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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

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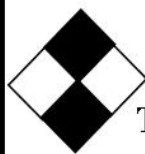
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I lost my job some time ago and am now getting Jobseeker's Allowance. I was recently diagnosed with a serious illness. What other social welfare payments can I get?

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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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.

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

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CHRISTMAS LEFTOVER MEALS

Speedy Spicy Turkey Rice

Serves 2

Ingredients

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

2 tbsp vegetable oil	1 small cauliflower
2 large sweet potatoes, peeled and cubed	1 large onion, sliced
1 l 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.

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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 with 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 then 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 passangers. Tired (and probably smelly) we arrived back in Maynooth to our anxiously waiting parents. Overall it was a very successful camp and we cant 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 hallowed date followed annual Christmas celebrations instead.

Many of the modern ways to celebrate the New Year can be traced back to the middle ages. First, the common rule: the first person to enter your home after midnight on New Year's Eve will bring kind of special luck—good or bad!!!! I tell, dark & handsome man is first across the threshold, he brings good luck. If a girl — woman enters first, she will bring all kinds of trouble.

The fear of red-heads could possibly be equivalent to regarding witchcraft. Red hair was considered the 'mark of a witch' just as being left-handed (in 16th c), or having green eyes might be looked on with suspicion from devout Catholics.

Another belief is that midwives would bring women's lives to birth, women on New Year's Eve. The magical properties are associated with midwives on Christmas. According to Irish New Year traditions, women who have a bouquet of midwife under their pillow will receive special luck in love. In the New Year, there will find that true love, due to the magical powers of his romantic interpretation.

Many homes still prepare 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 to move in and out of the home.

One fun Irish ritual involves a simple loaf of bread. You had to go around & bang the loaf of bread against the walls of your location New Year's Eve. This strange ritual is believed to scare away bad spirits & allowing good spirits to enter the house.

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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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John is also on Facebook



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

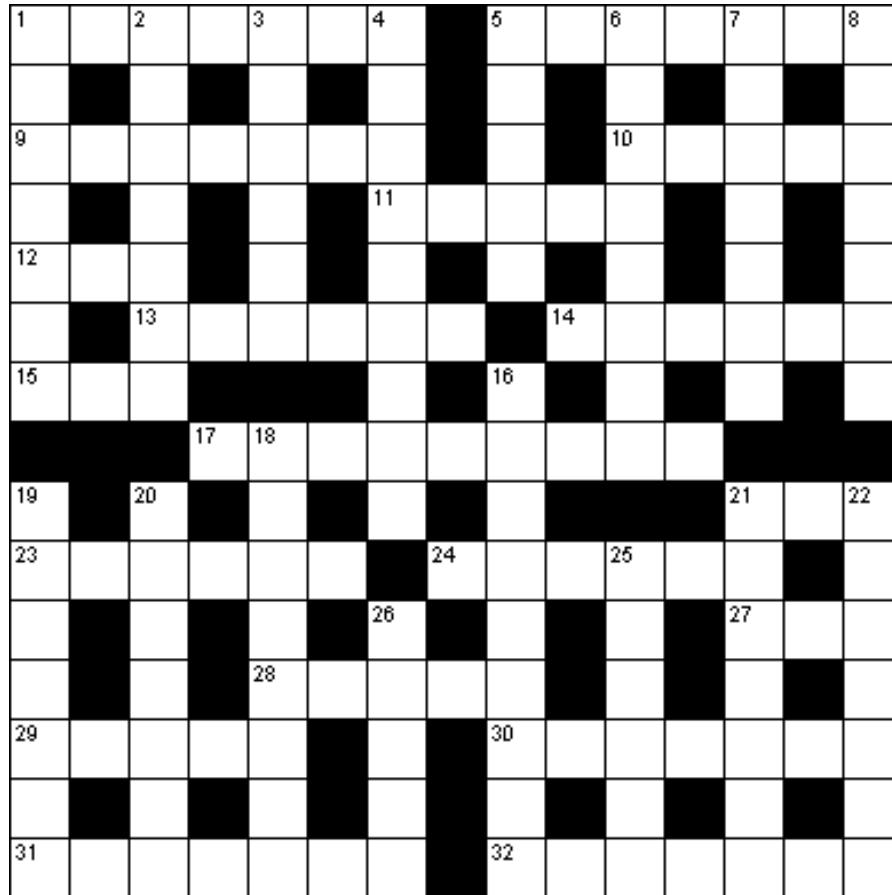
1st Prize	Barry Desmond William Farrelly Paul Scanlon	58 pts Nett
2nd Prize	Mark Kehoe Terry Moore Tim Mullane	60.7 pts Nett
3rd Prize	Derek Murray Joey Edwards Joe Kennedy	60.8 pts Nett
4th Prize	Paul Finan Joey Glynn D. Finan	61.3pts Nett
Nearest the Pin	Pat Connolly (9th) Mark Kehoe (15th)	
27 Teams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

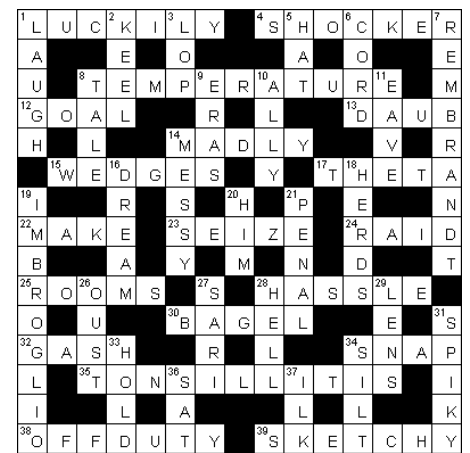
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Clues Across**December 2012 / January 2013 Crossword - No: 409****Clues Down**

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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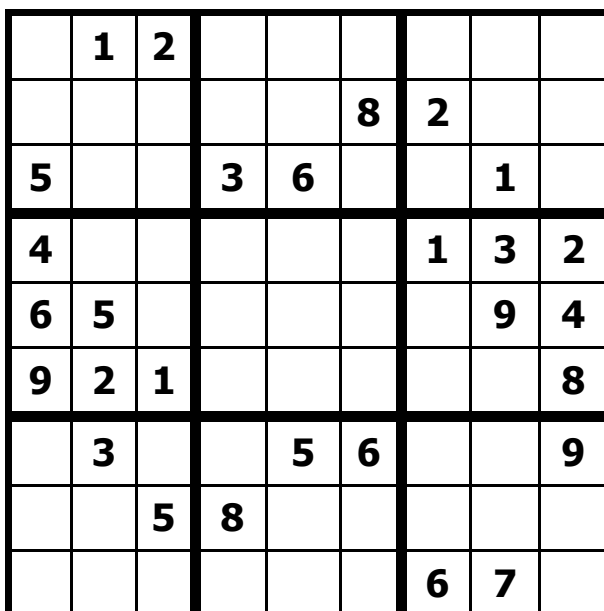
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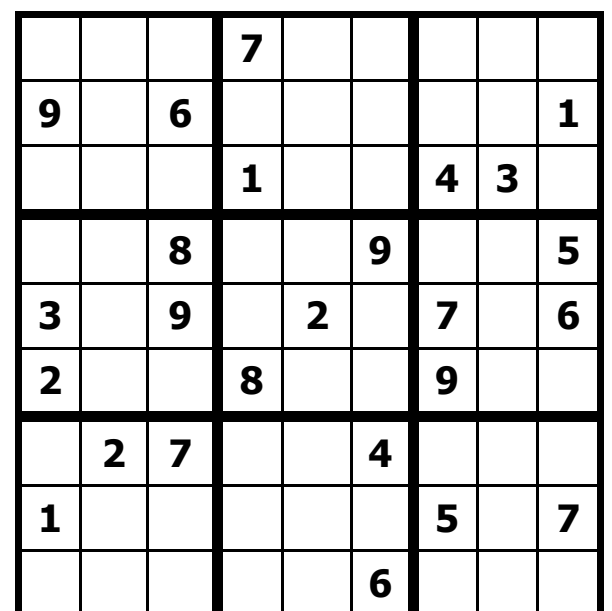
Winner of Crossword No. 408 November

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: _____

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Congratulations to November**Winner:**

Michael Dillane
 Railpark
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Advice Service:
 Advice Centres will take place on the last Friday of
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2pm: The Turn Inn, Derrinturn
 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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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



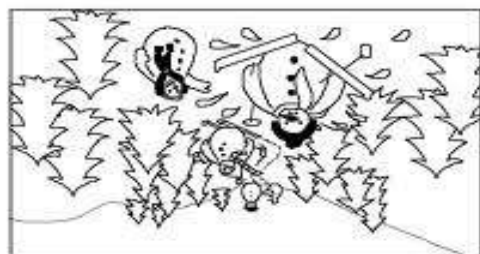
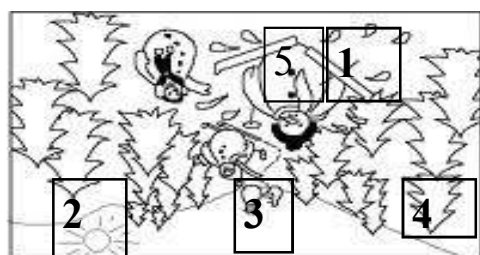
McDonalds Children's Colouring Competition



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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

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 alpinists - 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.

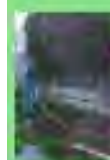


Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



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,
only different kinds of good weather!!!*



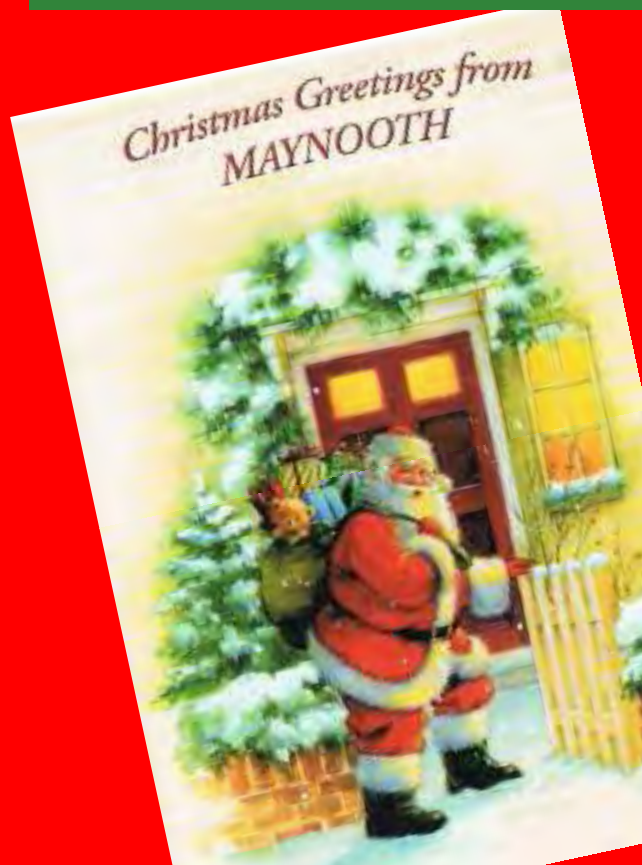
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