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Maynooth's St Patrick's Day Parade Monday 17th March 2014 Starting at 11am from Greenfield Shopping Centre

Tom Ashe Education Bursary 2013/14



Tom Oliver, Jenny Lang and Katie Donnellan received the above awards at a ceremony for the induction of First Year pupils and their parents to Maynooth Post Primary.

In presenting the awards Tom Ashe recalled that he and his wife Stasia set up this bursary three years ago to assist students from Maynooth Post Primary to go on to study in University. They have agreed to pledge €4,000 each year to the Bursary and they appeal to past parents and pupils of the school to join with them and contribute to the fund if they feel Maynooth Post Primary has made a

significant contribution to their educations and/or careers. If 10 contributed €100 it would amount to €1,000 while if 100 past pupils or parents made a contribution as individuals or as a family it would come to €10,000! With money like that it would be possible to assist many pupils in the school to aspire to University.

To that effect he was delighted to publicly acknowledge a contribution of €4,000 from Catherine Ashe, a former teacher in the school and recently retired and Michael, Mark and Robert Noone, all former pupils of Maynooth Post Primary, for their contribution of €2,000 to the fund.



In thanking those who contributed to the Bursary, Tom Ashe said it was now possible to make two awards this year as a result of these generous contributions. Tom Oliver received €4,000 to assist with his study of Astro Physics in Maynooth College while Jenny Lang and Katie Donnellan shared the other award and each received €2,000. Jenny is studying for a B.A. in Maynooth College and hopes to go on to National Teaching while Katie is studying French and Law in U.C.D. He congratulated all three and wished them well in their studies.

Pictured clockwise from top left are Tom Oliver, Jenny Lang and Katie Donnellan receiving their awards from Tom Ashe, Founding Principal and Johnny Nevin, Principal, Maynooth Post Primary School. (pics—Mark Colfer)

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NUI Maynooth Welcomes Local Community to Annual Publications Festival



L to R Anne Gallagher, Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies and Philosophy. Monsignor Connolly President St Patricks College, Prof Philip Nolan President NUIM, Mary Antonesca, Senior Librarian and Cathal McCauley University Library


The annual NUI Maynooth Library Publications Festival was opened by Professor Philip Nolan, President, NUI Maynooth, in the John Paul II Library on Tuesday 28th January.


The festival celebrated and showcased the publications of the Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies and Philosophy and St. Patrick's College Maynooth. In his opening address Professor Nolan remarked: The range of material on view here stretches our perception of what publication means. Here we have print publications, digital publications, audio recordings and much more. It is a great tribute to the Library and all involved. Monsignor Hugh Connolly, President of St. Patrick's College Maynooth commended the Library on the presentation of such a professional exhibition.

The exhibition ran from Tuesday 28th January to Friday 31st January. Events during the week included guest lectures, a calligraphy workshop and viewing of an exhibition "Letters from an Irish Missionary in China in the Russell


Library". All events were open to the public.

"This festival continues our recent tradition of inviting the community of Maynooth to join us to celebrate the academic achievements of the campus community. It's great to see the local community coming in to our many events" Mary Antonesca, Senior Librarian and Chairperson of the organising committee.





The power of your smile!



Maynooth Town Square Sunday 30th March- Be There!

On Friday 28th March 2014, a group of ordinary people will take on an extraordinary event. They will mount their bikes in Maynooth at sunrise and cycle 200 kilometres, arriving into Eyre Square, Galway twelve hours later. They'll be joined by a massive support crew, all giving up their time in the name of charity. They'll hear the clinking of change in buckets as they pass through towns, and remember the reason why they are taking part. They'll be tired like never before, they'll hit mental walls where their bodies can take no more, face whatever the weather throws at them but they'll keep cycling. They'll have sore legs, sore arms, they'll even have sore bums but they'll keep cycling.

It'll take every bit of energy to stay on the bike, to stay mentally focused and to physically endure this gruelling event but they'll keep pedalling. They'll keep pedalling because they know why they're cycling. They'll keep pedalling so that they can make a difference. They'll keep pedalling to raise money and awareness for Prader Willi Syndrome Association Ireland (PWSAI).

Then on Sunday morning they'll rise at first light, hop on the bike and do it all again. And they'll do it all with a smile on their face; because these people are extraordinary people. One weekend; 400kilometres by bicycle!

Curves Maynooth is delighted to support the Galway Cycle this year. It's a cause that's very close to our hearts. Our circuit coach Emma's son Henry (age 19 months) has Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS). Most people have never heard of PWS. It's a rare genetic condition that is most recognised by a chronic feeling of hunger that can lead to excessive eating and subsequent life threatening obesity. Other symptoms include: low muscle tone, scoliosis, cognitive disabilities, behavioural problems and autistic features.

You can help make a difference!! Anybody who joins Curves Maynooth in March will have their service fee waived in return for a donation to 'Team Henry's Galway Cycle' in aid of PWSAI.

We hope you join us on Sunday 30th March in Maynooth Town Square to welcome The Galway Cycle back! Put it in your diary. Let's cheer this group of incredible people who are making a tremendous difference for kids with Prader-Willi Syndrome!!

For more information on Curves, PWSAI and The Galway Cycle follow the links below.

www.curves.ie - www.galwaycycle.ie - www.pwsai.ie
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U3A Ladies show creative Skills

Since November, some ladies from Maynooth U3A are taking part in a song writing project and at the moment are busy rehearsing for performance in McMahon's on March 9th. Under the guidance of Niamh from the Music Department and her able assistant Sarah, we are discovering hidden talents.

Meanwhile, the creative mode continues as another group progresses with memoir writing —Maevie is our tutor for this. More ladies are participating in a knitting project for Age Action and other craft sessions are being planned.

For information on all U3A activities, drop in to Community Space at 11am Fridays or call any of the numbers below.

New members are always welcome.

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DISEASES OF PUPPIES

Puppies, from an early age can be affected by many conditions. Early diagnosis is very important in animals so young as resistance can breakdown leaving to more serious problems. The following conditions are commonly seen in our Clinic.

Roundworm



A roundworm is a few inches in length and pointed at both ends. It lives in the adult dog population in the intestine and its eggs can circulate into the unborn puppy via the blood supply of the dam. These worms can appear very early in the life of the puppy. The signs of a roundworm infestation in your pup is a ravenous appetite, pot bellied appearance and some

diarrhoea. Early advice and treatment is essential. When treating for roundworms it is obviously imperative that you are sure that the puppy has swallowed the tablets or powder, as pups can be very clever in keeping the tablet in their mouth and spitting it out later!

Tapeworms

These are not as common as roundworms in puppies. The worm consists of a small head, followed by a variety of flat segments and lives in the intestine. These segments may appear in faeces and look like grains of rice. If the puppy has fleas, the flea will act as an intermediary host and will eat the eggs. The puppy can swallow the flea thus causing the cycle to continue. It is important to treat your pup for worms and fleas at the same time!



Fleas

These parasites can be seen easily on your puppy's coat and be combed out with a steel comb.

Ticks

Ticks mainly occur in country areas and are initially grey in colour. They attach themselves to the puppy's skin via a rasp like head and will suck blood and become swollen in appearance. It is important that they are removed correctly and not pulled off, as the head may remain attached and will cause an infection of the skin.



Harvest Mites

These are tiny red insects commonly seen in July, August and September. If infected, your pup will constantly chew and lick at the infected areas.

Ringworm

This is a fungal condition of the skin causing small round bald areas. This can be diagnosed with a microscope.



Mange


There are two types Sarcoptic (scabies) and Demodectic. Sarcoptic is found just under the skin surface whereas, the Demodectic type lives in the deeper layers of the skin and is a lot more difficult to treat.

Diarrhoea

The most common cause of diarrhoea is nutritional. As young puppies body mass is quite small, an acute attack of diarrhoea can cause dehydration. In pups that have not been vaccinated viral diseases can cause such a condition.




With all the above possible diseases it is vital for your pup's health and wellbeing to have a vaccination and worming programme.

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Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Notes

February 10 February 2014

Minutes of the last meeting were approved, there was no correspondence and the Treasurer's Report was read. The need to fundraise was agreed and will begin with a bag pack in TESCO.

There has been an increase in the use of the new community space which was strongly welcomed. There are still some times available in the evenings for local community groups. It is hoped to have a launch of the space in the near future. A signage design will be agreed for the space. It was noted that it was disappointing that the Youth Cafe have not signed up to use the space especially as they have put in so much work in establishing and running the cafe. The Community Space had been originally intended for the Youth Cafe activities. It was hoped that the Youth Cafe would share their plans/ new structure with the Community Council if they have not disbanded. The MCC will await contact from them.

Festival

The planning for the Festival will begin after St. Patrick's Day. It is hoped to get Maynooth businesses involved from the outset as they made a great contribution last year. The date of the festival has not been fully decided. There were suggestions that we have it a little earlier than last year, possibly end of the August during Heritage week. This will be decided at the first meeting.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Plans are going well. Sponsorship is on target and there are 3 bands confirmed. A new power supply has to be identified.

Scouts

The scouts will attend a group camp in Castlesaunders International Scouting Centre. Co. Monaghan. This will be the first time that Maynooth Scouts will have attended this newly established centre. The scouts will take part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and preparations for 1916 Commemorations. Building is progressing well on the new Scouts venue. The front railings of the Charter School have been temporarily removed and put into storage. They will be replaced fully preserved when building is complete. It was reported that a shilling was discovered beneath a corner rail when work was carried out in 1980. A 50 cent coin was then buried with the shilling. Some coinage will be buried third time round when the railings are reinstalled.

Educate Together School

Sixth class visited a Science Laboratory in TCD. The Peace Proms were a huge success. The school will take part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The school will take part in World Book Day on 4th March.

Tidy Towns

Members are back working for the last couple of weeks. Some new members have joined which was welcomed. The AGM will take place in the Glenroyal this Thursday 13th February at 8pm. Maynooth has been automatically selected to take part in Ireland's Best Kept Town Award. Judging takes place in May. The marking system for the National Tidy Towns has recently changed. There are additional marks for some categories. More emphasis has been placed on the role of education.

Some notes of concern about the town were noted. The damage to the green near Straffan Way caused by lorries from Bord Gais and private cars. It was emphasised strongly that cars should not park on green spaces.

Large cars and jeeps are not using the entrance/exist at

Greenfield Shopping Centre. Not only is this dangerous it is also disintegrating the paving and edging around the Centre. This will be brought up at the next Tidy Towns meeting.

Senior Citizens

The club is back in full swing with meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thanks were expressed to the ICA and the HSE Care Unit for their support in providing the necessary venues for the meetings. The first outing was to the School Musical - this year between 30 and 40 members attended "The Wizard of Oz" which was very enjoyable.

There will be a Valentines Tea Dance on the 16th February with a prize for the most romantic couple. The AGM will be held on the 4th March and it is an open meeting - all welcome to attend. There will be Tea Dance to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on the 16th March. The annual collection will take place on the 22/23 February.

History Group

The Memorabilia night took place in the Glenroyal and proved to be a tremendous success.

Community Church

It was reported that the plans for the St. Patrick's Day Breakfast organised for March 17th in Carton by the St. Patrick's Foundation are well underway. There will be "A spirit of St. Patrick" award. It is hoped to run a bigger event in 2016. This event provides an opportunity to develop and examine branding - all ideas welcomed. For more information visit www.saintpatrickfoundation.org

Local Matters

Road Safety Issues - Pedestrians and Traffic, school drop offs

The dangerous traffic situation on the Moyglare road was brought up by a number of members. The lack of pedestrian crossing beyond the University entrance and all the way up to Moyglare Hall was raised. A pedestrian crossing, public transport and a turning point (Dublin Bus need a lead in of two year's discussion before there are any decisions) and the sludgy condition of the road at certain points were raised.

The turning of the traffic to the right from the Moyglare road on to the Kilcock Road is problematic as it holds up cars that are going straight through and the timing of the lights adds to the problem. It was asked could the road be realigned to allow traffic going through and turning right. In the other direction going on to the Kilcock Road presents a similar problem as the position of the Manor Mills complex prevents traffic from going through on to the Kilcock Road. It was noted that the wall at the old Kavanagh's Mill (Manor Mills) was always a problem for traffic and when the complex was planned and erected the opportunity to correct this was missed.

The National Transport Authority has prepared a first draft of a North/South Cycle Corridor recommendations based on a consultants' report which cost €16,000. Details of the report are not available to the public as yet. An opinion was expressed that it was more relevant to get the Moyglare Road sorted before waiting on larger planning objectives that the report may cover, particularly in light of Kildare County Council's consideration of the planning permission of the new school development.

School Musical "The Wizard of Oz" Congratulations to Maynooth Post Primary School - its participants and teachers were highly commended for the wonderful show The Wizard of Oz which they put on this year. Members of the Community Council attended the show and were very high in their praise of the show and the

wonderful acting and musical performances. The dog and his/her understudy got a special mention.

Incident at Straffan Way

An incident was reported to the meeting concerning the attack on a young student who was robbed at knifepoint in Straffan Way.

Annual Art Exhibition in University Library
Members of the Community Council were invited to the Annual Student and Staff Art Exhibition which will be held from Monday 17th to Friday 21st (finishes at 1pm). The exhibition represents art work from both NUI Maynooth and St. Patrick's College Maynooth. It is organised by the Library and Maynooth Students' Union and takes place in the University Library Foyer. It is open to the public. All welcome.

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Prayer of the Faithful by Saint Patrick

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May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us.
May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Angels of God guard us.
- Against the snares of the evil one.

May Christ be with us!

May Christ be before us!

May Christ be in us,

Christ be over all!

May Thy Grace, Lord,

Always be ours,

This day, O Lord, and forevermore.

Amen.



Editorial

Amidst all of the goings on and calls for independent inquiries or reviews into decisions and practices, and alleged practices in Government, environment, employment, health, and law and order issues, maybe it is timely to take a few moments out and to focus on our own community positives and area for improvement.

Congratulations to the students and teachers of Maynooth Post Primary School on their recent musical "The Wizard of Oz". By all accounts it was a fantastic performance. The standard of acting and music was superb. Let's hope this long standing tradition will continue into the future. Well done to all who were involved.

As a regular attendee at the Maynooth Community Council meetings it is clear to me that there is a core group of individuals representing their groups and areas that give so much of their time voluntarily and which contribute greatly to the Town. It is very evident to everyone who has reason to be in Maynooth that the work of Maynooth Tidy Towns has improved the appearance of the town tremendously and they are not finished yet. There will be more emphasis and votes given to education and awareness in Tidy Towns' competitions from now on. Tidy Towns groups have to show that they are not just "doing" the work but that they are raising awareness among the public about respecting the townscape. We are sure to see more of this from our own Tidy Towns Committee which is so active and dedicated to Maynooth. It is great to see the involvement of the Maynooth Students' Union with Maynooth Tidy Towns.

Maynooth Scouts have gone from strength to strength and it is wonderful to see their premises at the Geraldine Hall coming on - now at the roofing stage. It is a major achievement for them and they have to be congratulated on their planning, organisation and fundraising successes although I am sure more funding is always needed!

Maynooth Senior Citizens keep going and has done for many years. It offers a wonderful outlet and network for senior citizens to meet, enjoy social outings and holidays. Very often groups and clubs with help one another in various projects such as Maynooth Scouts and Senior Citizens. Maynooth Local History Group has a programme of talks and outings every year and welcome new members. The MCC is responsible for organising the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Maynooth Festival.

Maynooth Community Council Employment Scheme is sponsored by the Department of Social Protection. The Office is situated at the Tesco shopping Centre car-park, beside the Post Office. There are 30 people employed in the scheme which cover three physical areas - the office itself, the Harbour and Canal and St. Patrick's College. Three groups based in St Patrick's College - Accord, The Irish Bishops Drug Initiative and The Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas has been a recent addition to the scheme. MCC Office provides office based staff to support the work of these groups. This is a vote of confidence from the DSP. An assistant supervisor is urgently required for the office.

Part of the remit of the office is the monthly publication of the Maynooth Newsletter. The Newsletter is delivered to about 5,000 homes in the area. It is also available online. Recently the Community Council secured premises from TESCO for the new Community Space and it is available to community groups for a modest fee. The office also provides contact information for other groups/clubs in the Town such as

the Castle Keep Art Group, the Maynooth Brass and Reed Band, Dancing Schools, the Geraldine Castle, Soccer Club, Comhaltas Ceolteoiri Eireann (Maynooth), musicians etc. All of which take part in the Parade and Festival.

Some areas of concern - The expected increased traffic on the Moyglare Road once the school situation has been resolved, needs to be addressed. What is the future plan for the house in what is known as Buckley's Yard, what will be the impact of any development on the visual environment?


We are aware that there are guidelines available for appropriate shop front design. Is there any way that potential buyers or leases could be made aware of these before they start designing their shop front? We have some very classy and elegant shop fronts in the Town but some could do with some guidance.

Liaison and integration between University and Town needs to be more fully explored. There have been some improvements such as the involvement of the Maynooth Students' Union with Maynooth Tidy Towns and visiting Nursing Homes in the area. The new Library in the University is worth mentioning. The front part of the library is open to the public and houses a coffee shop. It is the area where a lot of the university/college/collaborative exhibitions take place. If you are out for a walk it is worth calling in to see what is on display and enjoy a coffee. As a person who is from Maynooth and who has been working in the University for a long number of years, I feel strongly that it is not a question or an expectation that the University bring the "lectern" out to the community, rather it should be a two way street where there is parity of esteem and a sharing which enriches both communities and Maynooth Town should play its part in that process.

We on the Community Council express our condolences to Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, Secretary of Maynooth Community Council, on the recent passing of her mother.

Beannacht Dé lena hAnam.

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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Well as predicted we all enjoyed a wonderful night's entertainment at the Post Primary School's production of the "Wizard of Oz". The acting, the colour and sound effects was spectacular. Well done to all concerned and congratulations to the school on their 20th musical. Many thanks to those who organised our seating and a big thanks to Caroline who arranged transport.

Our Valentine's Tea-Dance was a most enjoyable evening and was supported by all our friends in the surrounding areas of Meath, North Kildare and West Dublin. Congratulations to Kevin and Katy Cullen from Lucan who won the prize for the most romantic couple. Now who said romance was dead? Our next Tea-Dance will take place on Sun. March 16th in the meantime, Kilcock hold their Tea-Dances on the second Sun. of each month while Palmerstown will hold theirs on the fourth Sun. So there you have it, three Sundays in each month catered for.

Our AGM will take place on Tuesday March 4th at 8pm in Maynooth Health Centre on Leinster Street. This is an open meeting and all are welcome. Our annual collection will take place on March 22nd and 23rd after all Masses and we ask you to be as generous as you can.

Our Easter Tea-Dance will Take place on April 27th and we will have our usual Easter Bonnet parade on the day. So now would be a good time to get out the sowing basket.

Josephine Moore - Chairperson

THE MIRACLE PRAYER (2)

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have asked for many favours. This time I ask for a special one (mention here). Take it dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken Heart where your father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes it will become Your favour not mine. Amen.

Say this prayer for three days. Promise publication and prayer and favour will be granted, no matter how impossible. Never known to fail. Thanksgiving for favour received.

Tidy Towns Notes



One for the diary WEEE

Ireland will be in Maynooth Tesco Car Park on Saturday 29th March 2014 if you have any electrical goods for recycling with a battery or plug bring along from 10am to 4pm.

Maynooth has been selected by the Dept of the Environment to participate in Ireland's Best Kept Town Competition during the month of May. This is an all Island event and we will have more information in due course.

Maynooth Tidy Towns held their AGM on Thursday 13th February @ 8pm. in the Glenroyal Hotel. Executive Committee is follows-- Mattie Callaghan, Chairman, Paul Croghan Secretary/Vicechair, Mary Farrell Treasurer and Richard Farrell PRO.

Clean ups have started on Saturday mornings @ 10am meeting at the Square. Weather permitting. If your wish to join us any Saturday our contact no. is below and we are also on Facebook.

We look forward to seeing you during the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

If you require to contact us our mobile no. is 087-3153189.

Richard Farrell - PRO MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

Know Your Rights

Know Your Rights A: Older jobseekers and signing on

Question

I have to retire next summer when I reach the age of 65 but I have heard I won't get a State pension until I am 66. Is there another social welfare payment that I can get until then?

Answer

Yes, you can claim a jobseeker's payment. If you have enough social insurance contributions you can get Jobseeker's Benefit (JB). If you are claiming JB at the age of 65 and have at least 156 PRSI contributions, you can continue to receive JB until your 66th birthday even if your claim is due to end before that date. Otherwise you may apply for Jobseeker's Allowance which is a means-tested payment.

Before 2014, people aged 65 who retired from work could apply for the State Pension (Transition). This has now been abolished from 1 January 2014. If you wish you can claim a jobseeker's payment until you are aged 66.

In general, to qualify for either Jobseeker's Benefit or Allowance you must be genuinely seeking work and be available for full-time employment and these conditions will continue to apply to older jobseekers. However there are special arrangements for jobseekers aged 62 and over:

- You will no longer be required to engage with employment, advice and training referral services and your payment won't be affected by non-engagement with these services
- If you wish you can avail of a range of supports (for example, training or employment support programmes) from the Department of Social Protection

Most jobseekers aged 62 or over will be placed on an annual signing arrangement with their local social welfare office or Intreo centre (this means that they do not need to attend and sign on regularly). Also, most of them will be transferred to Electronic Fund Transfer payments so payment can be made directly into their bank account.

Before you retire you can get further information about applying for a jobseeker's payment from your local social welfare office or Intreo centre or from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Know Your Rights B: Control of dogs

Question

My son was given a puppy as a Christmas present. Do I have to get a licence for it and what are the rules about keeping a dog?

Answer

Yes, if the puppy is away from its mother, you must have a dog licence for it. In general, dogs over four months of age must have a dog licence. Under the Control of Dogs Acts 1986 and 1992 it is an offence to keep a dog unless you have a

licence. You can get a dog licence at your local post office. It costs €20 and is valid for one year or there is a 'lifetime of dog' licence which costs €140 and is valid for the dog's lifetime.

Local authorities are responsible for the control of dogs. They have the power to appoint dog wardens, provide dog shelters, seize dogs, impose on-the-spot fines and take court proceedings against owners. A dog warden can ask you to produce evidence of your dog licence and if you cannot do so you may get an on-the-spot fine.

When your dog is outside your house or garden, it must be accompanied by you and under your control or under the control of another responsible person. Your dog must always wear a collar that has your name and address inscribed on it or on a plate, badge or disc. Failure to have identification on a dog can result in an on-the-spot fine issued by a dog warden. You may wish to micro-chip your dog as well. You do not have to do this at present. However, a programme of micro-chipping is being planned.

Under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 it is an offence to allow a dog under your control to foul a public place. Under the litter laws, complaints can be made to the District Court against an owner or person in charge of a dog who allows the dog to foul public places and who fails to act responsibly.

You are liable for any injury or damage caused by your dog to people or livestock.

The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government has detailed information about the control of dogs on its website. You can get further information from your local authority.

Know Your Rights C: Telephone allowance discontinued

Question

I am a pensioner living alone. I used to get an allowance towards my telephone bill but this has stopped. Will my free TV licence be gone as well?

Answer

No, although the Telephone Allowance has ended since 1 January 2014, there have been no changes to the rest of the Household Benefits Package.

The Household Benefits Package is made up of a number of separate allowances.

The first is the Electricity or Gas Allowance, which is in the form of a cash credit of €35 on your bill or a €35 cash payment to your bank or through your local post office. You can choose whichever option suits your situation. The rates have not changed for 2014.

The second is the free TV licence, which is issued to you by the Department of Social Protection.

The third was the Telephone Allowance, which was a payment of €4.50 a month towards your mobile phone or landline phone. It has been discontinued since 1 January 2014 for both new

and existing recipients.

Other benefits for pensioners include free travel, which is available on all State public transport (bus, rail and LUAS). It is also available on some private bus services.

Under the National Fuel Scheme, a means-tested Fuel Allowance is payable to people who cannot provide for their heating needs from their own resources. It is paid weekly for 26 weeks from early October.

As you are a pensioner living alone, you may qualify for a Living Alone Increase in addition to your social welfare pension.

Know Your Rights D: Buying goods in the sales

Question

I bought a coat in the sales but when I got home I found the colour didn't suit me. Can I bring it back to the shop and get a refund?

Answer

When you buy goods in a sale you have the same rights as when you pay full price for the goods. You have exactly the same rights when shopping in the sales as you do at any other time of the year. This means that anything sold in a sale:

- Must be of merchantable quality – goods should be of reasonable quality taking into account what they are meant to do, their durability and their price
- Must be fit for their purpose – they must do what they are reasonably expected to do
- Must be as described – the buyer must not be misled into buying something by the description of goods or services given orally by a salesperson or an advertisement

If an item is faulty, you are entitled to a repair, replacement or refund. However you are not entitled to an exchange (or a refund or a credit note) simply because you change your mind about something you've bought in a shop, whether this is during the sales or at any other time of the year. Many shops do allow you to exchange goods that you have had second thoughts about, but this is at their discretion. It's a good idea to check the shop's refund policy before buying anything. If you buy goods at full price but change your mind about them, and they are now on sale at a lower price, you may only be offered the reduced amount (if the shop is willing to offer your money back). You should always keep your receipts as proof of purchase and the price paid. For more information visit the National Consumer Agency's website at nca.ie. Further information is also available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

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Press Release from Emmet Stagg - Stagg Calls for Gaelcholaiste for North Kildare

Addressing the Dail during Topical Debate time on Wednesday 12th February Deputy Emmet Stagg called on the Minister for Education to provide a Gaelcholaiste for North Kildare to provide for All-Irish Secondary Education for pupils in Scoil Ui Riada in Kilcock, Scoil Ui Fhiaich in Maynooth and Scoil Chearbhaill Ui Dhailaigh in Leixlip following the decision by Colaiste Cois Life in Lucan to change their enrolment policy effectively excluding pupils from these schools from continuing their education through Irish at Secondary level.

In his address to the Dail Deputy Stagg stated that Ministers for Education had consistently stated over the years that Colaiste Cois Life was to provide for all Irish Secondary Education for pupils from North Kildare and West Dublin. However a change in enrolment policy by Colaiste Cois Life has now excluded pupils from the 3 North Kildare Gaelscoileanna from pursuing secondary education through Irish. They have no outlet to a second level school.

Deputy Stagg stated that the Minister had stated repeatedly that he would make provision for a Gaelscoileanna if there is a proven need and without doubt there is a proven need now. Deputy Stagg put forward the proposition that when the old Maynooth Post Primary School becomes vacant following the building of a new school, the old school should then become the site for the North Kildare Gaelcholaiste. The Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board are prepared to make it available. In the interim whilst awaiting the building of the new Maynooth Post Primary School, on a temporary basis the North Kildare Gaelcholaiste could operate from vacant prefabs at Colaiste Cois Life. Deputy Stagg stated that Aonad was not an acceptable alternative to full immersion in the all-Irish system and any suggestion of sending pupils to Naas or Clondalkin was like sending the pupils to Mars as there was no public transport to these towns.

Minister of State Cannon, responding on behalf of the Minister, gave a civil service response about demographic changes and expanding school populations and that the Aonad at the new Maynooth Community College would meet the needs of the pupils and that if sufficient demand for the education fully through the medium of Irish was demonstrated over a 4 year cycle, consideration would then be given to the establishment of an Independent Gaelcholaiste. The Minister of State stated that with the Aonad and some provision in Colaiste Cois Life, the current demand for students seeking education through Irish would be met.

Responding to Minister of State Cannon, Deputy Stagg rejected the Civil Service response and reiterated that we face a situation where there is no all-Irish second level school for the three primary schools. He again stated that the old Maynooth Post Primary school will be available in two years. In relation to the proven need, all the set up proposed will show is a proven need for Aonad, not full secondary education through Irish. Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that if we value the Irish Language and its development and growth, we should deal with this situation now rather than in four years time. With little cost we could establish the Gaelcholaiste now.

Responding Minister of State Cannon reiterated the additional provision of school places which has to be met by 2019, that the Aonad and Colaiste Cois Life would meet current demand. However the Minister of State indicated that given Deputy Stagg's suggestion that there is insufficient accommodation within the two centres and if there is an opportunity at reallocating a particular building in the region, that he would raise that directly with officials and revert to Deputy Stagg.

We now await the examination of Deputy Stagg's proposal for the North Kildare Gaelcholaiste.

Maynooth Town Football Club - Weekly Lotto Results 2014

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W/End	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x €35 Winners
05-Jan	1,14,17,27	€2,400	Paul Keogh - Daniel Hever - Dave Keegan
12-Jan	18,19,21,26	€2,450	David Mc Cormack - Emer Darcy - Anne Naughton
19-Jan	2,17,22,23	€2,500	Mary Murray - Slim - Mick Mc Govern
26-Jan	6,8,9,19	€2,550	Niall Cronolly - John Hanrahan - Emma Gallagher
02-Feb	6,11,19,27	€2,600	Joan Carroll - Conor Strickland - Noel Dempsey
09-Feb	7,15,21,23	€2,650	Elaine & Suzanne - Pauline Mc Avinue - Richard Tighe
16-Feb	11,15,16,18	€2,700	Stephen Finnegan - Jill Judge - Nigel O Shea

LSL Major Division Sunday										LSL Premier Division 1 Saturday									
#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	St. John Bosco	13	10	3	0	44	13	31	33	1	Maynooth Town	12	12	0	0	36	13	23	36
2	Shamrock Bhoys	12	9	3	0	41	12	29	30	2	Colepark United	13	11	1	1	51	12	39	34
3	Leicester Celtic FC	11	8	1	2	29	14	15	25	3	Inchicore Athletic FC	14	7	2	5	31	32	-1	23
4	Enniskerry YC	11	7	2	2	22	14	8	23	4	Laytown United	13	5	5	3	33	21	12	20
5	Tullamore Town	12	6	3	3	21	16	5	21	5	Booth Road Celtic	9	6	1	2	24	14	10	19
6	Maynooth Town	10	6	0	4	16	11	5	18	6	Ballyoulster United FC	14	4	4	6	31	35	-4	16
7	Crumlin United FC	15	5	2	8	28	36	-8	17	7	Palmerstown FC	12	4	2	6	28	27	1	14
8	Hyde Park	13	4	4	5	24	28	-4	16	8	Lorcan Celtic	14	4	2	8	22	33	-11	14
9	Fairview Cym	14	4	3	7	27	41	-14	15	9	Pegasus/St. James Ath	14	3	4	7	23	37	-14	13
10	Lorcan Celtic	12	3	3	6	16	23	-7	12	10	Orwell FC	9	0	1	8	10	27	-17	1
11	Knocklyon UTD FC	10	3	1	6	16	28	-12	10	11	Eblana FC	10	0	0	10	7	45	-38	0
12	Athy Town	12	2	1	9	11	27	-16	7										
13	Mid Sutton/Schalke	11	1	2	8	14	26	-12	5										
14	Dublin City University	12	1	2	9	8	28	-20	5										

Date	Home	Result	Away	Date	Home	Result	Away
13/02/2014	St. John Bosco	3-0	Maynooth Town	01/02/2014	Maynooth Town	3-0	Lorcan Celtic
07/02/2014	Maynooth Town	5-0	Athy Town	18/01/2014	Maynooth Town	3-1	Laytown United
05/01/2014	Crumlin United FC	4-0	Maynooth Town	07/12/2013	Ballyoulster United FC	2-4	Maynooth Town
20/10/2013	Knocklyon UTD FC	0-3	Maynooth Town	09/11/2013	Inchicore Athletic FC	2-3	Maynooth Town
28/09/2013	Maynooth Town	1-0	Dublin City University	02/11/2013	Maynooth Town	3-1	Orwell FC
22/09/2013	Mid Sutton/Schalke	1-2	Maynooth Town	12/10/2013	Pegasus/St. James Ath	1-3	Maynooth Town
13/09/2013	Maynooth Town	4-1	Lorcan Celtic	05/10/2013	Maynooth Town	3-1	Palmerstown FC
05/09/2013	Tullamore Town	1-0	Maynooth Town	28/09/2013	Lorcan Celtic	0-1	Maynooth Town
01/09/2013	Leicester Celtic FC	1-0	Maynooth Town	14/09/2013	Orwell FC	1-2	Maynooth Town
28/08/2013	Fairview Cym	0-1	Maynooth Town	07/09/2013	Maynooth Town	4-2	Booth Road Celtic
				31/08/2013	Eblana FC	0-2	Maynooth Town
				24/08/2013	Maynooth Town	5-2	Pegasus/St. James Ath

EXPLORING MAYNOOTH

Extracts from a book called Exploring Maynooth which was jointly published by Maynooth Local History & Civic Forum and Maynooth Action Strategy, a self guide of walks to facilitate residents of, and visitors to, Maynooth in exploring the history of the town and its environs.

(Note: Some changes to the walk may have occurred since the original publication)

THE MOYGLARE WALK The traditional “four miler” walk around the Rye Water and Lyreen River valleys

Summary: This walk begins outside the gates of St. Mary’s Catholic church, proceeds northwards along Moyglare Road to Moyglare Cross, turn right and continues eastwards past Moygaddy to Carton Wall, back over Kildare Bridge and along by Pebble Hill to Main Street. Distance: *Approx. 6.5 km.* Walking Time: *Allow 2.5 hours*

Terrain: Mostly country road walking without footpaths. **Take good care to watch out for traffic; walk on the right.** Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

The building of St. Mary’s R.C. Church (1) was begun in 1834 and when consecrated in 1840 was considered by the Freeman’s Journal to be an example of pure Gothic style architecture, laid out in the usual form of a cross, with the principal entrance dominated by an expensive belfry. The stained glass window above the main door was added later and the church was completed in the 1890’s. Opposite stands the Parish Hall (2), which was officially opened in 1972. Prior to the erection of the hall, during the emergency years of 1939/45, the grounds were shared out to local families as allotments for the growing of vegetables to augment world war II diets.

Next door is St. Mary’s Boys’ National School (3) which was built in 1943 having previously been located in Pound Street in the building now employed as the Band Hall. In the 1960’s the school had a ‘secondary top’ where some students were taught Intermediate and Leaving Cert. level. This was inadequate for the expanding needs of Maynooth and in 1972 Co. Kildare V.E.C. opened the modern Post-Primary School (4), located to the north of the Primary school.

Opposite is the Divine Word Missionaries centre (5), built in the late 1960’s. This Catholic congregation was initiated in Germany in the late 19th century and is now working in 50 countries world-wide. Kairos Communications, renowned for national and local television and radio broadcasts and productions.

Next on the right a gate lodge marks the entrance to an avenue leading to Satchwell’s Mariavilla House (6), which is a listed building of historic interest. Mariavilla is the name of the area stretching north from this House to the Rye Water, down as far as Kildare Bridge and back to the Town.

The entrance to the Gaelic Athletic Association club grounds (7) is heralded by an arch iron-crafted sign in Old Irish ‘Paire Mhuire, Magh Nuadhat’ (St. Mary’s Park, Maynooth) which is crowned by the club crest. ‘Crom Abu’ (Crom for ever), the club’s motto, is the medieval Geraldine war-cry originating from their manor in Crom, Co. Limerick. The club is one of the oldest in the country, both Gaelic Football and Hurling were played in the town as early as 1875, predating the foundation of the GAA in 1884. The club’s distinctive jersey of black with a white sash commemorates a player, Tommy Cullen, who was tragically killed during a game in Monasterevin in 1889. It moved to this location in 1966 from the Harbour Field alongside the canal. The club, currently enjoying great success on the playing fields and in the provision of modern facilities, was awarded ‘Club of the Year’ by the Kildare County Board for 1999.

Moyglare takes its name from the Irish, Maigh cClair, ‘the level plain’. Having passed the entrance to Moyglare Abbey estate, Crewhill, 70m high (8) can be seen to the west. It was from this hill in 1535 that Maynooth Castle, then the principal residence of Lord ‘Silken’ Thomas Fitzgerald, was bombarded by the artillery of an English army of Henry VIII, commanded by Sir William Skeffington. The castle was thought to have been impregnable but after a week-long battering, and betrayal by Christopher Parese, a leading defender, the walls were breached. Despite his collaboration with Skeffington Parese and twenty five other defenders were hanged before the castle’s gate. This reneging by crown forces led to the ironic term ‘Pardon of Maynooth’ being applied to subsequent breaches of trust. With the fall of the castle Silken Thomas’s rebellion collapsed leading to his execution with five of his Fitzgerald uncles on Tyburn Hill, England, in 1537.

Ann’s Bridge (9), built in 1799, marks the border of the Counties Kildare and Meath and passing the meadows of Moyglare Stud on the left we soon reach Moyglare Cross (10). The cross is dominated by the Lavin’s two storey house which was until the 1920’s a Royal Irish Constabulary barracks (11). Note the now out-of-service post box, dating from the period 1904-1910, situated in the stone pillar and still bearing the King Edward VII cipher ‘ER’ (Eduardus Rex). Measuring 71 cm x 25 cm, the original box was manufactured by W.T. Allen & Co., London. After 1922 many of these wall boxes had the crown and cipher ‘surgically’ removed by the new Irish department of Post and Telegraphs. They were also painted green. On occasion a new door was fitted with a circular design enclosing the motif SE (Saorstát Éireann). An Post decommissioned this wall box by removing its door.

A short detour from our walk, down past this house is rewarded by the All Saints’ Church of Ireland church (12), nestling in the meadows of Moyglare, surrounded by an inter-denominational graveyard and Yew trees. The church is also being converted into a Diocesan centre. Opposite is the residence of the Church of Ireland bishop of Meath and Kildare (13), behind which are the ruins of an old tower. Fine views to the south can be had from here: Crewill, the College spire and on to the Dublin and Wicklow mountains. According to folklore collected by Presentation Convent in the 1930’s, in conjunction with the Irish Folklore Commission, Crewhill is a favourite haunt of fairies and to hear music is a lucky omen.

Return to Moyglare Cross, cross straight over and head eastwards, with care, along a twisting country road. Having passed a residence on the left named ‘Pound Hill’ (14), pause outside the next cottage to observe in the field opposite gates, now locked, which mark the right-of-way from Kilcloon to Maynooth. Sadly, due to disuse and private transport these pleasant shortcuts are now lost to the public.

Presently, the road dips down to the Moygaddy Bridge, Manor and Stud farm. This place name is derived from the Irish, Maigh Gaidi, ‘the plain of the thief’. Moygaddy is one of the oldest established stud farms in the Maynooth area and among its most famous horses were Habita, Santella and Heaven Knows. Opposite stands Moygaddy Tower (15), which predates Carton house but was renovated by the fifth Duke of Leinster in 1892. It stands twenty nine and a half feet including a three foot parapet. It is surrounded by old Sycamore trees and has a well nearby. The combination of the elegantly built granite manor (with its evergreen Holm Oak tree), stable yards, Virginia Creeper clad walls, trees and gates, together with the Tower field, present a delightful vista.

As you approach the T-junction a wide disused gate into Carton estate can be seen, through which deer are sometimes to be admired. Take a right turn at the junction and proceed downhill (known locally as ‘Convinin’ Hill) to Kildare Bridge (16), which crosses the Rye Water and marks the border back into Co. Kildare. Note the disused narrow side gates into Carton which workers were once obliged to use, under threat of censure, thereby facilitating the gentry with exclusive use of the grand entrances. The Rye beneath Kildare Bridge was a popular bathing and fishing spot for generations of younger Maynoothonians until the 1970’s.

Having crossed over Kildare Bridge turn right on to a twisting road, again walking with care facing oncoming traffic. In the wooded area on the left is the remains of a quarry and indeed the land on both sides of this approach to the town was a source of a variety of building materials including stone, shale and lime. This is confirmed in the aptly named Pebble Hill House and farmyard, further up on the left. Opposite, but out of sight of the road, the Lyreen River flows into the Rye Water at Farmers Pool (18) and nearby the Maynooth Fly Fishing Club is currently under construction. Soon, on the right, the Pitch and Putt course (closed 1999) is reached. Until the 1950’s these lands were used as a local landfill site. Further along on the left at the rear of Charter House, the Presentation Sisters’ graveyard (19) can be viewed through locked gates. The graveyard is in use since 1824 when the local convent’s first Rev. Mother Augustus Drumgoole, was interred and now forty eight nuns are at rest there. (See map on page 11)



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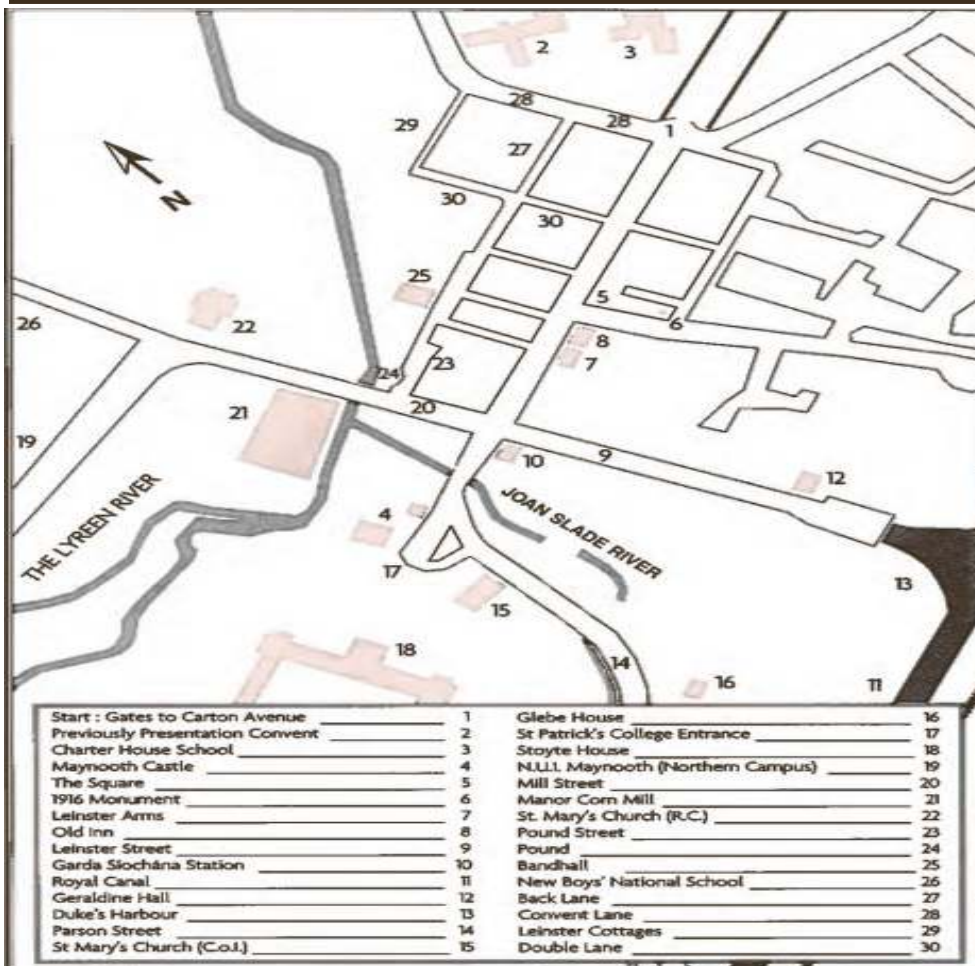
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Most popular work voted by students and staff “Balrath Woods” by Orla Garland, gift presentation by Mary McCourt



L/R Joint organisers of the Student and Staff Exhibition 2014 on behalf of NUI Maynooth Library and Maynooth Students, Susan Durack and Mary McCourt



Most Commended work by the NUI Maynooth Library Committee—“Pontoon” by Mike Conway, St. Patrick's College Maynooth

Maynooth native, John Doyle, 38, who grew up in Leinster Cottages and works in I.T. in Dublin is embarking on a fundraiser for Concern worldwide appeal for children. He departs on the 14th March on a near 2 week fundraising walk in North India, taking him from Delhi all the way up to Rishikesh. His average walking distance will be for 5 to 6 hours a day, for 12 days, in intense heat and altitude. John has spent nearly 2 years training for this and has shed a whopping 4 stone in that time. So far, he has raised €2,650, and has a hopeful target of €4,000. People can sponsor him, if they wish, by donating online at <https://yourconcern.concern.net/john-doyle> or they can pop a donation in an envelope marked Concern, and post it to 24 Leinster Cottages, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

All the money raised will go to Concern's worldwide appeal for children. John is hugely interested in travel, and in speaking Irish too, so he will be bringing along his Seachtain na Gaeilge t-shirt just to let the locals know exactly where he is from!



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Health & Fitness Trends

Fitness crazes come and go, some lasting for a few months, others just a few weeks. Some health & fitness trends however, last the test of time. Most of us have heard the catch-phrase: “Abs are made in the kitchen, not the gym” and with this in mind, we are going to take a look at what has been termed “Clean Eating”. Clean eating is about eating foods in their most natural state and therefore avoiding foods which have been processed or have had sugar, trans-fats or chemicals (with names we struggle to pronounce) added to them. The benefits of clean eating can include: weight loss, a clearer complexion, increased energy levels, higher levels of productivity and concentration and a reduction in stress levels. A clean-eater’s diet includes unrefined whole grains, lots of fresh fruit & vegetables, free-range meat and dairy, plenty of water, and making healthy cooking choices such as steaming instead of frying.

With the fuel for your body sorted, let’s take a look and how to make the most of your increased energy levels with free-to-members classes at The Glenroyal Leisure Club.

Spinning Classes

Spinning is a vigorous indoor cycling workout on stationary bikes. It is a great way to burn calories and the class caters for all ability levels. With energising, upbeat music and a motivating & enthusiastic instructor, the varied routine of warm-up, sprints, climbs and cool-down keeps your workout fresh and interesting. Best of all – you don’t need to wear a helmet!

Kettlebells

A kettlebell is a cast-iron weight with a handle which is used to perform exercises that combine cardiovascular, strength and flexibility training. The benefits of training with kettlebells and indeed, taking a kettlebell class in your local gym/leisure club can include improvement in your balance, power, coordination and flexibility while building amazing core strength, blasting fat and seeing beautiful muscle tone. Perfect for that strapless wedding gown you’ve been eyeing!

Yogalates

Yogalates is a fitness routine that combines Pilates exercises with the postures and breathing techniques of yoga. A Yogalates session will include exercises to cultivate strength, stamina, stability and flexibility with particular attention paid to strengthening your core muscles. These protect the spine against injury, support the internal organs and promote good posture. Equipment such as blocks, resistance bands and fit balls may also be utilised to further enhance strength and balance. The relaxing deep breathing will help you to manage your stress levels as you plan your big day.

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Ingredients

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1 ripe avocado
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 teasp. white wine vinegar
1 teasp. wholegrain mustard
1/2 teasp. clear honey
Crusty bread, to serve

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Method

Heat a frying pan then add a tablespoon of the olive oil. Add the black pudding and cook for 1 min on each side until tender. Transfer to a plate and keep warm. Add the bacon into the frying pan and saute for a few mins until sizzling and lightly golden. Place the salad leaves in a large bowl. Half, stone and chop the avocado. Add to the bowl and season to taste. Using a slotted spoon, remove the bacon from the pan and add to the salad. Pour the vinegar into the pan, turn up the heat and scrape the sediment in the pan with a wooden spoon to deglaze until almost all the vinegar has been boiled off. Stir the mustard into the reduced down vinegar with the honey and then whisk in the rest of the olive oil until you have achieved a nice emulsion. Break the black pudding up into pieces and scatter over the salad, then drizzle over the dressing. Toss lightly to combine and then arrange on plates to serve.

Colcannon

Ingredients

1kg potatoes, well scrubbed (cut any large ones in half)
100g butter
140g sliced back bacon, finely chopped
1 small Savoy cabbage, finely shredded
150ml double cream



Method

Tip the potatoes into a large saucepan of water. Bring to the boil, then simmer for 15-20 mins, or until the flesh is tender when pierced. Meanwhile, heat quarter of the butter in a saucepan, then fry the bacon and half the cabbage for 5 mins. Turn off the heat and set aside. Drain potatoes in a colander and peel while still hot. Mash potato until smooth. Heat cream with remaining butter and, when almost boiling, beat into the potato. Add bacon and cabbage to potato and mix. Season if you want.

Irish Coddled Pork with Cider

Ingredients

small knob butter
2 pork loin chops
4 rashers smoked bacon, cut into pieces
2 potatoes, cut into chunks
1 carrot, cut into large chunks
1/2 small turnip, cut into chunks
1/2 large cabbage, cut into smaller pieces
1 bay leaf
100ml Irish cider
100g chicken stock



Method

Heat the butter in a casserole dish until sizzling, then fry the pork for 2-3 mins on each side until browned. Remove from the pan. Tip the bacon, carrot, potatoes and turnip into the pan, then fry until slightly coloured. Stir in the cabbage, sit the chops back on top, add the bay leaf, then pour over the cider and stock. Cover the pan, then leave to gently simmer for 20 mins until the pork is cooked through and the vegetables are tender. Serve at the table spooned straight from the dish.

Irish Cream & Chocolate Cheesecake

Ingredients

100g/3 1/2 oz butter
250g/8 1/2 oz digestive biscuits, crushed
600g/1 lb 5 oz cream cheese
25ml/1 fl oz Baileys or other Irish cream liqueur
100ml/3 1/2 oz icing sugar
300ml/10 fl oz double cream, whipped
100g/3 1/2 oz grated chocolate
To garnish: 200ml/7 fl oz double cream, whipped cocoa powder, to dust



Method

Melt the butter in a pan and add the crushed digestive biscuits. Mix until the biscuits have absorbed all the butter. Remove from the heat and press into the bottom of a lined 18cm/7in tin. Place in the refrigerator and allow to set for one hour. Lightly whip the cream cheese, then beat in the Irish cream and icing sugar. Fold in the whipped cream and grated chocolate. When smooth, spoon evenly onto the biscuits. Refrigerate and allow to set for a further two hours. Once set, remove and decorate with whipped cream and cocoa powder dusted over the top. Serve.



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spreading the message of Peace worldwide.

A Peace Light service was held on Thurs 20th December 2013, in the Church of the Visitation in Fairview. Here Scouts and Guides, from the length and breadth of Ireland, gathered for a ceremony of peace and then took the Peace Light of Bethlehem back to their own parishes. It was presented to hospitals, churches, nursing homes etc. 8th Kildare Maynooth Venture Scouts were privileged to escort the Peace Light back to the parishes of Maynooth, Ladychapel and Kilcloon.



On Christmas Eve youth members from Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Ventures and Rovers in Maynooth, brought the Peace Light to St. Mary's church in Maynooth, Ladychapel and St. Oliver's in Kilcloon, to share with the community. At the Children's Mass at 5pm Christmas Eve in St Mary's parish, Beaver scouts brought the light into the church and the procession was led by a lone drummer playing "the Little Drummer Boy". It was very special for all children involved in this particular Mass. Many children from the parish also took part, by singing in the choir, acting out the Nativity pageant and helping in many other ways.

This year the Peace Light shines in places where the significance of what it symbolises is appreciated – it not only burns in Ireland but was carried by Scouts to all the countries of the European Union, Central and Eastern Europe, the Russian Federation and to the countries of North and Central America.

In past years the light has been presented to Pope Benedict XVI, former President Mikhail Gorbachev of Russia, former King Hussein of Jordan, EU President Romano Prodi and other member of the European Parliament in Strasbourg, the UN Troops in Kosovo and to Ground Zero, New York.



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‘MEMORABILIA EVENING’ GLENROYAL HOTEL, MAYNOOTH, 23 JANUARY 2014

Maynooth Local History Group hosted its annual ‘Memorabilia Evening’ on Thursday 23 January in the Glenroyal Hotel. The meeting was well attended and many of those who came along brought interesting ephemera and artefacts with them. Initially, these were laid out on tables. Each person was given an opportunity to share their stories with the rest of the group and following that, there was informal chat. In order to put the exhibits in context additional background information has been added by the author. When one reads about the undermentioned items and their history, what comes to the fore is that our ancestors and those of us who are alive today share a common humanity and that our memories are interwoven into that rich tapestry of experience that we call life.

An interesting sepia postcard showed the interior of the beautiful choired chapel that was one part of the Presentation Convent which had been founded in Maynooth in 1823. A second black and white card related to the Salmon Leap Falls in Leixlip. Once described as a ‘romantic spot...where the river, tumbling over a succession rocky ledges forms a beautiful cascade’. Sadly, the falls are no longer visible as in the name of progress, which was welcomed at the time, they were submerged under the hydroelectric dam that was built for the ESB in 1947.



There was a fine selection of late eighteenth and early nineteenth century firearms and swords on display. They included a ‘Brown Bess’ musket complete with bayonet; this type of weapon was used by English forces during the 1798 Rebellion in Kildare and elsewhere. Also on display were two pistols and a number of swords in their scabbards. We were given a demonstration on how to load, cock and fire the musket and told how effective the various swords were in the hands of a skilled swordsman. A musket ball, which had been found in the musket, was handed round for perusal.

An artefact known as a ‘Dunville Match Holder Striker’ with a VR monogram was displayed. John Dumvill (original spelling) joined the whisky blenders and tea importers Napier & Co of Bank Lane, Belfast in 1801. In partnership with a William Napier the company known as Dunville & Co was established in 1825. In 1837, when Queen Victoria ascended the throne, the firm launched its best-known brand of whiskey, ‘VR’. Prohibition in the United States between 1920 and 1933 ruined Dunville’s American market and it never recovered. It was liquidated in 1936. However, the Echlinville Distillery in the Ards Peninsula has now revived the brand and it is expected to reach the market in 2016. Coincidentally, the Dumville family is related by marriage to the Mount Charles family and an interesting link with the past is the fact that the current Mount Charles family is establishing a whiskey distillery in the grounds of Slane Castle in Co Meath.



Also on display was an ‘All Ireland Temperance Bazaar’ 1905 medal. This referred to a bazaar, supported by ‘the greatest names in Irish Society’, which was held in Ballsbridge in Dublin in May 1905. Father Theobald Mathew who spent a short time studying in Maynooth College initiated the temperance movement in 1838. It continued into the twentieth century under the auspices of the ‘All Ireland Temperance League’. The *Irish Independent* on 23 May declared that the Bazaar ‘was a triumph of organisation and a colossal success’. Its target was to raise £10,000 which was to be used for charitable purposes.

A memento marked ‘Royal Irish Constabulary, Malta 1917’ which had been presented to a TP Roe, an officer in the RIC by a member of the Maltese police force was also on display. While the occasion is unknown, it is likely that it was in connection with the RIC’s Colonial Police Forces’ training programme. The RIC (created in the early 1820s) was involved in training British Colonial Police across the world. The question is why? The answer is because the RIC was unlike any other police force in Britain in that it was formed on paramilitary lines. Consequently, it was best suited to train the colonial police forces who were structured along the same lines. One hundred and twelve Colonial Police Officers were trained in the Phoenix Park Depot between 1907 and 1911. The RIC was disbanded in 1922 and was replaced by the Civic Guard. In 1923 the Civic Guard was renamed An Garda Síochána (Guardians of the Peace) whose headquarters are now in the Phoenix Park Depot.



Documents, including photographs of a young man in uniform related to a son of one of the station masters at Maynooth were shown. This young man enlisted in the British Army at 21 years of age and fought with the Connaught Rangers in World War One. Physically, he survived the war, but like many who did come home, having suffered the horrors of combat, he was severely traumatised and died

young. The story is told that a *Daily Mail* correspondent heard the Irish regiment of the Connaught Rangers singing; *It’s a long way to Tipperary* as they marched through Boulogne in France in August 1914. When he wrote about it in the paper, the song was picked up by other units and later that year it was recorded by the well-known tenor John McCormack. A couple of brass shell casings were also on display. As a result of the war effort brass quickly became scarce in the United Kingdom and among other places was sourced in the United States.

For the second year in succession a ‘Princess Mary 1914 Christmas Gift’ embossed box (together with a number of medals) was brought along. In November 1914 a ‘Sailors & Soldiers Christmas Fund’ was initiated, its purpose being to provide everyone wearing the King’s uniform and serving overseas on Christmas Day 1914 with a ‘gift from the nation’. Earlier boxes were made in brass, but as costs escalated later boxes were in more inferior material. While the contents varied, they could include a combination of a pipe, a lighter, 1 oz of tobacco and twenty cigarettes. Non-smokers received a bullet pencil and sweets. All boxes contained a Christmas card and a picture of Princess Mary. The box on display in the Glenroyal still retained much of its original contents and a card which read ‘With all Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Victorious New Year’. Recently, a Princess Mary Box, containing many of its original contents sold on the BBC programme *Flog It*, for £55.



There were a number of interesting letters displayed which came about as a result of a house clearance. One letter dated 1917 from one brother to another who was overseas remarked on major events of the time. He referred to the ‘great battle’ that had taken place in the North Sea. Here he was probably referring to the Battle of Jutland (31 May and 1 June 1916). This was the largest naval battle and the only full-scale clash of battleships in World War One. The British fleet consisted of 151 combatant ships and the German fleet had ninety-nine. When the battle was over, the British had lost fourteen ships with 6,094 dead and the Germans had lost eleven ships with 2,551 dead. Both sides claimed victory. The writer also referred to the fact that, in the aftermath of the 1916 Rising, Dublin was then in the process of being rebuilt and on a note of optimism remarked ‘we will have Home Rule soon’. Of course, Home Rule was never implemented. What followed was a War of Independence followed by a short and bitter Civil War. The Irish Free State was established in December 1922.

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Two 'Memorial Plaques' were exhibited, one of which was beautifully mounted on green marble. When World War One was over, Memorial Plaques (medallions) were issued to the next-of-kin of all British and Empire service personnel who were killed as a result of the war. The plaque was made of bronze (in all 450 tonnes was used) and became known as the 'Dead Man's Penny', because of its similarity to the smaller penny coin. Measuring five inches in diameter the plaque includes an image of Britannia holding a trident and standing with a lion. The designer's initials E.Cr.P. (Edward Carter Preston) appear above the front paw. In her left hand she holds an oak wreath above a rectangular tablet bearing the name of the deceased in raised letters. The name deliberately does not include rank. Two dolphins swim around Britannia, symbolising Britain's sea power, and at the bottom a second lion is tearing apart the German eagle. After the war 1,355,000 plaques were issued including 600 to women with each one appropriately inscribed 'He/she died for freedom and honour'.

Throughout the years there have always been people who collect militaria and other war relics. In the age of the internet, collectors who are interested in owning a genuine piece of history in this area have no trouble 'surfing the net', in order to source medals and other artefacts that fit in with their particular collections. A collector's item, put together long before the internet, in the form of a wooden case with a glass top, displayed medals and other insignia from all over the British Empire. Among them was a sole button/badge marked with the familiar 'V' which may have been originally on the uniform of someone involved in the Volunteer movement.

One person spoke about a member of his family who had fought in the Irish War of Independence and in the Civil War. When the Free State was established and when the time had come when combatants were invited to submit details of their service in the revolutionary period in order to qualify for a pension and/or medal(s), he chose not to. His attitude was that this was not what he had fought for. Many others, for reasons of their own also did not apply. In this regard, the lack of official sources in the Military Archives (www.militaryarchives.ie) makes it difficult for their descendants to piece together what role their ancestors played in the fight for Irish independence. They have to rely on family history and other sources such as the War of Independence documents in the record office in Kew in England and available sources in our own National Archives in Bishop Street in Dublin.



Following on from this theme, it was highlighted that there was a case where a school teacher fought in the War of Independence. At one stage he had to go on the run and had his home was burned by the Black and Tans. The Black and Tans were mostly former soldiers brought into Ireland by the government in London after 1918 to assist the Royal Irish Constabulary in their work. The vast majority, but not all, were men who had served in the British forces during World War One. Many were 'gun-happy', had a reputation for being undisciplined and a danger not only to Irishmen and women but to other policemen. When all the fighting was over this school teacher lost his job and joined the Free State Army. For some reason, unknown yet to his descendants, he was awarded medals for his service but did not qualify for a pension.

A new booklet entitled *Guide to the Military Service (1916-1923) Pensions Collection*; (MSPC) recently published by Defence Forces Ireland (Óglaigh na hÉireann) and the Department of Defence (An Roinn Cosanta) in addition to other valuable information gives details of the origins, scope and content of the collection. It also has a 'Guide to Medals' which relates to the four medals that were awarded by the Department of Defence relevant to the MSPC. These are the 1916 Medal (Government Decision 1941), the Service (1917-1921) Medal (Government Decision 1942), the 1916 Survivor's Medal (created in 1966), and the Truce (1921) Commemoration Medal awarded in 1971.

We also got the opportunity to view an old Saint Mary's Brass and Reed Band uniform which had been cleverly altered from an older Garda Síochána uniform. The Band has a long tradition going as far back as 1796. The band was associated with many notable events throughout the centuries, including the funerals of Daniel O'Connell and Charles Stewart Parnell. In 1849 when Queen Victoria and Albert visited Maynooth, they spent one night at Carton as guests of the Duke of Leinster and the band entertained the royal couple on the lawn. In more recent times, the band is associated with the Irish Eucharistic Congress of 1932 which took place between the 22 and 26 June. The final mass was held in the Phoenix Park in Dublin at 1.00pm on the Sunday and approximately 25 per cent of Ireland's population was in attendance. People heard the world-renowned tenor John McCormack sing *Panis Angelicus* (Lamb of God). Afterwards four processions left the Park and walked to O'Connell Street where approximately 500,000 people gathered on O'Connell Bridge and the surrounding quays and streets for the concluding ceremony. The band uniform in the Glenroyal on the Memorabilia evening was accompanied by a large framed coloured print depicting the huge crowds that assembled on that occasion for the Papal Nuncio's final blessing.



An interesting anniversary book entitled *Fifty years of Liberty Hall* celebrating the golden jubilee of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union 1909-1959 was full of photographs and articles relating to events and people who had been involved in union activities over the years. The original Liberty Hall, which initially faced the Custom House, not the quays, was fired on by the gunboat *Helga* during the 1916 Rising. Located at 18 Beresford Place at Eden Quay in Dublin, the new Liberty Hall, completed in 1965 is one of the tallest buildings in Dublin at 195 feet high. In 1913, the Hall became the focus of the centenary commemorations surrounding the 1913 Lockout. The *Helga* went on to have a chequered career. During the War of Independence, in order to provide safe passage, one of its duties was the transportation of the Black and Tans from port to port. In August 1923, *Helga* became the property of the Irish Free State and her name was changed to *Muirchú* (the Hound of the Sea).

Another exhibit was a large photograph of the Kildare Hunt (founded in 1793) taken some time at the turn of the twentieth century. With Maynooth Court House in the square as a backdrop it shows an imposing figure on horseback surrounded by a park of eager hounds ready for the 'off'.

We also got a chance to see the 1955-1961 Minute Book of the monthly meetings of the CYMS (Catholic Young Men's Society) which were held in the Geraldine Hall in Maynooth. This society was founded by a Tipperary man, Richard Baptist O'Brien who studied for the priesthood in Saint Patrick's College in Maynooth. He graduated with distinction and was ordained in 1839. The CYMS, founded in 1849 was to strengthen the Catholic community in their religious faith, and by the twentieth century it had also evolved into a social club. The Minute Book, an important part of social history, details all the activities that the committee and members of the society were involved in between 1955 and 1961. Among other amenities, there was a Billiard Club and one of its members, the late Michael (Mick) Nolan, brought fame to Maynooth by having the distinction of winning the Irish Billiards Championships in 1953.

Finally, thank you to everyone who made our 'Memorabilia Evening' in the Glenroyal Hotel in January 2014 so memorable.

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Maxi Zoo resident Ray went missing on Saturday 15th February between 5 and 6pm. Ray is a minor celebrity in the area, he goes around with one of the Maxi Zoo staff and helps teach responsible pet ownership in the local schools. He is very popular with the children in the locality with many visiting him at the weekends. Ray is a miniature parrot who stands about 4 inches tall. He is dark green with a red and yellow chest and has a dark green head. He is 4 ½ years old. Ray is sorely missed by the staff and customers. There is a substantial reward for his safe return. If you know anything about his whereabouts please ring Darren Cullen at the following numbers 01-6292880/086-7799884 or pop into Maxi Zoo and let the staff know. Thank you.



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Dublin Bus Agree to Extend Their Service to Moyglare Hall

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the KWETB (formerly the VEC): "That the KWETB make a site available on our land at Moyglare Hall, Maynooth, for a Dublin Bus turning point to facilitate students attending our proposed new schools and that Dublin Bus be asked to provide the bus terminus as soon as possible as it will facilitate residents of Moyglare Hall now."

The CEO of the KWETB, Sean Ashe, advised Cllr. John McGinley that Dublin Bus have agreed to extend the 67 bus service to the proposed new schools and that the KWETB will provide a site for the bus terminus. Dublin Bus will put their agreement in written form and Mr. Sean Ashe stated that the plans for the new schools will be amended to incorporate the bus terminus.

Cllr. McGinley is very pleased to have been of assistance in progressing the bus extension for the residents of Moyglare Hall, Moyglare Road and the future students of the new schools.

Update on 66 Bus Extension to Newtown, Maynooth
On Cllr. McGinley's suggestion a Special Meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee was held on 5 February to discuss the proposed 66 bus extension and the North-South Cycle Corridor.

George Willoughby and Michael Kane showed Cllr. Griffin and Cllr. McGinley their drawing of the turning point layout and the Councillors stated that if there was no alternative turning point that a letter and the layout drawing should be circulated to the residents of Parsons Hall. The Council officials pointed out that there will be 8m of screening between the bus turning point and the Parsons Hall fence. George Willoughby stated that there was no need for the Part V111 Council Planning Process as the cost of the work was under the 126,000 threshold. Since then the Council had a meeting with Dublin Bus representatives and they confirmed that the area outside Parsons Hall was their preferred turning point.

Update on North-South Cycle Corridor from Moyglare Hall to M4 Business Park

Councillors were shown the Draft proposals for the North-Cycle Corridor at the Special meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee on 5 February. At the January meeting of the Area Committee Cllr. McGinley called for the proposals to be fast tracked in order to assist with the granting of Planning Permission for the new Post Primary Schools at Moyglare Hall.

The Consultants Draft proposals include a combined cycle path/footpath up the left hand side of Moyglare Road which should go a long way to meeting the objections of Council Planners to the new schools. In Cllr. McGinley's view some of the other Draft proposals are of the "Bertie Bowl" variety and must be removed. The Council Officials hope to bring the proposals before the Area Committee in March or April prior to going for Part V111 Council Planning.

Cllr. McGinley Demands Action on Noise from the M4

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of Kildare County Council: "That a full report be given to Council on the progress made on the Second Noise Action Plan" As a result of John's motion the County Manager agreed to meet with the National Transport Authority to discuss the laying of low noise emitting asphalt on the M4 from Leixlip to Kilcock as the road surface is 20 years old and

needs resurfacing.

Provision of left green filter traffic signal at the Glenroyal exit onto the Straffan Road, Maynooth.

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply in response to his motion to provide a left turning a left turning green filter at the Glenroyal exit :

"Dear Cllr. McGinley,

As discussed there are a number of issues that the Traffic Management Section would require to be addressed prior to the implementation of a left green filter signal at the exit to the Glenroyal complex.

(i) There are safety concerns regarding the ability of the left hand lane queue to run on an independent phase while the right hand lane is stationary.

(ii) Due to the alignment, width and geometry of the left and right hand exit lanes, vehicles in particular light and heavy goods vehicles cannot progress safely on a left hand filter.

(iii) With the current exit alignment the proposed left green filter would only benefit a maximum of five to six vehicles waiting to exit.

(iv) Kildare County Council would have to source funding for the provision of the proposed signals, to configure new controller plans and reconfigure SCOOT, the urban traffic control system operating the signals. As you are aware, all the traffic signals in Maynooth are connected so unfortunately, a change would not just be to install one extra optic, it is a complex issue to address and there are no resources available to commit to the work.

If there is a requirement in the future to engage with any third party in order to progress this matter please contact this office and we can meet to discuss any proposals.

In relation to the last sentence Cllr. McGinley is pursuing the issue with a third party.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for the NTA to Take Action on Dumping at the M4 Slip Road

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

"That the NRA be asked to removed the dumped drink cartons and other rubbish at the slip road from the Straffan Road into Dublin on the M4 and that they erect signs advising motorists that it is a criminal offence to litter."

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Safety Improvements at The Square Junction:

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

"That signage be painted on the Straffan Road as it joins Main Street, Maynooth, to indicate that the right lane is also for straight ahead into Fagans Lane and that the left lane is for left turning traffic only."

Cllr. McGinley Looks for Update on M4 Junction Upgrade

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

"What steps have been carried to implement Roads Objective TRO 1 of The Maynooth Local Area Plan 2013-2019 ? i.e."To carry out a study investigating the safety and capacity of the existing Straffan Road M4 Interchange etc."

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Traffic Regulations to be Enforced in Maynooth

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

"That this Council asks traffic wardens to patrol Maynooth on a regular basis in order to put a stop to illegal parking and that the Council asks the Garda Traffic Corps Division in Naas to also deal with this and the very serious issue of vehicles breaking red lights."

John has also asked the Chief Superintendent of the Garda to deploy the Traffic Corps in Naas and Leixlip to attend to this blatant disregard of the traffic laws in Maynooth. The Chief Super. has confirmed to John that he will do so.

Update on Implementation of Parking By-Laws in Maynooth

The Parking By-Laws for Maynooth were approved at the Council meeting on 23 December 2013. When Cllr. McGinley followed up on their implementation he was given the following answers on 23 January to his Questions:

"What is the schedule for implementing the Pay Parking agreed at the December Council Meeting?"

It is difficult to give an approximate time-frame. Working drawings will be drafted for all signs and civil works etc. These will be carried out by the Technicians and once completed will be given to the Area Engineer. A costing of all civil works including signs and lines will have to be completed by the Area Engineer and finance will have to be secured before any works including lines and signs are carried out.

"When will the new car park be opened?"

The new car park will be opened in conjunction with the implementation of the adopted pay parking bye-laws once all signs lines and civil works are completed and we are ready to enforce.

"When will the street markings be in place?"

This will be done in conjunction with answer 1 above.

When will the machines be installed?

The machines will have to be tendered for and finance for the machines secured. It is hoped that this tender will commence mid to late 2014 as part of an overall tender for pay parking. This will ensure better value for money in the overall scheme."

Cllr. McGinley sent the following reply on 24 January:

"I'm surprised that Finance is an issue as contributions received up to 31/10/13 for Maynooth Car Park is €706,329, as per page 18 of the Capital Programme. Surely this money can be used for the Pay Parking as the Council is not going to provide a new car park(It will be provided by the private sector).

I cannot see why you have to wait until mid to late 2104 to tender for the machines as I am not aware of any other town in the county that will be installing machines this year."

John got the following reply from the Council:

"The machines will be the last item to be installed. All other civil works, lines and signs etc will have to be costed, financed and put in place first, so the machines would not be installed until then regardless. This will take some time. The Transportation Department plan to go to tender for the management and enforcement of regulated parking mid 2014. As part of this tender it is planned to include provision of parking machines and other methods of parking payments such as pay by phone etc to facilitate the public.

To get the best value for money and the best service that is out there, we feel it is best to advertise it as one contract."

Unfortunately it looks as if the Parking By-Laws won't be in place until late in the year. The good news is that work seems to be progressing well on the new car park

Stagg Calls on Waterways Ireland to Withdraw Canal Bye-Law Proposals

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Deputy Emmet Stagg has lodged a submission opposing the proposed changes to the Canal Acts Bye-Laws which are under public consultation at this time and has called on Waterways Ireland to withdraw the proposed changes and to sit down with the Inland Waterways Association of Ireland and other groups to arrive at an agreed way forward to ensure the future of the Grand and Royal Canal System.

The proposed changes stated Deputy Stagg will have a devastating impact on the use of the Royal and Grand Canal and Barrow Navigation. We are talking about people lives and the livelihoods of many communities along the canals. The proposed changes are consumer unfriendly and anti tourism development.

The proposals include increasing annual mooring permit fees from €126 to €1,600 depending on the size and location of the boat and charging between €1,500 and €3,500 per annum for Houseboat Permits for the live-aboard communities, up from in the region of €280 per annum.

There are long established live-aboard communities at Hazelhatch and Sallins and these proposed charges are an attempt to price them off the water stated Deputy Stagg.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that if Waterways Ireland did not withdraw the proposed changes and start again with meaningful consultation with IWAI and other groups he indicated that strong pressure would be put on Minister Jimmy Deenihan to reject the bye-law changes.

Cllr. John McGinley has also submitted the following motion for the consideration of Kildare County Council: "That this Council rejects Waterways Ireland proposed amendments to the Canal By-Laws." John has also submitted an objection to Waterways Ireland.

7.5% Fall in Live Register Figures for Maynooth

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the fall in the Live Register Figures published on Wednesday 5th February last which show a 7.55% fall in the Live Register Figures for Maynooth Labour Exchange in the past year. The further fall confirms the downward trend in unemployment stated Deputy Stagg but we cannot be complacent as unemployment is still far too high. Exiting the bailout and economic recovery will only be meaningful for people when they see real improvements in their lives and the most important way to achieve that is by creating more jobs.

Export led recovery is continuing as we attract more foreign direct investment and the Cabinet on Thursday 6th February announced that they were drawing up a strategy to address the needs of the construction sector where it is envisaged 12,000 jobs can be created. Also on Thursday February 6th stated Deputy Stagg the Cabinet also moved to support local businesses by announcing the roll out of Local Employment Offices to provide better support to small businesses which will be up and running throughout the Country by April. In effect we are providing One Stop Shops for local Businesses in every County where entrepreneurs and business people can access all the Government supports they need.

Deputy Stagg stated that he was particularly pleased that the Government are pressing ahead with a New Youth Entrepreneurship Fund aimed at start ups by under 25's and which is an idea put forward by Darragh O'Neill a member of Celbridge Labour Branch. 'I want to congratulate Darragh on his initiative and success in this matter'. Details of how the scheme will operate are now being drawn up and funding for the scheme will be announced when the scheme is up and running. In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that the Government remained focused on Job Creation in 2014.

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Ó Cearúil focusing on getting New Schools Built

Naoise Ó Cearúil has been campaigning to ensure that the new Maynooth Education Campus be built as soon as possible. The concern is that the project is being delayed however the KWETB have confirmed that the all is going according to plan. Ó Cearúil commented, *"I'm concerned about the lack of progress with the new schools but I have been told that the project will be finished on time. If any parent needs any information, they can contact me at any time."*

Ó Cearúil Campaigns for Dublin Bus routes to Moyglare Hall and Parson's Hall

Naoise Ó Cearúil has been working to get Dublin Bus to extend their services to Moyglare Hall and Parson's Hall. The company have stated that they plan on extending their services to these estates once they have the required turning points. The KWETB have confirmed that an adequate turning point will be built with the proposed new Maynooth Education Campus.

Lá Mór na Gaeilge

On the 15th of February there was a large Irish Language demonstration in Dublin. Over 5000 people turned up for the march from the Garden of Remembrance to Leinster House. The demonstrators were looking for language rights and equality when dealing with state bodies. Naoise Ó Cearúil, local election candidate and Ógra Fianna Fáil Irish officer organised the Fianna Fáil and Maynooth contingent. There were around fifty members of Fianna Fáil and thirty local Maynooth residents at the event.

Public work at Carton Avenue having a negative impact on traffic

Public work at Carton Avenue is causing major disruption in Maynooth. On Thursday the 20th at 12.30pm there were major traffic disruptions. Naoise commented that, "This is a welcome investment in the town but I don't understand why the work cannot take place in the evening. This

town is too busy to have long hold ups and the council should consider carrying out this work in the evening".

Ó Cearúil gets roads fixed

Naoise Ó Cearúil has been successful in his lobbying efforts to have various roads in the town fixed. Naoise has been lobbying the council to improve Coates Lane, Buckley's Lane and Leinster Park for months. The council have finally improved these roads but have stated that they would not be resurfaced due to lack of funding. "I am delighted with the work but more could be done. I will continue to look for the improvement of streets and footpaths" said Ó Cearúil.

Naoise Ó Cearúil is the local election candidate for Maynooth in the upcoming local elections on May 23rd. If you would like to join a local energetic team, feel free to contact Naoise on naoise2014@gmail.com or (086) 456 5204

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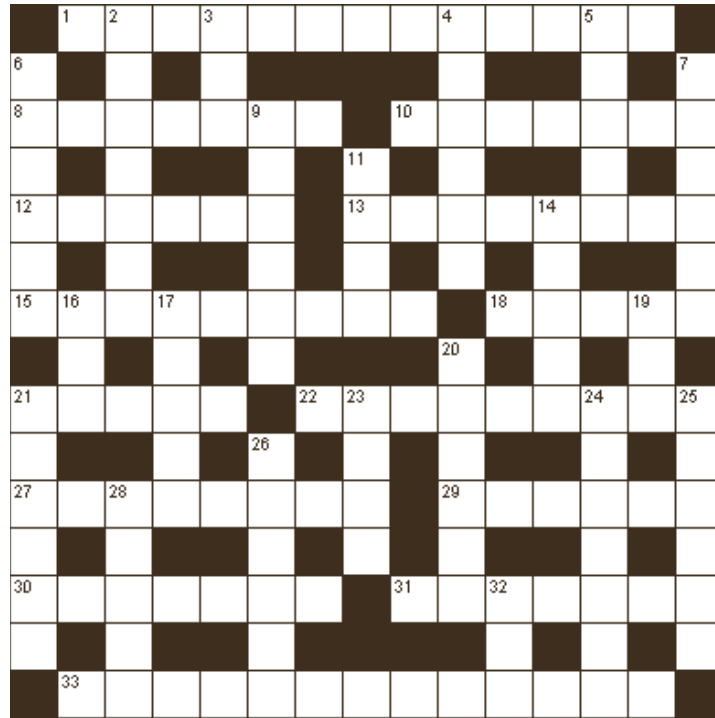
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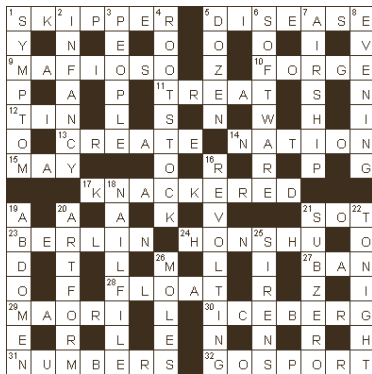
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Clues Across

1. Supreme commander (13)
8. Lorry driver (7)
10. Retrofit (7)
12. Calamitous (6)
13. Cloudy (8)
15. Flattery (5,4)
18. Move rhythmically (5)
21. Moan (5)
22. Memorials (9)
27. Person who is absent (8)
29. Shred (6)
30. Cork (7)
31. Unfavourable (7)
33. Uneasy (13)

**March 2014 Crossword - No: 422****Clues Down**

2. Imitate (7)
3. North American deer (3)
4. Gazes fixedly (6)
5. Secret organisation (5)
6. Declares (6)
7. Carved image (6)
9. Stir to action (6)
11. Vaporise (4)
14. Pursue (5)
16. Armed conflict (3)
17. Efface (5)
19. Sever (3)
20. Full of ruts (6)
21. Resembling glass (6)
23. Above (4)
24. Formed by nature (7)
25. View in detail (6)
26. Flowing water (6)
28. Eating utensil (5)
32. By way of (3)

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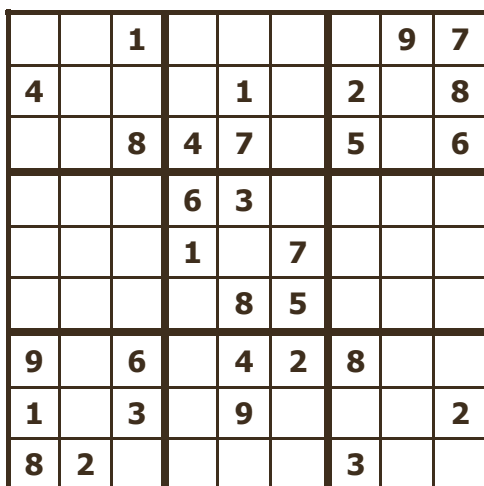
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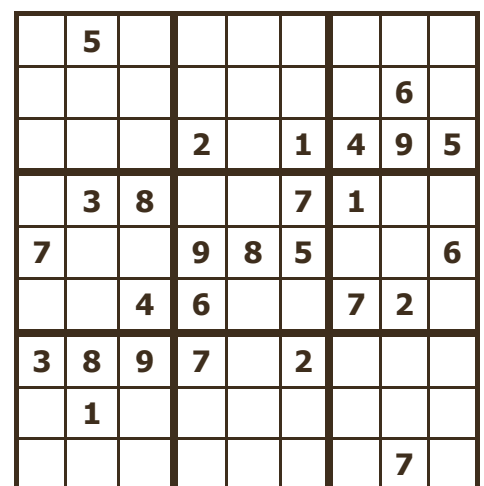
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The People Before Profit Alliance (PBPA) in Maynooth have selected Martin Grehan as their candidate for the 2014 elections to Kildare County Council (KCC) in the Maynooth electoral area. Born in Leixlip, Martin has worked in Maynooth for 8 years (in NUI Maynooth) and is a life-time resident of North Kildare. Martin has worked tirelessly on many issues including:

- Campaigning against cuts to our local ambulance service. Martin is the spokesperson for the Stop the North Kildare Ambulance Cuts Campaign.
- Working to support the aims of the Maynooth Schools Group Campaign.
- Helping to defeat the introduction of the Household Charge and fighting the introduction of property and water taxes.
- Martin was involved in PBPA's Save our Forests campaign, which in conjunction with Friends of Donadea Forest Park, successfully prevented the sale of Donadea Forest.

At present, there are no representatives on KCC who adhere to the left-wing principles of equality and social justice. What Martin can do, as your local representative, is provide a platform for the issues affecting working people and will continue to campaign outside the confines of the KCC chamber.

Furthermore, as your councillor Martin pledges to respect the following principles:

1. **Not to participate in the junket culture of the County Council.**
2. **Not to vote for Council Budgets that include cuts or stealth taxes and to refuse to do any deals with right-wing or pro-austerity parties.**
3. **To oppose any motions or initiatives that would see the privatisation of council services or the outsourcing of council jobs.**
4. **Never to take home more than the average industrial wage.**

The People Before Profit Alliance and Martin are dedicated to building resistance to right-wing economic policies through community grassroots organising. If you wish to help out with our campaign, or wish to keep updated please contact us:

AUSTERITY KILLS – SAVE OUR AMBULANCE

As most Maynooth residents would be aware, since September 2012, no emergency ambulance has operated from the Maynooth base on a Thursday between the hours of 7am and 7pm. This is part of broader cuts by the government to the National Ambulance Service and the public healthcare system.

A campaign group was set up by a group of Maynooth residents concerned by the consequences of such cutbacks. The ambulance from the Maynooth base is estimated to serve a population of over 60,000 people. Clearly an urban area of this size cannot compromise on front line health services without endangering the lives of local residents.

The campaign has received a strong positive response from the public. Our petition to reverse the cuts has been signed by over 2,500 people and the campaign has organised protests and public meetings in order to raise awareness on the issue. Before Christmas some of the GPs in North Kildare spoke out publicly against the cuts and have said that the cuts have the potential to lead to deaths due to delayed emergency response times.

In the forthcoming weeks and months we will be reinvigorating the campaign with the slogan "Austerity Kills – Save Our Ambulance". We will be erecting permanent posters around North Kildare to raise

awareness of this issue and we also plan to hold protests locally. We hope that with the local elections forthcoming that some leverage can be gained for the campaign. Stay in touch with the campaign: stopthenkambulancecuts@gmail.com
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RESTRICTION OF ACCESS BY OPW TO CASTLETOWN HOUSE IS A CONCERN FOR MAYNOOTH RESIDENTS TOO

The People Before Profit Alliance (PBPA) in North Kildare would like to offer its full support to the residents of Celbridge in their ongoing dispute with the OPW surrounding access to Castletown. Castletown House is a national monument, and a fantastic amenity site for residents of Celbridge and surrounding towns, including Maynooth. Maintaining 24 hour access to the site for the public is the aim of the Castletown Right of Way group, and PBPA support this claim.

We would encourage Maynooth residents to engage with the campaign, to attend the regular protest walks, and to inform their local public representatives of their unhappiness with the restriction of access by the OPW to Castletown.

PBPA's candidate for the Maynooth LEA in the 2014 local elections, Martin Grehan said: "It's clear that the OPW's agenda is to attempt to monetise the usage of Castletown. They are facing pressure from central government to cut costs and increase income streams. Local residents will lose out if they continue to assert their opinion that no legal right of way exists. We call on the OPW to listen to local residents and maintain 24 hour public access to Castletown House. We also offer our support to the Castletown Right of Way group, and Community Solidarity, who have done excellent work in attempting to resist the closure."

CHRISTY MOORE PERFORMS IN NUI MAYNOOTH TO REMEMBER ANN LOVETT 30 YEARS ON

People Before Profit Alliance (PBPA) North Kildare were delighted to support an event in remembrance of Ann Lovett, the 30th anniversary of her death having occurred in January. An explanation of the events leading up to Ann's death are included below. The event took place in NUI Maynooth, John Hume Lecture Theatre 4, on Wednesday February 5th and featured a performance by Christy Moore. You can find a recording of the performance, and the discussion that followed, by visiting our facebook page: facebook.com/martingrehanpbpa

Martin Grehan, PBPA's candidate for the 2014 local elections in the Maynooth local electoral area, said: "The death of Ann Lovett was a tragic event and further highlighted the despicable culture of shaming women who became pregnant outside of marriage. Whilst things have improved on that particular front in the intervening years, women still experience stigma in relation to choices around pregnancy. Events like the X-case and the death of Savita Halappanavar highlight the ongoing fight for women to have full reproductive choices, be it choosing to have a free, safe and legal abortion in Ireland, or the economic supports and opportunities needed to choose to have a child."

The English Department at NUI Maynooth prepared the following blurb to publicise the event: Ann Lovett was 15 years old when she left her school early on the 31 January 1984. She didn't go home. Instead she disappeared into the grotto by the graveyard in the town of Granard, Co Longford. There, all alone, she gave birth to a baby boy. Several hours later they were both found dead.

The lonely death of Ann Lovett and her son said

everything about a society that could claim to respect and value women's lives while abandoning a frightened pregnant teenager. Her death ignited a public conversation about the type of society that Ireland was and what it needed to become.

To remember the thirtieth anniversary of Ann Lovett's death and its significant for Irish society the Department of English at NUI Maynooth has convened a panel discussion. Joining in the conversation will be Catriona Crowe (Head of Special Projects, National Archive), Justine McCarthy (Journalist, Sunday Times), Anne Mulhall (School of English UCD) and Ailbhe Smyth (Feminist). It will be chaired by Sinéad Kennedy (Department of English NUIM). The evening will begin with a short performance in memory of Ann Lovett by singer Christy Moore.

MAYNOOTH SCHOOLS GROUP WIN PARTIAL VICTORY IN FIGHT FOR ONE SCHOOL

It was announced at the beginning of February that the Maynooth Schools Campaign has won a partial victory in its campaign for one secondary school for Maynooth. Whilst two schools will exist on paper for the moment, the de facto situation will be that there is one school in operation. Congratulations to all involved in the campaign, and to the vast majority of parents and children in the community who support the One Community, One School aim. The campaign will hopefully continue to exert pressure on the Dept. Of Education in the coming months to implement the promised changes.

The People Before Profit Alliance in North Kildare fully support the aims of the campaign. A statement on the new situation was not ready in time for press but we have included our endorsement of the campaign below (dated Dec 2013).

People Before Profit Alliance (PBPA) North Kildare offers its endorsement and support to Maynooth Schools Group's One Community, One School Campaign. PBPA's candidate for the 2014 Local Elections, Martin Grehan, attended the public meeting held in the Glenroyal Hotel on Monday December 2nd and offered his support to the campaign. The local PBPA will endeavour to support the fantastic work of parents and residents in campaigning for inclusivity, and against discrimination.

Why one school?

The current situation is that the Department of Education intends there to be two separate secondary schools operating in Maynooth from September 2014. Two schools will divide the community and the enrolment procedures are discriminatory. This runs counter to what parents and residents of Maynooth and surrounding areas desire. Ruairi Quinn and the Dept. of Education have sidelined the parents in this process and the move to have two schools was described by Labour TD Emmet Stagg, as an "experiment". An "experiment" that could have divisive effects on the local community for years to come.

What next?

The Maynooth Schools Group have called for Ruairi Quinn to halt the enrolment procedure (due to close today Friday, December 6th). We support that call. We also support the call for a protest on this issue, either in the local community, or in Dublin. Martin Grehan said: "A protest is an excellent idea, one that celebrates the diverse community of Maynooth. Such a protest would be attended by huge numbers of people, 500 people attended Monday's meeting. It would send a stern message to Ruairi Quinn that he must support the community's wishes and go with the one school model."

Maynooth

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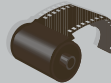
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Maynooth Film For all Film Club



Maynooth Film for All Film Club in collaboration with access>Cinema screens a fantastastic mix of high quality cinema from around the world.. This is your chance to view some great stories of different lives in other places and the opportunity to meet some of the filmmakers themselves.

Screenings are on or about the first Wednesday of the month and membership is open to students and local community alike. Brief introductions and informal post-screening talks are facilitated by Denis Condon Lecturer, NUIM and Q&A sessions with invited guests provide opportunities for critical interaction with film. Screenings take place at The New Lecture Theatre, Iontas Building, North Campus NUI Maynooth.

UPCOMING SCREENINGS

SHUN LI AND THE POET 5th March 2014

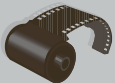
A poignant film about an unhappy young woman transported to Italy by her Chinese gangmasters. Showing a tough, unclinged view of Italy away from tourists and souvenir shops the film focus's on the destructive power of prejudice.

SKIN IN THE GAME 9th April 2014

Donald Taylor Black's documentary, assesses the recession and financial crisis through the work of a number of artists: they consider emigration, ghost estates and the legacy of politicians and bankers. Text by Roddy Doyle is voiced by actors including Lorcan Cranitch and Hilda Fay.

Maynooth Film For All Film club is made possible through a partnership between Kildare County Council Library & Arts Service and The School of English Theatre & Media Studies NUI Maynooth.

For further information check out the website : www.kildare.ie/artsservice or call Brenda Brady on 045 448328



THE MIRACLE PRAYER (1)

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have asked for many favours. This time I ask for a special one (mention here). Take it dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken Heart where your father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes it will become Your favour not mine. Amen.
Say this prayer for three days. Promise publication and prayer and favour will be granted, no matter how impossible. Never known to fail. Thanksgiving for favour received.

**Copy Date for the
April edition of
the Maynooth
Newsletter is
Tuesday 18th
March**



ASK SHARON THE STYLIST!!

Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!" -Robin Williams - American Actor

Question: "How do I spring clean my wardrobe?"

FACT: Research has it that on average we only wear 20% of our Clothes 80% of the time. That means that 80% of the time, you wear the SAME 20% of your clothes. This also means that the other 80% of your clothing is simply taking up valuable space in your wardrobe. Does this sound familiar to anyone? If you're feeling like you wear the same things day after day, this is the perfect time of year to do something about it! Set aside some time to pull everything out of your wardrobe and take stock of what you have, declutter, and create a simple more organized wardrobe space.

HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO GET STARTED!!

Wardrobe weeding: The first step is to try everything on in your wardrobe, separating things into four categories: keep, give away, throw out, and swap/sell and also at this stage pack away your winter clothes.

Keep: The clothes that you wear most often and if you haven't worn anything in the past 18 months, then it should go into one of the other piles! Keep anything that needs repair, or any investment pieces/designer items that you've bought, as these may well come back into fashion again.

Get rid of it:

- If it does not fit or is damaged/stained beyond repair
- If you don't love how it looks/feels on you
- If you often try it on, but then change before leaving the house
- If you look to old or young in it {age appropriate clothing applies to adults too!}

Now, as you begin to put everything back in your wardrobe, take 2 extra minutes to hang each hanger "the wrong way" and every time you wear something you can turn that hanger around. After a few months, you'll easily be able to see what clothes you're wearing and what ones can probably go the next time you have a declutter.

Please get in touch if you have any questions regarding the above or if you would like to arrange an appointment as all this is covered in your Image Consultation or why not come and see me and get some free advice at the 'Pre Loved Ladies Clothes and Accessories Sale' on Saturday 1st March @ 7.30 till late in St. Marys Gaa Club Leixlip Entry only €5.00 (fundraiser for Scoil Chearbhaill Uí Dhálaigh)

Services for Female/Male Individual Image Consultations:

- Personal Styling
- Colour Analysis
- Make-up and Lesson Demonstration
- Personal Shopping
- Wardrobe Management

**Sharon @ Mini Steps Styling on
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St. Patrick's Day Maze



Can you solve our Word Search Puzzle?

St Patrick's Day Word Search

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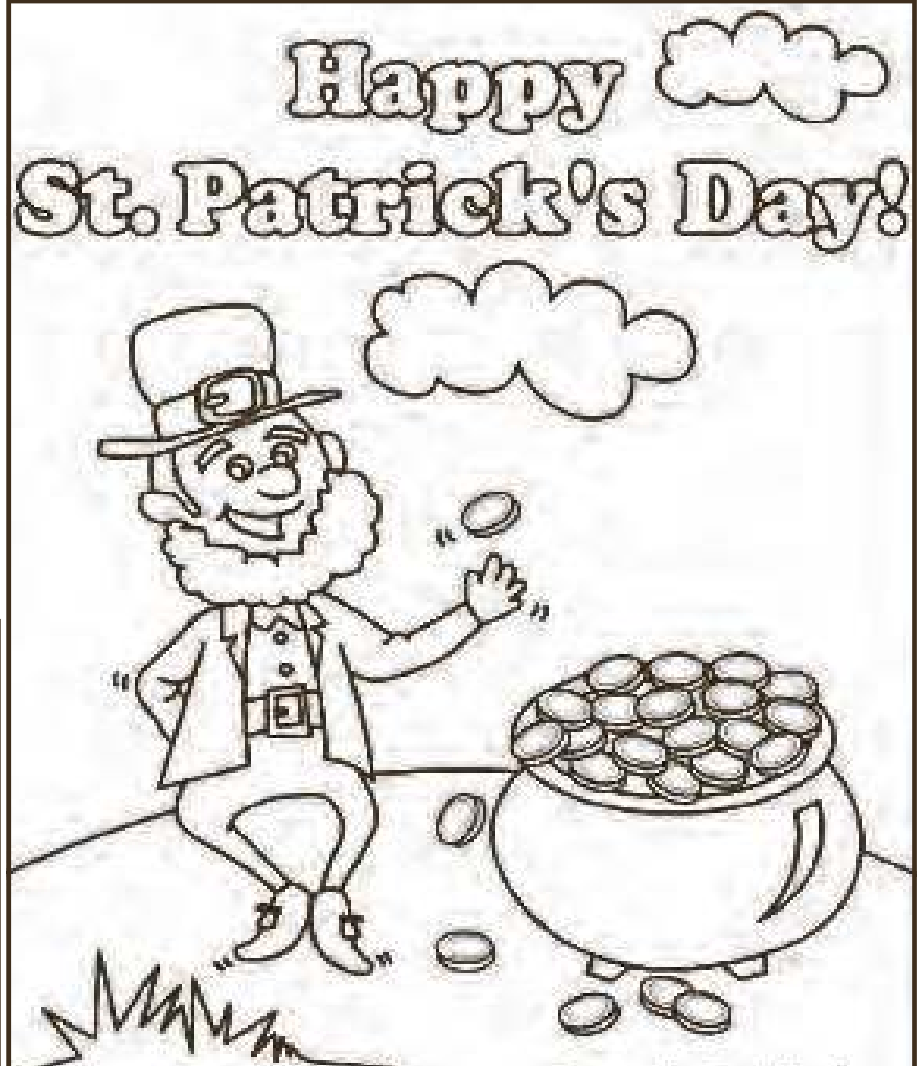
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McDonalds Children's Colouring Competition



Prizes:

Free Family Meal

From

McDonald's, Maynooth

i'm lovin' it®

Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

February Winners:

Age: 3 - 5: Brian Daly, Rockfield Sq, Maynooth

Age: 6 - 7: Charlotte Favre, Rockfield Park

Age: 8 & Over: Nina Spila, Straffan Wood

Prizes for Colouring Competition can be collected at:

Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre.
Entries must arrive before: Tuesday 18th March 2014

McDonald's

March 2014 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

Arthritis Ireland (Maynooth)

Arthritis Ireland Walking Group (Maynooth)
Meeting Monday's at 12 Noon
Maynooth Community Space
Unit 11/12 Tesco SC
Carton Park, Maynooth
For Seated Exercise & Walking
New Members Welcome

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

Parent & Toddler Group

Every Thursday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.
Maynooth Community Space
Unit 11/12 Tesco SC
Carton Park, Maynooth

University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Fridays at 11am.
Maynooth Community Space
Unit 11/12 Tesco SC
Carton Park, Maynooth
New Members Welcome
Please contact Helena
Phone: 087 6717062

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

All Welcome
Maureen Fagan PRO

Men's Sheds

Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11am
Maynooth Community Space
Unit 11/12 Tesco SC
Carton Park, Maynooth



Gardening

Early spring is perfect to plant herbaceous perennials such as geranium, astrantia and oriental poppies. Protect new spring shoots from slugs. Plant summer-flowering bulbs now, prepare the soil first, making sure drainage is sufficient so the bulbs won't rot. Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials. Top up containers with fresh compost. Don't forget to pull the weeds as soon as they appear so they won't get out of hand later. Hardy annuals can be sown in pots now. Sweet peas can be sown now outside. Cut back ornamental grasses and other perennials if not done already. Divide hostas before they come into leaf.



Deadhead flowers as they fade and allow the foliage to die naturally. Mix in a general purpose fertilizer and fresh compost to flowerbeds before planting. Also put down your supports now so that the plants can grow up around them rather than trying to do it later. This is the best month for planting roses because the soil is heavy. Remember not to plant roses where they were planted before. Begin to spray roses for blackspot and feed them.

When the month gets warmer you can move evergreens and shrubs. Plant tender bulbs and tubers now such as gladiolas, lilies and dahlias. Bulbs can still be planted until mid June for a continuous source of bloom. Prune winter jasmine after flowering and cut honeysuckle vines back to 3 ft. Divide snowdrops while still in leaf. Fertilize any bulbs that have finished blooming with bone meal or bulb booster. Plant primroses and pansies. Pinch off tips of sweet pea seedlings and chrysanthemums when they are 4 inches tall.



Prepare vegetable seed beds and sow some vegetables under cover. Don't forget to cover fruit and vegetable crops to keep off the birds. At the end of the month apply a nitrogen lawn fertilizer to encourage new growth and help repair new growth. You can repair bald patches on the lawn at the end of the month too. Plant strawberries, blueberries, currants, loganberries, boysenberries, grapes and fruit trees.

Transplant early tomatoes into larger pots, planting the stem deeper into the soil for additional root growth. At the end of the month plant early tomatoes outside. Before you plant them make sure to fill the planting hole with warm water. Plant potatoes, peas, lettuce, radishes and carrots. Move broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower outdoors to a cold frame or a protected spot. Midmonth sow hardy vegetables such as beets and turnips. Not forgetting to sow herbs such as rosemary, chives and thyme. Prune fruit trees this month if you haven't already - before buds appear.



Time to start feeding the fish and remove pond heaters if you have one. Clean out pond filters and remove any netting you have placed over the pond. If the pond is looking overcrowded start dividing the plants and also cut back any old vegetation from around the pond. A little tip for stopping algae growth in the pond is to use rain water instead of tap water when filling or topping up the pond. Take care in removing any plant debris and do it as soon as it happens.

Remove algae from paths, walls, paving and patios. Give watering cans a big scrub to prevent fungal disease. Not forgetting to check and repair fencing poor. Also open the greenhouse doors and vents to let some fresh air in. Turn the compost pile, add any coarse mulch which was removed from the garden. It is also a good time to see any areas of poor drainage. If there are pools of water - don't drain. Just fill in the low spot or scoop out a channel for the water to drain away. Don't forget to clean out all of your birdhouses and clean your feeders for when the birds come back. Repair any fencing, arbors or trellis work.



No garden is without weeds!



Maynooth Community Church

Eaglais Phreispitéireach in Éirinn

For more information please
call us on (01) 5054990
or visit our website:
www.maynoothcc.org

Maynooth Community Church is delighted to announce
that we have now completed our move to new first floor
premises in Manor Mills Shopping Centre, Maynooth.
Our Services are on Sundays at 10.30am.

New Sermon Series



Upcoming Alpha Courses



Manor Mills
Thurs 6th Feb @
7.30pm
NUI Maynooth
Tues 11th Feb
@5.45 in An Tobar
alpha@maynoothcc.org

Our services are on
the first floor in
Manor Mills.
(Entrance is along the
path to the river)



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Love was definitely in the air
in Maynooth Library this
Valentine's Day when we were
all entertained by love songs
sung by Barry Smith aka Tony
Savino.



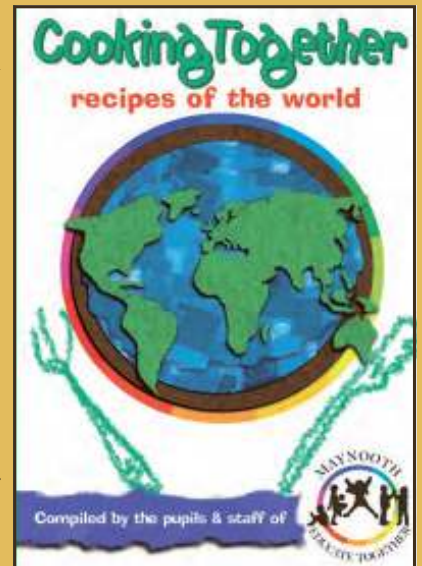
Marie Peelo (Pieta House) receives a cheque for €1000
from the 1st night of An Nuadha Players Pantomime
Cinderella

Photo: L/R Saoirse Colfer, Marie Peelo (Pieta House)
Naiose Glynn and Terry Nealon



Cooking Together: Recipes from around the world.

Share the experience of
cooking together at home with
this eclectic collection of
recipes from every corner of
the globe compiled by the
pupils and staff of Maynooth
Educate Together National
School (METNS). All of the
proceeds will go to the school
to directly benefit the children
of METNS. We hope you can
join us for our book launch,
including "tastes" from the
cookbook, on Friday 14th
March at METNS on the
Celbridge Road. The
cookbook will be available for
purchase through METNS as
well as local bookstores.



Members of the Irish Rugby Team take time out from training at Carton House Maynooth prior to their clash with England to meet their young fans. Photo's from left to right: Rory Murphy (7 years old) - Paul O'Connell - Sean Nolan (10 years old). Sean Nolan - Rob Kearney - Rory Murphy. Johnny Sexton - Luke Marshall - Robbie Henshaw - Sean Nolan - Rory Murphy.

Labour Advice Service



Emmet Stagg TD

**Every Monday at 4.00 pm in
McMahon's**

(Formerly Caulfield's)

(Except Bank Holiday Weekends)

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Happy St Patrick's Day