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Maynooth Summer Festival 2015

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*Nanny June with Kyle & Mason
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Maynooth had its Summer Festival in mid July and it was a delightful success. The three day festival coincided with the Leinster Fleadh and both brought an uplifting atmosphere to the town. Festival proceedings were opened on Friday evening by Tom McMullon, Chairman of Maynooth Community Council and guest speaker, former Maynooth man, JP McMahon – Restaurateur, Culinary Director and Columist with the Irish Times.

Saturday kicked off with a Get Informed/Get Active Fun day in the Harbour Field. Free classes from Durga Yoga Maynooth and Bokwa by Niamh Mathews and displays from Zumba and Fitstep Quickstep had people of all ages joining in and having fun! A men's Football Blitz took place, sponsored by Martin McMahon of Picaderos, with Smirnoff FC the winners. The women's cup sponsored by Jee Jewellery by Ger Breslin, was won by The Classy Birds. Info stands, funfair games and competitions kept everyone happy right through the afternoon. Tesco also hosted a family fun day on Saturday. Organised by Bernie Kane (Community Champion, Tesco, Maynooth), Robbie Kelly (Manager, Tesco Maynooth) and the staff of Tesco. With bouncy castles, face painting, fun rides and the ever popular Maynooth Fire service crew. A donation of €200 from the funds raised went to the Maynooth Fire Services' chosen charity "Bumbleance" and the remainder donated to Temple Street Hospital & AWARE

The Castle and St. Mary's Church of Ireland had cultural events also going on – Rita Doyle & Catherine Maher Irish Dancers, Sinatra songs by Tony Savino, The Beermats, and local trad group Push for Porter. Prose readings from Eileen Keane and Maynooth Writers' Group, classical guitar by Seamus Carr and songs by Anna Stempel.



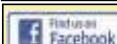
The Sunday saw our main event – Silverarm Sessions – Music, Food & Craft Fair. The beautiful grounds of Maynooth Castle, which were decked out in handmade festival flags from The Zip Yard, hosted local bands and groups, like The National Learning Network, The Quarter Mile, Maynooth Gospel Choir, Cathal Farrelly and The Catalinas who all shared the stage with headliner, Irish singer and musician Liam Ó Maonlaí. People could wander amongst stalls like KT Metal or sit and relax in the pleasant weather while enjoying the melodious array of music. Local establishments like O'Neills Bar & Steakhouse and The Gatehouse served up tasty treats and T & R cupcakes kept all with a sweet tooth happy and full!

The Festival Committee would like to extend their gratitude to all the businesses, groups and organisations that helped so willingly to make this festival a success. It is worth noting because of this the festival events were predominately free to the public. To everyone who took part in our Taste of Maynooth Raffle and Facebook competitions, businesses and public alike, thank you. We would also like to thank our sponsors Kildare County Council and the Glenroyal Hotel & Leisure Club for backing our efforts and to the OPW and Maynooth Castle for granting permission to use the fabulous grounds of the Castle. OPW official figures for visitors to the Castle over the 2 days of the Festival were Saturday: 1591 with 583 taking the tour of the Castle Keep & Sunday: 5872 with 1217 taking the tour of the Castle Keep. A big thanks too to John Doogan, Maynooth Newsletter and Maynooth Community Council for all their help and advice. Lastly we wish to thank and applaud the people of Maynooth! Thank you all for volunteering and for coming out to enjoy what your town has to offer. The point of a festival is to celebrate and enjoy together and we feel you did that admirably Maynooth ... Bring on next year!

Liam O Maonlai "To have been a part of the Maynooth Festival is a highlight in a year full of great highs for me. Maynooth is full of history and is alive with music. I feel like I have left a part of myself there and that a part of Maigh Nuad has come with me and will be with me from here on in."



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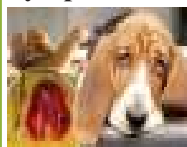


Lungworm is a very real condition and can affect dogs of any age. The symptoms in your pet can vary from mild to fatal. There are a few species of lungworm but the one that concerns us most is *Angiostrongylus Vasorum*.

Slugs and snails living in your back garden act as an intermediary host for this lungworm parasite. Mild winters allows more eggs from the snail and slug to survive and with a wet spring and summer the number of slugs are increasing. The majority of snails live underground and are not visible. Dogs being naturally inquisitive come in contact with the slugs by biting them or licking the slime that they leave behind. By this action the larva (early developmental stage of lungworm) having been ingested travels via the blood stream to heart tissue and lung tissue causing damage en route and mature into fully grown worms in the lungs. Foxes are natural reservoirs of *Angiostrongylus Vasorum* and with the urbanisation of the fox population this is becoming more of a problem.



Symptoms



Symptoms of a dog infected with lungworm can vary. The most obvious case is a dog presented with coughing, exercise intolerance and not responding to routine treatment. Other symptoms include weight loss, bleeding problems e.g. from the nose, bleeding into the eye or brain with critical and sometimes fatal outcome. The lungworm affect the coagulation process and this can have a serious outcome.

Treatment

The ordinary worm treatment will not prevent or treat the lungworm condition. Monthly use of a spot-on on the back of the neck called Advocat will be 85% efficient in killing the immature lerva and mature lungworm but, the efficiency of the treatment increases with each monthly application.

Other preventative measures include picking up dog faeces in the back garden as an infected dog can spread the parasite to snails and slugs. This applies to foxes as well. Also keep the water bowl area clean as slugs will gravitate towards damp areas. Also, change the dog's water regularly.



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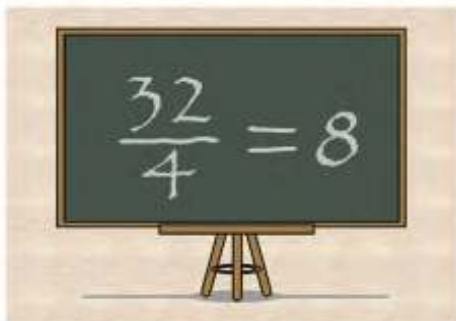
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Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Notes July 2015

Present: Tom McMullon, Adrienne Flynn, Naoise Ó Cearúil, Paul Daly, Jacqueline Farrell, Hilda Dunne, Richard Farrell, Johnny Dowling, Peter Garrard, Susan Durack, Paul Croghan, Mary Murphy (Carrie Bermingham, Liffey Champion)

Co-options - Rockfield Residents' Association. Miriam O'Keeffe-Ahern (Secretary), Gráinne Roche (Assistant Secretary), Fiona Gallagher (Gardening Committee). Three members of Youth Café attended the meeting. MCC executive will meet with Youth Café to discuss recent correspondence.

A letter from Philip Nolan, President Maynooth University regarding College Swimming Pool Closure was read to the meeting. The letter is a matter of public record. Representatives from the recent open meeting will meet with Maynooth University to discuss the matter.

Local Matters

Naoise Ó Cearúil commended Manor Mills for clearing/cleaning their area.

He congratulated the Festival Committee on the success of the Festival and that it was a testament to all the people involved.

He commended the Leinster Fleadh for the wonderful event that it was and thanks to all involved.

Maynooth Festival – The new members of the committee were praised for all they achieved. 7,463 people went through the Castle over the two days with 1,800 taking the tour of the Keep itself. The Castle proved to be a wonderful location for some of the festival events and there was a suggestion that it could be used more throughout the year. This is to be followed up.

Many people who came to the Leinster Fleadh said they would return again next year to the Festival. Paul Daly thanked Kildare County Council and Glenroyal for sponsoring the event in the main, and all the businesses that supported the event. The concerns of the OPW were met and the place was left in order. He thanked Tesco for organising their family fun day, proceeds going to Temple Street and Aware. The Russell Library hosted an enjoyable visit for 15-20 people. About 20 people took part in a Biodiversity walk around the college grounds. The ICA did a great job in providing teas/cakes and displayed their crafts from their hall at the Harbour Field on Saturday. The Sunday events and the headline act of Liam Ó Maonlaí were highlighted. The Harbour Field activities were very enjoyable with lots of families attending. Hilda Dunne noted that the festival event in the Church of Ireland was a great success and she thanked all who took part. The Irish Volunteers Commemorative Society attended the Castle with an array of memorabilia which garnered a lot of interest from the public. Many people signed their petition for the continued protection of Moore Street. The festival was a predominately free event.

Leinster Park: Street sweeper attended to the Leinster Park.

Rockfield Residents Association co-options - Miriam O'Keeffe Ahern (Secretary), Gráinne Roche (Assistant Secretary), Fiona Gallagher (Gardening Committee)

Proposed Development of 126 houses on the Maynooth Celbridge Road – This item was put on the agenda.

Committee members of Rockfield Residents' Association expressed concerns on behalf of their residents about the application process and the proposed development of 126 houses on the Maynooth Celbridge Road. Miriam O'Keeffe-Ahern spoke to the item.

They asked that MCC support them in their concerns about this planning application i.e. the failure to comply with the **Directions for Erecting Site Notice** in a proper way and their concerns about the impact of building in this area on Rockfield – its boundary wall/sewage and drainage access and the impact in the area in general – Educate Together School, land that was deemed Community and Education Space now appears as a crèche and community garden and impact on local schools.

The site notice was not placed in a conspicuous place. It could not be seen by the public and was not easily accessible being placed up on a ditch and was partly obscured by vegetation. The result is that no one saw it and the time limit for objections/concerns ran out. The relevant section of the Directions was read to the meeting.

The Directions – Article 19 Site Notice sub section (C) notes the following

“Subject to sub-article (2), securely erected or fixed in a conspicuous position on or near the main entrance to the land or structure concerned from a public road, or where there is more than one entrance from public roads, on or near all such entrances, or on any other part of the land or structure adjoining a public road, so as to be easily visible and legible by persons using the public road, and shall not be obscured or concealed at any time”

Naoise Ó Cearúil noted that MCC cannot sway into planning cases but said that MCC would support Rockfield Residents in their concerns about the placing of the site notice in this case. A letter will be sent from MCC to the planning office of KCC supporting the concerns of Rockfield Residents on the matter.

Paul Croghan noted that good planning is a good thing but that we have to be very observant. We have to be mindful of how the town is going to be built on to for example Maynooth University and the Town may have different views of the town but in development they need to adopt a mutually respectful approach. Naoise Ó Cearúil said that the construction industry is gearing up again and there are few developments happening around the Maynooth area and we need to know when new developments are in the planning. Naoise Ó Cearúil will bring a motion to KCC to ask that all planning notices for the Maynooth environs be sent to the MCC office. New construction can have a huge impact on the town and we must be more vigilant. The resurrection of the Planning and Development sub-committee of the MCC was suggested. Paul Croghan noted an example of how an estate that come together with developer and have an input into how the second estate would be planned this happened with Castledawson and Woodlands.

Bollards Greenfield Lane. Naoise Ó Cearúil has raised 152 signatures from the Residents of Greenfield to oppose the removal of the bollards at the end of the lane.

Footpath Moyglare Road. Paul Croghan thanked KCC for their work on the footpath.

Thanks to SAP Landscape and MCC workers.

Thanks were expressed to SAP Landscape for providing bedding plants and MCC worker for planting them along the Harbour Wall.

Scouts. Were busy helping with the Leinster Fleadh and with street closure arrangements. Teenage members spent a week in Kerdiffstown with Senior Citizens. Their volunteering was greatly praised.

Leinster Fleadh. Tom McMullon congratulated Sean and Angie Tracey for their work in organising the

Leinster Fleadh. It was a magnificent accomplishment.

Tidy Towns. Richard Farrell congratulated the Leinster Fleadh and were kept busy helping during the Fleadh. He expressed his thanks to Leixlip Tidy Towns who helped them with the cleaning of the approach roads. Thanks also to the Glenroyal who provided tea and coffee. To the young ladies who painted the boxes, this has been highly praised time and again. Thanks to Pee Farrell for his work in cleaning up early in the mornings and for looking after equipment. The *Best Kept Large Town* sign was put up across from Floods. Tidy Towns recognise all the work that people have done and thank all our dedicated volunteers.

Maynooth Local History Group. There was a history walk on the Thursday before the Festival which was well received. An event for Heritage Week is in the planning.

ICA. There was a brief discussion about painting an artistic mural on the ICA Hall. Scouts and ICA to follow up.

Editorial

The level of building activity in Maynooth has increased with work started on sites in Moyglare and the Straffan Road and other projects in the planning process. Housing prices in Maynooth remain higher than other towns around so there clearly is some demand. Maynooth is of course part of the greater Dublin area so there is no guarantee that new housing will be sold to locals. It is difficult to keep a perspective on this whole issue as the supply and demand for housing is a market and few if any measures can be effective in regulating it. That been said if we learn anything from the last few years it is that higher house prices is not necessarily a good thing. While we have a number of key sites in the town which are effectively derelict sites because the owners will just sit on them until they can turn a large profit, Kildare County Council has been totally inactive in enforcing legislation in this area.

There is no doubt that sites in Maynooth have been part of NAMA portfolios and it is now well known that NAMA sell large portfolios of sites which limits the potential buyers as few people in Ireland can raise the funds needed to buy large portfolios of buildings and sites. With Ireland having the second highest debt ratio at \$55,000 per capita only higher in Japan at \$99,000 per capita we need to get the highest price for our NAMA properties. It is time that NAMA sell smaller portfolios of properties and help to secure our national assets in Ireland rather than to overseas investment funds that will only break up the portfolios and sell them back to Irish people at a huge profit.

Elsewhere in this paper there is plenty of coverage of the Leinster Fleadh held in July as well as the Maynooth Community Festival. The feedback has been that both events were a huge success. Maynooth Community Council organises the festival and provides most of the events for free. This is despite the fact that they have very significant overheads in running the office and the community space in the Tesco centre at Carton Park. The elections for the next Community Council afford the opportunity for people from the community in Maynooth to come forward and get involved. I did nearly twenty five years ago and I am still here.

Paul Croghan

The Maynooth Summer Festival Committee would like to thank the following for their support & assistance in making this year's Festival such a huge success!!

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Leinster Fleadh Notes

As Chairman of the Leinster Fleadh Executive Committee and a founder member of Craobh Mhaigh Nuad, I am pleased to say that I am very happy with the event which was held in Maynooth from the 6th to the 12th of July. It was a daunting task from start to finish which would not have been possible without the cooperation of so many people from Maynooth and neighbouring towns. It is impossible to imagine the amount of work that goes into organising an event such as this and I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone involved, whether it was on a voluntary basis or in the form of financial support.

The week long Fleadh began with an opening ceremony in the Glenroyal Hotel on Monday 6th July which was attended by over 200 guests, including The Mayor of Kildare Councillor Brendan Weld, The Director General of Comhaltas, Senator Leabhrás Ó Murchú and the first Lady President of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Mrs. Ann Finnegan. A special word of thanks to Ted Robinson and the staff of the Glenroyal Hotel, who very generously sponsored the night which was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.

As part of the week long programme of events, we decided to hold a workshop on Wednesday 8th July which proved to be very popular. This was followed by our first session on the Gig Rig in the Square which I am proud to say was opened by my own family, The Tracey Clann. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the entertainment on the Gig Rig for the duration of the week and especially our headline acts, Goitse, Fidders Green, Skippers Alley and Full Set. In reference to the fleadh, Leinster council chairman Sean Ó Laoire expressed the opinion that there was a great "buzz" around the town, and I fully echo his sentiments.

The main event of The Leinster Fleadh, the competitions were held in the Maynooth Post Primary School and St. Marys Boys National School from Friday 10th to Sunday 12th of July and I would like to thank all involved in the huge task of organising and hosting of this event. Congratulations are due to all participants and qualifiers for Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in Sligo and I have no doubt that they will do their County and Province proud.

This Leinster Fleadh would not have been financially viable were it not for the tremendous support we received from our main Sponsors, Kildare County Council, KBC Bank, Specsavers, Maynooth University, Maynooth Students Union, The Glenroyal Hotel and Inkjet World. I would also like to thank all of the businesses, voluntary groups, organisations and individuals who helped in any way for their contributions to the success of this Fleadh.

A special mention must be made of the following individuals, without whose commitment this Fleadh would not have been the success that it proved to be. Gerry Quinn, Chief Steward for the Gig Rig who also assisted in erecting signage and posters and sourcing volunteers. Gerry Fitzpatrick, Chief Steward, Parking who with his team covered The Boys School, Post Primary School and Maynooth University carparks ensuring there were no difficulties relating to traffic flow or parking facilities. Maynooth Scouts under the leadership of Peter Garrad, who volunteered as stewards over the weekend, Colin Maher, sound engineer from Maynooth Students' Union whose expertise was greatly appreciated in looking after the gig rig for us for the whole week, Eamon O' Flaherty Brady's auctioneers for securing the use of our fleadh information office through Therese Flood and last but definitely not least is Pat Farrell, affectionately known as P, whose commitment in preparing the town for the event and his tireless work during the week of the Fleadh was exceptional. P has proven himself to be an invaluable asset to the community of Maynooth.

Thanks are also due to Johnny Nevin and staff of Maynooth Post Primary School and Peter Coakley and staff of St. Mary's Boys National School, Maynooth G.A.A. and Maynooth University for the use of their facilities throughout the Fleadh also to Maynooth Community Council and the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee for all their hard work leading up to and including the Fleadh. All are in agreement that the hosting of the Maynooth Summer Festival in conjunction with the Fleadh proved to be a great success. Well done to all.

I would like to extend a note of appreciation to members of The Leinster Council for their help and guidance, the executive committee, the Kildare County Board and the various sub committees in the organising and running of this Leinster Fleadh.

From a personal viewpoint it was very encouraging to hear all the positive comments during and after the Fleadh from the people of Maynooth and the wider community. I endeavoured, along with my colleagues from Maynooth to put our own stamp on this Fleadh by making it a family friendly event and judging by the feedback from the community we certainly achieved our goal. Sincerest thanks go to my local Branch Committee, namely my wife Angela, Sandra Byrne, Mary Howley, Robyn Farrell and Owen Byrne for their commitment and dedication to the cause. It is also my hope that all our visitors thoroughly enjoyed their Maynooth Experience and I would like to wish Kilkenny, the hosts of next years Leinster Fleadh, every success.

Sean Tracey, - Chairman, Leinster Fleadh Executive Committee.

Maynooth Labour News

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Cllr McGinley's Motion to Prevent the Closure of the University Swimming Pool was Defeated by 15 Votes to 14 at the Council Meeting on 29 June:

The following motion from Cllr John McGinley was debated at the Council Meeting 29 June:

"Subject to the Chief Executives investigations, that the Council allocates €250,000 from the over €500,000 Development Contributions already accumulated for the North Kildare Swimming Pool in order to bring the Maynooth University pool within Health & Safety Guidelines and that the Council takes out a lease on the University Pool until a new Public Swimming Pool has been constructed for North Kildare."

The Council's Director of Services replied as follows:

"The planned closure of the pool in Maynooth University from this Autumn is because it is no longer fit for purpose according to University sources. Health & Safety concerns and avoidance of repeat incidents where children presented unwell is the main concern.

Before any decision is made to spend any money consideration should be given to :-

- What interim arrangements can be put in place to provide pool time via K Leisure in Naas
- Has a feasibility study been undertaken to establish the value of spending money on a pool that is over 100 years old
- What technical and legal arrangements are needed before public money is then committed.

Cllr. McGinley replied as follows:

"The announcement of the closure, by Maynooth University, of the only public swimming pool in North Kildare at the end of August comes as devastating news to the 800 local children who avail of the facility weekly and the 20 employees.

Pupils from 7 schools and 4 clubs locally use the facility.

Oddly enough there was no mention of the closure when the President of the University made a presentation to us here a few months.

On hearing the news of the closure I immediately submitted the Motion before you.

The Pool is owned by St. Patrick's College, Maynooth and they have licensed its use and operation of it to Maynooth University.

This Council has funded state of the art swimming complexes for Naas and Athy.

We now have an opportunity to rectify the non-provision, by the Council, of a pool in the North of the County.

We need a two pronged strategy:

- Make sure that the existing pool stays open until a replacement pool is in place
- Agree a Joint Venture with Maynooth University to provide a swimming pool complex for public use to be delivered within 4 years.

I am proposing that this Council agrees to allocate €250,000 from the Development Contributions set aside by the old Celbridge and Clane Area Committees in the Capital Programme for a North Kildare Swimming Pool in order to bring it within Health & Safety Guidelines.

I comment as follows on the Director of Services Report:

- The only interim arrangement is to keep the existing pool open. Bussing children and students to the nearest Pool at Naas is a non-runner
- On a feasibility study, I agree that we need an Engineers Report to see what is needed to bring it within Health & Safety Guidelines. While the pool is over 100 years old it got a significant upgrade about 15 years ago. It may not need the

€250k that the President of the University says is required

- On the legal & technical arrangements. I'm proposing that we take a lease or licencing arrangement on the existing pool, to bring it into Public ownership, until a new Pool is constructed."

The Council's Chief Executive's main argument against Cllr. McGinley's motion was that Council could not allocate public money to a private pool. John pointed out that taking out a lease on the pool would make it a public pool.

Sadly, Cllr. McGinley's motion was beaten by 15 votes to 14, with the rest of the 40 Councillors abstaining. Even worse was the fact that only two of the other eight Councillors from the Maynooth Municipal District voted for John's Motion.

The Chief Executive stated that he would continue discussion on the issue with the University Authorities and report back to the 27 July meeting of the Council

The President of The University sent the following E mail to our four T.D.'s on 7 July

"I am writing to outline the position of Maynooth University in relation to the decision to close, with effect from 23 August 2015, the swimming pool operated by the University and open to the public.

I greatly appreciate your constructive engagement with the University in an attempt to keep the pool open in order to serve the needs of the community. The University greatly values the support of the local and regional community, and your support as their elected representatives. We always do our very best to serve the community, and to respond positively to requests from public representatives.

However, in this case it is simply not possible to reverse the decision to close the pool. The risks to the safety of children are too great, and the quantum of public money that would be required to mitigate those risks also too great. It would represent very poor value for money and too high a health and safety risk to continue to operate the pool.

We are, nonetheless, willing to engage with Kildare County Council, and the three members of the Maynooth Community nominated at a recent open meeting, to explain in detail how the University arrived at its decision and to explore options for the future. The University is open to the joint development, with Kildare County Council, of a new swimming pool to meet the needs of the University and the community. If this is viable, the University is also willing to examine any viable business case to reopen the pool on an interim basis in partnership with Kildare County Council and the local community.

We have already engaged with Kildare County Council on this matter, and will engage with the community representatives in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Philip

**Professor Philip Nolan
President | Uachtarán"**

Meeting With the Minister on 15 July:

At a meeting held on July 15th in the Department of Sport attended by Minister Michael Ring T.D., Chief Executive of Kildare Co. Council Peter Carey, Deputy Emmet Stagg and Deputy Bernard Durkan, detailed discussions were held in relation to the various options for the provision of the North Kildare Swimming Pool. Following the discussions it was agreed that the Chief Executive Peter Carey would make a formal application to the Minister outlining the options for the provision of

a North Kildare Swimming Pool.

Major Water Works for Back Lanes, O'Neill Park and Old Greenfield

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply from the Council when he asked about proposals to replace cast iron water mains in Maynooth:

"This arose from Consultant N. O'Dwyer report on Water conservation/rehabilitation which identified Maynooth as a "hot spot" due to the significant presence of cast iron mains and lead services. This gives rise to an increased number of bursts & repairs, water quality, colour & customer side pressure issues. Phase 1 was done replacing CI mains on Leinster & Parsons St a few years back.

Irish Water have now approved Phase 2 which includes the Back Lanes, O'Neill Park and Old Greenfield estate to proceed. Draft tender documents for the appointment of consultants have been prepared by Minor Capital Works and sent to Irish Water Minor Programmes for tender. Realistically it will be early to mid 2016 before a contractor is on-site. "

Delay on Full Implementation of Pay Parking Because of Water Works

Cllr. McGinley was given the following update on his motion for the implementation of Pay Parking in Maynooth:

"As the members are aware there are a number of factors which will influence the time frame for the roll-out of pay parking in Maynooth. The request for tenders for the pay parking machines will be advertised in early July. When this procurement process is underway it will be possible to be more definitive about the time frame for the completion of the process and the purchase of the machines.

The members will also be aware that the other factor is the re-surfacing works to be carried out before the lining can be done. This process has been complicated by the fact that Water Services / Irish Water intends to carry out works from Pound Lane to Dillons Row in Maynooth in early 2016. The Municipal District Engineer is liaising with Water Services to determine what the best way forward is whilst keeping in mind the members wish to have pay parking introduced at the earliest possible date."

Cllr. McGinley pointed out that it should be possible to carry out the Pay Parking works in the rest of the Town and do the Back Lanes, Convent Lane and Dillons Row when the Water Works is completed

Update on Traffic Management Plan for Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley was given the following update on his motion for the carrying out of a Traffic Management Plan for Maynooth:

"This is an ongoing issue. The Traffic and Transport Assessment for the North/South Corridor is completed – this will constitute part of the Traffic Management Plan."

The Area Engineer stated that the North South Public Consultation Report would be presented to the Councillors for a decision on 9 September.

Council Agree to Cut the Large Green at Meadowbrook on a One Off Basis

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley on behalf of the residents the Council have organised for SAP Landscapes to cut the large green at Meadowbrook twice. The first cut should be done by the end of this week and a further cut will be done in two weeks time. After this it should be maintainable with a normal mower. The Council will not be getting the grass collected as this was too expensive. The two cuts should negate the need for collection.

Council to Trim Low Hanging Branches on Straffan

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Road, Meadowbrook Link Road and at the Celbridge Road/Straffan Road junction.

Following representations from Cllr John McGinley the Council will be cutting the low hanging branches on these roads from the middle of June.

August New Date for Invitation of Tenders for Construction of Two New Maynooth Secondary Schools - Stagg

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to press the case for the construction of the two new secondary schools and shared sports facility for Maynooth on the Moyglare Road with the Minister for Education and he has now been advised that Tenders for the construction of both schools and the sports facility will be invited by mid-August.

Deputy Stagg stated that both of the schools, the new Maynooth Community College and the replacement school for Maynooth Post Primary School, will cater for 1,000 pupils each.

The Design Team are finalising the completion of the Tender Documents and the Minister has advised that tendering will commence by mid-August with tenders being issued to pre-qualified contractors.

The Minister further advised Deputy Stagg that construction of the two new secondary schools and sports facility will commence in 2015 and that the schools will open for September 2017.

Whilst June was the original date for the issuing of the tenders, this is a major project which has delayed the completion of the tendering documents to mid-August.

Deputy Stagg stated that Maynooth will have state of the art secondary schools and a sports facility for our secondary pupils by September 2017 and he thanked his colleague Minister for Education Jan O'Sullivan T.D. for securing the funding necessary for the schools and sports facility.

519 SNA POSTS FOR KILDARE - 5% INCREASE IN NUMBERS

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement by his colleague the Minister for Education that 519 Special Needs Assistant Posts have been approved in Co. Kildare from September 2015 representing a 5% increase in numbers.

The decision stated Deputy Stagg reflects clearly the Governments commitment to ensure that every child with an assessed need has access to a Special Needs Assistant.

From September there will be 11,820 Full Time Special Needs Assistants in Primary, Special Schools and Post Primary Schools throughout the State which is an 11.7% increase since the Government was formed.

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Swimming Pool Debacle Leaves North Kildare in the Deep End

Catherine Murphy TD has once again highlighted the completely unsatisfactory situation regarding swimming pool facilities in North Kildare. The issue has become prominent again recently with the announcement that the public pool on the NUIM campus is set to close.

The local outcry about the closure of the pool is indicative of the demand for such a facility in North Kildare however there has been no funding available for such an initiative since the year 2000. At that time, Local Authorities were instructed that they could only apply for 2 pools, Kildare County Council abided by this rule, yet other Local Authorities sought funding for 3 or 4 pools and got a successful funding commitment.

Catherine Murphy has repeatedly called for other Local Authorities to either draw down the funding committed or release it so that it may be distributed to areas that need it and who have the capacity to develop such facilities. As far back as February 2013, The Minister for Tourism and Sport, Michael Ring, in debate with Catherine Murphy, conceded that the situation was unacceptable and committed to issuing an ultimatum to Local Authorities to either 'commit or get out' of the scheme yet Kildare is still without the funding for a pool.

"Having recently met with the President of the NUIM recently, it is very clear that the university does not want to keep the pool open for public use, whether funding for the upgrades are made available or not. With that in mind, it would appear incumbent on Kildare County Council to address the urgent demand for a public swimming facility in North Kildare. There must be a redoubling of the effort to secure funding for such a facility in order that the people of North Kildare are provided with a facility that is suitable for the needs of the community."

"In the meantime it is vital that all involved – public representatives, university representatives, parents, those who use the pool and the fantastic coaching staff – must work in harmony to ensure that an interim arrangement exists so that the fantastic initiatives that are currently underway in the Maynooth pool are not lost to the community."

Latest Crime Figures Once Again Highlight the Lack of Strategic Deployment of Garda Resources

Independent TD Catherine Murphy has reiterated her call for Garda resources to be deployed based on demographics and crime rates as promised in the National Policing Plan each year but never delivered.

The latest CSO figures show a glaring discrepancy between actual crime rates and reported crime rates which is worrying in itself. Deputy Murphy has previously drawn attention to the fact that areas which do not have a visible, active, Garda presence will invariably have skewed crime rates as many crimes that require old-fashioned police work will simply go undetected.

"Goal 2 of the 2014 Policing Plan spoke about 'proactive policing operations' and promised to ensure 'patrol strategies are in place that maximise resource deployment based on demand and crime analysis capability' yet, to date, we have seen no evidence that either demographics or increased crime rates play a part in the distribution of Garda resources."

"My own County of Kildare for example is the worst resourced County despite having one of the fastest growing populations. We have only 1 Garda for every 698 people and yesterday's stats show that the Burglary rate in Kildare increased by 32%. It is clear there is a correlation"

"People should be able to expect a minimum level of policing that is based on demographics and/or crime rates. While many urban towns, outside of the main cities, are badly served, the rural hinterland is also significantly impacted with many places having a response time of roughly one hour which is totally unacceptable."

"It is strikingly clear that those areas which have experienced rapid population growth have been disproportionately disadvantaged compared to lesser populated counties. We cannot continue in a situation where inadequate policing levels are facilitating the under detection of criminal offences which in turn leads to misleading statistics about falling crime rates. An unfair distribution of scarce resources will inevitably lead to distorted figures. The crime rates in Kildare cannot be accurately compared to somewhere like Sligo/Leitrim with half the population of Kildare yet an almost identical numbers of Garda resources."

Minister's Watery Response to North Kildare Swimming Pool Issue

Catherine Murphy TD joined with fellow Kildare North TD Bernard Durkan today to raise a Topical Issue to the Minister for State with Responsibility for Tourism & Sport, Michael Ring, regarding the lack of public swimming pool facilities in the densely populated constituency of Kildare North.

The issue became very topical recently when NUI Maynooth indicated to the community its decision to close the public pool located on the campus. At a recent meeting with University officials it was made clear that the University does not have the desire to keep the pool open whether funding is made available or not. The President of the University indicated his concerns regarding the risk assumed by the University if the pool remains on their campus. In light of this, Catherine Murphy TD notified the Minister of the urgency to revisit the funding decisions that were last made in 2000 in relation to swimming pools. At that time some local authorities were approved for funding for 3 or 4 pools but have yet to draw down those funds. Deputy Murphy has repeatedly called on the Minister to redistribute that funding to local authorities that have both the desire and the capabilities to proceed with swimming facilities.

As far back as February 2013, The Minister of State with Responsibility for Tourism and Sport, Michael Ring, in debate with Catherine Murphy, conceded that the situation was unacceptable and committed to issuing an ultimatum to Local Authorities to either 'commit or get out' of the scheme yet Kildare is still without the funding for a pool. During today's debate the minister was less committal and instead agreed to meet with the TDs for Kildare North and the local authority in order to talk through the issues. He noted that he is well aware of the need for a facility in North Kildare but that a cost benefit analysis would have to be undertaken.

"The Minister's comments today suggest yet another protracted process of talking over things and meanwhile the pool in NUIM will close its doors in August leaving the many users of the facility and the providers of the very successful swimming classes there with no alternative for their activities. Given that

Kildare is the fourth most populous County, with a population in excess of 210,000 it seems incredulous that there are only 2 pools for the entire County and they are geographically nowhere near the heavily populated commuter towns of Leixlip, Celbridge, Maynooth and Kilcock. This is unacceptable and requires urgent action."

Three TDs to Make Major Announcement

TDs Catherine Murphy, Róisín Shortall, and Stephen Donnelly have agreed to launch an exciting new political venture.

Speaking today the three TDs confirmed they have been engaged in ongoing discussions for some time.

An event will take place on Wednesday to outline further details.

In a joint statement the three TDs said:

"We are excited to be working together to offer a new credible political choice to the Irish electorate."

No further comment will be made until the event on Wednesday.

'Overwhelming' Response to Launch of Social Democrats

Róisín Shortall, Stephen Donnelly, and Catherine Murphy today announced the launch of a new political party called Social Democrats and outlined some key policy areas including a strong economy, open government, and Social Vision.

The Social Democrats said that, among other things, they would abolish water charges, increase supports for Irish small and medium businesses, and target investment in early childhood initiatives.

Speaking after the event all three TDs said that they felt humbled by the overwhelming outpouring of support they have received since news of the new party went public this morning.

Stephen Donnelly TD said:

"Since we launched at 10am this morning we have had an amazing response from people looking to get involved and help out with every aspect of the organisation. The support is hugely encouraging"

Róisín Shortall agreed:

"I think the reaction shows just how necessary it was for us to come together and launch the Social Democrats. People are crying out for a really credible political option with a true social democratic vision and that is what we are offering."

Catherine Murphy said she was "delighted" with the response so far:

"More than ever, people have a real interest in the substance of politics and I think they saw from this morning's event that the Social Democrats can offer that substance. People have a real desire to get involved in something they know will work for their interests and they recognise that's what Social Democrats is about."

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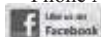
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- * 50g sugar snap peas
- * 80g endame beans (defrosted)
- * 100g quinoa
- * 80g feta cheese (cut into cubes)
- * 100g pomegranate seeds
- * 40g toasted sunflower/pumpkin seeds/smoked almonds/hazelnuts
- * Handful of baby spinach leaves
- * 3 tablespoons French dressing
- * Small head frisee lettuce

Blanch and refresh all the broccoli, asparagus and beans. Cook quinoa, allow to cool. Cut feta into cubes and toast seeds and nuts till golden. In a bowl mix together frisee lettuce, spinach leaves, quinoa, seeds, nuts and dress lightly with a little French dressing. Next gently warm the cooked green vegetables with a tablespoon of French dressing for 2/3 minutes. Assemble by placing some lettuce, grains and seed mixture on a plate. Add some of the greens and some feta and repeat layering till you use up all the ingredients. Enjoy

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- * 16 fresh walnut halves
- * 200g cashel blue cheese
- * Small head frisee lettuce
- * 55g butter

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- * 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
 - * 1 tablespoon sunflower oil
 - * 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
 - * 1 teaspoon grainy mustard
 - * 1/2 teaspoon honey
 - * Sea salt and freshly ground pepper and 1/2 clove garlic (crushed).
- Wash and dry lettuce. Quarter the pears removing the hard inner core. Cut the cheese into little squares and toast the walnuts. Melt the butter in a frying pan and add the quartered pears, cooking on high for a couple of minutes until they start to caramelize. Make the dressing by placing all ingredients in a jar with crushed garlic clove and shake vigorously. Assemble by lightly dressing the leaves with 2 tablespoons of the dressing, add three quarters of fresh walnuts and half the cheese. Spoon the warm pears and juices over the leaves, add remaining nuts and cheese arranging them around the salad.

SALAD OF BABY BEETS WITH GOATS CHEESE AND LEAVES

- * 8 baby beets
 - * 300g mixed peppery baby leaves
 - * 2/3 chive flowers and handful nasturtium flowers
 - * 2 tablespoons sunflower seeds
- Cook the beets until tender (15 minutes) drain and allow to cool. Peel and slice. Make the dressing by placing in a jar 2 tablespoons sherry vinegar with 4 tablespoons olive oil and 1/2 teaspoon each of grainy mustard and crushed garlic. Add pinch sugar, salt and pepper and shake until well mixed.
- To assemble place salad leaves, flowers and sunflower seeds in a bowl and dress lightly with 2 tablespoons of dressing. Then make stacks by placing a slice of beetroot on a plate. Top this with a little goats cheese and continue to stack in this order until all the beetroot is used up.
- Arrange on a plate with the salad leaves, sprinkle with the seeds. Enjoy.

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August Gardening



August is the time when gardeners really start to reap the rewards of their hard work, but the Irish weather can make August a trying time for gardeners. Although it is the height of summer, the weather can be fickle as July and August on average are the rainiest months of the year. Higher temperatures combined with lots of precipitation can cause problems for the unprepared gardener. Temperature fluctuations between hot summer days and cooler weather make it more difficult to predict your garden's needs. However, it is also the most relaxed

summer month in terms of work required as you are afforded much more opportunity to enjoy the fruits of your labours after the more frantic previous months.

Weeds are ever the bane of a gardener's life. Not only do they clutter your garden and look bad, but they take precious moisture away from your plants at a time of year when they really need it. You must continue to attack them as this month they will start producing seeds in preparation for surviving the winter, so any weeds you don't tackle now will come back again with friends next year. Weeding little but often is one of the best ways to tackle this task and keep you from feeling overwhelmed. Try using a dutch hoe for best results. White flies are attracted to the colour yellow, so use yellow sticky boards to reduce their populations.



Don't let the high August precipitation lull you into a false sense of security. Plants dry out quickly in the higher temperatures. Pay close attention to anything in a hanging basket or container or that rests against a sunny wall. Because the roots will have now filled the pot or container, adequate watering is critical. August is the holiday month for many people, so if you are going to be away, ensure someone will look after your garden's water needs. Water the garden early in the day so plants can absorb the moisture before the hot sun dries the soil. Early watering means the foliage dries before night. Wet foliage at night increases

susceptibility to fungus diseases. It also prevents burn spots on foliage where the sun has reflected off the water droplets. Provide at least weekly feedings to all of your plants as they will need it to sustain summer growth. Water hydrangeas with a hydrangea colourant to enjoy brilliant blue flowers next year.

Deadhead old flowers regularly to encourage more growth. When deadheading roses, cut the stem with a sharp blade as just breaking off old flowerheads leaves the rose vulnerable to infection. Clean up fallen rose and peony leaves as they can harbour disease and pests over the winter. Remove old plants which have stopped producing to eliminate a shelter for insects and disease organisms. Soak the soil with a high potash fertiliser if your wisteria is looking feeble, and prune it by shortening wispy sideshoots to about 20cm. Plant autumn-flowering bulbs and specially prepared hyacinth bulbs for Christmas.



Pick summer squash and zucchini regularly to encourage them to keep producing. Harvest other fruits and vegetables as they become ready. Continue to sow salads to get fresh crops. Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners. Continue cutting out old fruited canes on raspberries. Pinch off onion flower buds from the top of the plants to direct all of the plant's energy into the developing bulb instead of seed production. To reduce the number of pests on your fruit tree for the coming year, pick up and destroy all fallen fruit.



Keep on top of pond maintenance this month. Clean your pond regularly, and be especially vigilant about green algae growth as this can be toxic to pets and wildlife. Birds need lots of fresh water for bathing and drinking this month, but remember to change the water in a bird bath regularly.

Gardening requires lots of water – most of it in the form of perspiration!



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Fleadh Cheoil Laighean Maigh Nuad 2015

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Maynooth Tidy Towns



Congratulations to all concerned with the running of the Leinster Fleadh and Maynooth Summer Festival, both were a great success. Maynooth Tidy Towns had volunteers out at various times helping to clean up. We also loaned some equipment to the Maynooth Summer Festival organisers. Thank you to all who provided Litter Bins during the week of the Fleadh. A big thanks to Pat Farrell for all his hard work before, during and after the Leinster Fleadh.

Volunteers from Maynooth Tidy Towns cleaned and painted the seats, bollards in the Square and along the Main Street. The Lamp Posts were also painted.

We congratulate the Maynooth Educate Together NS on receiving their first Green Flag on 24th June.

Maynooth Tidy Towns and Leixlip Tidy Towns had a joint clean up on the Dublin Road on Saturday 27th June, and after we were finished a picnic was enjoyed at Pike Bridge, thanks to Ted Robinson of the Glenroyal Hotel for the flasks of Tea and Coffee.

Thanks to Sap for the donation of flowers which were planted by the Maynooth Community Council outdoor team in the Harbour area. Maynooth Tidy Towns thank the Maynooth Cycling Club for their recent donation. (Photo Left Bottom) Richard Farrell PRO MTT, Mary Farrell Treasurer MT, Deirdre McGowan Secretary Maynooth Cycling Club, and Gerry Dornan KCC presenting donation to Maynooth Tidy Towns

Judging in the National Tidy Towns is ongoing until the end of August. We thank all who have made an effort to improve their premises.

Once again we appeal for volunteers to help with our work on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday.

Richard Farrell - PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns - 087 31 53 189

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Time 10am to 12pm

5 week course
The Lyreen Garden Centre,
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CALL Maureen Fagan (Qualified teacher/Florist) to book a place on the course or for further information at 0851434913 or (01)6289300

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August Diary Planner

Irish Girl Guides

Meetings Tuesday evening in Maynooth. For further information contact Jackie on 085 1413787 or visit I.G.G. website www.irishgirlguides.ie

Community Library

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

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

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Volunteers required to help with this work. Contact Number 087 3153189

Men's Sheds

Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11.am at the Garden Centre Dublin Road Maynooth. For further details contact John Fleming 087 2041334

University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings resume on Fridays at 11am from September in Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth
New Members Welcome

History Group

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

Bridge Club

Open for new members. If you would like to play in a friendly club with purpose-built facilities in the centre of Maynooth, please see our website at maynoothbridgeclub.com. Contact Katherine Cooney 086 8205910

Parent & Toddler Group

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

Maynooth Community Church

1st Floor Manor Mills (entrance next to Chill)
Service times every Sunday morning from 10.30 am
www.maynoothcc.org
Everyone most welcome

Maynooth Fianna Fáil Notes

Contact Details - e-mail: cllrnaoise@gmail.com - Mobile 086-7280050

Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil elected Cathaoirleach of Maynooth M.D.

Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil was elected Cathaoirleach of the Maynooth Municipal District at the July sitting of the M.D. His speech can be read below,

“A Mhéara, a chomh-comhairleoraí agus a dhaoine uaisle. Is mór an onóir a bheith roghnaithe anseo inniú mar chathaoirleach ar Cheantair Bhairdais Mhaigh Nuad don bhliain seo romhainn. Ba mhaith liom ar dtús báire mo bhuíochas a ghabháil leis an comhairleoir Daragh Fitzpatrick as ucht an sár oibre déanta aige mar chathaoirleach I mbliaina. Araon le sin mo fíor bhuíochas don chomhairleoir Ward as ucht m’ainm a chuir os bhur gcomhair don ról seo, don Chomhairleoir Tim Durkan as ucht tacú leis agus do’s na bhfocail tacaíocht a bhfuairas inniú.

Mayor, fellow councillors, ladies and gentlemen. It is a great honour to be chosen here today as cathaoirleach of the Maynooth Municipal District for the forthcoming year. I would like to first of all thank Cllr. Daragh Fitzpatrick for his incredible work as Cathaoirleach over the past year. As well as that I would like to thank Cllr. Paul Ward for proposing me for this role and Cllr. Tim Durkan for seconding my nomination.

Cllr. Brendan Weld at the recent AGM of the Council was elected Mayor and I would like to congratulate him on this position. We are honoured to have a councillor of Brendan’s stature and indeed the Mayor of the county representing this municipal district. At that very meeting Brendan made a very poignant point, he stated that the Maynooth Municipal District is the most efficient and best working MD in the county. This wasn’t a localised or colloquial point, but the truth. Since being elected in May 2014, this M.D. has been collective and collaborative in its approach. This has been a testament to all of the councillors and to Cllr. Daragh Fitzpatrick as Cathaoirleach.

I wish to continue in the same vein as Cllr. Fitzpatrick as Cathaoirleach and members can be assured of my impartiality and commitment to affording equal time to not only the councillors of this chamber but to all the constituents of this District, regardless of what town, village or bohereen they live in.

It is also a great privilege for me to serve as your Cathaoirleach with the upcoming centenary of the 1916 rising looming. It is essential that we commemorate this important historic moment in our lives and I will ensure that this is to the forefront of our agenda. Historical figures such as Domhnall Ua Buachalla and historical moment will be remembered. Déanfaidh mé mo dhícheal chomh maith an Ghaeilge a chuir chun cinn sa cheantair i mbliaina agus tá suíl agam go mbeidh spreag ann le linn agus tar éis mo bhliain mar Chathaoirleach. I will also try my best to promote the Irish language in my year as Cathaoirleach.

There are many challenging areas affecting this M.D. over the coming year. In the first instance we must ensure that we have adequate input into the County Development Plan. We will contend and work on the Kilcock Area Plan and it is essential that we tackle the housing crisis effecting this area.

Go raibh maith agaibh “

Cllr. Ó Cearúil collects petition against relocation of bollards in Old Greenfield

Kildare County Council proposed through a part 8, the relocation of the bollards at the end of Old Greenfield. Local residents campaigned strongly over twenty years ago to have these bollards instated.

Cllr. Ó Cearúil, along with residents of Old Greenfield collected a petition against their relocation. There were 152 signatories on the petition when it was submitted. We now await the decision of the council.

Fleadh Cheoil Laighean

Congratulations are in order to the Maynooth branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann for organising and staging the Leinster Fleadh Cheoil. There were over 10,000 people in the town throughout the course of the week and there was a genuine buzz.

The event went exceptionally well and credit must go to the organisers, the volunteers and the local community for staging one of the best events the town has seen in recent memory.

Maynooth Festival

On the same weekend as the Fleadh, the Maynooth Festival took place. There was great co-operation between both events with more family orientated events provided by the Maynooth Festival. This year’s festival was excellent with events taking place in the Castle, the Harbour Field, St. Mary’s Church of Ireland and Tesco.

New members were active in the organising committee and the new energy was palpable. I would certainly encourage anybody interested in getting involved in next year’s event to get in touch with the Community Council.

Taking in Charge of Castledawson and Meadowbrook Estates

After many years, Castledawson and Meadowbrook estates are to be taken in charge by Kildare County Council. Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil has been lobbying for this for two years but all credit lies with the residents and residents associations of these estates who have collected signatures and put in submissions over the years. This is great news for those living in these estates.

Maynooth University Swimming Pool

Kildare County Council voted unanimously in favour of liaising with Maynooth University to ensure that the swimming pool on sight be kept open. A motion submitted by Fianna Fáil councillor, Naoise Ó Cearúil was debated stating,

“That this council engages with Maynooth University in relation to the closure of their swimming pool. It may be in both parties interest to collaborate on a project that would retain the pool”

The debate lasted over an hour with a similar motion submitted by Labour’s John McGinley. Cllr. McGinley’s motion focused on contributing €250,000 to upgrades necessary to keep the pool open. Council officials informed the meeting that Cllr. McGinley’s motion was in breach of standing order 12 where motions that have a budgetary impact may not be passed.

Cllr. Ó Cearúil stated, “This is not merely a swimming pool for University students, it is and always has been a pool used by thousands of people in the locality. Hundreds of children have learned to swim here and I have gotten personal appeals from many of them to ensure that the pool stays open”,

He continued, “we must also be cognisant of the staff who work there as well who are set to lose their jobs, having no consultation from the University authorities. It is vital that the council engage as much as possible to keep the pool open and if the opportunity arises to take out the lease on the pool and

save the jobs and the amenity for the community”.

There was a public meeting held on the closure on Monday the 22nd of June in McMahons Bar Maynooth, attended by over 200 concerned residents and followed up by a large protest on Saturday the 27th of June at the University’s open day.

The pool is due to close in August but Cllr. Ó Cearúil stated, “My priority over the coming weeks is to keep this pool open for the staff, the local children and our community.”

Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil has proposed that Maynooth look to obtain a purple flag.

The Purple Flag is an international accreditation scheme for town and city centres in the evening and at night. It is the “gold standard” for night time destinations. Similar to the Blue Flag given to our finest beaches and the Green Flag.

The Purple Flag is an accreditation scheme that honours excellence in the appeal and management of a town or city centre area between the hours of 5pm and 5am.

Research shows that the benefits of reaching the standards can include:

- A raised profile and an improved public image
- Increased expenditure
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- A more successful mixed-use economy

I think that this will be a great initiative for the town as the Main Street is a hive of activity in the evening time with Restaurants, Pubs and Wine Bars. The council will now be proceeding at bringing the idea forward

General Election

The Fianna Fáil candidates for the upcoming General election in Kildare North are Cllr. James Lawless of Naas and Cllr. Frank O’Rourke of Celbridge. If you would like to get involved in the campaign, please feel free to get in contact with Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil on (086) 728 0050.

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;

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

You can contact Naoise by telephone on 0867280050, email cllrnaoise@gmail.com or via [facebook.com/naoiseoceanuil](https://www.facebook.com/naoiseoceanuil)

*Copy Date for the
September issue of the
Maynooth Newsletter is
Tuesday 18th August
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Sudoku Challenge

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 Collect prize from Newsletter Office

Super Difficult

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2015

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W/End	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x €35 Winners
10-May	8,14,16,22	€1,750	Betty Brockhuizen - Peter Ryan - Paul Hartnett
17-May	4,9,22,28	€1,800	Pat Power - Kevin Galligan - Tony Byrne
24-May	8,13,23,27	€1,850	Emer O'Brien - Denis & Sheila O'Brien - Emma Gallagher
31-May	3,25,26,28	€1,900	Sarah Lane - Damien Bracken - "Three Pin"
07-Jun	13,14,26,28	€1,950	Peadar Murray - Kieran Finnegan - Mick McGovern
14-Jun	4,20,21,22	€2,000	Bernie Mooney - Aaron Tobin - Mark Nolan
21-Jun	6,8,15,16	€2,050	Thomas Hannigan - Alan Geoghan - Gerry Lynch
28-Jun	11,17,18,25	€2,100	Tina Thompson - Tony Byrne - Brian Connolly
05-Jul	6,13,18,22	€2,150	Ambrose O'Brien - Red Devils - Sinead Swords
12-Jul	4,12,25,27	€2,200	Ray Mc Tiernan - Anne Doolin - Mary Murray
19-Jul	3,11,13,27	€2,250	Noel Brilly - Alan O'Regan - Tony Byrne

Know Your Rights

GP visit cards for children aged under six Question

I've heard that young children can now visit the doctor for free but that they have to get a GP visit card. How do I get a card for my child?

Answer

From 1 July 2015, children under the age of six are entitled to free visits to a GP (family doctor) that is taking part in the free GP care for children under six scheme. All children aged under six who live in Ireland or who intend to live in Ireland for at least one year are eligible.

To get a GP visit card for children aged under six, you must register your child. To register, you will need:

- Your Personal Public Service Number (PPSN)
- The PPSN of each child
- Your choice of participating GP

You are sent your child's PPSN when you register their birth. If you do not have a PPSN for your child, contact Client Identity Services in the Department of Social Protection on Lo-call 1890 927 999 or email cis@welfare.ie. If your baby is under two months of age and you don't have a PPSN yet, you can register and leave the PPSN blank and the HSE will write to you separately to get it.

You can get a list of GPs who are taking part in the scheme at gpvisitcard.ie. The list also tells you whether your chosen GP accepts online registrations. If they do, you can apply online at gpvisitcard.ie. If a GP doesn't accept online registrations, or if you prefer to use a paper form, you can download the registration form from gpvisitcard.ie, bring it to the GP to sign, and then send it to: GP Visit Card – Under 6s, PO Box 12629, Dublin 11.

Your child will be included in this scheme until the end of the month of their sixth birthday. The expiry date is shown on the card. You will be notified approximately three months before it is due to expire. The card covers free GP visits, including home visits and out of hours, urgent GP care. It does not cover visits to hospital emergency departments.

If you have any questions about registering for the scheme, you can phone Lo-call 1890 252 919.

Eircodes Question

What is the new Eircode?

Answer

In 2015 all residential and business addresses in Ireland will be given a unique new Eircode. Residential addresses include every address where post is delivered. Individual Eircodes will be given to each house on a street, each flat in an apartment block, both units in a duplex unit and each house in a rural townland. Eircodes will also be given to commercial addresses such as office buildings, shops, bars, hospitals and public buildings and each unit in a shopping centre or business park.

An Eircode is a unique seven-character alpha numeric code. Each Eircode will consist of a three-digit Routing Key which will identify the area and a four-character Unique Identifier for each address. For example: **A65 F4E2**

The **Routing Key** is the first three digits of an Eircode. The first character will always be a letter, followed by

two numbers (except for D6W). The letters are not linked to a county or city name – except for postal districts in Dublin which will have their current post codes transferred into a Routing Key format such as D03, D12, D15, D22. The same Routing Key will be shared by several towns and townlands.

The **Unique Identifier** is a group of four digits and comes after the Routing Key. Each Unique Identifier is different and unique to your home or premises. They are not in sequence. This is to avoid the situation where a new building is created between two existing ones, and the code sequence would be broken, requiring all Eircodes in the area to be changed.

You do not need to change your address, an Eircode is simply added to the end of your address. The use of Eircode is not mandatory, however, it is likely that organisations will ask you for your Eircode, especially those delivering goods or services to your address.

You will be sent a letter in July 2015 informing you of the Eircode for your address and how to use it.

Following the launch of Eircode in early July, you can also find or check an Eircode using the Eircode Finder which will be available at eircode.ie.

Bringing a dog into Ireland Question

I am moving back to Ireland after living in France for some years. Am I allowed to bring my dog with me?

Answer

There are strict controls about importing pets into Ireland to ensure that diseases such as rabies are not introduced. The EU system of Passports for Pets allows cats, dogs and ferrets to travel between EU member states.

If you are moving to Ireland or coming on holiday (or any other non-commercial movement where there is no sale or change of ownership) you may bring your dog with you. Your dog must have an EU Pet Passport. These are available from private veterinary practices.

The Passport certifies that the pet is travelling from an eligible country, is identified by an implanted microchip and has been vaccinated against rabies at least 21 days before travel.

Dogs coming from countries other than the UK, Finland or Malta must be treated against tapeworm between 24 and 120 hours before travel. The time and date of treatment are entered on the passport. Treatment for ticks is not compulsory but it is advisable to get it at the same time as the tapeworm treatment.

Airlines registered with the Department may choose to carry pets complying with the Pet Passport regulations. Compliant pets may travel on any ferry. The pet must travel with its owner or with a person acting on behalf of the owner (unaccompanied pets cannot travel to Ireland under the EU Pet Passport System).

The operator of the airline or ferry company is legally obliged under the Pet Passport (No 2) Regulations 2014 to notify the arrival of the animals to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine by email at least 24 hours before the journey to petmove@agriculture.gov.ie.

Further information is available from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

(agriculture.gov.ie/pets/) and from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Applying for a student grant Question

I've just finished my Leaving Certificate and am hoping to go to college in the autumn. How do I apply for a student grant?

Answer

SUSI is Ireland's single national awarding authority for all higher and further education grants. It began to process grants in 2012, replacing the 66 local awarding authorities who had previously processed student grant applications.

You make an application to SUSI by completing and submitting an application form online. You must have an online account with SUSI before you can make your grant application. The closing date for applications is 1 August 2015. You can use SUSI's eligibility reckoner to see whether you meet the standard criteria to be considered eligible for student grant funding. You must meet the conditions of the student grant scheme. You must be an Irish, EU, EEA or Swiss national or have specific leave to remain in the State. You must also have been ordinarily resident in Ireland or the EU for three of the last five years. Your family's means (in the previous tax year – 2014) are assessed. You must also be attending an approved course in an approved institution.

You must make sure that you provide complete and accurate information (date of birth, Personal Public Service Numbers (PPSNs) and bank details in particular) to avoid any delay to the processing of your application. You need to send hard copies of any supporting documentation to SUSI.

If you are refused a grant or are approved a grant at a rate you don't think applies to your situation, you can appeal the decision in writing to SUSI. You must appeal within 30 days of getting your decision.

Student grants are reviewed each year. If you had a grant in one academic year and are continuing your studies on the course in the following year, SUSI will be in contact with you in order to renew or re-assess your student grant for that next year.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

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Information is also available online at citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, 0761 07 4000.

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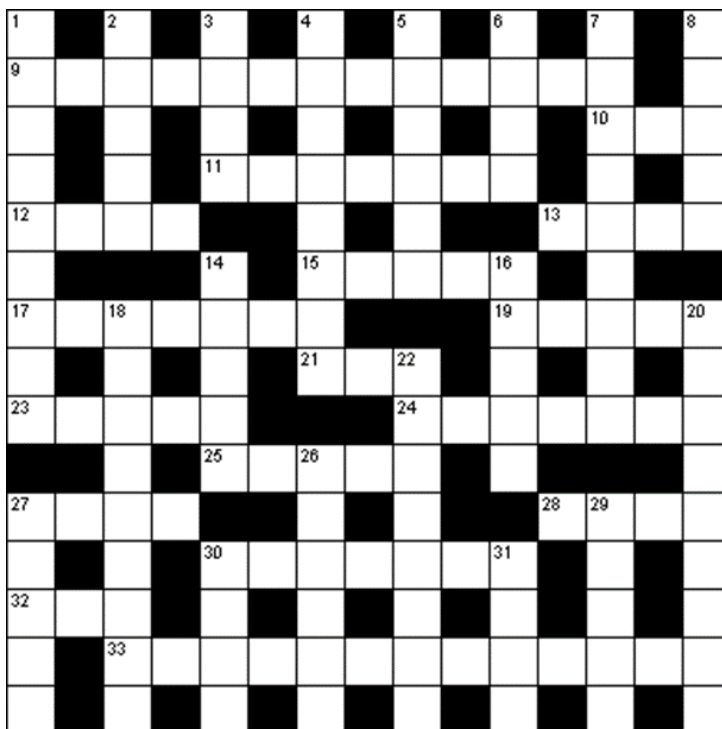
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12. Rind (4)
13. Slay (4)
15. Something that is put in (5)
17. Arid areas (7)
19. Contraction of has not (5)
21. Burdensome charge (3)
23. Skin openings (5)
24. Inhabitant of Africa (7)
25. Shrimp (5)
27. Tailless amphibian (4)
28. Fruit (4)
30. Drunk (7)
32. Speck (3)
33. Not practicable (13)



August Crossword - No: 438



Clues Down

1. Fabricated (7,2)
2. Elude (5)
3. Small songbird (4)
4. Advocate of feminism(8)
5. Clean dishes (4,2)
6. Pillar (4)
7. Inherent (9)
8. Faithful (5)
14. Brittle (5)
16. Next after the second (5)
18. Given to the use of sarcasm (9)
20. Person who makes tents (9)
22. Salt of xanthic acid (8)
26. Parka (6)
27. Subject to tides (5)
29. Foyer (5)
30. Drinks slowly (4)
31. Web-footed swimming bird (4)



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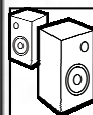
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Put the 14th September on your tablet, phone and even your diary, but do come!

Contact Peter Cuthbert PRO Maynooth Toastmasters
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Very Rev. Walter Forde RIP

Maynooth people were greatly saddened to hear that Very Rev. Walter Forde P.P. of Castlebridge, Co.Wexford passed away suddenly at his home on June 6th this year.

For a generation of Maynooth teenagers of the late 1960's the name Fr. Walter Forde is synonymous with the first ever Youth Club in the town. The Youth Club founded by Fr. Walter and based in the YMCA Hall, provided a much needed social outlet for the youth of the area. The highlight of club activities was the Annual Camping holiday to Kilmuckridge, Co.Wexford. Over 70 boys enjoyed the most memorable camping holidays by the seaside in Morriscastle, Kilmuckridge.

Those wonderful camping days are fondly recalled regularly to this day, with joy and gratitude by those who were fortunate enough to be part of it.

Fr. Walter was ordained in Maynooth College in June 1968 and taught in St. Peter's College, Wexford from 1969 to 1973. He was then appointed as Curate in Gorey, where he spent 22 happy years serving the community. He was directly involved in setting up various social services such as St.Aidan's Day Care Centre, Meals on Wheels and Gorey Week of the Elderly. He was Chairman of Gorey Social Services for many years.

He was also Press Officer and Director of Social Services for the Diocese of Ferns and Chairman of the Religious Press Association of Ireland. He was the author of six books and numerous articles on social matters.

In 1988 Fr. Walter was selected as Wexford Person of the Year. He served as Chairperson of The Christian Media Trust and presented a weekly programme service on South East Radio and was a founder member of the Annual Byrne-Perry Summer School.

In 1996 Fr. Walter was appointed Parish Priest of Castlebridge on the outskirts of Wexford Town. As in Gorey he became totally involved in community affairs working always to improve social services in the area while at the same time carrying out his daily duties as Parish Priest.

Fr. Walter Forde will be remembered not only for all the good he did for the betterment of society but as a real friend to so many people.

On behalf of the people of Maynooth sincere sympathy to his family on their sad loss. May he rest in eternal peace.

Colm Nelson

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Our final Tea-Dance before our Summer break took place on Sun. July 19th and our morning club closed on July 28th. So as you read this article all will be quiet as we chill out and recharge our batteries. However nothing is ever as it seems as we will be beavering away behind the scenes preparing for our Golden Jubilee event on Sept 20th. Our book "The Golden Years" is selling well and if you have not yet got a copy they are on sale in Maynooth Book Shop, Maynooth Photo Shop, Supervalu, News 4 U at the Glenroyal SC and Donovan's at Greenfield SC. We shared the harbour field this year with the Summer Festival revellers and I would like to thank the scouts for providing us with and erecting our tent and I thank the high wind for taking it down. Well done to all involved in the Summer Festival and Fleadh Cheoil this year. This was a huge double-sided event and the organisers should be proud of their efforts. Finally may I thank you all for your support in what we do and I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer wherever you are.

Josephine Moore.



Maynooth Musical Society

Hi everyone,

Under article 5.2.2 of our constitution we the remaining committee of the society will hold an EGM on Wednesday 12th August at 7.30pm in O'Neill's Pub. It will be an open meeting to the public to discuss the future of the society.

As there is no current paid-up membership of the society and to avoid further breaches of our constitution the EGM will involve:

1. A decision on the future of the society with an informal vote by those present as to whether to proceed or to implement article 7 and disband the society
2. If the decision is made to disband then Meagan as treasurer will pay membership and take a 'formal' vote to disband the society thereby reaching the 85% majority needed (albeit with one member!)
3. If the decision is to continue with the society in some way then anyone interested in the future of the society may pay their membership and an AGM with the new membership will be called allowing time for proposals on constitutional amendments etc to be put forward.

Looking forward to seeing you there and hearing your thoughts! We will also start a discussion on the Facebook page for chat before the EGM and obviously anyone can email in their proposals to be put forward by the remaining committee

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TECHNOLOGY CORNER

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

Hacking into the Driver's Seat: Do Cars Come with Antivirus?

Imagine driving down the motorway in heavy traffic – suddenly the radio changes to a random station and starts blaring music at full volume. Hitting the controls or the power button does nothing. You struggle to see as your car pumps out a continuous stream of wiper fluid. Then your transmission cuts out, and your car starts slowing to a crawl as a lorry bears down behind you. You try to pull off the road, but your brakes no longer work, so there is no way to prevent yourself from rolling off the side of the road.

This nightmare scenario became a disturbing reality last month as two hackers demonstrated their ability to hack into a car remotely and take control of it. Charlie Miller and Chris Valasek created an exploit for Fiat Chrysler cars to prove the dangerous possibilities of wireless carjacking. From the comfort of their living room, they were able to take control of a jeep driving on a US highway, kill its transmission, cut its brakes, and cause a variety of other problems (the driver was a willing participant in the demonstration, though he wasn't told beforehand what exactly the two hackers would be doing). They are hoping that their work will highlight the need for people to start rethinking car security before any high profile attacks occur.



When most people think of car security, locking their doors is generally the extent of their worries. However, car systems are becoming increasingly computerised, and that opens up a whole new world of security concerns. Cars components used to be entirely mechanical, but over the years computer systems have started replacing these parts. These computerised systems (called electronic control units, or ECUs) now control everything from the door locks to the brakes to the radio.

New cars are also built with Bluetooth and other wireless technology as standard features. Car manufacturers are busy competing with each other to turn vehicles into a smartphone that you can drive – complete with wireless entertainment systems, computer displays and the ability to carry a wifi hotspot with you on your journey. This has led some people to start wondering – in the rush to add computers to cars, how much time have manufacturers spent protecting these systems from the vulnerabilities that affect computers everywhere?

Very little, it turns out. People first raised the alarm years ago, but manufacturers dismissed these fears. They have remained resolutely unconcerned even as people have demonstrated in recent years that “car hacking” is not a fantasy. Now in a bid to hold carmakers accountable for digital security, two hackers have staged a demonstration of their ability to hack into a car remotely and are going to release part of their code at the upcoming Black Hat computer security conference this month.

Car hacking is not new to manufacturers, though they have been slow to acknowledge the dangerous possibilities it poses. Back in 2011, a team of US university researchers demonstrated that they could wirelessly disable both the locks and the brakes in a sedan. Internal computer networks in modern cars have long been proven to be insecure, but carmakers always dismissed the hacks because they required prior physical access to the car.

The US team then decided to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the possibility of remote attacks on a car's computer systems. They discovered that remote exploitation was feasible through a variety of systems such as Bluetooth, CD players, RFID car keys, Remote Keyless Entry systems, Tyre Pressure Monitoring systems, wifi hotspot channels that tap into local 3G networks, cellular radio, and remote telematics systems that

are increasingly common in many car brands (these provide continuous connectivity via cellular networks). They also discovered that wireless communications allowed for remote vehicle control, precise GPS tracking of routes, and theft of a car.

They recognised a huge structural problem: computer systems in cars are highly interconnected. In personal computers, different systems are more compartmentalised through subnetworks so that the critical systems vital to the computer's functioning are isolated from the less critical (and often less secure) ones. This means that an exploit which affects one part of your computer is not able to automatically rewrite firmware throughout your computer. The electronic control units in a car, though, don't isolate different networks, so access to the Bluetooth network allows access to the networks that control the brakes or the transmission or the locks, etc.

On top of this, the US researchers highlighted the fact that a car's external networks (such as Bluetooth) are surprisingly open to unsolicited communications. In personal computers, these networks are designed to ignore such communications. However with a car, researchers discovered that Bluetooth systems were open to unsolicited pairing attempts. This allows an attacker to pair with a car's Bluetooth without the owner's knowledge or consent. Because of the interconnectedness of a car's ECUs, an attacker who gains access to the Bluetooth network gains access to all networks in the car.

The researchers published a detailed report on how manufacturers are producing computer systems that are structurally vulnerable to digital attack, along with suggestions of necessary changes to reduce these vulnerabilities. They pointed out that many of the fixes are neither innovative nor new. In fact, they felt that in many ways, car digital security mirrors the evolution of personal computer security in the 1990s. This raises the question: why haven't these changes been applied to the automotive industry yet?

Cars traditionally weren't network-connected, so manufacturers never had to take steps to deal with external attack – someone had to be in physical proximity to the car to modify its systems. Now, cars are broadly connected. Millions of cars on the road can be accessed through mobiles and the Internet. The researchers noted the similarity of this progression to when personal computers started becoming widely connected to the Internet. They speculated that just as PCs connecting to the Internet exposed many new vulnerabilities and avenues of exploitation, so automotive connectivity has opened up new possibilities for attack.

They cautioned that even though there had not been any cyber attacks on cars, the analogy suggests that it is only a matter of time before they occur. In their conclusion, they urged the automobile industry to avoid making the same mistakes as the PC industry, which waited for high profile attacks before making security a top priority. Unfortunately, the report was treated as primarily an academic matter and did not lead to any comprehensive changes in manufacturers' attitude toward digital security or in how car computer systems are designed.

It is disturbing to realise that carmakers have been aware of the ability to hack into a vehicle over the Internet for years but have taken so few steps to address these issues. Charlie Miller and Chris Valasek, the two car hackers, are determined to give manufacturers a much needed push to pay more attention to security. That is why they are giving the talk at the Black Hat conference this month and are going to release part of their exploit. Previously, the US team chose to share details of their exploits only with carmakers, who largely dismissed concerns.

Now part of a serious exploit will be out in the wild. Miller and Valasek are not releasing the code that rewrites a car's firmware, so anyone wanting to cause serious havoc would need to reverse engineer their work. They don't want to cause harm; they are, however, worried that manufacturers will wait until something serious happens before taking action. Reactionary measures are not enough when it concerns automobile safety because there is the potential for serious harm and death to people on the road.

The two hackers have also been working with Fiat Chrysler for nine months on security and helped to create a patch that was released in July ahead of the conference and code release. A

post on Chrysler's website notified owners of the need to patch their cars, but the car company failed to offer any details of the problem or acknowledge Miller and Valasek's research and assistance. Another problem is that Chrysler's patch must be manually implemented via a USB stick or a dealership mechanic. This means that many of the cars are unlikely to receive the patch and will remain vulnerable.

Miller and Valasek feel that the automotive industry needs to work on implementing patches to exploits in a more seamless fashion. For instance, Land Rover has just been forced to recall 65,000 cars in order to fix a software bug that can unlatch the doors. Imagine if instead of your computer downloading and installing updates for you as needed, you had to return it for manual repairs every time.



The Land Rover recall is one of a series of problems facing owners who are trying to keep their cars locked. In recent years, several car manufacturers have started promoting keyless entry and ignition systems. However, researchers in automobile crime were quick to point out that these new systems contain several vulnerabilities that make them attractive to car thieves. Thieves quickly began targeting certain models of Range Rovers, BMWs, Fords and Audis due to vulnerabilities with the onboard diagnostic port that allow someone to program blank keys. Carmakers have known about this problem for over a year and are working on a fix, but they have yet to solve the problem. Some insurers have stopped extending cover to these models over the issue.

Miller and Valasek already tried to get the automotive industry's attention. In 2013, they went to the DefCon hacker conference and demonstrated their ability to hack into the electronic control unit of a Toyota Prius and a Ford Escape. The automotive industry downplayed the significance of their work, though, because it was a wired-in attack that required physical access to the vehicle. Toyota was particularly vehement in arguing that its systems are “robust and secure” against wireless attack.

Not having achieved the impact with manufacturers they wanted, they spent the next year analysing and rating how vulnerable different cars were to hacking. Then they started searching for hackable bugs and using reverse-engineering to prove their guesses. Stefan Savage, a computer science professor who worked on the 2011 report, feels that this is the automotive industry's last warning before a zero-day attack.

“The regulators and the industry can no longer count on the idea that exploit code won't be in the wild,” Savage says. “They've been thinking it wasn't an imminent danger you needed to deal with. That implicit assumption is now dead.”

Now the auto industry must begin the difficult, ongoing work of securing cars from hackers. When surveyed, the majority of automakers did not hire independent security firms to test their digital security. Only two said their vehicles had monitoring systems that checked their networks for malicious commands. Josh Corman, cofounder of the security industry's I Am the Cavalry, warns that carmakers are too eager to push these new features to consumers and too slow to protect them.

“They're getting worse faster than they're getting better,” he says. “If it takes a year to introduce a new hackable feature, then it takes them four to five years to protect it.”



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FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON

Film Review: *Slow West*

Starring: Kodi Smit-McPhee and Michael Fassbender



'Go West Young Man' was the rallying cry to enterprising pioneers in 19th century America. In writer-director John Maclean's *Slow West* his central protagonist does just that with surprising results. The British director's feature debut won the *World Cinema Jury Prize* at the *Sundance Film Festival* earlier this year. Maclean's film repositions the overly familiar genre of the Western into new and interesting directions. *Slow West* is familiar, yet unfamiliar, in its depiction of a lawless chaotic West.

In 1870 Colorado, a dreamy Jay Cavendish (Kodi Smit-McPhee) lies under a star-filled sky pretend-shooting at the heavens. His only companions are a six-shooter and a traveller's guide to negotiating the wild terrain. Jay is a sensitive 16-year-old and well-heeled Scottish immigrant. He has travelled from the 'cold-shoulder' of the Scottish Highlands to the 'baking heart' of America in search of his long lost love Rose Ross (Caren Pistorious). A voice-over alerts us to the fact that Jay is a 'jack rabbit in a den of wolves...fortunate to be alive'.



All sorts of wolves occupy this universe waiting to pounce. Jay's first brutal encounter with the frontier comes in the shape of a murderous Union soldier. In a smoke-filled forest strewn with the bodies of Native Americans, the cut-throat outlaw sizes the naive Jay up as his next meal. Jay is a ready-made victim in the waiting; a wide-eyed innocent wandering through the dense forest akin to a curious but vulnerable deer. One saviour is on hand though. A mysterious stranger quickly despatches the 'Injun slayer' with no-nonsense efficiency. He then proceeds to loot the body for the spoils.



This is a horrified Jay's rude awakening to the harsh realities of the West. He is clearly out of his depth. His rescuer Silas Selleck is a laconic, cynical Irish gunslinger played by Michael Fassbender. Silas reckons the young greenhorn needs 'chaperoning'. For a cost, he will provide safe escort to Jay on the quest to find his beloved Rose. However the sharp-shooter's motives, as becomes manifest early on, are not entirely trust-worthy. For Silas is a bounty hunter, a man 'beyond the law', and has information that Jay isn't privy to. Rose and her father (Rory McCann) are wanted people with a price on their heads. Jay, unwittingly, is leading the canny Silas straight to them.



In flashbacks to Jay's Scottish past, we chart his tentative, virginal romance with his sweetheart Rose. They play at young love. These flashbacks take on dream-like resonance. Back in the present, the idealistic Jay joins the taciturn Silas in a sometimes quirky, violent, funny and surreal journey through the heart of the old West.

The story that unfolds may mimic, on the surface, time-honoured Western narratives. We witness a mismatched duo gradually bonding through their shared journey across the rugged plains, hills and deserts of a dangerous landscape. However, the treatment of this material by director Maclean is decidedly off-beat and distinctive.



For a start, Maclean populates his film with European voices and perspectives in an American setting. This is a deliberate tactic on the director's part. In an effort to make his Western more authentic he shied away from works 'mythologizing the West'. As he explains, 'We read Mark Twain. We read *Little House on the Prairie*'. Just to have 'a different sense of the West'.

Appropriately enough, Jay has a number of bizarre encounters with eccentric and volatile types on his western odyssey: Jay converses in French with a band of wandering African minstrels; shares coffee, company and philosophy with a German anthropologist; listens to the Cohenesque tall-tales of a banjo-player at a camp fire; becomes caught up in the desperate violence of a Swedish robber.



All of this is the diverting backdrop to the central odd-couple relationship at the heart of *Slow West*. Smit-McPhee's hopeful innocent abroad is in sharp contrast to Fassbender's world-weary and hard-bitten outlaw. What begins as a mercenary relationship (on Silas's part) slowly mutates into a paternal/protective one. The older man attempts to knock some sense into the sentimental youngster's head. In Silas's world view, desperados lurk in every corner waiting to 'knife you in the heart'. Ominously, Ben Mendelsohn's psychotic bounty hunter Payne seeks to prove him right as he trails both Silas and Jay with the prize of Rose in view.



Michael Fassbender is Maclean's trump card here. The actor previously worked for the British director in his short film *Pitch Black Heist* in 2012. The versatile Irishman will star in the eagerly anticipated *Macbeth* later this year. Fassbender is marvellous as the wry, charismatic, smiling, cigar-chewing anti-hero Silas. The director certainly knows how to draw the best out of him and the actor seems very comfortable in a Western setting. Fassbender is particularly reminiscent of Hollywood stars Burt Lancaster and Clint Eastwood who made a speciality of playing charming rogues in classic films of the 50s and 60s.



New Zealander Smit-McPhee is impressive too as the unworldly teenager believing in the 'dreams and toil' the west offers up and the enduring power of love. Tall,

thin, pale and sporting a melancholy expression he's not unlike a young Buster Keaton in his heyday. Jay is an optimistic counterpoint to a world where life is cheap and casual violence punctuates the action. *Slow West* upends the expectations of the older/younger man narrative so popular in Westerns. In a powerful shaving scene (involving Silas and Jay), it is surprisingly the lonely drifter who maybe has a few lessons to learn from his younger protégée.



Violence is never more than a hair's breadth away from you in Maclean's film. A tense store robbery, early on, becomes Tarantino-like bloody carnage in an instant with a devastating punch line. Likewise, the manic shoot-out at the climax of the film, with Payne's sadistic bounty gang zigzagging in and out of a sun-drenched yellow corn-field, is visually striking and magnificently executed by Maclean.

Maclean's film is also remarkable for its razor-sharp humour even in the deadliest of situations. Sight gags are plentiful. A sequence involving Jay, some Indians and a crossbow takes on hilarious proportions. When Silas ties Jay to a tree in a pivotal scene, he finds time to plaster him with the 19th century equivalent of sunscreen! The discovery by Silas and Jay of an axe-wielding corpse, flattened by a tree, on a forest bed takes on cartoonish dimensions. A salt-in-the-wound visual gag at the end of the film, though disturbing, is also blackly comic.



New Zealand landscapes double for 1870 Colorado giving the film a unique feel and unsettling sense of dislocation, as befitting the immigrant experience of America. Sometimes it feels like the viewer has stumbled into *Lord of the Rings* territory! The gifted Irish cinematographer Robbie Ryan, though dispensing with the typical widescreen ratio (of the genre), makes splendid use of the locations. Mountains, rivers, corn-fields and star-dazzled skies are illuminated to stunning effect.

The ghosts of John Ford, Sergio Leone, and Sam Peckinpah are never far away in John Maclean's meticulously crafted Western. With passing nods to the Cohen Brothers and Japanese *Samurai* cinema, *Slow West* is a soulful, strange, whimsical, violent and poignant homage to frontier life in 19th Century America. Maclean surrounds his characters with beauty and luminosity while simultaneously taking them into some very dark spaces indeed. Coming from a first-time director, this is no mean achievement. The film's bittersweet closure seems to reinforce Jay's affirmation that 'there is more to life than survival'. Hope for the West so.



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