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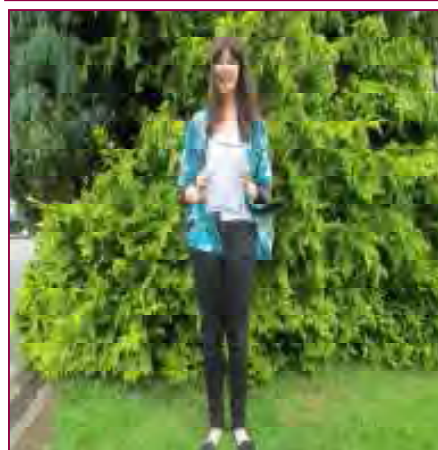
*L/R Shane Monaghan , Alan O'Brien, Sian Miller & Róisín Bean*



*L/R Aoife Coleman, Mary-Kate Quane & Niamh Flynn*



*L/R Donnchadh Healy, Clair Joyce & Seán Walsh*



*Sarah Jennings, Maynooth, who came top of the class with a massive 625 points. Sarah is going on to study Science in Trinity College.*

### Pop up Employment Information Fair in Maynooth – County Kildare LEADER Partnership


County Kildare LEADER Partnership is pleased to announce the return of their pop-up information fair to Maynooth on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 in the Community Space meeting room at Tesco Shopping Centre, Carton Park (near the Post Office). This half day event will showcase local supports available to people who are unemployed in Maynooth and the surrounding areas.

The fair will bring together information on education and training options, self employment supports as well as information on rights and entitlements. The fair will feature services from County Kildare LEADER Partnership as well as other local services.

Geraldine Hewson, Employment Support worker with CKLP said that the fair which has been run in several locations in Co. Kildare have been very successful. She continued *"the benefit of this event is that all the information individuals, who find themselves unemployed, will be under the one roof."* Pat Leogue, Social Inclusion Manager with CKLP said not only will the event highlight the supports offered by CKLP, but will also demonstrate how the partnership acts as an *"opportunity"* for people to access local services provided by other agencies.

The fair will run from 9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and everyone is welcome to drop in and have a chat or ask questions.

For further information, e-mail [info@countykildarelp.ie](mailto:info@countykildarelp.ie) or phone (045) 895450. Further details can also be found on our Facebook page or follow us on twitter @CountyKildareLP.

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**Temperament** - can be inherited or develop as result of environment. Each breed has its individual temperament, nervousness, bad habits and unpredictability.

The following are a few examples of hereditary defects.

### **Hereditary Blindness or Progressive Retinal Atrophy**

This is a condition caused by a recessive gene. Both parents must be "carriers" of the gene for blindness for this condition to materialise. So this defect has to be inherited from both parents. This is a progressive condition with sight deteriorating over a long period.

### **Deafness**

Recently at a Clinic, a 5 month old Boxer pup was presented to me. The owners noticed that the pup was following the older dog around the garden and would respond dramatically to light stimuli. The pup was taking no notice of sudden noises. After a few days of observation they suspected deafness. This condition is complete and incurable and is caused by a recessive gene.

### **Entropion and Ectropion**

These are two conditions commonly seen in our Clinics. Entropion is a condition where the upper or lower eyelids are inverted (turned in). This causes irritation as the eyelashes brush off the cornea (eyeball). Left untreated it can cause eye ulceration and finally blindness. Ectropion is eversion of the eyelids (turned out). Both of these conditions can be corrected surgically.

### **Cleft Palate**



This defect is found in new born of all species. This condition arises as a result of failure of tissues of the palate to close in the mid line. The cause can be genetic but also can be as a result of viral infections. The signs can be seen in puppy stage with milk dripping from the newborn as it attempts to suckle.

Milk is returned through the nose with froth. Puppies are unlikely to survive without surgical intervention and even then quality of life is not great.

### **Hip Dysplasia**

This hereditary condition can be seen as partial or complete dislocation of the hip joint. The normal hip is a ball and socket joint with the ball of the head of the femur (the big bone of the thigh) fitting closely into the deep socket of the pelvis, the acetabulum. The acetabulum is connected to the head of the femur by a powerful ligament. In hip dysplasia the socket becomes shallow and the head of the femur flattens so the joint is more mobile resulting in instability of the joint. The head of the femur can slip in and out of the socket quite easily.

Puppies around 5 – 6 months of age with this condition show signs of instability of the hind legs with their gait beginning to sway and roll quite visible from behind. Pups spend a lot of time lying around and will never attempt to jump up. Correction of this condition requires major surgery and is very expensive.



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# Editorial

We would like to wish luck to all the children who will be back to school by the time we go to print. We hope that Maynooth enjoyed the Festival as well. Tá súil againn go bhain daoine sult as an Fhéile thar an deireadh seachtaine deireanach de Sheachtain na hOidhreacht.

After the tragic death of Savita Halappanavar we have another case of a non-national woman involved in an awful litany of tragic events. In this case the unnamed woman has survived, and of course her premature baby has also survived. Ireland has hit the headlines all over the world again for the way in which this case evolved. There seems to be no end to these stories, as soon as one ends another begins.

There are many questions to be answered as to how this woman arrived at the point where she was eventually offered a Caesarean section to deliver her 26 week old foetus. One can only wonder about what awaits these two people and how their future will develop. The enquiry may tell us more but the tragedy calls into question the efficacy of the very recent Protection of Life during Pregnancy Act (1913) and whether it should be revisited already. Some have been calling for the repeal of the eighth amendment to the Constitution that was brought in 1983.

A quick reminder: it came in during the Fine Gael/Labour coalition but it was emerged first under the previous administration of Fianna Fáil. It was passed by 67% voting in favour to 33% voting against. But Ireland has changed a lot since then and one cannot but wonder what would happen if this were proposed now? None of the issues of mother and baby homes, abuse in society in general or the position of the Church in society had emerged then. The mistrust of authority had not developed in 1983 and most people still trusted the ruling class in whatever form. What divisive issues would such a campaign engender? Do people have the stomach for such a debate again? After all the revelations and hardships of the last 10 years in particular? It does raise the perennial question again of how decisions are made in Ireland, who makes them and what is their agenda? This entire

debacle indicates an inability to make a clear decision and the question must be asked if this is institutional or is it something inherently indecisive in Irish people? "I will not make a decision in case I'm wrong."

But this story was quickly overtaken by two other stories: the possible victim of the infamous Ebola virus in Donegal but even more so by the death of ex-Taoiseach, Albert Reynolds, on Thursday morning (21st August) and this took over the media for days afterwards.

We would like to express our condolences to the family of ex-Taoiseach Reynolds and he will be given a state funeral as befits such a man. There was an outpouring of grief and of love from people of all political hues to the media on hearing of his death. Radio programmes were inundated with messages of support and condolences. Many features were mentioned including his family loyalty, constant tea-drinking and his hard-working ethic. But had he been somewhat over-shadowed and under-estimated as Taoiseach and leader of Fianna Fáil because of those surrounding him such as Charles Haughey and most recently B. Ahern? He did not have the colourful history of either of these two men: he was a self-made successful and wealthy businessman who had many ventures behind him. His commitment to solving the violence on the island was unequivocal and he was a dedicated County and Western fan. That might not endear him to everyone but his love of the 'one page' attitude to business would be very popular today. Derided in the past, this has become the mantra for today. It was seen as anti-intellectual but now the 'one page' approach is seen as bringing the issue now to basics. A PhD student is expected to reduce a 600 page thesis to 250 words – not an easy task but achievable.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new students, the First Years, to Maynooth and to the University and also to the returning students. Fáilte freisin roimh na mic léinn uile atá ag teacht go Má Nuad do chéad uair nó ag fillleadh ar an mbaile le leanacht lena n-oideachas.

## Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

By the time you read this item hopefully everyone will have had a nice holiday or at least recharged their batteries in one way or another. Our Senior Citizens will return from their break in Kerdiffstown on Saturday Sept. 6th and those who are not away remember our club reopens on Sept. 2nd. Our committee will also meet that evening. All Senior Citizens in the area are welcome to our morning club, so if you are new to the area or new to the age bracket do come along and give it a try. Our next tea-dance will take place on Oct. 19th and the Tony Smith Memorial Walk will also take place on that day.

Sadly we lost some of our older people over the summer months. Our sympathy goes to the families of Annie Burke and Bernadette Barlow.

It was with shock and sadness we learned of the untimely passing of Liam Flood. He was a kind and silent supporter of our work down through the years. Hannah, his mother, was a founder and long-time member of the Senior Citizens Committee and Liam never forgot that. So to Liam we say thank you and to his family we say sorry, your loss is great. Ar Dheis De go raibh siad go leir.

Josephine Moore.  
Chairperson.

## Maynooth Tidy Towns Notes

At the time of writing Maynooth Tidy Towns are anxiously awaiting the results from the National Tidy Towns Competition, a full break down of the Judges report will be in the October issue. We thank everyone for all your hard work in keeping Maynooth clean and tidy. We have purchased portable machines that collect leaf litter from the funds we received from winning Ireland's Best Kept Large Town 2014. Finally, the Ibal results are printed elsewhere in Newsletter. It should be noted that the IBAL judging was carried out on Good Friday 18th April.

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## WICKED YOUNG WRITERS

**Calling all budding young writers: is there a story or poem that you would like to write and have published in the newsletter? From July onwards, a selection will be chosen and featured in our new "Wicked Young Writer's Corner" each month. All work submitted will be kept on file for future publications. All writings can be sent to us at [maynoothcc@eircom.net](mailto:maynoothcc@eircom.net) or alternatively you can drop them into the Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre.**

***Stories approximately 350 - 400 words***

### ST. MARY'S BRASS AND REED BAND

Following our usual two week Summer break to rest the lips we were straight back into action on Tuesday 12th August when we played at a Charity Hurling match in Newbridge in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. The event included a large number of well-known names in the sporting world including Brian Cody, Ted Walsh, Cyril Farrell, D J Carey and Davy Russell. Commentary on the game was by Micheal O'Muircheartaigh who mentioned the Band and how well they played on several occasions. The Band also played at the Harvest Festival in the Harbour field on Sunday 31st August, an event which has a dedicated spot in our calendar every year. At the time of writing, this event has not happened but hopefully the weather was good which always brings out the crowd.

September 12th, 13th and 14th sees our annual collection taking place, all of which goes towards the upkeep of the band including very high insurance costs, music, heating and musical director's expenses. The people of Maynooth have supported this collection really well through the years and this has been a major factor in keeping the band going without a break since 1931. The month of October sees us travelling to the Phoenix Park for the Annual Fun Run for the Simon Community which is a very worthy cause and we hope to go to Armagh on the 11th to take part in the Northern Ireland Band Festival although this has not been fully confirmed at the time of writing.

The new music classes get under way in September but we always welcome anyone wanting to join the classes or indeed any musician living in the area who would like to play with the Band.

**Contact details for the Band are :**

**Hon. Secretary Catherine Heslin email address [sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie](mailto:sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie) or 087 9008554.**

### Maynooth Toastmasters

It's amazing how much starts in September, children begin school, older children return to school. Lists of Night Classes are produced providing amazing learning possibilities and opportunities. Maynooth Toastmasters restarts on Monday 8th September at the Glenroyal Hotel at 8 pm and offers a program of self development in a safe and positive environment. Being able to communicate is so important in everyday life be it at work, in sport or education.

Maynooth Toastmasters will start you on the journey, assign an experienced mentor to help and provide support and a positive learning environment, you decide the pace. Some go slowly, some go quickly, what ever path you choose Maynooth Toastmasters will be there to support you all of the way. Give it a try you have lots to gain, we love having guests attending our meetings and look forward to sharing stories over coffee/tea .

**Peter Cuthbert PRO**



### ASK SHARON THE STYLIST!!

**"The commonest form of malnutrition in the western world is obesity - Dr. Mervyn Deitel MD - Author and Specialist Obesity Surgeon in America.**

**Question:** In my wardrobe I have 3 different sizes as I can't stop myself from YoYo dieting "Can you still style me?"

**FACT:** In 2011, Minister for Health, James Reilly, TD, established a new Special Action Group on Obesity and has set out the priorities to be addressed, including introducing a tax on sugary drinks and improving nutritional labelling because Ireland is in track to become one of the biggest obese counties in Europe and in a recent study carried out by the World Health Organisation Obesity Factsheet this is what they found:

- **Worldwide obesity has nearly doubled since 1980 even though Obesity is preventable.**
- **In 2008, more than 1.4 billion adults, 20 and older were overweight. Of these over 200 million men and nearly 300 million women were obese.**
- **65% of the world's population live in countries where overweight/obesity kills more people than underweight.**
- **More than 40 million children under the age of 5 were overweight or obese in 2012.**

Don't worry; this is something I come across all the time so thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak about this. In my profession as a Stylist I dress all shapes and sizes and it amazes me how many of us have the same dilemma, what I do is concentrate on the size that fits at that time and store away the rest as a goal to slim into later. I have never come across anyone who is happy with their weight no matter how slim they may be and as a plus size I have struggled with my weight most of my life, there is no diet I haven't tried or a diet club I haven't been to and so this topic is very close to my heart. As someone who doesn't give up easily either through stubbornness or optimism I am now embarking on a new journey, I have taken diet out of my vocabulary and replaced it with healthy eating and good nutrition. Project 10-90 day challenge has just been launched in Ireland and so far globally it has helped over 3 million people get back on track to living a healthy life. The reason this is so successful is because it is not just a weight loss programme it challenges people to either lose weight or gain muscle and so far I have lost 10lb and aiming to lose another 10lb now. I am looking for people to take the challenge so if you are interested in finding out more I have a free tasting evening at Glenroyal Hotel on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 5-9pm, come and see and taste for yourself just how easy it really is. Below is my friend Amanda who has lost 76lbs on the Challenge and hasn't looked back!!



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## Maynooth Labour News

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### Cllr. McGinley Calls for the Implementation of the Maynooth Parking By-Laws

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth Municipal District of the Council:

"That the Parking By-Laws for Maynooth, which were adopted on 23 December 2013, be implemented irrespective of what happens with the private car park adjacent to the public car park."

### Cllr. McGinley Calls for Reduced Train Fares Between Kilcock and Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth Municipal District of the Council:

"That representatives of Iarnrod Eireann be called to a Maynooth MD meeting to address the outrageously expensive rail fare from Kilcock to Maynooth and also to deal with litter (dozens of glass and plastic bottles and an overflowing bin on 25/7/14) at the track at Kilcock Station."

The train fare between Kilcock and Maynooth is €5.70, whereas it is €4.35 between Maynooth and Dublin

### KWETB (formerly VEC) Appeal Schools Decision to An Bord Pleanala

Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board (formerly the VEC) has appealed the Condition of a Special financial contribution of €726,480 (interestingly the Roads Section of the Council wanted this to be €1.946M) in the granting of Planning Permission by the Council for two new schools on the Moyglare Road. The appeal was submitted to An Bord Pleanala on 21 July and it asks that this condition be removed. The Council in imposing the condition stated that it was "in respect of the purchase of additional land and the provision of a footpath and cycle infrastructure improvements on the Moyglare Road between the proposed school and the town centre"

It is worth noting that the Planner recommended Refusal of Planning Permission and he was overruled by the Acting Chief Executive of the Council.

### Planning Permission Sought for 112 houses at Dunboyne Road

Masons Homes has sought Planning Permission for 112 houses (Ref: 14/637) on the Dunboyne Road in the field beyond Castlepark on 28/7/14. They have 40 x 2 storey, 4 beds and 72 x 2 storey semi-detached, 3 or 4 beds. The application seeks permission to remove the bad bend on the road and to extend the public footpath from Castlepark to the roundabout at Blacklion Road.

### Planning Permission Sought for 44 houses Next to O'Neill Park

A Planning Application was made on 1/8/14 by L.F. Properties for 44, semi-detached houses in the field to the east of O'Neill Park. It is Planning Ref: 14/660. They propose to re-align the existing road to exit on the Dublin Road.

John is also on Facebook



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## **Maynooth Local History Group Present Talk By Matt Kennedy on the First World War**



L/R Seamus Cullen, Rita Edwards, Matt Kennedy and Declan O'Connor from the History Group at the talk.

A talk, including a Power-Point presentation on a little researched aspect of the First World War was given by Matt Kennedy of the Maynooth Local History Group on Tuesday 12th August in the Glenroyal Hotel. The talk focused on the passive easygoing and at times compassionate interaction between British and German soldiers on the Western Front during World War One.

Matt explained that throughout the four years of war it was not unusual for British and German soldiers to regularly hold shouted conversations and engage in good humoured banter across no-man's-land. In one particular case, a British officer having discovered that his opposite number in the German trench had worked in a London restaurant prior to the war would regularly call to his now enemy by shouting, 'waiter' to which the German would reply 'coming sir'.

Unofficial ceasefires between the opposing sides were also commonplace. More details of such truces are only coming to light in recent years, as more letters and diary's from men who served on the front are being discovered. One of the more notable occasions when both sides laid down their arms and met in no-man's-land was on Christmas Day 1914. The truce, which in some sectors lasted until the first week in January saw German and British soldier's emerge from their trenches to exchange greetings and presents. In one incident an officer in the Gordon-Highlanders, in a letter to his wife wrote that his men were given free haircuts and a shave while sitting in no-man's-land by Germans who had been barbers in England prior to the war.

Also included in the talk were examples of the compassion soldiers from both sides showed to each other, when in the midst of battle unofficial truces were arranged in order to pick up the wounded. For instance, after a particular bloody hand to hand battle in no-man's-land a Captain Roe of the Irish Fusiliers organised a ceasefire with his German counterpart that lasted four hours. Roe noted, 'as the casualties that littered the battle-field were moved to their respective trenches, not a word passed between the British and German soldiers. Once the work of recovering the dead and wounded was completed, officers from both sides saluted each other before returning to their respective trenches, after which the war resumed'. British high command was not always in favour of such humanitarian endeavours. A Colonel Hall of the Middlesex regiment recorded one such incident in which he was ordered by his headquarters to fire on German stretcher-bearers during an unofficial truce. However, he also recorded that his troops on the front line refused to shoot at the unarmed Germans.

Matt also took a brief look at the cause of the war, and the military campaign that took place across Belgium and North Eastern France from August to November 1914, which eventually stagnated into trench warfare along a 750 kilometre front.

A lively discussion on various aspects of the war, including the number of soldiers killed, including about 50,000 from Ireland concluded the talk.

## **Maynooth's IBAL Results not Reflecting "Best Kept Town's 2014" Outcome**

Recent IBAL surveys have seen Maynooth's cleanliness deteriorate and it has now lost its "Clean to European norms" status. The approach roads were moderately littered and this very much set the tone for the majority of the sites surveyed. However, there were no seriously littered sites. With a little extra care and attention The Main Street and the Recycle Facility at Aldi could easily be top ranking sites. Tesco, St. Mary's National School and Maynooth College North Campus were all in very good order.

Approach from West: Grade B. There was definite litter presence along this old approach into Maynooth. As well as a wide variety of food related litter there was some plastic.

Approach from Dublin: Grade B. The road surface / signage / markings were in good order but the site was let down by all manner of litter.

Tesco: Grade A. (on the left on approach road from Dublin). This is an extensive site which has been very well presented and maintained – a complete absence of litter throughout.

Maynooth Railway Station: Grade B. Much of the litter at this site was in the car park – the interior was better served by litter bins and generally cleaner.

Main Street: Grade B. The most prevalent form of litter along the main street was fast food wrappers with lesser amounts of coffee cups, plastic bottles, sweet wrappers and plastic bags. These items of litter took away from an otherwise nicely presented Main street with wide paving and ornamental trees.

Recycle Facility at Aldi: Grade B. With a little extra effort this recycle facility could easily get the top litter grade – some loose items of litter on the ground took away from a clean and well presented facility.

The Pound: Grade B. (parallel to Main Street). This was a somewhat littered site – cigarette butts were particularly obvious with other food items to a lesser degree.

Maynooth College North Campus: Grade A. High standards of previous IBAL Anti-Litter surveys have been maintained – this was an excellent site, not just clear of litter but very nicely presented and maintained.

St. Mary's National School: Grade A. The areas of the school visible from the gate and the area immediately outside the school grounds were in very good order and clear of litter.

Maynooth to Kilcock Road: Grade B. A site littered with sweet papers, plastic bottles, plastic bags, fast food wrappers and cans very much in evidence.

**Maynooth: Joint 31st out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.**

# Catherine Murphy Independent TD

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## Minister of State Kathleen Lynch was Unaware that Disability Services Would Have Their Funding Cut

Independent TD Catherine Murphy has highlighted the recent cuts in funding to twenty six agencies that deal specifically with disability services, and in particular, the fact that these sudden cuts were implemented without the prior knowledge of Minister of State at the Department of Health – with a particular brief on disability, Kathleen Lynch.

During a debate on the Private Members Motion regarding Disability Services that was tabled by Independent TD Finian McGrath, Deputy Murphy asked Minister Lynch if she was consulted about the cuts to such vital disability services prior to them being implemented, to which the Minister responded that she had not been consulted.

Deputy Murphy, speaking during the debate said: “I do not know if the Minister of State knew these supports would be lost. Was she even consulted about it? I would have thought that would have been critical in terms of the delivery of a broad range of advocacy and support services through those organisations which, in turn, can generate quite a lot of voluntary activity. The Minister of State might say whether she was consulted in her contribution. If she was not consulted, will she give a commitment to talk to the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, Deputy Alan Kelly, who is a member of her party, with a view to reversing those cuts because it is not a question of appealing them as they should not have happened in the first place?”

Responding, Minister Lynch told the Dáil: “I was not involved in the decision on funding but I had already committed to speak to the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government to see what could be done. I do not promise anything. I do not do that, but I will definitely take up the matter with the Department...and it is important that such issues would be examined.”

## Anglo Tapes Add Insult to Injury

Independent TD Catherine Murphy said today that the latest release of Anglo Tapes is particularly galling in the context of a PQ reply received by her this week from Minister for Finance Michael Noonan in which he says that the massive debt burden needs no further review.

Deputy Murphy drew attention to the €25 billion in bank debt that will be bled from our economy over the next 11 years and simply destroyed, under an agreement entered into by this Government. €500 million will be destroyed in 2014 and this destruction of funds currently in circulation, will continue on an escalating scale until the total €25 billion is destroyed by 2025.

“In these tapes, Drumm and Bowe talk about giving the Board the ‘ladybird’ version. Well maybe Minister Noonan needs a ladybird version so he can understand that our debt burden is not in fact dealt with and rather, it is an ever increasing burden that is simply unsustainable.”

“The confusion resulting from all these creative accounting exercises is what this Government relies on. They would have us convinced that they’ve dealt with the promissory notes and that they have wiped off €30 billion of debt when it is simply not the truth. Over the next 11 years we will take a total of €25 billion that is currently in circulation in this economy and we will destroy it. Not repay it to anyone, just

actually physically, destroy it. This was confirmed in the Minister’s PQ reply to me.”

“The Ballyhea Says No Group, along with some members of the Dáil Technical Group are campaigning not to have this money destroyed but rather to allow it stay in our economy thus negating the need for savage cuts to vital social services. To put it in context, €500 million will be destroyed this year alone, that same €500 million could go a long way towards stemming the budget overruns in the Department of health.”

## DÁIL QUESTION addressed to the Minister for Finance (Deputy Michael Noonan)

by Deputy Catherine Murphy  
for WRITTEN ANSWER on 15/07/2014

### Question

To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Questions Nos 63 and 64 of 3 July 2014, his intention regarding the proceeds of the sale of the €25 billion of floating rate notes and €3.46 billion of Government fixed coupon bonds acquired by the Central Bank of Ireland last year; the portion that will be destroyed and to what specific schedule; the portion that will be redirected toward supplementing Government income and to what schedule; the total projected cost of the bonds, including all interest/coupons/final maturity payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

### REPLY.

Subsequent to the liquidation of IBRC the Central Bank acquired €25bn of Floating Rate Notes (FRNs) and €3.46bn of Government Fixed Coupon 2025 bonds. The Bank undertook to sell the combined portfolio of the FRNs and the fixed rate bond as soon as possible provided the conditions of financial stability permit. The Bank also indicated that, as a minimum, it will make sales in accordance with the following schedule: to end 2014 (€0.5 billion), 2015-2018 (€0.5 billion per annum), 2019-2023 (€1 billion per annum), and 2024 on (€2 billion per annum until all bonds are sold). The Bank’s recent Annual Report notes that sales have been made from this combined portfolio, with the Bank selling €350mn of its holdings of the Government 2025 Fixed Rate Bond in 2013. The timing of the sales is a matter for the Central Bank which may elect to sell bonds at a particular time if it feels that this is the best course of action, for example, in order to take advantage of favourable market conditions.

The Central Bank of Ireland is independent in the exercise of its functions. The issue of proceeds from the disposals and its impact on profit distribution is a matter for the Central Bank of Ireland and the Department of Finance has no role in those matters.

I have been advised by the NTMA that total cash interest payable on the floating rate bonds in 2013 was €638 million. Following last month’s rate reset in respect of the December 2014 interest payment, total cash interest payable in 2014 is presently expected to be just over €750 million. The increase in interest payable in 2014 compared to 2013 largely reflects the fact that a full year’s interest is payable this year. Interest payable on the floating rate bonds is currently projected to increase in the coming years, consistent with the projected increase in the six-month Euribor interest rate as the interest margins on the floating rate bonds are fixed. The interest margin averages 2.63% across the eight issues.

The Central Bank provides the Department of Finance with an estimate of expected surplus income to be paid to the Central Fund on a regular basis. This estimate will continue to form part of the Government’s overall budgetary strategy. However, the level of detail on the composition of its profits provided by the Central Bank of Ireland to the Department is not sufficiently granular to enable the Department to estimate the impact on those profits of the timing of specific bond disposals undertaken by the CBI.

### Question

To ask the Minister for Finance if, in relation to the €25 billion of floating rate notes and €3.46 billion of Government fixed coupon 2025 bonds acquired by the Central Bank of Ireland, if he will ask the ECB or Commission for a review of the economic efficacy that destruction of proceeds from the sale of said bonds would have in view of the fact that they form such a major portion of legacy bank debt, that this money is already in circulation, that such destruction would simply take this sum out of circulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

### REPLY.

Under the original Promissory Note arrangement, the Government was scheduled to make annual payments of €3.1 billion thereby putting significant upward pressure on the amounts to be funded from the market. Following a long period of negotiation the notes were replaced in February 2013 with a portfolio of Irish Government bonds which consists of three tranches of €2 billion each maturing after 25, 28 and 30 years, three tranches of €3 billion each maturing after 32, 34 and 36 years and two tranches of €5 billion each maturing after 38 and 40 years. The provision of these long-term non-amortising Government bonds to replace the amortising Promissory Notes has therefore had significant benefits from a market perspective as it ensures that there will be much less issuance of Irish Government bonds into the market over the next decade and beyond than would otherwise have been the case.

The market continues to react positively to the restructuring and we have recently seen further reduction of the 10 year bond yields to 2.3%, far lower than had been the case before the State entered the EU/IMF programme and thus enabling the State to substantially reduce their cost of borrowings.

The Promissory Note transaction has delivered real savings to the Irish State and I do not consider it necessary to request the ECB or Commission to conduct a review of the matter.

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This is just a note to remind you all that the Newsletter exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any organisation or indeed from individuals with something to say or suggest. We hope you continue to enjoy your monthly read and keep us informed of your activities.



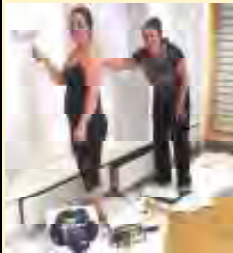
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## Community Space Gets Makeover



I would like to thank a few people who helped with the makeover of the Community Space. I received great advice from Eamon the owner of the Home Care paint shop in the Glenroyal SC. When I approached Eamon many months ago looking for votes for the Dulux Let's Colour competition he told me that if we didn't win the paint he would sort us out and to come back to him! So after we won the paint I cheekily went back to Eamon to tell him and without hesitation he said would supply all the rollers and paintbrushes we would need (thank you Fleetwood). Eamon also gave me great advice on picking our paint and willingly gave up his time to meet with me at the Community Space to discuss colours. Gabriel and Dermot in Home Care were also a great help on the many occasions I phoned and called in with my painting queries as I was a complete novice at painting!

I would like to thank very much the Maynooth Toddler group mummies who gave up their precious time to paint. Without the help and support of Maria Fuxet Garcia, Catherine Dunnion, Teresa Doonan and Janice Black I would definitely still be painting! Also many thanks to Mags Whitty, Peter and Audrey Comiskey for their help and support throughout the competition.

Thanks to Barrie and Joe from the Maynooth Men's Sheds for giving up their time to paint with us!

I would like to thank Bernie the Community Liaison Officer in Tesco for helping us throughout the voting process!! She provided invaluable help, knowledge and enthusiasm!

Finally, thank you to John and his team in the Maynooth Community Council for their support throughout!

**Lorraine Flynn (Parent & Toddler Group)**  
**Project Co-ordinator**



In what is sure to be a highlight in the Irish cultural calendar, Vanishing Art's spectacular sculpture exhibition will be back in the beautiful setting of the Carton Demesne. The historic estate of Carton House, once the ancestral seat of the earls of Kildare and dukes of Leinster provides the perfect backdrop for one of Ireland's most exciting developments in sculptural exhibition.

The exhibition is free to attend and will run from October 1st until December 20th and will feature up to 250 artworks from some of Ireland's most acclaimed artists. The sculpture is taken out of the confines of gallery walls and displayed against the natural backdrop of Carton Demesne, transforming the landscape into an outdoor gallery.



The exhibition will be an event showcasing the dynamic range of work being produced in Irish and International art. Vanishing Art is a fantastic chance to see art in an exciting and untraditional way. The exhibition brings people out into natural surroundings, where they can see art through new eyes. At the same time, the exhibition is so delightfully undemanding. You can view the sculpture during the day or night as all of the art is lit up, and it is free of charge.



We hope that this year people will again take the exhibition into their hearts and have some delightful experiences in the meeting of nature and sculpture.

An exciting addition this year will be two separate Arts awards, the Carton House €5,000 Arts award and the Bronze Fine Art Foundry €1,500 award, which will both be judged by the senior curator from UCD and announced on the opening night of the exhibition.

There will also be the chance to win a one off piece of sculpture worth €2,000 so like us on Facebook to keep up with the details.



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## September, Not January, is the Best Time for a Fresh Start.

There's something about that 'going back to school' time that gives us a unique enthusiasm for starting something new. It has probably been engrained from childhood when September meant the start of a new school year, going into a new class with a new uniform, school bag and new shoes. Whatever the reason, some people find it easier to begin something new in September than they do even as a new year's resolution in January. With this in mind, why not start a new healthier lifestyle today!

### **Dedication to Difference:**

We've often heard it said, that if you want something you've never had, you have to do something you've never done. Well if you want to see results, you have to put in some work. It takes about 4 weeks for you to notice a difference in your body; about 8 weeks for your close friends and family to notice a change and about 12 weeks for everyone else. If you get into a routine of exercise and healthy eating habits and stick with it for just 4 weeks, the motivation of seeing a healthier fitter you, will spur you on for the next 4 weeks. After the 8 week mark, family and friends may start to comment about how good you look, how healthy your skin looks and how much energy you have. This combined with how good you feel on the inside, will keep your motivation levels high for the next 4 week term. Instead of thinking about exercise as 'something that must be done forever', break it up into more manageable blocks of 4 weeks. Starting off slowly 3-4 times a week for 4 weeks at a time will soon have you seeing and feeling a big difference.

### **Variety is the Spice of Life:**

Exercise doesn't need to be boring. There are so many ways to get your heart and lungs working a little harder and your muscles burning as they tone up. Walking is a great way to start off but it can get a little monotonous after a while. The same goes for jogging. So why not have fun while you exercise? Taking part in an exercise class is a great way to keep your workout varied. At the Glenroyal Leisure Club, we have a wide variety of classes including Aqua Zumba, Yogalates, Spin, TRX and many more to keep you entertained while getting your workout done. Why not double the fun by taking a class with a friend? Why not reward yourselves with a nice soak in the Jacuzzi afterwards?

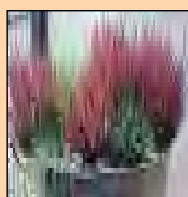
### **Tips for Getting Started & Keeping It Up:**

- 1) Drink Water – Staying hydrated will help replace the water lost through exercise, will help keep you mentally focused and will reduce fatigue
- 2) Never Miss a Monday – Make sure to exercise every Monday without fail to get your week off to the right start
- 3) Never Miss More Than 2 Days in a Row - This will ensure you train at least 3 times a week

*Always consult your doctor before commencing any new workout regime*

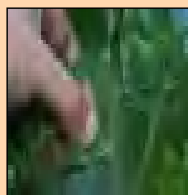
# September

If you have a fruit or vegetable patch, you will be busy harvesting. It is time to get out and start planting spring-flowering bulbs. Dig up remaining potatoes before the slugs damage them. Start reducing the frequency of watering houseplants. Clean out cold frames and greenhouses so they are ready for use in the autumn. Cover leafy vegetable crops with netting. Perennials that are dying should now be cut back. Clear dead leaves straight away as they can be a source of disease. Mow your lawn less often and raise the height of the mower because grass growth will be slowing down. Also if you want help your lawn over the winter, you can apply an autumn lawn feed - high in potassium.



Sow sweet peas in cold frame or the greenhouse for early summer blooms next year. Also you sowed any spring-flowering biennials such as viola, foxglove or wallflowers earlier in the summer, they will now need to be planted out. The soil temperature is still warm so it's a good time to plant new perennials. Don't forget your hanging baskets - keep watering and feeding them and deadheading. This will ensure that they will last a bit longer. When all the flowering is finished - replant with winter heathers and trailing ivies. Not forgetting to plant some spring-flowers bulbs in there too.

Wait till after the first of the frosts before lifting the tubers of dahlias and rhizomes of cannas. Late-flowering tall perennials - such as asters, may need to be tied up to stop from being blown over. To kill off any perennial weeds apply a product that contains glyphosate - this will ensure that the roots are killed as well as top growth. Remember to cover the plants with plastic first. Don't forget to check chrysanthemums for signs of white rust.



You can now plant and move shrubs and trees. Shrubs planted now will have the whole winter to settle in. Climbing roses can be pruned when they have finished flowering. Cut side-shoots from the main branches leaving a couple of buds. Thoroughly soak drought plants especially plants that are new.

Cover the surface of ponds with netting to stop falling debris landing in the pond as this can encourage growth of algae and weeds, which in turn could eventually harm the fish by reducing oxygen levels. Top up water levels when necessary. Remove blanket and duckweed. Any dead leaves should be removed as soon as they appear on waterlilies. Don't forget to check submerged oxygenating plants because they can build up fast and may even crowd the pond.



In the age of water meters, it might be a good idea to install a water butt to collect water from your down-pipe. This water could be used in the garden as well as other things. Clean and store away any garden furniture as soon as you are finished using them.

## 1 Mince Mix - Lots of Choices

### Beef & Noodles

Serves 6

#### Ingredients

450g/1lb dried egg noodles  
2 tbsp sesame oil  
2 tbsp groundnut oil  
1 onion, finely chopped  
650g/1½ fresh beef mince  
1" piece fresh ginger, thinly sliced  
1 fresh red chilli, deseeded and thinly sliced  
1½ tsp Chinese five-spice powder  
2 carrots, thinly sliced  
3oz mangetout

1 red pepper, deseeded and diced  
6oz fresh beansprouts



#### Method

Cook the noodles as per packet instructions, then drain and refresh under cold running water. Tip them into a bowl, add 1 tbsp of the sesame oil and toss to coat. Heat a wok over a medium heat, then add the groundnut oil, when the oil is hot add the onion. Cook until softened. Add the beef and cook for 3-5 mins, until evenly browned. Stir in the ginger, chilli and five-spice powder and cook, stirring constantly for 1min. Then add the carrots, red pepper and mangetout. Stir-fry for a further 4 mins. Add the beansprouts, the remaining sesame oil and the noodles and stir-fry for 2 mins. Serve immediately.

### Meaty Macaroni Cheese

Serves 6

#### Ingredients

2 tbsp olive oil  
1 onion, chopped  
1 garlic clove, finely chopped  
1½ lb fresh beef mince  
7oz canned sweetcorn, drained  
14oz canned chopped tomatoes  
1 tsp dried mixed herbs  
1½ oz butter  
500ml milk  
70oz cheddar cheese, grated

8oz dried macaroni  
1½ oz plain flour  
1 tsp Dijon mustard  
Salt and pepper



#### Method

Heat the oil in a saucepan. Add the onion and garlic and cook over a low heat, stirring occasionally, for 5 mins, until softened. Add the beef, increase the heat to medium and cook for 8 - 10mins, until lightly browned. Stir in the sweetcorn, tomatoes and mixed herbs and season to taste with salt and pepper. Reduce the heat, cover and simmer, stirring occasionally for 25 - 30mins. Bring a large saucepan of salted water to the boil. Add the macaroni, return to the boil and cook for 10mins, until tender but still firm to the bite. Preheat the grill. Melt the butter in a separate saucepan. Sprinkle in the flour and cook, stirring constantly, for 2 mins. Remove the pan from the heat and gradually stir in the milk, a little at a time. Return the pan to the heat and bring to the boil, stirring constantly. Reduce the heat and simmer the sauce, stirring constantly for 5 mins, until thickened and smooth. Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the mustard and 5½ oz of the cheese. Stir well until the cheese has melted. Drain the macaroni and tip into the cheese sauce, mix well. Spoon the beef mixture into a baking dish, then cover with the macaroni mixture. Sprinkle with the remaining cheese and cook under the preheated grill for 4 - 5 mins until the top is golden and bubbling. Serve immediately.

### Beef with Garlic Potatoes

Serves 4

#### Ingredients

1½lb potatoes  
3 tbsp olive oil  
1 onion, chopped  
1½lb fresh beef mince  
8oz carrots, chopped  
4 tomatoes, peeled and chopped  
1 tsp cornflour  
300ml hot beef stock  
1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley and sage  
Salt and pepper

3 garlic cloves, finely chopped



#### Method

Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas Mark 4. Parboil the potatoes for 15 mins, then drain and leave to cool. Heat 1 tbsp of the oil in a large saucepan. Add the onion and cook over a low heat, stirring occasionally, for 5 mins, until softened. Add the beef, increase the heat to medium and cook, stirring frequently for 8 - 10 mins until browned. Add the carrots and tomatoes. Stir the cornflour into the stock. Then stir the mixture into the pan. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Stir in the parsley and sage. Then bring to the boil, reduce the heat and simmer for 5 mins. Cut the potatoes into slices. Mix together the garlic and the remaining oil and season to taste with salt and pepper. Transfer the beef to an ovenproof dish and arrange the potato slices on top. Brush the garlic-flavoured oil over them and bake in the preheated oven for 30 - 35 mins, until the topping is golden brown. Serve immediately.





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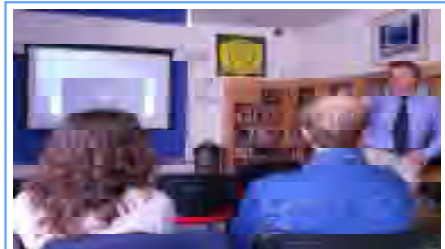


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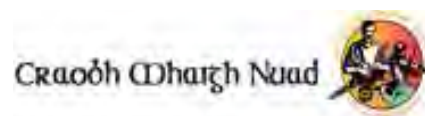
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## Jigs and Reels in Maynooth



*The Craobh Mhaigh Nuad float at St. Patrick's Day Parade, led out by the Branch Cisteoir Seán Tracey(left) and Branch Chairman Gerry Fitzpatrick. By Deric O Cerúil, Comhaltas Craobh Mhaigh Nuad April 2014*

Pictured above at their annual St Patrick's Day Performance is the Maynooth Craobh of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann – Irish Musicians Association – which was founded in 2012. Since 1951, Comhaltas have been spreading the gospel of traditional Irish music all over the world, setting up over 400 community-based branches, including 5 in Kildare.

Many consider Comhaltas to be one of Ireland's most successful cultural groups, having trained generations of Irish to study, perform, promote and preserve that central element of traditional Irish culture, namely its music. Tens of thousands of youngsters have learned to play music on traditional instruments, while over two million people attend the sessions, concerts, festivals and workshops sponsored by Comhaltas annually.

### Comhaltas in Maynooth

The local branch was founded in August 2012 by a group of Maynooth musicians, who had close ties to the central Craobh Chualann Branch in Monkstown. "We saw the success of the branches in Leixlip and Kilcock, and thought there must be scope for a branch also in Maynooth", says Seán Treacy, Cisteoir of CCE Mhaigh Nuad. The hunch proved a good one, and 18 months later, there are now 130 active members.

While festivals, concerts and sessions mark the outward popularity of Comhaltas, many say the enduring legacy of CCE is its educational programs. It is the stated goal of Comhaltas, Maynooth "to bring traditional Irish music, song and dance into as many homes as possible in the North-Kildare area."

To this end, classes are held in the Post Primary School in Maynooth on Wednesdays 19:00 – 21:40 in a range of instruments - Accordion, Banjo, Bodhrán, Concertina, Fiddle, Flute, Guitar, Tin Whistle and also Comhrá as Gaeilge, to those who would like to brush up on their Irish.

The classes are grouped according to ability rather than age, so they are often mixed age. Children are in the majority, but there is a significant proportion of adult participants. These include:

Parents who are learning an instrument alongside their children.  
People with a background in other musical styles, who are looking to discover traditional music.

Students in Maynooth looking for a distraction from their studies :-)  
Individuals with no musical background looking to "give it a lash".

The class teachers have an array of competition and performance experience behind them and several have the Comhaltas Teacher Training Diploma Courses. Class tunes are synchronised, meaning branch musicians work off a set of common tunes that enables regular sessions that are enjoyed by young and old.

There is a branch session in McMahon's Pub every Wednesday evening from 10, and junior sessions are held upstairs in McMahon's approximately once a month in an environment suitable for all ages. All ability levels are catered for at these sessions.

### Comhaltas - The Early Years

CCE was formed in 1951 in Mullingar, County Westmeath by traditional musicians from the Pipers Club in Dublin and other Gaelic culture advocates from around Ireland. They sought to improve the standing of traditional Irish music, dance and language in Ireland, which had suffered due to a general cultural and economic stagnation on the island, and from the emergence of popular culture and mass media; a world in which Irish music had not really found a foothold.

The first Fleadh Cheoil (festival of music) organized by Comhaltas in May 1951 was poorly attended, but it helped set in motion a renewed interest in Irish music. Today the Fleadh is one of Ireland's most popular events: the one held in Derry in 2013, in honour of that city's status as European capital of culture, drew 430,000 people.

In the early years, the Comhaltas movement was complemented by men like Ciaran MacMathuna of Radio Éireann, who recorded unknown musicians in rural areas, treasures which would have been lost in a purely oral tradition. Sean O Riada, composer and arranger, was another who laid the foundations for the revival of Irish music in the 60s, applying arrangements and ensembles from jazz and classical music to traditional music.

Before long, every county in Ireland had a Comhaltas branch, while in Britain and Scotland chapters formed in Liverpool, London and Glasgow, and other places with large Irish communities. Eventually that enthusiasm spread around the globe, and today branches of Comhaltas flourish in Japan, Australia, and Argentina and in several European countries.

Irish traditional music has centuries-old roots and has drawn influences from African, European and American traditions – it is now available for you to tap into right here in Maynooth, you're very welcome any time to informally drop in to check out either the lessons or the session. Term starts again in September, so feiceann sibh go luath. Hup!



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## Student grant appeals Question

I've applied for a student grant to start a college course this year but I didn't get the grant I was expecting. What can I do?

## Answer

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You can request a review by sending an email to [support@susi.ie](mailto:support@susi.ie), making sure to put 'Review Request' in the subject line along with your application number.

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not happy with your final grant decision or if you request a review and are not satisfied with the outcome. You must make the appeal within 30 days of the final grant decision.

Complete the appeal form, available at [susi.ie](http://susi.ie), explaining why you think SUSI applied the rules incorrectly. The Appeal Officer will notify you of the outcome within 30 days.

If your appeal is turned down you can submit a further appeal to the independent Student Grants Appeals Board, outlining why you believe the scheme has not been interpreted correctly in your case. When you get the written decision of the SUSI Appeal Officer it will include information on how to submit an appeal to the Student Grants Appeals Board.

The Board has 60 days to decide on your appeal and will write to you to let you know its decision. An appeal of this decision on a specific point of law is possible under the Student Support Act 2011, which says that such an appeal can be made to the High Court.

## After-School Child Care Scheme Question

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You can apply and get more information at your local Intreo centre or social welfare office. You can apply up to 26 weeks after you start your new job, take up additional employment or start your employment support scheme.

The scheme is not available to Community Employment scheme participants who can apply for the CE Childcare Programme instead.

For vocational training with an Education and

Training Board, the Childcare Education and Training Support Programme offers subsidised childcare.

If you don't qualify for these schemes you may be eligible for the Community Childcare Subvention Programme, which offers childcare at a reduced cost to parents who are disadvantaged or in training, education or low paid work.

## Maternity Benefit Question

I was employed when I had my first child and got Maternity Benefit. I'm currently expecting my second child but I'm now self-employed – am I still entitled to Maternity Benefit?

## Answer

Maternity Benefit is paid to women who are on maternity leave from work and are covered by social insurance (PRSI). This includes Class S social insurance which is paid by people who are insurably self-employed. In this case you need to have one of the following:

- 52 weeks' PRSI contributions paid at Class S in the relevant tax year. For example, if you are going on maternity leave in 2014, the relevant tax year is 2012. **Or**
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If you do not meet these conditions, you may be able to use your PRSI contributions from your former employment to qualify.

PRSI Class S contributions for a particular year are not awarded until you have paid the tax due for that year. Your income tax and PRSI liabilities (primarily for the relevant tax year) must be paid to qualify for Maternity Benefit.

Note that if you earn less than €5,000 in a tax year then you are not insurably self-employed. But even if you are not sure if you have enough earnings, you should always apply for Maternity Benefit to check whether you qualify.

If you apply before you go on maternity leave but don't have enough earnings, you may qualify to have Maternity Benefit paid retrospectively if your earnings exceed the €5,000 threshold when you return to work.

You should apply at least 12 weeks before you intend to go on maternity leave.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

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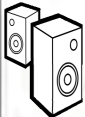
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## Fury as planning permission is granted against wishes of local residents

*Residents of Moyglare, Maynooth are furious after Kildare County Council grants planning permission for large apartment block and vehicular access point on the Moyglare Road.*

A public meeting was organised by Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil following the granting of planning permission for application 14/73 in Moyglare, Maynooth. Over sixty residents of Moyglare attended the meeting in Maynooth GAA club where they voiced both anger and fear.

The planning application in question includes a large apartment block in The Walk, Moyglare Hall, additional housing and a vehicular access point on the Moyglare Road. There was no objection to the additional housing, however there are serious reservations about the new apartment block.

Over forty people objected to Kildare County Council granting planning permission and steps are now being taken for an appeal to An Bord Pleanála. The majority of objections highlighted HP6 of the Maynooth Local Area Plan 2013 as a reason for objecting. HP6 highlights how apartment blocks are not to be built outside the town centre environs. The new apartment block is approximately 1.5 kilometres from the town centre. Speaking at the meeting, one resident of The Walk, Moyglare Hall stated, "This will have a huge impact on my family. To be honest I will have to move house if this happens. I have a very sick child and if this monstrosity is built outside my house it will drive us out".

Marie Costelloe of the Moyglare Road, where a vehicle access point is to be located said, "If this goes through I will have people driving towards my house, looking in and shining lights into my bedroom at night. I've been living here for twenty five years and I never anticipated anything like this. I never had a problem with a pedestrian entrance, which is only fair, but all of a sudden there are going to be cars going up and down there".

Residents of the Moyglare Road were taken completely unaware by the addition of a vehicle access point. The planning application located on the proposed entrance never stated that the area would be transferred to vehicular access.

Fred Clarke of Moyglare Hall also commented by saying, "We never had any objection to additional housing, our issue is with a large apartment block, comprising of three shops and a crèche that will

eliminate all green area. Add to this that there will be balconies on the new apartments looking into our bedrooms and you can see why we are upset. They are also creating a rat run in the estate with this new entrance, there are speeding problems here as it is. We wouldn't have bought our houses here if we knew this was coming down the line".

Cllr. Ó Cearúil said, "I have been inundated with calls from many of you and it is clear the stress and upset this decision is causing. I organised this meeting as a facilitator and to clarify some of your concerns. It does cause food for thought that apartment blocks 8, 9 and 10 were ruled out due to HP6, but apartment block 5 was granted permission. To my knowledge nobody had any objections to apartment blocks 8, 9 and 10, all of the concerns relate to number 5."

Three separate appeals have now been submitted to An Bord Pleanála and the residents are now awaiting the outcome.

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Restaurant Supervisor <http://www.jobs.ie/ApplyForJob.aspx?Id=1377591>

## **GAZA DEMONSTRATIONS IN MAYNOOTH AND NAAS**

There have been numerous demonstrations against the plight of the Palestinian people in Gaza throughout the summer. Cllr. Ó Cearúil spoke at demonstrations in Naas

and in Maynooth. In Maynooth he stated;

"The Israeli bombing of Gaza and the slaughter of children and innocent civilians in playgrounds, on the beaches, in their homes, in schools and in hospitals is sickening.

As the death-toll surpasses 1,500 we must ask ourselves what type of people would engage in such activity? There is no justification for it and there are no excuses. Gaza is an area 10 km by 40 km with 1.8 million people living there, the indiscriminate bombing is done to achieve the murder and the slaughter of innocent civilians. "

"Ireland has to play its part in leading a campaign to secure worldwide imposition of sanctions, including arms, against Israel until such time as Israel withdraws to pre-1967 borders. There should be an immediate lifting of the blockade of Gaza."

"The situation in the region has been allowed to escalate without a real concerted effort from the International community. Ireland has been complicit in this; with the Government deciding to abstain from a UN vote to establish a commission of inquiry into human rights violations in Gaza and condemning Israel for violations of international law. This decision was wrong and does not reflect the view of the Irish people.

"The Government's silence on the issue leads to complicity with the Israeli state, however the Irish people's voice, heard loud and clear here today and at other demonstrations is unambiguous.

- We will not support the oppression we once faced.
  - We will not stay silent while thousands are murdered
- We will not give up until justice is brought to our Palestinian brothers and sisters."

## **Fianna Fáil Membership**

The party's Ard Comhairle have decided that membership renewal will be extended from the 31<sup>st</sup> of July to the 30<sup>th</sup> of September. If you or anybody you know would like to join the party please do get in contact via [cillmaoise@gmail.com](mailto:cillmaoise@gmail.com).

## **Representations**

Cllr. Ó Cearúil has been making representations on behalf of residents on a range of issues. If you have an issue or need advice please get in contact. Areas covered to date include;

- Grants for Older People
- College Grants (SUSI)
- Housing Issues
- Planning Issues
- Planning Objections
- Medical Card Issues
- Business Start Ups

**Clues Across**

1. Pertaining to architecture (13)
8. Surrey village (7)
10. Article of clothing (7)
12. Beat soundly (6)
13. Person practising deception under an assumed name (8)
15. Morning meal (9)
18. Obnoxiously forward (5)
21. Not hollow (5)
22. Luggage (9)
27. Asked (8)
29. Severe experience (6)
30. Causing erosion (7)
31. Reporter (7)
33. Irregularly operated court (8,5)

**September 2014 Crossword - No: 428****Clues Down**

2. Determine (7)
3. Monetary unit of Vietnam (3)
4. Vagrants (6)
5. Wide-awake (5)
6. Spider web (6)
7. Robust (6)
9. Warning (3-3)
11. Seizures (4)
14. Sweatbox (5)
16. 17th letter of the Greek alphabet(3)
17. Farewell (5)
19. Tint (3)
20. Stool pigeon (6)
21. Monetary unit of Israel (6)
23. Untie (4)
24. Steamship (7)
25. Farewell (2,4)
26. Trifles (6)
28. Allotted quantity (5)
32. Solicit (3)

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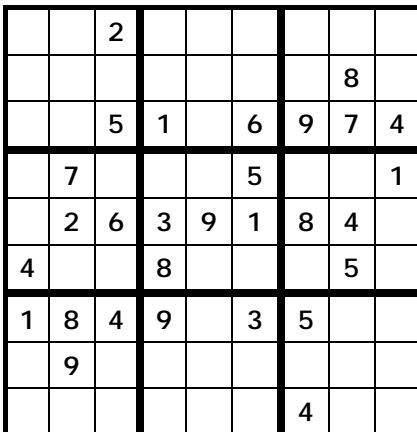
**Winner of Crossword No. 427 August**

**Bernadette Duffy**  
175 Kingsbry  
Maynooth

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Collect prize from

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68 Main Street, Maynooth

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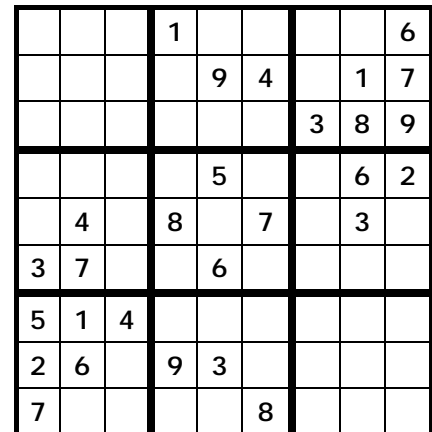
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**Congratulations to August Winner:**

**Fi Patrick Healyne**  
Leinster Park  
Maynooth  
town

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**Super Difficult**

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## Sinn Féin Maynooth Local News

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A Chairde,  
 Summer's over and I hope you all enjoyed the warm rain! We did have a few nice weeks so far that we're always grateful. I hope all our Leaving Cert students got the results that they hoped for and to those who might be feeling a bit disappointed please remember that we don't always know what surprises life has in store for us. Be kind to yourselves.

Kildare County Council goes on holidays insofar as official meetings and such for the month of August but politics takes no holiday!

### MAYNOOTH SOLIDARITY WITH GAZA DEMONSTRATION

It was truly heartening to see over 120 people at Maynooth's solidarity with Gaza demo on Tuesday evening 5th August, especially considering it was held during one of the ceasefires.

We've all had our hearts broken with the graphic images on our TV screens and the scenes for those of us on Social Media are just more horrific than words can say. The Al Jazeera clip of UN Official Christopher Gunness weeping after the deliberate Israeli targeting of a UN shelter, killing four sleeping children would break the heart of a stone.

All the more upsetting considering that we're not talking about an out of control gang of marauding testosterone fuelled lads on the back of open vans driving through remote communities. We are talking about the Israeli government who like to assume the role of a legitimate, respectable democracy.

The similarities between the Palestinian struggle and our own struggle here in Ireland and the "to hell or to Connaught" likenesses of land-grabbing, evictions and state murder are all reasons why we in Ireland empathise so much with people of Gaza.

I made the point on the evening to point out that to criticize the barbarity of Israel's collective punishment does not make you anti-Semitic. We all know that the Jewish community carry the scars from the holocaust but if we are to learn anything from that disgraceful time in our recent history, it is to never stay silent and to never be afraid to call out the barbarity of attempted genocide when we see it.

The cries of anti-Semitism coming from the team of Social Media hacks the Israeli government sprang into action, are a shame to the lost lives and to the genocide of their foreparents. They are a disgrace to the decent Jewish community speaking out against the apartheid

and racist actions of the Israeli state.

As I write the current ceasefire is holding and this is of course welcome but the Palestinian people have been here too many times before. We know we cannot rely on our shamefully silent government after the despicable decision of our UN ambassador to abstain in the recent UN commission of enquiry vote on Gaza massacre. Neither can we rely on the international community to ensure that this peace has justice at its core.

We must also get active ourselves and it is for this reason among others, that we were emboldened to have representatives from Trócaire attend the demonstration. Emmet Sheerin from Trócaire's office here in Maynooth outlined how we can make a difference by boycotting Israeli goods. We know here in Ireland how successful the boycott of South African goods was during their apartheid regime and seeing as we invented the word no better place on earth to get the Boycott Israel campaign started than right here in Ireland.

### WATER CHARGES LOOMING

September is the last month that we can enjoy the fruits of our generous rainfall without being charged through the nose for it. The myths regarding Irish Water have long been dispelled. We now know that if consumption is reduced that water charges will have to increase!

But by now we know water charges have nothing to do with conserving water. This is part of a greater agenda. The IMF call it "structural adjustment" and it is a condition of their loans. Privatisation of utilities and state companies and tax cuts and write-offs for corporations are now the order of the day.

It took rigorous questioning from Mary Lou McDonald and others at the Public Accounts Committee to uncover the waste that is involved in the setting up of Irish Water. But as we know we were hardly likely to get at the facts when companies associated with media moguls are profiting from installing the very meters for which we're being asked to pay.

The €100 million write-off of Siteserv's "unsustainable debt" to facilitate the purchase by Denis O'Brien so that his subsidiary Sierra (who carried out most of Maynooth's water meter installations) can install the very water meters we're going to be billed for was never going to be highlighted while he hires and fires.

Make sure you and your family experience a few nice deep bubble baths this month of September and wash

every piece of linen in the house. Water charges start in October 2014 and with showers working out at 25c for water consumption alone and toilet flushes equating to 5c a flush budgeting is going to be increasingly tough on families, particularly those with adult children.

Irish Water, or pull on the green jersey agus abair é as Gaeilge, Uisce Éireann, refused to come into Kildare County Council last month to take councillors' questions. Such arrogance is seldom outmatched but outmatched it is. Remember that it was the continued mismanagement of our country by a reckless Fianna Fáil party followed lamentably by a downright callous Fine Gael led government that has caused this hardship. Charlatans the lot of them.

### BACK TO SCHOOL & MAYNOOTH SECONDARY SCHOOL/S

The end of the summer means starting school for some and back to school for the rest of our children. With the news that the planning permission for the Maynooth education campus has been granted and the children starting secondary school in the present cramped building of Maynooth Post Primary these state of the art plans are very welcome. I hope it is reassuring to parents and students alike to note that the Department of Education & Skills officials have committed to nurturing a sense of shared identity for the students. As a Kildare County Council representative on Kildare/Wicklow Educational & Training Board I shall be monitoring how parents and students are finding this unique and unprecedented situation and I will take my lead from you.

### PAUL ROBINSON – ST. COCA'S ATHLETIC CLUB

Comhghairdeas to Paul Robinson from St. Coca's Athletic Club in our neighbouring town of Kilcock on qualifying and competing in the 1500m final at the European Athletics Championship in Zurich. Paul qualified for the final comfortably and while the final was a very tough and controversial race he was in contention for a medal but unfortunately was just beaten into fourth place. A superb performance no less from Kildare's Paul Robinson. Maith thú.

If you would like to become politically active in our community feel free to contact me, Réada Cronin, using any of the contact details at the top of the page for an application form.

Alternatively you can text the words Sinn Féin, followed by your name and address to 51444.

## Spanish for Beginners

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phone 01-6285530

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**"Maynooth 5km Road Race @ 10am Sunday 14th September** hosted by North Kildare Club. Flat, fast course, chip timing and prize fund in excess of €1500! Suitable for runners, walkers or joggers! Online registration open @ <http://www.precisiantiming.net/>. For further information, follow us on Twitter @Maynooth\_5km or visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Maynooth5km>."

## Maynooth Local History Group

Maynooth Local History Group has organised a talk to be given by Declan O'Connor in the Glenroyal Hotel on Thursday 9 October at 8.00pm.

The title is "It's a long way to Tipperary – the song, the storey and the spin-offs". Declan's talk will be followed by a second talk by Jennifer Walsh on a different topic but one which is also relevant to World War One.

**Everyone is welcome.**



# TECHNOLOGY CORNER

## TIPS, TRICKS, AND WHAT'S NEW IN THE WORLD OF TECH

### Digital Lock Picking:

#### The Technology of Thieves' Tools?

Do you know where all of your keys are right now? A new app for mobile phones may leave you wondering if you really know the answer to that question.

KeyMe is an iPhone app that allows users to photograph their keys and upload them to the company's servers. Thanks to 3-D printing technology, you can then order copies of your keys online to be delivered in the post or in the US, walk to a nearby kiosk and print your own copy. The company uses a range of novelty designs to appeal to its userbase – keys can be cut with a variety of colours, shapes and designs. However, KeyMe seems to promote itself mainly as a security app, an usual claim given that it gives anyone the ability to photograph someone's keys and print their own physical copies.

The tagline of KeyMe is 'Copy Keys. Solve Lockouts.' What no one is saying, though, is that it isn't necessarily your own house that you are locked out of. It advertises that you can copy keys in 30 seconds, and if you are ever locked out and have forgotten to take a picture of your key, you can just have a roommate or relative take a picture of their copy and share it with you on the app. Again, the unspoken leap of logic remains – what is to prevent someone else from taking a picture of your key and making their own copy? Andy Greenberg of Wired Magazine recently exposed the security flaws of apps like this, using



KeyMe to 'break into' his neighbour's flat. KeyMe and similar apps, such as the American KeysDuplicated and the Belgian Keysave, have become increasingly popular in the past year. Websites and news programs have increased their praise over the summer as KeyMe has begun expanding their market. This led Andy Greenberg to perform his experiment for Wired as few have been willing to address the elephant in the room: are apps like this a burglar's dream come true?

KeyMe has a page on its website dedicated to reassuring people about how seriously they take security and that only the key's owner can photograph and copy keys, but Greenberg proved that many of these claims were bogus. When his neighbour tossed his keys downstairs for Greenberg to let himself in, he had no trouble ducking into the stairwell and quickly taking a picture of the keys without his neighbour's knowledge. An hour later, after visiting a KeyMe kiosk, Greenberg used the 3-D printer to print his own copy of the key, and the next morning he surprised his neighbour by walking into his flat.

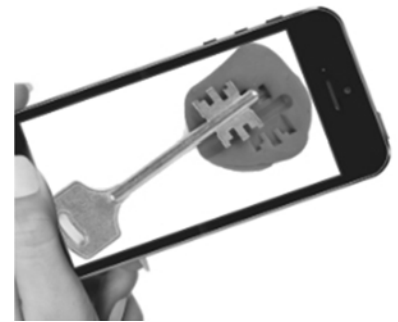
Greenberg, of course, was illustrating a point rather than being malicious or seeking to break into his neighbour's flat, but the point was well made. He only had the keys for a minute, but that was all he needed. Despite KeyMe's claims that keys must be removed from a keychain and carefully modelled to be scanned, he was able to get a workable photograph without removing the key while hiding in a stairwell. The photographic and scanning capability of modern phones, combined with current 3-D printing technology, has reached the point where even the fine mechanics of creating keys can be put into the hands of people who know nothing about key-cutting.

Leaving your keys unattended has always carried some risk, and the proliferation of 3-D printers and laser cutters has opened up a whole new world of security problems for people who want to keep their doors locked. In 2009, a group of researchers in Virginia created a project called SNEAKEY. Their goal was to analyse the security and privacy of physical keys and the ease of unauthorised duplication of them using digital imaging technology. Using only modest imaging technology and standard computer visual algorithms, they created a prototype for teleduplicating keys and were able to reproduce keys that they photographed from nearly 200 feet away.

Lock experts warn that you might want to reconsider hanging your keys from your belt or leaving them on your desk or at your table in the restaurant. Jos Weyers, a Dutch lock picking and security expert, says that people often don't realise how vulnerable their keys are, especially given how quickly technology has advanced. He cites an example where the New York Post published photographs of New York elevator and subway system keys in an article that, ironically, discussed the dangers of letting someone make unauthorised copies of the keys. A locksmith in New York had been selling copies of various master keys to New York City on eBay that granted access to subway gates, firehouses, traffic relays, the World Trade Center site, government elevators, and a variety of other important public access points. This practice was technically legal due to loopholes in the law, though he has since stopped after talking to the city

fire marshal.

However, for Weyers, the interesting part of this example was not the specifics of the case but that in an article discussing how dangerous it is to give the public access to important keys, the Post published photographs that would allow anyone to make copies of them using modern digital technology and 3-D printing. The Post quickly removed the photographs from their online article, but not before they had spread across the internet. In a similar situation, a news broadcast showed a close up image of a "universal gas pump key" in a story detailing how thieves could use this to install card skimmers into the machines at petrol station pumps. They failed to realise they were providing people with everything they needed to make their own. Weyers views these as examples of how available technology has outstripped people's awareness of the security risks it poses.



Weyers sees lock picking and computer hacking as very similar activities, and technology is further intertwining computers and physical locks. As both an IT security expert and a lock expert, he can see security concerns from both angles. He is a member of Toool, The Open Organisation of Lock pickers, a group of Dutch hackers and expert safe crackers. Most of the club members also work in IT security, and they recognise how apps like KeyMe and other computer technologies are starting to change the world of lock picking and security. While Weyers and other members of Toool have spent years practicing their skills, it is becoming easier for anyone to use technology to replace mastery.

This new technology offers many exciting and useful possibilities, but Weyers and other security experts suggest using some caution in this increasingly digitised world. While most people know better than to leave their keys lying around in public, they might not realise that letting their keys be photographed has become equally as risky. KeyMe and similar apps are not designed to be thieves' tools, of course, but that won't stop people from using them as such. KeyMe currently does not have any Irish kiosks, but they are planning to begin international expansion this year.

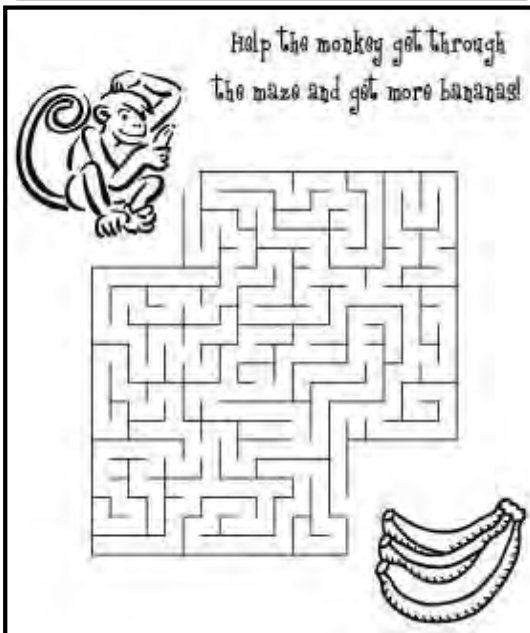
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## McDonald's Maynooth

### Proud Sponsor of the Colouring Competition

#### Maze Puzzle



#### Find the Camping Words

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#### McDonalds Children's Colouring Competition

Prizes: Free Family Meal From  
McDonald's, Maynooth

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

#### August Winners:

Age: 3 - 5: Siún Dowling

Age: 6 - 7: Lily Tumulty

Age: 8 &amp; Over: Darragh Dorman



Prizes for Colouring Competition can be collected at:  
Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre.  
Entries must arrive before: Tuesday 23 September 2014



# McDonald's



## September 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](http://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

### 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

### Traditional Tai Chi Chuan

Classes in traditional Yang Style Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung  
The Wellness Clinic Kilcock  
Tuesdays at 7.00pm &  
The Leinster Clinic Maynooth  
Thursdays at 7.30pm  
Tel: Brian 087 2157231 for more details

### 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 Helen  
Phone: 01-6286592

### 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](http://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

### Men's Sheds

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For further details contact  
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**North Kildare CHAMBER**  
IN BUSINESS FOR BUSINESS

**ABOUT NORTH KILDARE CHAMBER**

North Kildare Chamber is the leading business organisation in Kildare, bringing together and supporting members from all parts of the county. The chamber actively contributes to the economic development of Kildare whilst reflecting the interests of its membership. The Chamber welcomes all businesses, big or small, as members.

The Chamber has an impressive administration behind it, with a full-time office in Naas and a full-time director, servicing members' needs and representing their interests at county and national level. The director, Allan Shine, is supported by a committee elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and made up of representatives from member businesses from throughout the county.

Every Tuesday, the Chamber host network mornings in Maynooth in St Patricks College. It all starts nice and early at 7.30am and finishes at 8.50am. This is a great way to meet with like minded businesses and network over a cup of coffee. Its free for any business to attend. For further information or directions call Allan Shine in the Chamber office on 045 894074.

Upcoming Dates

- 2 September 2014 7:30 am
- 9 September 2014 7:30 am
- 16 September 2014 7:30 am
- 23 September 2014 7:30 am
- 30 September 2014 7:30 am

**Exclusive event in Maynooth in NUIM**

North Kildare Chamber and NUI Maynooth invite you to an exclusive event co-hosted by the business and education leaders in Kildare

Date: Thursday, 11th September, 2014

Time: 10am -2:00pm

Lunch at 1pm

Venue: The Council Room, Riverstown Lodge, South Campus

This event will give an insight into how new changes within NUI Maynooth will both impact business and students alike. Our NUIM speakers will give our invited guests an understanding in how we the business community can engage with all faculties within the university.

For more information, please contact Allan in the Chamber office on 045 894074.

# FILM MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON

## CLASSIC FILM REVIVAL: SOME LIKE IT HOT

### DIRECTOR: BILLY WILDER

### STARRING MARILYN MONROE, TONY CURTIS & JACK LEMMON



**Mrs Brown's Boys D'Movie** is not the first film to feature an unholy alliance between cross-dressing characters and gangsters. Billy Wilder had that premise nailed down in his black and white classic, **Some Like It Hot** in 1959. This iconic and hugely popular film was voted by the American Film Institute in 2000 as the greatest American comedy of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

Wilder's film opens in a wintry Prohibition-era Chicago. The local hood, Spats Colombo (George Raft) is engaged in a battle of wills with his arch-enemy Detective Mulligan (Pat O'Brien). Enter Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon who play two down-at-heel musicians (Joe and Jerry) working in Spats' illegal speakeasy. Soon, they are reluctant witnesses to the summary execution of rival gang members by George Raft's hoods.

Escaping a barrage of bullets and The Valentine's Day Massacre by the skin of their teeth (their musical instruments are not so lucky!), the rattled musicians hot-foot it out of town. Here's where the fun begins! Curtis and Lemmon swap their male attire for more feminine apparel to join an all-girl jazz band on route to sunny Florida. Joe and Jerry are transformed into the decidedly unfeminine Josephine and Daphne! Enter into this equation one Marilyn Monroe as Sugar Kane (ukulele player, singer and gin-connoisseur) and the scene is well and truly set for explosive complications, major farce and mayhem.

What starts off as ostensibly a gangster movie quickly veers off into subversive and anarchic territory in the hands of Billy Wilder. The director's gender-bending, cross-dressing and farcical film was certainly ahead of its time. **Some Like It Hot** dallies with issues of hidden, misleading, confused and false identities: in this universe men dress up as women, men court other men and everyone (including the gangsters) seems to be engaging in some kind of subterfuge. Not surprisingly, **Some Like It Hot** was considered risqué in its day with Wilder piling on the double entendres with scant regard to the Censor.

Somebody once said in relation to Marilyn Monroe that the camera 'loved' her. Well, this is especially true of her star-turn in **Some Like It Hot**. She was never more alluring than in her role as the kooky, free-spirited and lovable Sugar Kane. Her introductory scene is played to maximum effect. We see Monroe through Curtis' and Lemmon's eyes. As she sashays along the platform of a train station, the two men (in female guise) are dumbstruck in their admiration of this beauty. Even the sudden blast of smoke from the steam engine seems to bark approval! Lemmon's character, in particular, wonders how she does it – 'Look at that! Look how she moves! That's just like Jell-O on springs!'

The filming of **Some Like It Hot** seemed to be one of those occasions when all the right elements fell into place at the right time to produce a comic masterpiece. However, the shooting of the film had a chequered history. Behind the scenes, the troubled Marilyn was repeatedly late on set and continually fluffed her lines. Several takes added to the increasing irritation of her co-stars (Tony Curtis asserted that 'kissing Marilyn was like kissing Hitler!') and Billy Wilder himself.

Still Marilyn proves to be Billy Wilder's trump card. She exudes aching vulnerability (always getting 'the fuzzy end of the lollipop'), comic timing and sizzling sexuality in all

her scenes. All her musical solos bristle with kinetic energy, charm and bluesy sadness.

Monroe is matched in her fantastic performance by two stand-out performances from Curtis and Lemmon. Tony Curtis is a revelation in the roles of Joe/Josephine. The actor was not renowned for his comic ability when he landed the role of the womanising saxophone-playing musician. However, he carries off the part with some assurance and comic aplomb. He is equally at home bantering with Lemmon's frenetic Jerry/Daphne or romancing Monroe in his third identity as a Shell Oil millionaire. Their love scenes are quite intense for the time.

The real star, though, of **Some Like It Hot** is Jack Lemmon. Unlike Curtis who found the drag aspect to his role daunting, Lemmon took to the cross-dressing



shenanigans like a duck to water! He fully embraced his feminine side and is clearly having a whale of a time. Jerry/Daphne soon attracts the attention of the hands-on millionaire, Osgood (a very funny Joe E. Brown). Daphne and Osgood's interplay involve some of the most hilarious moments in film history. This leads to all sorts of complications for Lemmon's character as he begins to buy into the ludicrousness of his situation!

The extent of his delusion is revealed half way through the film in some heated and hilarious exchanges with his buddy Joe. For Lemmon's Daphne accepts a proposal of marriage from the lecherous Osgood and fully intends going through with it! In answer to Curtis's retort – 'Why would a guy wanna marry a guy!' – Lemmon quips back 'Security!'

Lemmon is wickedly funny in the role of Daphne. He employs some priceless facial expressions and biting comments (taking acute pleasure in the taunting of Curtis as he pursues the sexy Sugar Kane) to produce a truly memorable character. After 55 years, **Some Like It Hot** has lost none of its freshness, charm, wit and fun due in large measure to a word-perfect script by Wilder, wondrous comic timing and brilliant performances by its all-star cast. A film for all ages and times.



## FILM NEWS

The prestigious Galway **Film Fleadh** which highlights the best in Irish and International cinema was held in July. Film buffs and people in the industry thronged to the beautiful Town Hall theatre for a feast of celluloid magic. The outstanding film of the Fleadh was definitely **One Million Dubliners**. It's a deeply moving examination of the famous Glasnevin Cemetery and its inhabitants both living and dead.

The premier of the film was warmly greeted by an enthusiastic audience who gave it a standing ovation at the end. It won Best Irish Feature Documentary, and Aoife Kelleher (first-time director) spoke movingly about the tour guide, historian and star of her feature-length film, Shane MacThomáis. Rachel Lysaght, the producer of **One Million Dubliners**, stated 'We can't wait to bring the film to a wider audience and are working towards a theatrical release to coincide with All Soul's Day in November.

With the autumn fast approaching and the kids back in school soon, we can expect a slew of new cinema releases in the upcoming months. The Big Films making their way to a cinema near you include: **The Grand Seduction** (Brendan Gleeson); **A Most Wanted Man** (starring the late Philip Seymour Hoffman); **Dracula Untold: Before I Go To Sleep** (Colin Firth & Nicole Kidman); the final instalments of **The Hobbit** and **The Hunger Games**.

In the New Year, the eagerly anticipated screen adaptation of global phenomenon **50 Shades of Grey** will be hitting cinemas across the world. Irish actor Jamie Dornan and Dakota Johnson (daughter of Melanie Griffith and Don Johnson) will be sizzling up the screen as Christian Grey and Anastasia Steele! The movie trailer on YouTube has already become one of the most watched trailers in 2014. So keep your diary free for Valentine's Day 2015!

Sadly, we mark the passing of the comic genius that was Robin Williams. He brought so much joy and happiness to millions of people through his many wonderful performances. Fans will, doubtless, have their favourite Williams film. These will certainly include **Dead Poets Society**, **Good Morning Vietnam**, **The Fisher King**, **Good Will Hunting** and the wonderful **Awakenings**.

It is fitting to leave the last words to Williams:

**'You're only given one little spark of madness. You mustn't lose it'**

**'No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world'**

**'Never pick a fight with an ugly person, they've got nothing to lose!'**

# Labour Advice Service



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