



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.

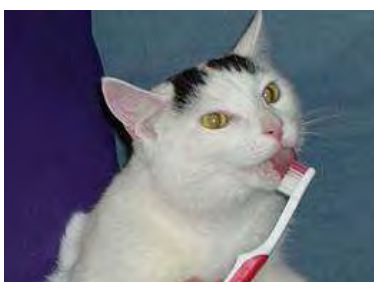
Bacteria from your pet's mouth can be absorbed into the blood stream causing possible heart and kidney problems. In cats, feline leukaemia virus can alter the defence mechanism and can cause a severe

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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to get into your own house. Look at the likes of
you're shed or garage; are these properly secured,
a lot of burglaries are done using the homeowners
own tools.

- Check your windows for damaged hinges or catches.
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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.

MULLIGAN'S

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Know Your Rights

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.

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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

By: Cora Tolan

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The opening of the Adult Education and Training Centre in Manor Mills, Maynooth by Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board is an exciting time for staff and students and presents a wonderful opportunity for adults in north Kildare to return to education. The centre will provide a wide range of classes and courses enabling adults to up skill or re-train. There will be classes for adults who wish to improve their reading, writing and spelling, Junior and Leaving Certificate classes, Computer courses from beginners to QQI level 4 and Level 5 courses in Childcare and Community Care as well as Payroll and Bookkeeping. There will also be classes for people for whom English is not their first language.

This service was initiated in Leixlip in 1982 by County Kildare Vocational Education Committee as part of their adult education programme. Volunteer tutors were recruited and trained and one to one literacy classes were provided in Coláiste Chiaráin, Leixlip, on one night per week. With the commitment, skills, and resourcefulness of tutors and prompted by students, accreditation was introduced for interested students. The service has grown considerably over the years with a broad range of courses and a large number of students. In 2003 the centre had its first dedicated base in Mill Lane, Leixlip. This opened up a whole new era for the service with daytime and night-time classes, a computer section and a base for training and social occasions. The service has also relied on schools, community centres and libraries for classrooms to accommodate the expanding service and the outreach aspect of the service.

The service welcomes adults of all ages, abilities and nationalities. We are proud of our learner centred approach, one that places the needs of each learner first and foremost. The aim is to prepare learners for life, a life that may involve further study or entering the workplace or re-skilling as well as participating fully in the community in which they live and work. The tutors have been the backbone of the service with their dedication to the students and to the ethos of adult education. This new centre will enable the development of this ethos so that the people of North Kildare will find a welcoming and supportive atmosphere when they arrive for classes and that the courses provided will reflect the ever changing needs of the community and the workplace.



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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."



By: Brian O'Neill

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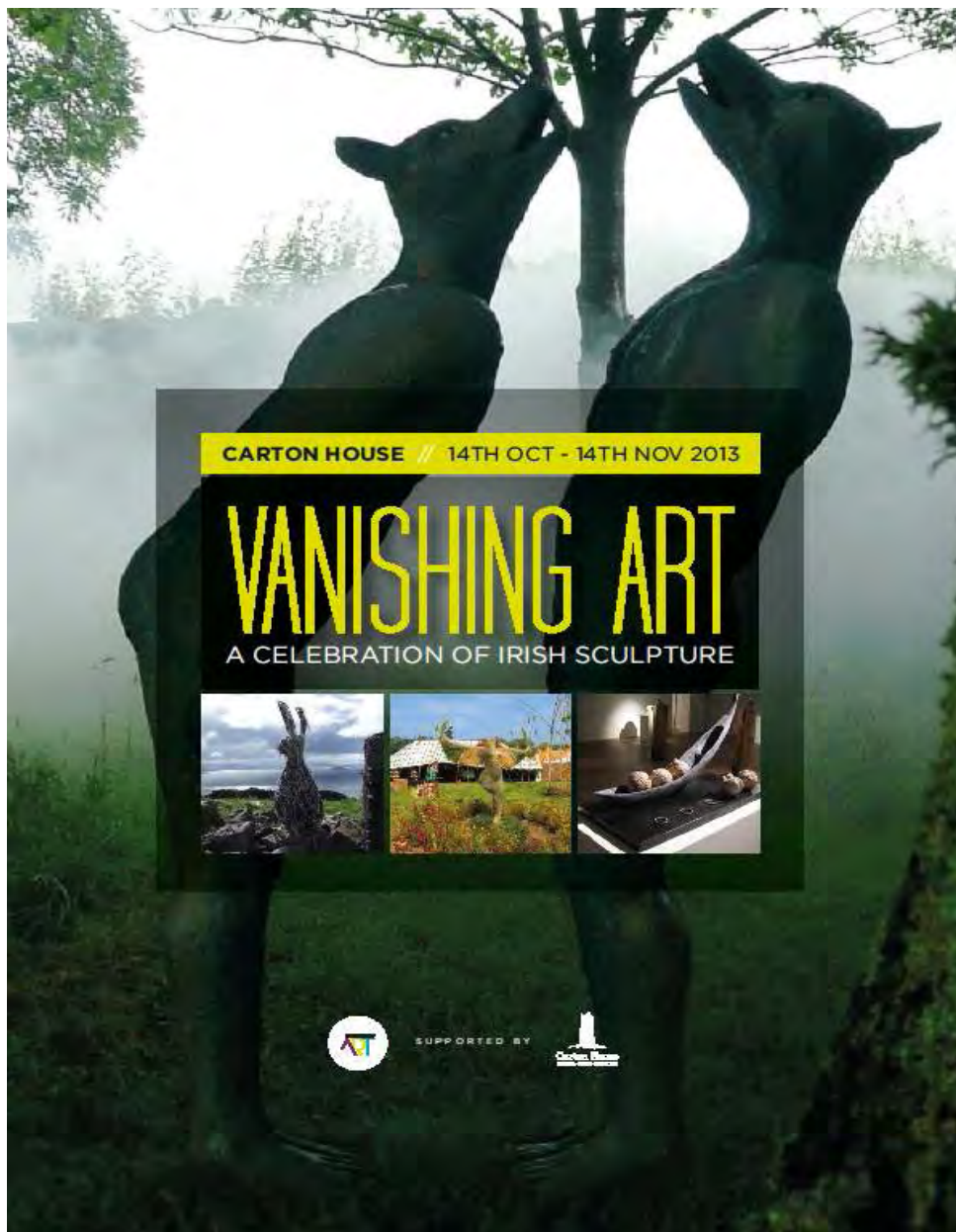
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Carton House, one of Ireland's acclaimed luxury destinations, is renowned for its hospitality and leisure facilities, in modern and stylish settings. Earlier this year it played host to the Irish Open 2013 Golf Tournament, garnering universal praise 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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Fianna Fáil Local News

Naoise Ó Cearúil - Maynooth Area Representative

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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.

Despite the fact that this government currently hold the largest majority in the history of the State, they are asking us to carve up our constitution. Stop the power grab and VOTE NO.

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.

Maynooth Text Alert

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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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Personal tribute to Seamus Heaney



At the end of August, this country and the world lost a star, a light went out when Seamus Heaney passed away suddenly. Personally, although I had only met him on a few occasions, I felt that I had lost a friend. I did not expect to react to strongly, but others mirrored my feelings.

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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Romancing Charlotte by Colin Scott

(pen name of a well-known writer)

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Set in Post-Celtic Tiger Ireland, this novel follows the efforts of PJ, a returned yank, to win the love of Charlotte, attractive English-born widow of Sir William Herbert and the owner of the local Big House. Differences of religion and class would seem to doom the romance but the growing relationship between P J's son and Charlotte's daughter and a shared interest in saving a local S.A.C. bog from illegal turf cutters, led by the sinister Jim Quigley, dramatically alter the situation.

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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14-Jul	8,15,27,28	€2,350	Susan O' Regan - Mary Murtagh - Carol Kearney
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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									
#	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

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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- Do the straps on your bra cause ridges or red marks on your shoulders?
- Does your bra ride up your back?
- Does your bust point downwards?
- Does your bra hurt?

That's just one area that should be looked at; the other one is Support or Shape Underwear not necessary for everyday use but certainly for special occasions as they contain different materials to 'pull you in' so to speak. Body shaping Spandex or Elastane is a synthetic fibre known for its exceptional elasticity and Lycra is known for its stretchy fabric. There are lots of different styles and types to choose from to wear depending on your outfit as in full slips, half slips, waist nippers, vest tops, all in one body shapers, briefs, shorts and even support tights.

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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FREE MATHS SUPPORT at NUIM

Free maths help for second level students returns on Monday October 7th from 6 to 8pm. The Mathematics Support Centre (MSC) in the National University of Ireland Maynooth provides the support for any secondary school student no matter what their level or year. 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.

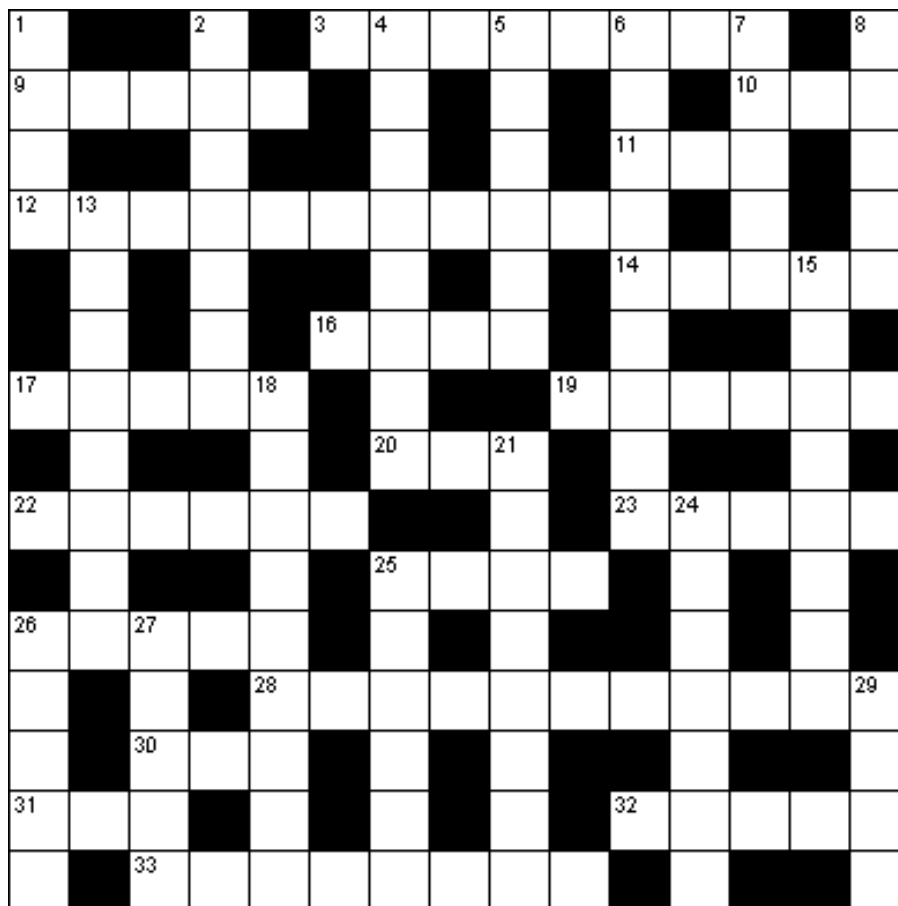
Experienced MSC tutors and trainee teachers (doing the Science or Mathematics Education Degrees) will be available to help and students can call in for as long as they want. Students can come individually or in groups, and they can come with specific questions or to study. The tutors will help with any 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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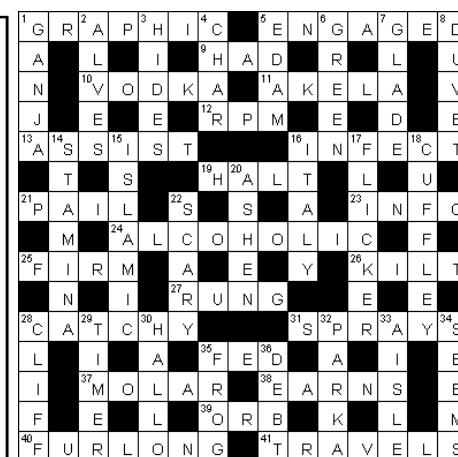
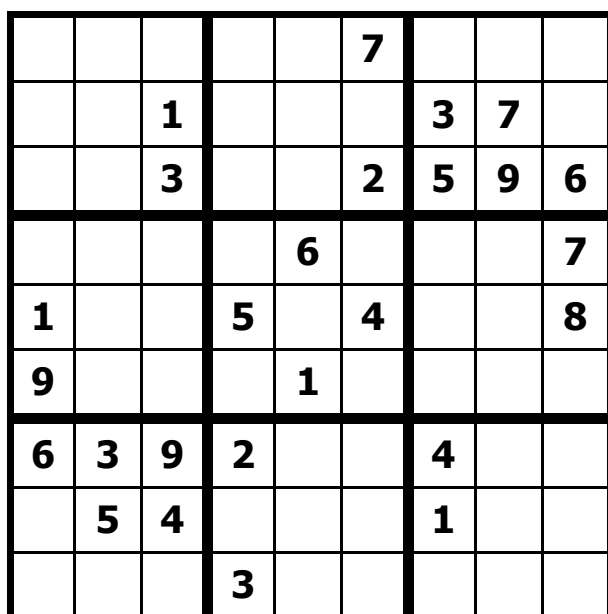
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October 2013



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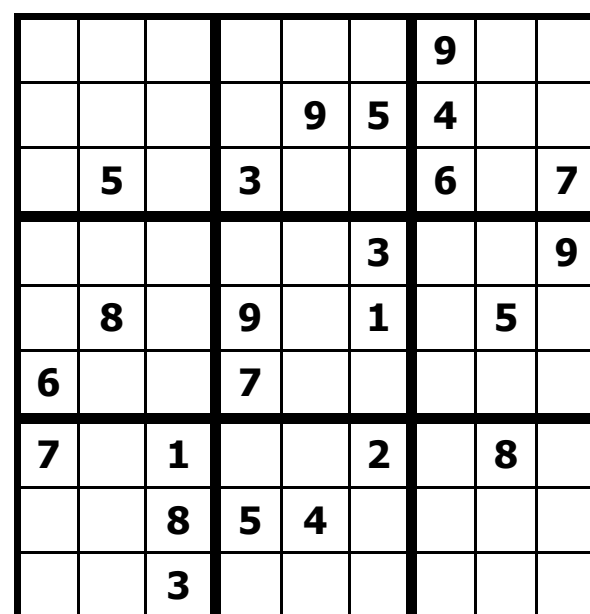
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Maynooth Tidy Towns Notes

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

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.

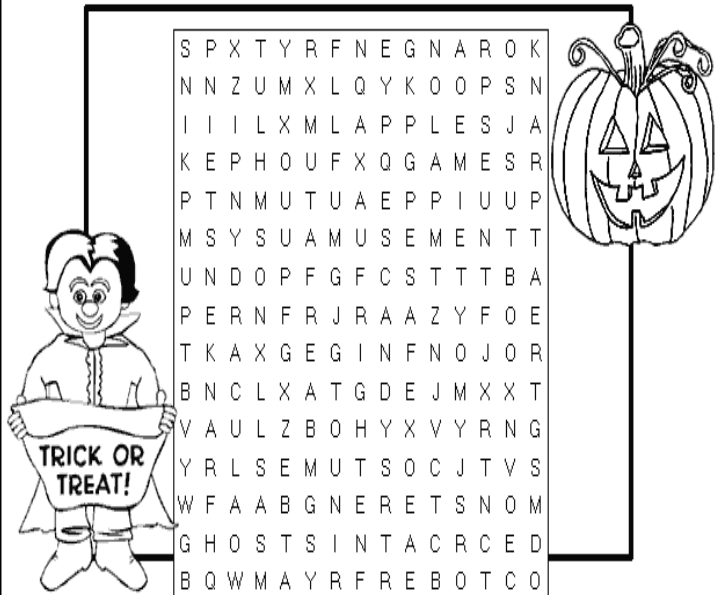
Help The Witch find the Pumpkin



Can you solve our
Wordsearch Puzzle?

HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

Find 20 hidden words related to Halloween. Words in this puzzle may be found from top to bottom, bottom to top, left to right and right to left.



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| 1. amusement | 6. cat | 11. games | 16. prank |
| 2. apples | 7. costumes | 12. ghosts | 17. pumpkins |
| 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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WONDERFUL AND SAFE
HALLOWEEN!

McDonalds Children's Colouring Competition



Prizes:
Free Family Meal
From
McDonald's, Maynooth



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Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

September Winners:

Age: 3 - 5: Grace Dorman, Carton Court

Age: 6 - 7: Aoife Leonard, Castlepark Avenue

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

McDonald's

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
McMahon's (Formerly Caulfield's)
(Except Bank Holiday Weekends)**

Dáil contact Numbers
01-6183013/6183797