine. If you are using flank of beef, remove all the bones and trim away any unnecessary fat. Rub the spice well over the beef and into every crevice. Put into an earthenware dish and leave in a fridge or cold larder for 3-7 days, turning occasionally. Just before cooking, roll and tie the joint neatly with cotton string into a compact shape, cover with cold water and simmer for 2-3 hours or until soft and cooked. When cooked let it rest for a few minutes.



Glazed Ham

Tip: Allow 20 minutes to 1 lb for ham and 15 minutes for a loin of bacon.

Ingredients: 1 piece of fresh or lightly smoked ham 10-12lbs, 1 small tin of pineapple (use about ½ cup of the juice), 12oz brown Demerara sugar, 60-80 whole cloves or as much cloves as you like.

Method: If the ham is salty, soak it in cold water overnight, next day discard the water. Cover the ham with fresh cold water and bring it slowly to the boil. If the meat is still salty, change the water a few times until there is no white froth on the top. On the last boil, turn heat down and let to simmer until it is almost cooked. Peel off the rind, cut the fat into a diamond pattern and stud each diamond with a clove. Blend the brown sugar to a paste with a little pineapple juice. Just be careful not to put in too much. Spread this over the ham. Bake in a hot oven 250°C/500°F for 20 minutes or until the top has caramelised. While it is glazing, baste regularly with the syrup and juices.



Wild Mushroom Stroganoff with Herb Crumb Topping (vegetarian)

Ingredients: 675g potatoes, peeled & cut into chunks, 150ml milk or soya milk, 1 tbsp mixed fresh herbs, finely chopped, 40g butter or margarine, 450 assorted white mushrooms, roughly chopped, 2 cloves garlic, crushed, 150ml double cream, 50g fresh white breadcrumbs, 2 tbsp fresh herbs, finely chopped, salt & ground black pepper to taste.

Method: Boil or steam the potatoes until tender. Drain and return to the pan. Heat the milk, pour over the potatoes and mash well. Stir in the herbs and season to taste. Melt 15g butter or margarine in a pan. Add mushrooms and garlic and cook gently for 5 minutes. Stir in the cream, season to taste then heat gently and cover and keep warm. Melt the remaining 25g of butter or margarine in a pan and stir in the breadcrumbs, herbs and season to taste. To assemble, serve individually by placing equal portions of the mashed potato on each plate. Spoon the mushroom sauce over the top and finish with the topping. Toast under a hot grill until golden brown.



Mulled Red Wine (Serves 8)

Ingredients: 1 bottle of good red wine, 4oz sugar, thinly pared rind of 1 lemon, a small piece of cinnamon bark, a blade of mace and 1 clove.

Method: Put the sugar into a stainless steel or cast-iron saucepan, pour the wine over, add the lemon rind, cinnamon bark, mace and the clove. Heat slowly, stirring to make sure the sugar is dissolved. When it is hot but not scalding serve in glasses with a wedge of lemon in each one.



Irish Coffee

Ingredients: 1 measure Irish Whiskey, ½ measure Kahlúa (optional), 5 measures hot black coffee, 1½ measure whipped cream and sugar.

Method: Warm glass first. Add coffee and liquors to glass and sweeten to taste. Gently float the cream on top.



Baileys Milk Shake

Ingredients: 1½ measure Baileys, 1 measure white rum, ¾ measure Kahlúa, 3 tablespoons vanilla ice-cream and 1 measure whipped cream. Some crushed ice.

Method: Blend briefly with half a glassful of crushed ice, float the whipped cream on top. Garnish: cherry on a stick, add straws.





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The Gatehouse is a new restaurant in Maynooth, which brings a multi-cultural approach and a continental flavour to the table. Alan O' Regan is the owner of this restaurant and has many years catering experience and has ran an award winning restaurant in Dublin after a number of years working in the hospitality trade throughout Europe, Canada and Australia. Located in the centre of town,

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Alan O' Regan is a local man and is very much involved in the community and engages with community events and organisations and even manages the under 10's Maynooth Town Football Team which won the league cup in 2012. It is these qualities of engagement and management skills which Alan has brought to his approach to his restaurant and ultimately to the dining experience which every customer should and does enjoy. There is also a gourmet pizza and pasta takeaway selection on offer. So whether you are thinking of a cosy, intimate meal for two or would like to book for a larger event, then why not think of the Gatehouse Café & Restaurant, where the celebrations and the moment can be savoured in a warm, pleasant atmosphere set against a backdrop of ambience, charm and a homely character.

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Planning a Winter Break?

Over the holiday season, there is always a danger of losing fitness as some people abandon their exercise routine. Whether it's the cold, the short days, a lack of time or the need for a shopping spree, training can often be shelved at this time of year. As we know, training is hugely beneficial; however, the effects only persist if we stick with it. Changing your usual routine or having a new training plan designed for you is a great way to stay motivated and to overcome the challenges of wintertime.

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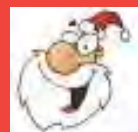
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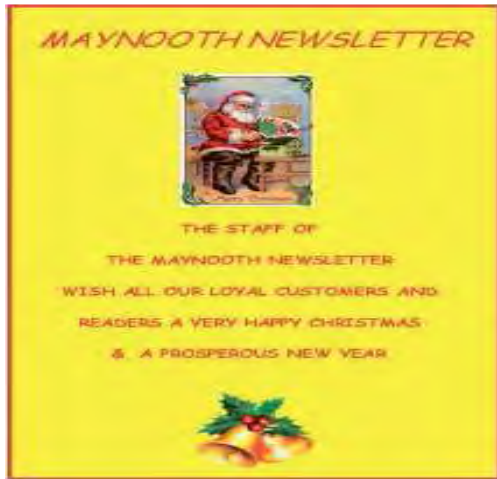
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Maynooth Scouts Update

Maynooth scouts have been working very hard since 2002 to build their own den. To help with the fundraising efforts a Parents and Friends group was set up in 2007 and these very dedicated people have been very busy organising and running many fundraising events since then and their efforts are ongoing. They have organised a large range of different events including "Who Wants to be a Thousandaire", to pub Quizzes, sales of work, bag packs, selling 12 days of Christmas tickets - which we are currently selling. To date they have raised over €105,000 which has all been allocated to the building and renovation of the Geraldine Hall in Maynooth. We really appreciate all the help we have got, from both past and present members of the Parents and Friends group, for the project and we continue to look for the support of the whole community to complete this wonderful project. Many Thanks - Peter Garrad - Group Leader - 8th Kildare Maynooth Scouts



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Don't be tempted by a price tag; my golden rule is no matter how low the price tag if I wouldn't buy it at full price it's not a bargain. On average women have at least 22 items in our wardrobes we never wear so don't add to this pile. Remember you often can't get a refund on sales items so there's no changing your mind afterwards and mistakes can be costly and such a waste of money.

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Maynooth Labour News

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Green Filter Light at Glenroyal/Straffan Road Junction

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

"That a left green filter light be installed at the Glenroyal exit to the Straffan Road to act at the same time as the right green filter inwards, in order to reduce the tailback of cars trying to exit from the hotel/shopping centre."

John was given the following reply at the Area Meeting on 15 November:

"Due to geometric constraints at the junction (i.e. the angle for traffic exiting from the Glenroyal Hotel/Shopping Centre Site), it is not possible to guarantee that traffic exiting left from Glenroyal can complete the turn in a safe manner. Furthermore, there is little scope to disaggregate both left and right turning traffic from the Glenroyal so the possible benefits are limited."

Cllr. McGinley dismissed the reply as being meaningless and asked that the Roads Engineer meets him on site to discuss the issue. This was agreed.

Cllr. McGinley Asks for a Light to be Erected Over the AIB ATM Machine on Main Street, Maynooth:

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

"That Allied Irish Bank, Maynooth, be asked to install a light over their ATM machine at their premises on Main Street, similar to the light at their banklink at the Glenroyal Hotel, in the interests of public safety."

As a result of John's motion the members agreed to send a letter to Allied Irish Bank, Maynooth.

Update on Cllr. McGinley's Request for a Disabled Parking Bay at Pound Street, Maynooth.

John got the following update at the Area Meeting on 15 November:

"The area office has reviewed the location in detail. It is not possible to install a disabled parking bay at this location as (i) the footpath

is of insufficient width, and (ii) the road is not wide enough to accommodate a standard disabled parking bay which requires a hatched 1m surround to accommodate safe access to the vehicle. However, if the area office is asked to install a non standard bay which will not comply with regulations it may be possible to make an exception and install the bay. However, we would need to install the signage for the bay flush to the front gable of the house to minimise any reduction in the width of the already narrow path. "

Cllr. McGinley stated a non standard bay should be installed without any further delay

Update on Draft Maynooth Parking By-Laws

The Area Committee were given a new Draft of the By-Laws at the Area Meeting on 15 November. Cllr. McGinley has submitted a list of amendments to be decided on at a Special Area Meeting on 22 November.

Pedestrian crossing at St Mary's Boys National School, Maynooth

Both Cllr. Griffin and Cllr. McGinley have submitted motions on this safety issue over the last six months. At the Area Meeting on 15 November the Area Engineer stated that he will install a Pelican Crossing at the ramp when funds are available.

Update on Deputation from Pikesbridge Road, Maynooth Residents Association.

The Area Engineer reported that a traffic survey commenced on the 11 November and is ongoing for the week. Cllr. McGinley asked that the Area Engineer should give his proposed traffic calming measures to the next Area Meeting on 20 December

Maynooth Post Primary Schools

At the last meeting of the Kildare & Wicklow Education & Training Board (formerly the VEC) an Interim Board for the new Maynooth Community College was selected and the Governing Authority for The Maynooth Education Campus (covering the two schools) was also selected. Cllr. John McGinley was selected as one of the ten representatives on the Governing Authority.

Stagg Welcomes Creation of 110 Jobs by Maynooth Business

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement that Technology Firm Sentenial, located at the Maynooth Business Campus, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, are to hire

an additional 110 staff over the next 14 months bringing their total workforce to 270 people.

80 of the New Jobs will be created in Maynooth with a further 30 throughout Europe.

Sentenial, stated Deputy Stagg, are a financial technology firm and are hiring additional staff for its payment technology. Sentenial are Europe's leading payments solution provider and implementation partner, helping banks and businesses prepare for the switch to the Single Euro Payments Area.

Deputy Stagg stated that he wanted to congratulate the Chief Executive and Founder of Sentenial Sean Fitzgerald who has built a successful indigenous Irish Technology Business from a start up in 2003 into a rapidly growing business at the heart of the European payments system. Not only have we an additional 110 jobs announced recently but this company have hired 100 additional staff in the past 12 months.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that the announcement showed that the Action Plan for Jobs is creating the necessary supports to allow Irish Businesses to grow and it shows that Irish Businesses can compete with the best in the world.

Cllr. John McGinley can be contacted at: 6285293 or 087 9890645

E mail jmcginley@eircom.net

Web: www.labour.ie/johnmcginley/

Vincent's

The management, volunteers and staff of the two Vincent's shops would like to thank all of their customers for their very valuable support throughout 2013. These two shops, along with their sister shops throughout the country, are vital and quite necessary in our fundraising efforts to alleviate some of the burdens which affect many people within our community and it is with the exceedingly generous support of those within our community that make it possible to address some of these burdens. The kind donations and contributions which many people in our locality have given generously over the year are very much appreciated and acknowledged. Now as we approach the festive season the management and staff would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year and we look forward to seeing you all in 2014





RUN FOR MUM 2013



The fourth annual Run for Mum – in memory of the late Deirdre Cusker – will be the biggest yet as runners and walkers get ready for the annual St Stephen's Day event in Maynooth.

Now firmly established in Maynooth's festive calendar, this year's run will raise more badly-needed funds for the suicide-prevention charity, the 3Ts (Turning the Tide of Suicide). Last year's record-breaking event attracted a huge crowd along Carton Avenue and when the final sums were completed, a cheque of €3,341.87 was presented to the 3Ts.

While there will be plenty of local competition on the day, festive cheer is the main priority for the organisers, who are looking forward to judging the best fancy-dress outfit on the day. Willie Wonka, Big Bird and Batman have all made memorable appearances in the past and this year it's rumoured that some big-name Hollywood film stars will be lining the 3km route.

Starting and finishing at Carton Avenue, just off Maynooth's Main Street, local runner Conor Burke from Celbridge AC won last year's event in a time of 9.05 while Kilcoole AC's Joanne Cullen – a niece of Deirdre Cusker – was the first lady to complete the course in a time of 11.39.

Also among the field were the Cusker family – Deirdre's husband Willie and their two children Neil and

Caoimhe – and their efforts helped to raise an astonishing €3,341.87 for the 3Ts.

Speaking about last year's Run for Mum, Chairman of 3TS Noel Smyth said:

"I'd like to personally thank the Cusker family and their friends for organising this brilliant event, which attracted hundreds of people this year and no doubt will continue to grow in the coming years.

The considerable sum raised of over €3,000 assists us in continuing to fund research and provide resources to prevent Suicide in Ireland and equally, the Run for Mum provides a valuable platform to deliver a message of hope to anyone who may feel that they are at a crisis point in their life or are worried about someone who may be in crisis. There is help available.

The Cuskers, with the warm support of their friends, have created an outreach for people to come together and address the issue of Suicide prevention, while honouring the memory of their beloved mother, wife and friend, Deirdre, in a way of which she would no doubt be very proud of. Fun, community and empathy are the core values of the Run for Mum and are values that 3Ts would love to see echoed in every community in Ireland."

Since the Run for Mum started in 2010, the Cusker family and friends have raised almost €20,000 for the 3Ts charity as well as increasing awareness about the important work of the 3Ts in the area of suicide prevention.

WHAT: Run for Mum 2013 – 3km fun-run open to runners and walkers alike

WHEN: St Stephen's Day (26 December, 2013)

WHERE: Carton Avenue, Maynooth

HOW MUCH: Donations of €10 to 3Ts or whatever you can afford

For further information contact:

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Maynooth Fianna Fáil Notes

Tidy Towns and Pride of Place awards

Congratulations to all Tidy Towns organisations throughout Kildare. Straffan won a Gold medal, while Maynooth came away with a Bronze medal. This is a massive achievement for Maynooth Tidy Towns.

Clean Ups are still taking place on Saturday Mornings at 10am if people are willing to join. Congratulations also to winners in Clane, Straffan, Kilcock, Prosperous, Rathcoffey and Johnstown-bridge for wins in their categories in Kildare County Council pride of place awards.

Kilcock Harbour needs attention NOW

The Royal Canal in Kilcock is in need of immediate attention. The water is severely polluted by a burst pipe. The harbour in Kilcock is one of the primary amenities in the town. People are getting sick at the moment and this isn't good enough. Kildare County Council must take immediate action as it is now a matter of public health.

This pollution is moving up the Royal Canal towards Maynooth and immediate action must be taken to confine the issue.

Christmas Lights on Main Street Maynooth

I have been out most nights until late helping Maynooth Business Association put up the Christmas Lights. All the lights have been put up and there are a few bits to do in the square to bring the town to life for Christmas.

A big thank you to Maynooth Business Association for organising, sponsoring and putting up the lights.

Maynooth and Kilcock Lions Club Philippine Appeal

The Maynooth and Kilcock Lions Club held a very successful Philippine appeal in Brady's lounge last Wednesday, the 20th of November. The Club are sending out a container of clothes to those in the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan.

During the night a Philippine band played with the NUI Maynooth Trad Society and a brilliant night was had by all.

Congratulations to all involved.

Senior Citizens Sale of Work

Congratulations to the Senior Citizens Committee for organising another hugely successful Sale of Work. Hundreds attended the event and the people of Maynooth donated very generously. I was stationed on the bottle stall and €600 was raised there alone.

Remember to look after your elderly neighbours this winter.

Ó Cearúil raises Parliamentary Questions in relation to the Maynooth Education Campus through Charlie McConalogue T.D., Fianna Fáil Spokesman on Education and Skills

To the Minister for Education and Skills, Ruairí Quinn

"It has come to light in recent days that Maynooth Post Primary School has a Catholic ethos. This is contrary to what students, parents and staff believed since the opening of the school. The community of Maynooth were under the impression that it had a multi denominational ethos. Can the Minister clarify the ethos of the school and when this ethos came into effect?"

"Can the minister clarify why his department came to the conclusion to establish Maynooth Community College rather than the Junior/ Senior model recommended by parents and the Gerry Jeffers report? Furthermore I would like to ask the minister why he came to his decision prior to reading this report as it was not published at the time of his decision"

Ó Cearúil makes representations to Kildare County Council on issues affecting residents of Maynooth

- 1) Coates Lane, the lane between Supermacs and Permanent TSB. There is a bad pothole on the permanent TSB side near the rear entrance car park. Two people have fallen due to it.
- 2) Leinster Park, Maynooth. The road in the estate is in very bad condition. One resident got a flat tyre from driving on it and it is hazardous.
- 3) Traffic Calming Measures are needed to tackle speeding in Greenfields estate Maynooth.
- 4) Housing List issues for three families.

If I can be of any assistance to you personally please do not hesitate in contacting me. I will always try my hardest for you – Naoise.

CHILL Restaurant Maynooth Opened by Naoise Ó Cearúil

On Friday the 27th of September CHILL Restaurant was officially opened at 8pm. The restaurant is located at the side of Manor Mills Shopping Centre Maynooth beside the river. The restaurant is a spin off of the highly successful CHILL Café in N.U.I. Maynooth. CHILL which is owned by Michael Shortt and local man Brian Bean will bring a whole new dining experience to Maynooth and to Ireland. CHILL Restaurant caters for all tastes, from salads, pulled pork, asian dishes, steaks, burgers to Latin American cuisine. Customers will enjoy the CHILL experience where nothing is normal and completely different from any restaurant.

The new restaurant is hiring 40 new staff, going against current national trends and bringing a much needed jobs boost to Maynooth. This will bring the amount of staff that CHILL employ to over 70.

The official opening had music, acts and celebrities attending. The restaurant was officially opened by Naoise Ó Cearúil, local Fianna Fáil Representative and a close friend of Michael and Brian's.

E-mail - naoiseoceanuil@gmail.com

A Chara,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those connected to my recent Coffee Morning in aid of the Hospice Foundation. Firstly, thanks to my family and friends without whose help I would be unable to hold the event. I extend my gratitude to the local businesses that made donations of cash or raffle prizes. Their generosity is unwavering year after year. There are too many to name individually so I hope they accept this as a token of thanks.

Finally, to all the people that attended the event or made donations in their absence, I extend a sincere thanks. The final sum raised on the day was €3,166 for which St. Brigids Hospice in the Curragh is most grateful. I hope I can count on the support of all these individuals again next year. Remember, to die with dignity is a right, not a privilege.

Thank You

May Daly
Moyglare Road
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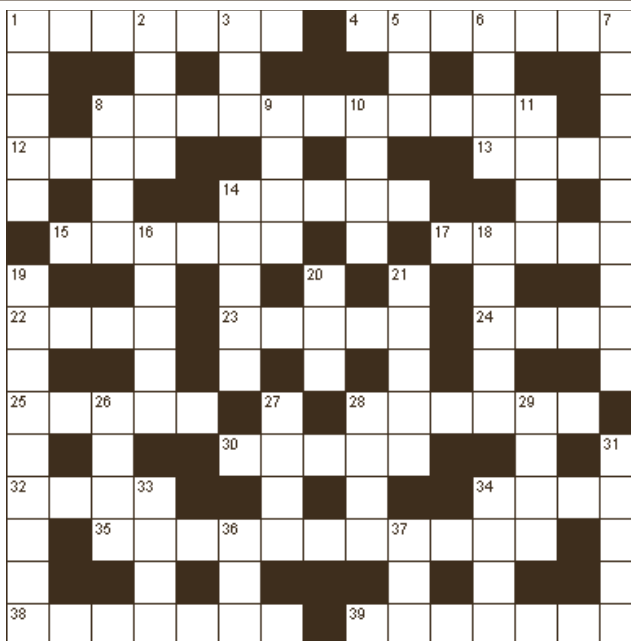
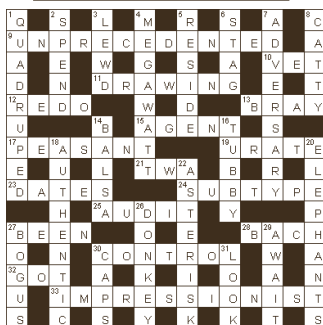


**Clues Across**

1. Exhibitionist (4-3)
4. Glitter (7)
8. Correspondence assistants (11)
12. Grant temporary use of (4)
13. Double (4)
14. Hand operated implements (5)
15. Acquire (6)
17. Hot tempered (5)
22. Starchy food grain (4)
23. State in the NW United States (5)
24. Bird of peace (4)
25. Hard to please (5)
28. Procession (6)
30. Pertaining to the pope (5)
32. Smack (4)
34. Animal hunted for food (4)
35. Worthy of respect (11)
38. Petting (7)
39. Move forward (7)

December 2013 / January 2014 Crossword - No: 420**Clues Down**

1. Motionless (5)
2. Undesirable plant (4)
3. Evergreen tree (3)
5. For each (3)
6. Regretted (4)
7. Staff (9)
8. Rebuff (4)
9. English public school (4)
10. Skilfully (4)
11. Free from doubt (4)
14. Shy (5)
16. Forest (5)
18. Republic in S Asia (5)
19. Artisan (9)
20. Craze (3)
21. Ethical (5)
26. Celestial body (4)
27. Loch (4)
28. Gone by (4)
29. Venture (4)
31. Recurring series (5)
33. Peep (4)
34. Entreaty (4)
36. Writing instrument (3)
37. Help (3)

**Answers to Crossword 419****Entries in before:
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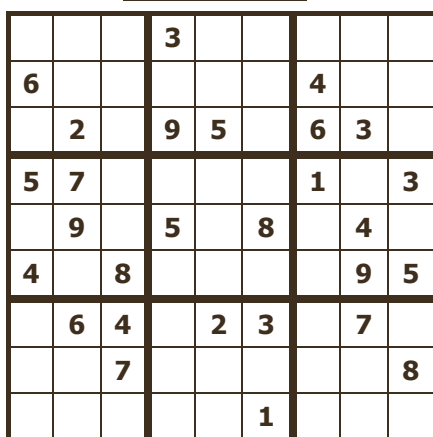
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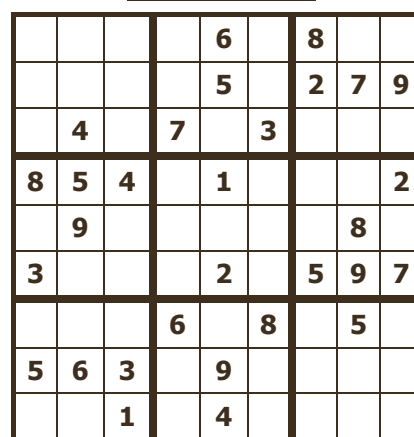
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Catherine Murphy Independent TD

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The Irish Connection can Reap Many Hallowe'en Benefits

Independent TD Catherine Murphy today published a short document examining some of the history of Hallowe'en and staking Ireland's ownership of the ancient festival. The purpose of the document is to highlight the Irish origins and make the case for an international festival similar to St. Patrick's Day, in order to reap the cultural and economic benefits associated with Hallowe'en.

"It's widely known that the origins of Hallowe'en are to be found in the ancient Celtic and pre-Christian celebration of Samhain, which was essentially a gathering time for clan and kin at the change of seasons - a time that these people believed mixed the world of the living with the world of the dead.

"Even though Samhain changed over the centuries - the macabre theme of day has endured and Hallowe'en has now become a secular event widely celebrated by many people across the world, from every background."

"We are in a position to seize the opportunity to recognise Hallowe'en as another cultural event, synonymous with Ireland, which is enjoyed by millions. By incorporating the myriad of existing events and fostering new ones under an umbrella cultural identifier, we could increase tourism, legitimise unofficial celebrations and perhaps raise funds to eliminate some of the anti-social elements of the current celebration.

"When one considers the vast sums which are spent each year on Hallowe'en - some \$8bn in the US alone in 2012, up 55% since 2005 - the economic argument is obvious. Whilst the gathering may have been successful for one year, embracing Hallowe'en could potentially allow us reintroduce an annual gathering that draws on something that is culturally and historically significant to this country.

Maynooth School Debacle Highlighted in Dáil

Independent TD Catherine Murphy has tabled a series of Questions to the Minister for Education, Ruairi Quinn regarding the confusion surrounding the establishment of the new Maynooth Community College which will eventually stand on the same site as the new Maynooth Post-Primary School.

Deputy Murphy was contacted by a number of parents who are very concerned about the news, some of whom are members of the parent's committees that have been involved in a lengthy process with the Department of Education to ensure that the needs of the children, parents and the Maynooth area are met. However despite the parent's being led to believe that their views would be paramount, it now appears that the Department have decided to proceed with plans that differ substantially from the preferred plans of the parents committees.

"People in Maynooth have a very high regard for Maynooth Post Primary School and are therefore rightly concerned about this turn of events. They are particularly worried that the Department does not

understand the importance of the school model to the local community. The non-denominational model provided by the VEC School is regarded as a unifying force in the town and any move to change that to a catholic ethos school is seen as fundamentally changing the school environment."

"Parents seem to have been led through a process where they believed their views were being taken into account and prioritised yet they now find themselves in a situation where their views are, for the most part, being disregarded, and the Department appear to be pursuing their own agenda."

"I have tabled different Parliamentary Questions to Minister Quinn, all focusing on different aspects of the process and the Department's plans and also trying to help him understand the significance of the issue here in Maynooth. The Minister will be required to reply to me within the week and hopefully we will have a clearer idea then of what steps we can take next. "

List of PQ's as Follows:

To ask the Minister for Education what Irish research informs policy into the strengths and weaknesses in terms of the effectiveness of learning in post primary schools of different sizes e.g. 250; 500; 750; 1000; 1250; 1500 what size school falls into the category super school and if he will make a statement on the matter.

To Ask the Minister for Education what aspects if any of the presentation made by (Maynooth Schools Group meeting 29/5/2013) where considered when the decision was made to provide for 2 vertical schools on the same campus as opposed to the junior/senior option of the existing school, the preferred choice of parents; what if any consideration was given to (the Gerry Jeffers Report) which was commissioned by Co Kildare VEC; what consultation was had between the Department and the VEC and if he will make a statement on the matter.

To ask the Minister for Education if the decision is intended to change the status of (Maynooth Post Primary School) from that of a multi-denominational school to that of a catholic ethos; if he is aware that the school is not regarded as a denominational school that the school is seen as an inclusive school that welcomes all needs, all creeds and none; is he aware that there are no Church representatives on the Board of Management; what role do the Board of Management and the VEC play in changing the ethos of an existing school; in the event that the school is now designated a Catholic School what knock on effect will that have on enrolment policy in terms of priority given to children of a particular faith and if he will make a statement on the matter.

To ask the Minister for Education if the pupils from the (Educate Together School in Maynooth) will be required to enrol in the proposed new (Maynooth Community College) or will it be open to them to attend (Maynooth Post Primary School) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

To ask the Minister for Education how it is intended to handle the downsizing of (Maynooth Post Primary School) what the maximum intake will be; what

consideration has been given to subject choice in that scenario during the transition period and if he will make a statement on the matter.

To ask the Minister for Education why there has been no direct correspondence between his Department and the parent body of (Maynooth Post Primary School) why no explanation has been given as to why the junior/senior option, their preferred option was not agreed to; if he will agree to a plebiscite of parents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. To ask the Minister for Education what if any consideration was given to the wider community impact of the decision to provide for two vertical post primary schools as opposed to a junior/senior school on the one site in Maynooth; if he is aware that the Post Primary School is regarded as a unifying force in the town; if he is aware of the high regard for the school felt in the area; if he has concerns that the two school model might amplify the various stratifications within the community and might lead to cherry picking in what might develop into good school v better school option; if the decision might be considered a social experiment given the proven track record of the existing school; why the parents were engaged in a lengthy process and given to believe their views would be paramount; what if any concerns he has about the decision he made and if he will make a statement on the matter.

To ask the Minister for Education how the 2014 intake to the Maynooth Post Primary school and Maynooth Community College will be handled; where the pupils of both will be accommodated in September 2014 and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Hospital Top-Ups Expose Bad Practices

The recent revelations regarding the substantial top-up's being paid to some senior staff in publically funded hospitals brings light to a topic that Independent TD Catherine Murphy has been questioning the Minister for Health about for some time.

Deputy Murphy tabled a number of questions to Department of Health back in July and August 2013 to ascertain the ownership of some of the car parks at the larger hospital and the terms of the contracts between hospitals and car park operators. However no details regarding the terms of contract was forthcoming and Deputy Murphy was told that the terms of the contract 'is commercial sensitive information'.

"I tabled these PQs because a number of cases had come to my attention whereby there appeared to be heavy handed use of the car parking regulations in some of the hospitals, with patients being penalised unfairly in a large number of cases. It appeared that patients were being penalised in order to further a cash cow for the hospital at the expense of patient's interests."

"I was interested to know who was benefitting from this practice and, in light of these new revelations it is clear that further questions are necessary."



December 2013/January 2014 Diary Planner

Irish Girl Guides

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Toastmasters

Toastmasters meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month in Glenroyal Hotel at 8pm. The meetings are very enjoyable but with a good learning input. They stop for tea half way through and end at 10pm. All visitors are welcome. Felicity Cuthbert PRO

I.C.A.

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

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Bridge Club

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Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

Date: 3rd December 2013
A work night 'Do Unto Others'
The Glenroyal Hotel
Time: 8.00pm
All Welcome
Maureen Fagan PRO

University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Fridays at 11am.
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Parent & Toddler Group

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If you would like your event put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter 01 6285053/01 6285922

An Nuadha Players present


Cinderella

The Aula Maxima
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McDonalds Children's Colouring Competition



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I have been very good this year. Please Santa
can I have the following toys for Christmas.
Thank you.

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Address: _____

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5 Stone gone and Karen says she will never be stuck in the zone again! Slimming World got me out of a Zone!



The final straw for Karen (36) was when she had to be rescued in a children's Playzone. "It was so embarrassing; I went in to help my son and ended up stuck in one of the activities, in full view of all other parents, kids and a troop of scouts". After being heroically rescued by the Playzone staff Karen vowed it would never happen again. That week she joined Slimming World, and so began her amazing transformation.

Looking back, Karen acknowledges that she has long struggled with her weight. As far back as she can remember she had weight issues and recalls needing a size 14 for her confirmation clothes. As she got older, it didn't get any easier. During her teenage years she seemed to put on an extra stone for every year that passed. By

the time she was 21 she was only a few pounds short of 21 stone. Her friends were slim, and could easily dress in the latest fashions. No matter what she wore she felt big and her confidence was destroyed. During this time doctors diagnosed her with Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS), "it was a huge blow, the doctor told me that my chances of having children were slim" she says. Karen felt she used this as an excuse to not to even try to shed her excess weight!

When she started working she tried everything she could to lose her weight. She joined so many weight loss groups, and had some success, but inevitably the weight would always go back on. She tried diet pills, the cabbage soup diet, and spent so much money over the years. While everything worked for a few weeks, in the long term none of the methods she tried were sustainable. After undergoing fertility treatment, Karen gained weight with each pregnancy, and all attempts to lose it failed miserably. During her third pregnancy she developed gestational diabetes, which involved seven self-administered insulin injections a day for 5 months, she worried how this would affect her baby and herself. Thankfully all went well, but it was a real wake-up call for her. Shortly after giving birth to baby number three, Karen was bridesmaid at her sister's wedding. "My sister had these amazing dresses made, they were beautiful purple silk and mine was a really stunning Grecian style – but it was size 24! I thought I looked fantastic, but when I saw the photos some days after the wedding I was shocked. I was so disappointed with myself, I felt I let my sister down, but more importantly I was being unfair to my own family because I was failing at being the mother and partner they deserved".

Karen explained how she felt when she was at her heaviest. "At my lowest point I felt worthless and out of control". She avoided going anywhere and meeting new people terrified her. She became almost a recluse, comfortable only when she was at home with her family. Day to day things had become difficult for her, and the things that other people do with ease were a huge struggle. She knew she had to do something, but she was at a loss to know what to actually do. Then one day she saw an advert for Slimming World in Mullingar. "Half of me was saying... 'here I go again, throwing money down

the drain...' yet she was at the point where she had to do something... she just wasn't convinced that it would be worth it. "From the moment I walked in the door and my consultant, Caroline, welcomed me to the group, I knew this was going to be different, and I was right".

Karen explained that she noticed two things almost immediately. The eating plan is so different from anything else she had tried, and it took her a few weeks to actually believe that it might work. "I could eat all the things excluded on most other diets... like potatoes, rice and pasta, and as much lean meat as I wanted". She could graze all day on fruit and vegetables. She just couldn't get hungry. In fact, she could eat so much those first weeks that she honestly didn't believe that she could possibly lose any weight. She approached the scales with trepidation, actually thinking she would have put weight on. "I couldn't believe it, in the first week I lost 5 lbs., the first month 15.5 lbs and within 9 months I had dropped an incredible 5 stone" and her weight continues to drop. She didn't know how it worked back then, but what she did know is that it did work. The second thing that was really noticeable was how great she felt. In no time she had more energy and felt truly happy and positive for the first time in her life. "I have so many great new friends in my group and I love catching up with them every week". She now feels like the person who lived inside her body for all those years. She is married to Jason, who has also lost over 5 stone with Slimming World and they have three children. She is now able to enjoy getting out and about, and doing all the normal things that other people take for granted. "The biggest bonus now is I get to pass my experience on to others as a consultant for Slimming World in Maynooth" she excitedly tells us. When we asked Karen what she does now that she couldn't do before, she laughs and says "everything, where do I start? I have so much energy. I play with the kids, we go swimming and for long walks. It's endless! I can go up the stairs without losing my breath and shopping for clothes is a pleasure and not the disappointment it used to be".

Asked what advice she would give to anyone wanting to lose weight, Karen says "just come along and give it a try. You have nothing to lose but your weight. You will be welcomed, you will feel comfortable, and we will give you a plan that works for you". Slimming World is not just a weight loss class, it's a whole new way of eating for people who want to be fitter, healthier and slimmer. Karen didn't believe that it could change her life, but it has. "I'll never go back to being the other Karen". Karen's Slimming World group starts on Tuesday 29th October at 7.30 in the Maynooth Town Football Club on the Rathcoffey Road.

To contact Karen for more details please phone 0860455677





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