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Fleadh Cheoil Laighean – Maigh Nuad 6th – 12th July 2015



Beidh Fleadh Cheoil Laighean ar siúl i Maigh Nuad i mbliana agus ar ais i gCill Dara don chéad uair ó 2003, nuair a bhí féile den chéad scoth ann i gCill Choca.

The Leinster Fleadh will be taking place in Maynooth this year and is back in Kildare for the first time since 2003, when it was a great festival held in Kilcock.

A vibrant committee was formed in October to organise this year's Leinster Fleadh and a week long programme of events is being planned from the 6th - 12th of July. These events include the competitions of course, which will be held from Friday to Sunday, culminating with the Senior Céili Band competition on

Sunday evening. A special emphasis, however, has been placed on the non-competitive side of things and there are plenty of events being planned such as session trails, a singer's and storytelling night, workshops, a céili and of course a Gig Rig in the town square providing entertainment. Maynooth is of course, a town steeped in history and there is a historical walk planned. The events will offer a variety of activities to the local people and to a wider audience from Leinster and beyond. The town will see an influx of over 3,000 competitors and an estimated 10,000 people, which will provide a huge boost to local businesses in the town.

The extent of support so far from the local community has been remarkable with local groups getting involved in the organisation of the Fleadh. The town has bought into the Fleadh concept and it has created an opportunity for all local volunteer groups to work closely together on a project. The Community Council will be inviting visitors to the Fleadh from Canet-en-Roussillon in France, which is Maynooth's twinned and partnership town.

While there are already plenty of sessions to be found around Maynooth on a weekly basis, there is no doubt that the publicity being generated in Maynooth will come as a massive boost for the traditional arts in the local area. Efforts are being made to develop of a cultural link with the local schools through the promotion of the Irish language. Beidh béim mhór curtha ar an nGaeilge le linn na féile agus is cinnte go mbeidh deiseanna úsáidthe curtha ar fáil do phobal na Gaeilge agus d'fhoghlaimoirí na Gaeilge.

Hosting a Fleadh is expensive and there are plenty of fundraisers being planned in the coming months including: Céili · Bag Packing · Golf Classic · 5km Run · 50km Cycle · Jigs & Reels.

Details for these fundraisers are available on the Fleadh website as well as information regarding sponsorship and taking advertisements in the Clár. We will have a detailed programme of events available in the next issue of Treoir, but in the meantime, please visit our website to keep up to date with Fleadh Cheoil Laighean activities during the coming months. You can also "like" us on Facebook and "follow" us on Twitter.

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Information Night held in the Glenroyal



Fleadh Laighean Executive Committee: L to R: Nóirín Ní Shúilleabháin - Treasurer, Colm Ó hArgáin, - PRO, Angela Tracey - Secretary, Sean Tracey - Chairperson, Mary Mallon - Vice Chairperson.

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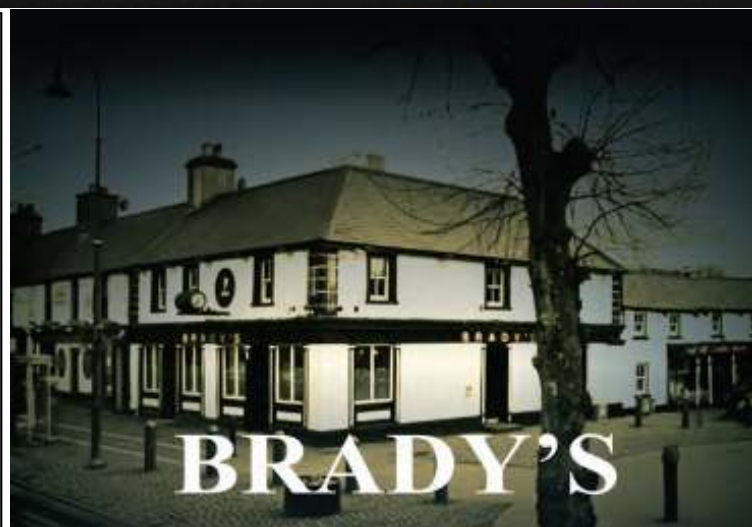
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As the puppy population will have increased over Christmas it is important that they learn some very elementary things!

Firstly, they have to learn their names. Having taken into account the names proposed by all family members, one name and one only has to be agreed on. Constant use of its name during the day and at feeding time will reinforce its identity and it will become accustomed to it pretty fast!

Next, we have to teach him to come when called. This is most important as in the months and years ahead when you are exercising him in the park, the last thing you want is your puppy running off in the opposite direction. The best way to teach this command is by rewarding him with treats each time he comes to you. Every time you call him insist that he comes! This could take 5 – 10 minutes but it is time well spent. Always when training reinforce the positive. Never give out to a puppy that has taken a long time to come to you, as in his own mind he can't determine why he is being told off. 'Is it because he was a long time responding or was it because he actually arrived?!!

Now, he must learn to walk on a lead. This is usually started when the pup is 8- 10 weeks of age. When teaching him it is a good idea to have no distractions. Don't force him to go with you, follow your puppy wherever he goes. The first lesson can last up to 15 minutes as puppies loose interest after this. All future lessons last up to 5 minutes. Next, your puppy is taught how to sit and lie down. When training use

the same command words and always be positive and consistent.

After these initial training periods and with your puppies vaccination course completed, expose him to strangers, strange environments, traffic and noises.

House training is easy for some breeds which are naturally clean. When you are taking your puppy out to go to the toilet, go to the same location each time. After finishing feeding or first thing in the morning make sure he is taken out. If he has an accident in the house never give out to him always be positive.

Microchipping

The chip has a 15 digit code which is recorded on a National Data Base. The owner's name, address and contact number are recorded as well.

The chip is inserted under the skin at the base of the animal's neck. This procedure is generally well tolerated by most dogs. It is a definite permanent identification of your pet. It gives you the reassurance that if your pet goes missing it can be identified. At Maynooth Veterinary Clinic 01 6289467 and Clane Veterinary Clinic 045 982763 we have scanners that allow us to read the microchip and then contact the owners. It is vital that the National Database is notified.





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The new Ireland's Fiddlers Green band (John the Deego Kid, Danny Carthy & John McGarrigle) will also be featuring the songs of Ewan McColl in their live performance including - Dirty Old Town, Manchester Rambler, The Ballad of Springhill, Shoals of Herring, England's Motorway, Go Move Shift, Sweet Thames Flow Softly.

The band will also feature two excellent Ireland's Fiddlers Green CD's released by Chart Label in 2013 titled - The Best of & Beautiful Bundoran - including quality songs like The Butcher Boy, My Own Dear Galway Bay, The Hills of Connemara, Step It Out Mary, Whiskey on a Sunday, Westering Home, Beautiful Bundoran and many more - and also featuring five of lead singer Danny Carthy's original songs - including Stand Look Around You, Carlingford, Punchestown Races. The song Carlingford has been very successful for Danny recorded by Sandy Kelly, and also translated and recorded by French singer Renaud in 2009 with sales in France in excess of 200,000 CD's.

Traditional music is also a feature of the recorded and live performances, good folk singing is part of a wonderful culture and Ireland's Fiddlers Green wish to ensure it will continue into the future at the Loft Upstairs in McMahon's, Main St, Maynooth.

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Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Notes January 2015

Present: Andrew McMullon, Tom McMullon, Adrienne Flynn, Susan Durack, Mieke Sanders, Gabriel Martin, Richard Farrell, Josephine Moore, Naoise Ó Cearúil, Colm Ó Cearúil, John McGinley, Willie Saults, Paul Croghan, Carrie Bermingham (Liffey Champion).

Leinster Fleadh

Leinster Fleadh Committee invited Members of the Community Council to an information night in the Glenroyal on Friday 16th January at 7.30pm.

Minutes of the meeting of 8th December 2014 were approved.

Tom Mc Mullon congratulated the President of the Maynooth Students' Union on the cleanup operation after the student Christmas celebrations. Richard Farrell agreed and noted the good turnout from students and the management staff from the University. Some concerns were raised. Josephine Moore noted that there should be more respect for the town and would prefer not to have people clearing up the mess after the event but that it did not happen in the first place. Naoise Ó Cearúil recognised the work of the Maynooth Students Union but that it should be reviewed for next year and questioned whether people should be allowed to bring drinks outside the pubs on to the street. He also noted the comments on social media about only one local councillor taking part in the clean ups. These comments were unfair and offensive - it was a busy meeting day for councillors. The possible waste of resources on the night was raised. Three ambulances and three police cars were on the street on the night. A number of burglaries were committed in Maynooth on the same night. John McGinley agreed and said that the situation needs a major review and to see if it is worthwhile. Maynooth is a one street town and it not capable to take the numbers that were seen on the night which would be more suited to a city venue.

Condolences

A letter of condolence will be sent to the Mayor of Canet-en-Rousillon after the recent Charlie Hebdo tragedy in Paris.

Condolences were expressed to the family of Maynooth University

student Aisling Middletown and to the daughters of other families who lost their lives in the recent tragic car accident. The chairman wished the survivors a good recovery.

An invitation to Maynooth Community Council was received from the Claire Byrne Live show for members to attend as part of the audience. The show takes place on 9th February. The invitation will be circulated to all members. A group booking is possible.

CE Scheme

Tom Mc Mullon reported that Mr. Blake is no longer our contact for the Scheme. The new appointee Trish Murphy will visit the office in February to discuss the scheme and the position of a new assistant supervisor in particular.

New eFibre Broadband for north of the town

The question of when the new fast broadband would be coming to the north of the town was raised. The meeting was informed that it should happen in the next couple of months.

Flooding on Straffan Road

The deplorable situation of flooding on the Straffan Road was raised. It is particularly bad at the island, Feely's residence, and the bus stop at Greenfield. The shore is elevated which is causing the problem. It was agreed that the finish by Kildare County Council was very poor after the work on the cycle lane. Kildare Council Local Area Engineer has been informed by local representatives. It was agreed that Maynooth Community Council write a letter to the Local Area Engineer as well.

Tidy Towns

The IBAL (Irish Businesses Against Litter) report on litter in Maynooth came in for robust criticism. It was stressed that IBAL has nothing to do with Tidy Towns. Shock, annoyance and bemusement were expressed that the town, who received a bronze in the best kept tidy towns category, should suddenly be knocked back. This raises the question as to how IBAL awards points. The example of Ennis who won the tidy towns and the following week IBAL gave it very low marks illustrated the ridiculousness of the situation. It is very insulting and discouraging for the volunteers who give so much of their time and effort – 99.9% of the time, the town is immaculate. MaynoothTidy Towns are

organising an analysis of the National Tidy Towns reports over the last number of years.

Festival

Will go ahead from 10-12 July in support of the Leinster Fleadh. If anyone wishes to come on board to help please contact the office.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

All the local schools have been contacted to take part. It will be a carnival theme. The parade will be advertised in the Newsletter. The only change this year is that the awards may take place in Manor Mills Shopping Centre (to be confirmed). Sponsorship letters have gone out.

Educate Together

A group from sixth class took part in the Young Scientist Exhibition. The PTA will be fundraising with a March Hare run in Castletown. Adrienne Flynn noted John McGinley's support in seeking a crossing attendant between Educate Together and the Gaelscoil.

Maynooth Local History Group

There will be a World War 1 history day in the Glenroyal on 21 February. All welcome.

Senior Citizens

2014 finished off with Dinner, a shopping night in Supervalu and the Liam Flood Memorial Concert. The concert which featured Glen Hansard was a resounding success with proceeds going to the senior citizen. The club resumes its meetings in the Unit for the month of January and then will meet in the Geraldine Hall once all health and safety issues have been dealt with. The next event will be the Valentine's Tea Dance. 2015 will be a very busy year with the celebration of Senior Citizens 50th anniversary.

AOB

There was a reminder to people to make their submissions in relation to the redesign of the Square. There will be a Christian unity walk Sunday 18th from St. Mary's Church of Ireland to St. Mary's Catholic Church. Richard Farrell congratulated Maynooth Community Council on the new signage on the Community Space. It is great to see the space being well used by the community. Tom Mc Mullon wished everyone a Happy New Year.

The next MCC meeting will take place on 9th February 2015.

Letters To The Editor

Maynooth Needs A Skatepark

"MU's skatepark committee" is a newly established group of BMX skate and blading enthusiasts set up and organised by myself Jake Ryan, with the help of the Maynooth University's sports officer, Paul Davis. My aim along with the committees is to have an outdoor skatepark set up in the area.

Being a Bmxer of about seven years I have quite a bit of experience in the area. With more than half of Maynooth's population being made up of students and young people (the average age of skatepark users) I feel that a skatepark would be a worthwhile and successful facility to set up in the area.

It would give young people living in Maynooth something to occupy themselves in a constructive manner. A skatepark provides not only youths, with an environment in which they can have fun, learn a new skill, meet new people and do all this on their own terms. The skatepark will be an open facility for anyone to use, whenever they please. Not only would the people in Maynooth use the Skatepark, but with Maynooth being so accessible to the rest of the GDA with public transport, a great deal of people from outside the area would also make the journey.

The ideal grounds for the facility would be as an extension of the playground facilities beside the canal, a skatepark is all that the recreation space is missing. It can be surprising how much of a positive impact a skatepark can have on an area. A facility of this kind would be hugely beneficial for the town and with some hard work and patience I think that it can be easily achieved.

Jake Ryan,

On behalf of MU's skatepark committee.

- Jake Ryan
- Darragh Byrne
- Jason Aikhionbare
- Jacob Crawford
- Gareth Finan
- Michael Mike Johnson
- Nekan Solanke
- Ciara Sinden
- Moses Eribo

If you are interested in a Skatepark for Maynooth please contact jake.ryan.2015@nuim.ie or Cllr. John McGinley - jmcginley@eircom.net Follow us on Facebook on the link below: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Maynooth-Needs-A-Skatepark/1504410046494469>

THE MIRACLE PRAYER

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

Maynooth Town F.C. Lenister Senior League Results & League Tables

Premier 1 Saturday Results										Senior 1B Sunday Results									
Date	Home	Result	Away							Date	Home	Result	Away						
16/08/2014	Maynooth University Town FC	2:1	Beechill United							29/08/2014	Garda FC	1:2	Maynooth University Town FC						
23/08/2014	Liffey Wanderers	2:1	Maynooth University Town FC							14/09/2014	Lucan United FC	3:3	Maynooth University Town FC						
26/08/2014	Confey FC	1:4	Maynooth University Town FC							28/09/2014	Templeogue United FC	0:2	Maynooth University Town FC						
30/08/2014	Maynooth University Town FC	1:1	Booth Road Celtic							03/10/2014	Maynooth University Town FC	4:1	Skeries Town						
06/09/2014	Alpine Oldchurch FC	1:5	Maynooth University Town FC							12/10/2014	Maynooth University Town FC	0:2	Portmarnock AFC						
13/09/2014	Maynooth University Town FC	5:0	St Vincents Hospital FC							26/10/2014	Wicklow Rovers	2:2	Maynooth University Town FC						
04/10/2014	Iveagh Celtic	2:2	Maynooth University Town FC							07/11/2014	Parkvilla FC	2:2	Maynooth University Town FC						
01/11/2014	Maynooth University Town FC	1:2	Liffey Wanderers							13/11/2014	Maynooth University Town FC	0:0	Lucan United FC						
22/11/2014	Mt. Memion FC	1:2	Maynooth University Town FC							28/11/2014	Maynooth University Town FC	7:0	Rathcoole Boys						
13/12/2014	Maynooth University Town FC	8:1	Alpine Oldchurch FC							07/12/2014	Portmarnock AFC	3:0	Maynooth University Town FC						
10/01/2015	Maynooth University Town FC	1:2	Iveagh Celtic							04/01/2015	Skeries Town	3:3	Maynooth University Town FC						
Leinster Senior League Premier 1 Saturday										Leinster Senior League Senior Division 1B Sunday									
#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Liffey Wanderers	15	9	4	2	39	27	12	31	1	Portmarnock AFC	12	11	0	1	27	12	15	33
2	Iveagh Celtic	14	8	3	3	32	24	8	27	2	Lucan United FC	15	9	5	1	39	13	26	32
3	Colepark United	12	8	1	3	19	14	5	25	3	Kilnamanagh AFC	14	7	4	3	24	16	8	25
4	Maynooth University Town FC	11	6	2	3	32	14	18	20	4	Maynooth University Town FC	13	6	5	2	33	17	16	23
5	Hartstown Huntstown FC	14	5	5	4	21	19	2	20	5	St. John Bosco	12	6	4	2	23	12	11	22
6	Mt. Memion FC	13	5	2	6	24	19	5	17	6	Ballymun United	11	5	4	2	16	13	3	19
7	Booth Road Celtic	11	5	1	5	22	20	2	16	7	Shamrock Bhoys	13	5	3	5	19	22	-3	18
8	St Vincents Hospital FC	14	4	4	6	19	23	-4	16	8	Wicklow Rovers	14	4	4	6	34	36	-2	16
9	Confey FC	13	3	3	7	19	30	-11	12	9	Templeogue United FC	9	4	2	3	15	13	2	14
10	Rush Athletic	10	3	2	5	13	13	0	11	10	Parkvilla FC	12	3	2	7	18	23	-5	11
11	Beechill United	10	2	1	7	16	28	-12	7	11	Confey FC	12	3	0	9	23	28	-5	9
12	Alpine Oldchurch FC	11	1	2	8	11	36	-25	5	12	Skeries Town	12	0	5	7	14	27	-13	5
13	Corduff FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	Rathcoole Boys	12	1	2	9	14	39	-25	5
										14	Garda FC	11	1	2	8	5	33	-28	5

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Council Taking Estates in Charge

Cllr. McGinley is pleased to be able to advise residents that the Council will be advertising the taking in charge of Silken Vale/The Arches, Castle Dawson and Beaufield Gardens in late January 2015. This positive move is as a result of home owners signing a petition to have the estates taken in charge. The Council will also be taking another 34 estates in charge throughout the county. In Maynooth, Meadowbrook will then be the only completed estate still to be taken in charge. However, the good news for Meadowbrook is that a number of Residents have started collection signatures and hopefully they will have the 50% necessary fairly soon.

Cllr. McGinley welcomes the Construction of a New Footpath to Rathcoffey Road Football Pitches

Construction of a new footpath from the new Crinstown Nursing Home to Parsons Hall is underway at present. The 50kph speed limit will also be extended to the Nursing Home and town gateway signs will be erected on the south side of the M4 bridge in order to improve safety as the width of the road across the bridge will be reduced from 6m to 5.5m. Cllr. McGinley is delighted that his long campaign for this footpath is finally over.

Update on Maynooth Traffic Management Plan

The Maynooth MD Engineer responded as follows to Cllr. McGinleys motion at the MD meeting on 10 December:

"The Municipal District Office undertook at the last meeting to obtain costed proposals from appropriate consultants. A draft specification for this study has been prepared and efforts are ongoing."

The Council engineer advised the Maynooth MD Meeting on 14 January that the Municipal District Office has discussed a specification with a consultant for a full traffic review of Maynooth and hopes to revert to the Members very soon with an update.

Update on Back Lane and Pound Street

The Maynooth MD Engineer updated the Committee at the MD meeting on 10 December as follows:

"The Municipal District Office indicates that this issue would be considered in detail as part of an overall traffic management study of Maynooth. The Roads Design Department will examine this issue when technical resources become available"

Relocating Bollards Greenfield Lane

The Maynooth MD Engineer responded as follows to Cllr. McGinleys motion at the MD meeting on 10 December:

"The Municipal District Office indicates that this work has not yet been commenced. The Roads Design Department indicates that a Section 38 process could commence in early 2015"

Section 38 is the public consultation process that the Council has to go through to get the views of the public on the issue.

Update on Traffic Signals Timing at Parsons Street/Main Street

The Maynooth MD Engineer updated the Committee at the MD meeting on 10 December as follows:

"The Traffic Management Section implemented some timing changes to the junction of Main Street/Parson Street to benefit the Parson Street approach during peak times throughout the day. The stage cycle time at the junction and SCOOT urban traffic control region has been increased to ensure the alterations do not have a negative impact on other approaches within the town. The Traffic Management Section will continue to

monitor the junction to assess the effectiveness of the timing changes"

Cllr. McGinley Asks for a Lollipop Person for Celbridge Road Schools

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting of the Council:

"That a lollipop person be provided in the mornings and evenings at the Gael Scoil/Educate Together School, Celbridge Road, Maynooth in order to improve safety for children attending both schools."

John was given the following reply at the MD meeting on 10 December:

"Kildare County Council currently has no funding to provide new school wardens in the county. Only replacement wardens for those who have retired are being appointed."

"There is a zebra crossing at this location to facilitate students and pedestrians which is appropriate and is working well for those of the 693 students from both schools who use it."

Cllr. McGinley stated the reply was completely unacceptable as increased funding was provided in the 2015 Budget to employ three School Wardens and furthermore the zebra crossing is not working well. After the meeting Cllr. McGinley was sent the following E mail:

"The Road Safety Officer will reconsider the request for provision of a School Warden at the Gaelscoil/Educate Together School at Celbridge Road, Maynooth in light of the increased funding provided for 2015."

John was further advised at the Maynooth MD meeting on 14 January as follows:

"The Road Safety Officer reports that Kildare County Council does not have any funding for the provision of a new school warden post in the county. The current crossing at the school is deemed to be sufficient and safe for the students to cross. The Road Safety Officer will visit both schools in the coming weeks and, in addition to providing information to them on road safety in general, he will also focus on this crossing in particular – each class will be brought to the crossing and will be shown how to cross the road safely and wisely incorporating the Safe Cross Code."

Cllr. McGinley pointed out that €25,000 extra was provided in the Council's Budget for School Wardens and that an extra €27,000 was provided for promoting road safety. John also stated that it is drivers crashing through the pedestrian crossing that is the problem and not the children. John has asked the two schools to support his case for the provision of a School Warden

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Two More Seats at Carton Avenue Entrance

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting of the Council:

"That an additional two seats be installed on the new paved area at the entrance to Carton Avenue to cater for the public's needs."

John was given the following reply at the MD meeting on 10 December:

"The Municipal District Office will consider this request and can meet the Councillor on site to discuss."

Councillor McGinley Asks for Improved Safety on Way to Train Station from Bond Bridge:

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting of the Council:

"Can the council get Iarnród Éireann to erect a handrail on the path down to Maynooth Train Station from Bond Bridge in order to make it safer for commuters?"

John was given the following reply at the MD meeting on 10 December:

"If the Members are in agreement a written request will issue to Iarnrod Eireann"

A written request has been sent to Iarnrod Eireann.

Cllr. McGinley Asks for an Extra Public Light at Brookfield Avenue

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting of the Council:

"Can the council get a new public light installed at the side of house number 1 Brookfield Avenue, Maynooth as it is very dark there at present?"

Development Control Officials agreed to investigate.

Proposals for the North/South Corridor from Maxol on Straffan Road to Moyglare Hall to go on Public Display by the end of January

The Maynooth MD engineer has advised Cllr. McGinley that proposals for the North/ South corridor will go on public display in January. Unfortunately, it will not include the traffic lights at Straffan Road/Meadowbrook Link Road Junction as the Area Engineer has advised Cllr. McGinley that they must consult the NRA on the design as the lights could affect traffic flows onto and off the M4. Cllr. McGinley pointed out at the Maynooth MD meeting on 14 January that as the designs have been ready for over two years it was a bit late in the day going to the NRA for approval. John further pointed out that as the lights are being tied in with the LIDL lights, to act as one, it was very difficult to see how they would affect traffic flows onto or off the M4.

The Maynooth MD were given a presentation on the proposals at their meeting on 14 January. The Part V111 public consultation process will cover the road from the Maxol Station on Straffan Road to Moyglare Hall and will include new cycle lanes and improved footpaths. As advised previously there will be a new road at the bottom of the Harbour Field for pedestrians, cyclists and emergency vehicles. There will be a new footbridge at William Bridge, at Manor Mills and a right turning lane from Moyglare Road to Kilcock Road. It is proposed to have a 4m wide footpath/cyclepath on the east side of Moyglare Road and a 2m footpath on the west side. Funding will be provided by the NTA for all except for the footpaths/cyclepaths on the Moyglare Road. The Council will have to pay for the works on Moyglare Road.

Cllr. McGinley asks for the flooding at the Meadowbrook Road and at Brookfield Avenue to be Attended to:

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting of the Council on 14 January:

"That the flooding of the road at 1 Brookfield Avenue and at the Meadowbrook Road at the junction with Beaufield be attended to as a matter of urgency."

John was given the following reply at the MD meeting on 14 January:

"The Municipal District Office has cleared and jetted this gully but has detected a blockage in the downstream pipeline which it will need to excavate and repair."

The MD engineer stated that as the road at Brookfield Avenue was still not in charge the Council could not attend to the flooding at house Number 1. Cllr. McGinley stated that it was his view that this road was in charge of the council as it was an extension of the Meadowbrook Road

Cllr. McGinley Asks the Council to Provide Sponsorship for the Leinster Fleadh in

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Maynooth in July

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting of the Council on 14 January:

"What steps have been taken to provide reasonable funding for Fleadh Cheoil Laighean, Maigh Nuad, July 6 to 12 2015, bearing in mind that Westmeath County Council gave 10,000 euro towards the Leinster Fleadh in Moate last year? John was given the following reply at the MD meeting on 14 January:
"The Community Section of the Council will be in contact with the Comhairle Laighean Executive Committee regarding financial assistance options."

Update on Proposed Extension of the 66 Bus Service to Parsons Hall

The Maynooth MD members were advised that the Council are meeting with Dublin Bus on 15 January to discuss the proposals and that they will go for Public Consultation shortly afterwards.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for a Skatepark at the Harbour Field, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting of the Council on 14 January:

"That consideration be given to providing a Skatepark as an extension to the playground facilities at the Harbour Field, Maynooth."

John was given the following reply at the MD meeting on 14 January:

"Before any consideration can be given to locate a skatepark in the Harbour Field, Maynooth there needs to be proof that there is demand and a user group in the town who want and will use the facility. When we were previously lobbied to provide a facility for teenagers in the Harbour Field the research carried out indicated that a skatepark was not one of the recreational facilities that teenagers wanted."

John pointed out that there is a Skatepark Committee in place and that they have a Facebook Page. The Committee of nine make the following case:

Maynooth Needs A Skatepark

"MU's skatepark committee" is a newly established group of BMX skate and blading enthusiasts set up and organised by myself Jake Ryan, with the help of the Maynooth University's sports officer, Paul Davis. My aim along with the committees is to have an outdoor skatepark set up in the area.

Being a Bmxer of about seven years I have quite a bit of experience in the area. With more than half of Maynooth's population being made up of students and young people (the average age of skatepark users) I feel that a skatepark would be a worthwhile and successful facility to set up in the area.

It would give young people living in Maynooth something to occupy themselves in a constructive manner. A skatepark provides not only youths, with an environment in which they can have fun, learn a new skill, meet new people and do all this on their own terms. The skatepark will be an open facility for anyone to use, whenever they please. Not only would the people in Maynooth use the Skatepark, but with Maynooth being so accessible to the rest of the GDA with public transport, a great deal of people from outside the area would also make the journey.

The ideal grounds for the facility would be as an extension of the playground facilities beside the canal, a skatepark is all that the recreation space is missing. It can be surprising how much of a positive impact a skatepark can have on an area.

A facility of this kind would be hugely beneficial for the town and with some hard work and patience I think that it can be easily achieved."

The Facebook link is <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Maynooth-Needs-A-Skatepark/1504410046494469>

24 Nursing Posts at Naas General Hospital to be filled

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been in contact with the Deputy Director General of the HSE and the Acute Hospital Division in relation to the urgent need to fill 24 nursing posts at Naas General Hospital given the serious overcrowding at the hospital and the large numbers of patients on Hospital Trolley's.

The Acute Hospital Division advised Deputy Stagg that 24 Nursing Posts are to be filled temporarily at Naas General Hospital. The reason the posts are being filled temporarily is to recruit nurses immediately and the permanent positions will follow later as the HSE National Recruitment Service ran a recruitment campaign recently for nursing staff which received 3,700 applications. Interviews for the permanent staff will be held in February.

Of the 24 posts to be filled 6 are replacement positions and 18 are additional nursing posts. Deputy Stagg has welcomed the move by the HSE to recruit 18 additional posts and has indicated that he will campaign for further permanent recruitment posts at the hospital.

Maynooth to be included in Smokeless Fuel Zone from June - Stagg

Deputy Emmet Stagg raised with the Minister for Environment the delay in including Maynooth in the Smokeless Fuel Zone by way of Parliamentary Question and he has been advised that the Minister intends to extend the existing ban area of Celbridge-Leixlip to include Maynooth Town from 1st June 2015.

Deputy Stagg stated that Kildare Co. Council voted in favour of a Motion calling for the extension of the smoky coal ban to Maynooth in 2013 and this was supported by the HSE. A Notice advising of the Ban was placed in Local Newspapers at the request of the Department to allow for Public Consultation and no objections were received.

The decision to extend the ban to Maynooth will stated Deputy Stagg provide for a higher consistency in air quality standards in the Maynooth Area which will be beneficial to the Health of residents.

The Minister responding to Deputy Stagg stated *'Having considered this proposal, my Department considers that there is merit in extending the clean air benefits of the ban to the town of Maynooth, given its size, fast-growing population and close proximity to the existing specified ban area of Celbridge-Leixlip. Accordingly, I intend to finalise, shortly, regulations that will extend the ban area of Celbridge-Leixlip to include the Electoral Division of Maynooth with effect from 1 June 2015. This lead - in period will allow time for businesses and households to change over to smokeless fuel as well as for the local authority to raise awareness of the main provisions of the ban at local level in advance of its introduction.'*

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MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY UNVEILS ANCIENT MEDIEVAL MANUSCRIPTS AND CALLS ON HISTORIANS TO ASSIST IN RESEARCH

Launch of 'The Medieval Manuscripts at Maynooth, Explorations in the Unknown' brings manuscripts to historians worldwide Maynooth University is calling on historians, academics and interested scholars to research and unearth the stories behind 16 medieval manuscripts now on display in the University's Russell Library. The manuscripts, from the collection of St Patrick's College Maynooth, lay largely untouched for nearly 200 years, with most of the works not identified until now.

A unique and unparalleled new book will now bring the manuscripts to the attention of medievalists worldwide. With the support and devotion of the Russell Library staff, scholars Angela and Peter Lucas (a retired senior lecturer in English at Maynooth University and emeritus professor of Old and Middle English at University College Dublin, respectively) painstakingly researched the Latin manuscripts in their book, 'The Medieval Manuscripts at Maynooth, Explorations in the Unknown.' The book includes the translated content and a detailed physical description of each manuscript, in addition to images. The descriptions of the manuscripts include details of the handwriting and binding, and full information on the contents of the manuscripts and their history as far as is known.

The manuscripts range in date from the 11th century to 1529 and almost all are associated with the Church. There are five which came from Liege and four from the Benedictine abbey of St Jacques, whose collections were auctioned in 1788.

While they are essentially all written in Latin, some contain French, Italian and Dutch text. The collection grew over decades, mainly in the 19th century, and reflects the tastes of a succession of senior members of the college plus a few donors. Two of the manuscripts belonged to Laurence Renehan, President of St Patrick's College, Maynooth (1845 – 1857), an enthusiastic collector of books and manuscripts.

Speaking of the unveiling of the manuscripts and the launch of 'The Medieval Manuscripts at Maynooth, Explorations in the Unknown,' Professor Philip Nolan, President of Maynooth University said: "This book is unparalleled in the field of medieval research and will inspire other scholars, researchers and historians around the world to unearth further insights around these fascinating medieval manuscripts."

Monsignor Hugh G Connolly, President of St Patrick's College, Maynooth, added: "We are delighted that the manuscripts are receiving the attention they deserve and congratulate the authors and all who played a part in making this unique publication and research project possible. This magnificent publication together with the dedicated industry and skill of the Russell Library staff in curating our historical collection is a wonderful testimony to the excellent relationship between our two institutions."

The manuscripts are on view by appointment at Russell Library at Maynooth University.

'The Medieval Manuscripts at Maynooth, Explorations in the Unknown' is published by Four Courts Press.

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AIB Sale is More Smoke and Mirrors

Independent TD Catherine Murphy has called on the Minister for Finance to come clean about his intentions regarding the retrospective recapitalisation of Irish banks. The policy to seek access to the European Stability Mechanism thereby allowing for retrospective recapitalisation had been a cornerstone of Government policy since election but appears to have been abandoned in recent months according to Deputy Murphy.

In a recent Parliamentary question to the Minister, Deputy Murphy asked if it was still Government policy to seek retrospective recapitalisation of formerly guaranteed institutions. The Minister, in his reply, confirmed that while the ESM option became available to us on the 8th of December, the Government have not yet applied for it and he went on to say that "the ESM is no longer the only option open to us to recover the money provided to recapitalise our banks."

"The Minister seems to be suggesting that options such as the recently mooted selling off of AIB Bank would be a preferable option to accessing the ESM in order to recoup the money that was taken from the tax payer and pumped into toxic banks however the figures being quoted for the valuation of AIB, €11.7billion, are notional values and are very questionable even if such a deal could be done to sell the bank. If the goal truly is to maximise the return to the taxpayer then a piecemeal selling off a Government owned 'asset' such as AIB seems to be the riskier option to take."

"The decision to sell off AIB appears to be a tacit admittance that we have abandoned all hope of a retrospective recapitalisation. I am asking the Minister to categorically answer the questions as to why, if the policy has not been abandoned, have we not yet sought to avail of access to the ESM since the option opened to us over a month ago and secondly, if the decision has been made not to seek retrospective recapitalisation, will he clearly outline that position so we all know where we stand."

Gaelscoil Chaos in North Kildare

Independent TD Catherine Murphy has twice in the last week sought to raise a topical issue in the Dáil regarding the crisis at Scoil Uí Riada in Kilcock neither request has succeeded. Deputy Murphy is trying to get an answer as to why there has been a decision taken to cut a third stream of intake for September 2015 which will mean that many children will be left without a school place despite the fact that, in many cases, the child has been on the waiting list from the time they were a few weeks old.

"It appears to me there is confusion between the patron, and the Department of Education over exactly what the demand is and who is responsible for the decision to cut the third stream thereby reducing the available places"

"Since being contacted by a sizeable number of parents on this issue I have spent the past week or more trying to get an explanation as to why there would be a decision to cut places in a Gaelscoil when demand is at an all-time high. There is a very strong tradition of Gaelscoil education in North Kildare – in fact it was one of the first places in the country to introduce a Gaelscoil model – and the demand for Gaelscoil places is always at a premium. Many of the parents who contacted me on this issue were Gaelscoil students themselves and so their children would be second generation Gaelscoil attendees and this is one of the first times in the country – outside of Gaeltacht areas – that would occur. I can't understand why there would be a decision to scupper that legacy, particularly at a time when the Government claim to be in favour

of promoting Irish language and culture."

"I have spoken to the Department of Education who are adamant that this is a matter for the Bishop who is the patron of the school. I have spoken with both the Bishop and the priest he has designated to act on his behalf – both of whom are of the opinion that the Department of Education figures don't show sufficient demand for a third stream. As a result, I am using all avenues open to me to try and get hold of the numbers that the Department are using because I believe that there must be a flaw somewhere."

"The people making the decision on this issue have failed to appreciate the significant and genuine demand for Gaelscoil education in North Kildare. In general, there has been a fundamental lack of planning around the Gaelscoil/Gael Colaiste issue in North Kildare and that must be addressed as a matter of urgency. When the issue of diversity in education is being discussed, many parents consider that the range should include Gaelscoil/Gael Colaiste and should not exclusively focus on religious diversity."

Climate Bill Without Targets is a Recipe for Disaster

Independent TD Catherine Murphy has reacted to today's publication of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Bill 2015 expressing disappointment that the Bill does not include specific targets and in fact waters down previous incarnations of Climate legislation put forth.

Today's legislation relies upon our EU and UN obligations for its ambitions; both of which need strong domestic interim targets if we are to have any hope of adhering to those obligations. There are no hard domestic targets for the reduction of harmful emissions and no definition of what kind of economy we want to arrive at in 2030. Significantly, the bill has ignored the specific recommendations of the Oireachtas Environment Committee, which examined the issue in some detail, and which sought in its November 2013 report a definition of 'low carbon development' to mean near-zero emissions by 2050 in transport, energy and buildings, and carbon neutrality in Agriculture.

"I, and many other interested parties, have at various stages over the past four years raised concerns about implementing a Climate Bill with no specific targets. I published my own Climate and Energy Security Bill in February 2013 which contained targets that would help us to reduce our emissions and encourage investment by companies increasingly interested in operating in a greener environment and reducing their carbon footprint. Today's Bill allows the Government to make vague long-term claims without actually committing to any real and meaningful action. Almost four years after the Government came to power, an area that was once described as a priority for the Labour Party has now become an afterthought."

"The Bill published today does not require the publication of a mitigation plan until 2017-long after the lifetime of this Government. In effect, the strength of our climate response will be determined by whoever holds office, and there are no penalties if we ignore our responsibilities until the last minute. I will be seeking to strengthen this bill significantly when it comes through the Dáil. If we don't take this seriously now we are simply storing up long term problems for future generations. As it is, our children and grandchildren will have a monumental debt burden to bear but in failing to address climate issues in a meaningful way we will be leaving them and environmental legacy every bit as catastrophic as the debt legacy."

Overcrowding & Understaffing at Naas General Hospital

Independent TD Catherine Murphy raised the issue of overcrowding and understaffing at Naas General Hospital in the Dáil today during Topical Issues. Speaking during the debate, Deputy Murphy highlighted the failures of the Fair Deal nursing Scheme and the pressures that this failure places onto an already overburdened Naas General Hospital. "Whilst a sanction has been given to allow for the employment of some extra nursing staff, the amount of underfunded beds in the Hospital would require 50 staff to allow them to open those beds. The population of Kildare continues to grow and this hasn't been factored into the provision of public services such as those at Naas General Hospital, nor has the growing number of nursing homes in Kildare who accept patients from a greater catchment area – including Dublin. This places even greater pressures on Naas General."

"Last week the Nurses at Naas General Hospital staged a lunchtime work stoppage to try and draw attention to what they see as the unsafe environment in Naas General hospital. These nurses are effectively blowing the whistle on unsafe practices and dangers to patient safety. They are concerned for patient safety and they are also concerned that their own registrations may be compromised by virtue of working in such unsafe conditions."

"On average, there are 12 to 17 people a week in Naas General Hospital that are there purely because they can't get a nursing home bed due to the failures of the Fair Deal Scheme. It is far more expensive to maintain a person in an acute hospital bed than it is to provide them with a Fair Deal bed. Surely there must be political will to resolve this ridiculous anomaly that is not only costing unnecessary money but is also causing overcrowding and therefore unsafe working conditions in Naas General Hospital."

Today's Housing Promises Won't Bear Fruit for at Least Two Years

Independent TD has today drawn attention to the timescale involved in today's signing off by the Cabinet on the commitment to provide €2.2 billion for Social Housing over the next three years. Ms Murphy has highlighted the fact that this €2.2 billion is actually committed as a total over the next three years – up to 2017, long after this Government's term is due to end. "When this measure was announced in the budget, I drew attention to the timeline. We are talking here about funds being committed for a period after the lifetime of this Government. The announcement today that this fund will be invested will not translate into actual housing being made available in the near future. We are still looking at a minimum of two years before we're likely to see any houses completed."

"While any investment in the area of housing is much needed and therefore very welcome, this is a longer-term response when in fact we urgently need a short-term response to deal with what is currently an emergency situation in housing. With over 90,000 on housing lists nationwide and private sector rents skyrocketing, we need to be looking at measures that can address this in the here and now and not just two to three years down the line; measures such as a relaxing of the rent supplement limits for example."

"Even with this €2.2 billion investment, there is still only the promise of 30,000 new and refurbished homes in total and that is simply not enough to deal with the massive housing crisis that is underway. In the long term we must focus on developing a National Housing Strategy that takes all factors into account and also offers alternative housing options such as the provision of a viable long-term rental option and a professionally managed rental sector."



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serves 4

Ingredients

2lb beef - sliced
3 tbsp plain flour
2 tbsp olive oil
1 large onion, diced
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
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4 carrots, diced
225ml 8 fl oz red wine
450g new potatoes, diced
3 tbsp tomato purée
2 celery sticks, diced
1 1/4 pints beef stock
1 tbsp finely chopped thyme leaves
2 tbsp parsley, finely chopped



Method

Season the beef with 1/2 tsp salt and pepper. Toss in the flour. Heat the oil in a saucepan over a medium heat. Add the meat and cook, stirring often, for 4 mins until brown. Add the onion and garlic to the pan and cook 2-3 mins. Then add the wine and bring to the boil. Add the vegetables to the pan with 1 tsp salt, 1/2 tsp pepper, the stock, tomato purée and thyme. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat to low, cover and simmer for 15 mins, until the vegetables are tender. Remove the lid and let simmer for 5 mins. Stir in the parsley. Add salt and pepper if necessary. Serve hot.

Vegetable Stew with Couscous

serves 4

Ingredients

1 onion
2 garlic cloves
2 tbsp olive oil
1 orange or red pepper
225g french beans
400g canned chick peas
2 tbsp garam masala
1 tsp salt
225ml vegetable stock
400g canned tomatoes
200g couscous
300g baby spinach
2 tbsp chopped parsley
1 lemon



Method

Dice the onion and finely chop the garlic. Heat the oil in frying pan over a medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and cook for 5 mins until the onion is soft. Deseed and dice the pepper. Cut the beans into 2 inch pieces. Drain and rinse the chickpeas. Add the beans, pepper, chickpeas, garam masala and salt. Then add the stock and tomatoes with the juice and bring to the boil. Cook for 4 ins until the beans begin to soften. Stir in the couscous and spinach, remove from heat and cover. Leave to stand for 5 mins. Finely chop the parsley. Juice the lemon and stir into the stew with the parsley. Serve hot.

Speedy Paella

serves 4

Ingredients

2 tbsp olive oil
1 onion, thinly sliced
1 red pepper, sliced
100g chorizo, sliced
200g long grain rice
1 1/2 pints of boiling fish stock
Pinch of saffron threads
140g frozen peas
200g cooled peeled tiger prawns
Salt and pepper



Method

Heat the oil in a large saucepan over a medium heat. Add the onion and red pepper and cook for 2 mins. Stir in the chorizo and rice and cook for a further minute. Add the stock and saffron and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat, cover the pan and simmer for 10 mins stirring often. Stir in the peas and prawns and season to taste with salt and pepper. Cover and cook gently for 4-5 mins until rice is tender. Ready to serve.

February Gardening

Spring is approaching and there are a few things that need to be done. Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover. Chit potato tubers. Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off. Prepare beds for new roses when conditions allow. To improve the drainage of heavy soils work in some organic matter and coarse gravel. Don't forget to clear up weedy beds before you add mulch. Mulching with a deep layer of organic matter will help the condition of the soil and also slow weed growth. Check to see if your containers need watering. Also check to see if they need to be topped up with more soil. Check tree ties and stakes. Remove snow from glasshouses and conservatories to prevent damage to the glass and allow light to get through. Rub down and treat wooden garden furniture when dry. Don't leave houseplants on windowsills behind curtains on frosty nights and water them sparingly.



Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering. Divide snowdrops, and prune wisteria and hardy evergreen hedges. Renovate overgrown deciduous hedges. Prune conservatory climbers. Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter. Dahlia tubers stored over the winter can be started into growth. Place them in a light, warm place to sprout before planting. Spray them with a light mist to stop them drying out. Lily bulbs can be planted in pots. Hardy annuals can also be sown in pots or modules to provide colour. Put gladiolus corms in seed trays or boxes and place in a light, warm spot so they will sprout before planting. Sweet peas can be sown under cloches either in a cold frame or in a cool room in the house. Watch out for downy mildew and black spot on winter pansies. Remove infected leaves straight away. Deadhead winter pansies and other winter bedding.



Plant bare-rooted shrubs and trees and container grown climbers. February is an important month for pruning - cut late summer and autumn flowering clematis down to 12" - they will grow back very quickly and produce more flowers. Prune roses by taking out all the dead, weak and crossing stems. Hybrid tea roses prune to about 8" to an outward facing bud. Potted lily bulbs to flower in early summer in barely moist compost and keep somewhere light and frost free. Only water when the compost is dry or you see shoots appear above the surface. You can water liquid slug killer around hostas to deal with the pests which are down there waiting for Spring. You can do this again after a fortnight and again a fortnight later. This will give your hostas a chance to bloom.



Cover strawberry plants with garden fleece to encourage them to fruit earlier than normal. Plant and prune autumn fruiting raspberries, cut them to 1" above ground level. Prune gooseberries, blueberries and red and white currants by the end of the month. Apple and pear trees need to be pruned too. Keep the centre of the tree or shrub fairly open to allow air to circulate. Cut off crossing and rubbing branches to avoid open wounds which could encourage disease. Plant bare-footed fruit trees and summer fruiting raspberries. Harvest leeks, brussels sprouts and sprouting broccoli. Now is the time to sow early vegetable and salad crops in seed trays and put in your greenhouse or inside on a windowsill in light airy conditions. Thin radishes to 1" apart when large enough to handle.



Put up bird nesting boxes this month. Ventilate your glasshouse or conservatory on mild days to help prevent fungal problems. Bring geraniums out of storage, cut them back by half, water well and set them in a bright cool window. Start slow-growing flowers, such as garden verbenas, stocks, wallflowers and ageratum indoors. Start herb seeds indoors under lights. Check your garden tools before the spring gets in full swing. Turn the compost pile. Don't forget to continue to feed our feathered friends as they will help in insect control when the weather warms again.

Despite the gardener's best intentions, Nature will improve!!



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Macra na Feirme

Macra na Feirme is a voluntary organisation for young people between the ages of 17 and 35. The organisation consists of a nationwide network of clubs with six key areas of activity: agriculture, sports, travel, public speaking, community involvement and performing arts.

Macra na Feirme is committed to the personal development of members and puts emphasis on social interaction and participation. Macra provides members with the training and support they need to carry out their role in the organisation and helps members to develop their skills and experience.

Macra na Feirme was founded in 1944 by Stephen Cullinan, a rural science teacher. The organisation's original purpose was to provide young farmers with adequate training to ensure their livelihood and to provide an outlet for socialising in rural areas.

Macra na Feirme was adopted as the official title of the organisation in December 1946. 'Macra' means stalwarts or the elite and 'na Feirme' means of the land.

Over 250,000 young people have passed through the ranks of Macra na Feirme. Much has changed since those early days; young people have different priorities now and need new challenges, which Macra today tries to provide through its national program and six key areas; Performing Arts/Public Speaking/Sports/ Agriculture/Community & Travel. Currently Macra na Feirme has 9,000 members in 300 clubs. Approximately one-third of Macra members are involved in farming, with males making up 60% of the membership and females 40%.

What makes Macra special is it is a youth organisation, run by young people for young people. Macra is a member – led organisation. Members stand up and speak for themselves, run their own clubs and take responsibility for their actions. Macra is a democratic organisation and every member is entitled to air their opinions at club, regional and national level. The current Macra National President, Kieran O'Dowd hails from Ballymote, Co. Sligo.

TECHNOLOGY CORNER

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

The Anatomy of the Internet:

The Internet vs. the World Wide Web

Many of us use the Internet every day. The average person uses the Internet for 13 hours every week. People talk about the 'Web' and the 'Internet' every day and often use these terms interchangeably, but are they?

It is a common myth that the Internet and the World Wide Web are the same thing, but the Internet and the 'Web' are not interchangeable. The Internet, named for 'the interconnection of computer networks', is a massive collection of computers and other hardware. The Web is a massive collection of digital pages on the Internet (one way to know you are accessing the Web is that you type 'www.' at the beginning of your URL). It is not the Internet but rather a system that you use to access the Internet.

The first thing to understand about the Internet is that it is comprised of two main parts: the hardware, and the protocols. The most familiar piece of hardware is your own computer, but other types of hardware supporting the Internet include your router, servers, cables, cell towers, and satellites. Even devices such as smartphones or tablets are considered part of the growing hardware of the Internet.

The device – be it a computer, smartphone, tablet, or whatever – that you use to access the Internet is known as the client. The machines that store information that

you seek to access – such as web pages – are known as servers.

The second component of the Internet is the communication protocols, the rules that computers follow when interacting with each other. The Internet needs a common set of protocols because without each machine following the same rules, computers would be unable to communicate with each other. The protocols provide a common language for machines to use as well as a reliable and consistent method for them to use it.



There are several common protocols of which you might have heard. Hypertext Transfer Protocol is the protocol used to deliver Web pages (Hypertext documents) to your browser, which you might recognise from the abbreviation HTTP. FTP stands for File Transfer Protocol, which can be used to transfer files. The IP in IP Address stands for Internet Protocol.

Internet Protocols are what allow computers to find and

communicate with each other across the many different networks that make up the Internet and are the most fundamental protocols needed for the Internet to function. Without them you would require a direct, physical connection with any computer with which you wished to communicate.

The version of IP that most of us use today is a 32-bit system called IPv4. The problem with this 32-bit system is that it can only have 4 billion unique addresses, which seemed like a lot at the time before the whole world connected in. There are ways to work around these limits, but they are not perfect. Thus, the Internet Engineering Task Force decided that a new version of IP was required to meet the ever-increasing demand. The result is IPv6, which is a 128-bit system, but it is only slowly being adopted in limited places.

The World Wide Web, or Web, on the other hand, is not hardware but software – a massive collection of digital pages. It is only one part of the Internet, the part that is devoted to broadcasting its content. It does this primarily in the form of HTML pages, which stands for Hypertext Markup Language (HTML). A markup language just means that something is added to the document to give it special meaning (much in the same way that you might highlight special passages in a book, or 'mark it up'). Marking up a document for the web indicates the structure of the document and allows a Web browser to display the document appropriately.

The History of the Internet and the Web

Unlike the Internet, which can trace its origins to the 1950s, the Web is only 25 years old. On March 12, 1989, Sir Tim Berners-Lee proposed the idea of the World Wide Web. The very first web page was not created until 1990, and it is still up today and can be found at <http://info.cern.ch/hypertext/WWW/TheProject.html>. By 1992, only 2 years after the creation of the first web page, over a million computers were connected to the Web.

The Web is based on Hypertext Transfer Protocol (http), which allows you to hyperlink (or jump) to any other public web page. Berners-Lee created HTTP to form the backbone of the Web. It allows you to transmit data over the Internet, primarily by entering a Uniform Resource Locator (URL, also known as a web address) into a browser window. The URL describes the location of a document written in Hypertext Markup Language. After Berners-Lee created HTTP, the next step was for people to create browsers, the free software that support the use of HTTP.



Another common myth, likely linked with the idea that the World Wide Web and the Internet are the same thing, is the idea that the Internet has its origins in the 1980s or 1990s. However, the Internet's history is much older than most people realise as its origins are tied to the US-USSR space race and political tensions.

In 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik, the first man-made satellite. This was during the Cold War between the Western Bloc (including the United States) and the Eastern Bloc (including the Soviet Union), and the milestone of launching a satellite into orbit was seen as a worrying step toward weapons that could reach the US mainland.

In 1958 in response to the launch of Sputnik, American president Dwight D. Eisenhower started the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA). ARPA was created so that the United States would have a technological edge over other countries, and a large part of its mission was developing computer science. In the 1950s, a computer was an enormous device that filled an entire room. Most could only read magnetic tape or punch cards, and there was no way to link computers together.

One of ARPA's main goals was to create a network of computers, in large part so that military and technological information could be shared more easily. They enlisted the help of a company called Bolt, Beranek, and Newman to create a computer network that linked together four different computers. This had never before been achieved, and further complicating matters, each computer used a different operating system. They called the network they created ARPANET.

ARPANET contains the origins of the Internet and how it behaves. Other groups were working on ways to network computers, but ARPANET established many of the protocols we still use today. However, it took many more years for people to start to use ARPANET to form the early networks that created the backbone of the Internet. In 1973, engineers began trying to connect ARPANET to the packet radio network (PRNET). PRNET used radio waves to connect computers to each other instead of phone lines. It took until 1976 for people to find a way to connect these two networks.

One year later, in 1977, engineers joined these two networks to SATNET, the network of satellites. They



decided to call this connection of multiple networks inter-connecting, or the Internet for short. Other computer networks were soon joined to this growing conglomeration of networks that made the Internet, including BITNET, CSNET, USENET, and NSFNET. These networks were very complicated and often difficult to navigate, which is why Tim Berners-Lee decided that a cohesive system needed to be developed to navigate all of these computer connections. Thus, in 1990 he created the World Wide Web and HTTP, which is the main system we use today to navigate the still-growing body of computer networks.

For the most part, the early Internet was used by government and military employees. As it grew, the focus changed to a more academic perspective. Universities had begun connecting their computers to ARPANET from an early date, and the Internet was used by scientists as a way to spread academic research to a wider audience. It didn't take long, though, for the general public to start using it for more personal and diverse purposes until it grew into the global platform that it is today.

Maynooth Community Library



Maynooth Community Library provides a variety of services to the people of Maynooth and its environs. The range of books and DVD's is vast and constantly updated. Members can also avail of computer usage and internet access. The library also provides a monthly list of events ranging from a Ciorcal Comhrá, a Polish language hour as well as education facilities, literary lectures, history lectures, cultural seminars and events of public interest.

Tá rannóg chuimsitheach de leabhair Ghaeilge ar fáil sa leabharlann. Iad siúd atá ag glacadh páirt sa Ciorcal Comhrá táid lán de mholadh do Shéan a chuireann an ciorcal ag caint i nGaeilge cheolmhar Tír Chonaill. Tá sé ar a chumas an ciorcal a lámhsáil ar aghaidh go deas réidh ar sodar do gach éinne.

The library staff actively assist the public in their quest for that book or source. They also share their personal talents generously in the delivery of their services and beyond that which would be expected of them.

These pictures capture one such example at Maynooth Community Library in the lead up to Christmas. Staff member Barry, aka Tony Savino shares his singing talents freely with all and sundry.

It was marvellous to see the joy on the faces of all present as Tony and the U3A Ladies sang a selection of Christmas Carols and melodies on a merry afternoon in December.

We wish to acknowledge this personal involvement by the staff of the Maynooth Library and to thank them for their courtesies in assisting the people of Maynooth through out the course of the year.

One never known's when there could be a surprise in store when you enter the doors of Maynooth Community Library.

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The Company & Pieta House

On the evening of the 19th December, Maynooth GAA club played host to a great night's entertainment at a fundraising event for Pieta House. The night, organised and fronted by local band 'The Company', raised over €2,500 for what all present felt was a cause worthy of such strong support. Patricia Maloney, representing the charity on the night, spoke of the value of the emotional support Pieta House provides to those in need, all the more necessary for many at Christmas time. As the charity depends in the main on donations for its continued operations, local fundraising events such as this one are vital to its survival. However, despite the seriousness of the cause, the emphasis on the night was on good music, good fun, and, above all, a sense of community spirit that many there felt had been missing during and since the Celtic Tiger years.

'The Company' are a local band that plays each Sunday night in Maynooth GAA at 9pm and their distinctive brand of folk and Americana music set the tone for the night. Also featured were trad musicians 'Push for Porter' who are Thursday night regulars at the Newtown Inn and local duo 'Up She Flew' whose virtuoso guitar playing displayed immense talent. Brian O Kane, a singer and guitarist originally from Scotland, but now a long-time Maynooth resident, also did justice to a set featuring Tom Waits and Rod Stewart numbers among others.

Brian O'Neill, a member of The Company and one of the chief organisers of the night reflected afterwards on the sense of community participation that he experienced when he was drumming up support among local business for the event. "Any door we pushed for sponsorship or for spot prizes opened as soon as we mentioned Pieta House" Brian said. Indeed the evening included food generously provided and prepared by Simon Duffy Catering.

The evening also featured the usual raffle with over 20 spot prizes very generously sponsored by local individuals and businesses. Eamonn O' Flaherty, a local auctioneer, displayed his skills while auctioning a Kilkenny jersey signed by the All-Ireland winning team which went for €200 and a guitar, provided by KnB music shop in Maynooth, which went for a bid of €150.

All in all, this evening not only achieved the objective of fundraising for a very worthy and necessary cause, but also succeeded in raising the spirits of all present, with many agreeing by the night's end that this should become an annual event in the Maynooth GAA club calendar.



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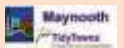
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Maynooth Tidy Towns



Thanks to all who purchased Christmas Trees and Wreaths from Jim Doyle at Buckleys Yard. We wish to thank Jim for the donation to Maynooth Tidy Towns. Thanks to all who purchased the Maynooth Calendar and Christmas Cards from John and Ursula Byrne in The Maynooth Bookshop. Postcards, Note Books and Greeting cards are also now available in Maynooth Book Shop on Main St. and the University Book shop on the Campus.

Two Committee meetings have been given over to planning and reviewing what the judges have been writing about Maynooth in the National Tidy Towns, Ireland's Best Kept Large Town and Irish Business against Litter reports over the past number of years.



Photo: Minister Damien English, Paul Rice of SuperValu presenting a Category F Bronze Medal Tidy Towns Award to Mattie Callaghan and Richard Farrell of Maynooth Tidy Towns, Failte Ireland Tidy Towns Awards, in Muintir na Tire Hall, Moynalty on 3rd December 2014.

The Environment Litter Management Plan which was presented to both Maynooth Community Council and Business Leaders in 2012, is currently being updated.

Maynooth Tidy Town would like to contact all Resident Associations or estate groups to see how we can work together. To initiate this process, we ask each Residents Association or estate groups to send their contact details by text to 0873153189.

The Minister congratulated Maynooth on winning Ireland's Best Kept Large Towns competition in 2014.

Communities in Ireland are defined by their people not their geography. This award is in recognition of the people and businesses who have collaborated as a community to work to improve their environment, foster civic pride and make their town a better place.

Richard Farrell
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Friday 13th proves a lucky day for Maynooth Men's Shed

Maynooth Men's Shed is up and running for over two years. During the first 18 months progress was limited due to lack of suitable premises. Initial accommodation was in the Community Council/Newsletter office and later in the Community Space. We thank the Community Council for their support.

During this time we produced a tourist brochure for Maynooth. This is now ready for printing, publication and distribution. See more about this in next issue. We previously completed a study on the rivers in the Maynooth area.

During the summer we identified a building at the back of the Garden Centre on the Dublin Road in Maynooth. The owner Mr Vincent Flood agreed to let us have use of the building rent free for a period of two years and our members cleaned and decorated it. We are very grateful to Vincent for his kind and most generous gesture. The official handover of the keys to the premises to Men's Sheds will take place on Friday 13th February at 2pm.

We first came in contact with Mr Flood when The Maynooth Garden Centre and Men's Shed entered a joint float in last year's St Patrick's Day parade.

Our current project involves production of Ramps for use by members of the Cerebral Palsy Ireland and Motor Neuron Society to assist their participation in Boccia competitions (bowling) to an Olympic standard. The Ramps will be on display and presented on the 13th February.

New members are always welcome. For information please contact John at 087 2041334.



Hi to all Maynooth Newsletter readers and especially all those who have a passing interest in the arts. This is a new monthly blog which will keep you up to date with the many activities and future productions of An Nuadha Players Community Theatre. A group that brings the best of theatre to your door step - so try and keep that door step clean the way your granny used to do!

Having just completed our run in December of our latest pantomime, Little Red Riding Hood, audiences would have us believe that it was our best panto to date. The panto has been a regular event every year for the past 10 years in the Aula Maxima and it is "not just any ordinary panto it's the An Nuadha Panto! Our show was written and directed by local man Martin Higgins who seems to come up with better and better shows as the years go by. God knows what next year will bring.

The group are now in preparation for their very latest production, Brendan Behan's 'The Hostage'. This is timely as 2014 was the 50th anniversary of his death in Dublin. I recently discovered, when I mentioned we intend to stage 'The Hostage' in May this year, that some people responded with a blank stare when they heard the name Brendan Behan, as they were not familiar with the man or the myth. And indeed, I suppose, it is not that surprising as Behan is a generation away by now.

Brendan Francis Behan, born February 1923 was an Irish poet, short story writer, novelist and playwright who wrote in both English and Irish. Behan was born in the inner city of Dublin at Hollis Street Hospital into an educated working-class family. He lived in a house on Russell Street near Mountjoy Square owned by his grandmother, Christine English, who owned a number of properties in the area. Brendan's father, Stephen Behan, was a house painter who had been active in the Irish war of independence. Stephen read classic literature to the children at bedtime. His mother, Kathleen, took them on literary tours of the city. If Behan's interest in literature came from his father, his interest in politics and republicanism came from his mother.

Behan's uncle Peadar Kearney, his mother's brother, wrote the Irish national anthem 'The Soldiers Song' and many famous ballads that are still heard today. His brother, Dominic Behan, was also a renowned songwriter, best known perhaps for the song 'The Patriot Game'. It was surely inevitable, given his upbringing in politics, music and literature, that something would burst forth from him onto the literary scene. It did in 1954 in the shape of his play 'The Quare Fella'. This play is based on his time in prison as a republican having been sentenced for attempting to kill a policeman. 'The Quare Fella' put him on the world stage and he lapped up every second of it. He went to America rubbing shoulders with all the talented and beautiful people of the time. He became friends with Truman Capote and a drinking pal of Hemmingway. On all the talk shows of the day round the world, they could not get enough of him, and always with a drink in his hand.

This piece has only scratched the surface of his fascinating life. Lots more next month.

The first readings of the Hostage are upstairs in McMahons, Main St. Maynooth 9th of February at 8pm. All are welcome – actors, wannabe actors, stage hands, make-up artists, literature lovers or just the plain curious!

If your group is involved in a local arts project send on the details to teriann@eircom.net

By Terry Nealon

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Maynooth Local History Group

Memorabilia Evening – January 21st 2015

The annual Memorabilia evening, hosted by the Maynooth Local History Group, was held in the Glenroyal on Wednesday evening last and, as in previous years, was a great success. Everybody attending participated whole-heartily, contributing to a most interesting and late evening. Contributions were as follows;

Rite Edwards M.L.H.G. showed a wonderful collection of old postcards. Rita talked on the development of the postcards, their purpose and use, particularly during the Great War.

Declan O'Connor M.L.H.G., developed further the theme of postcards and uses during the Great War, noting restrictions and censorship on content from troops on the war fronts. Protection of army positions was vital. Declan mentioned that one of the biggest employers at that time was the Post Office and stating some amazing statistics on volumes moved by this institution.

Peter Curran M.L.H.G. gave an insight into the origins of the retail shop cash register, with a wooden version from the old Connolly's shop in Maynooth. Also for the self-sufficient, a style of kettle-flask, with a mobile internal heating system.

Jennifer Walsh M.L.H.G. presented a silver styled 19th century marmalade dish with a rotating cover, held in her family for generations. This fine piece would look at on a sideboard in "Downton Abbey".

Tom Maguire had an array of early 20th century Christmas cards including cloth and embroidered attachments. Also, Tom had, what he called a "fairly" - a delph decorated boot for the ladies and a curious plated photograph in a small case. Tom produced an apprentice indenture in wording which would now be classified as amusing these days.

Ursula and Catherine Walsh presented some beautiful old linen and embroidered altar cloth and christening gowns. The base linen was in Carrickmacross Lace and patiently embroidered to magnificent effect.

Tom Taff had a collection of curious, and interesting early 20th century war materials.

Sean Andrews spoke about Langford Lodge near Lough Neigh in Northern Ireland, its use as a US base during the WW 2 when over 7,000 locals were employed, mainly civilian. When the Americans left in 1946, it was taken over by the RAF before closing in 1953. Various non-military operations utilised the base since. Sean presented two works manuals for military vehicles including the Willys Jeep and Chevrolet Truck.

Denis Clancy displayed and discussed a gold watch presented to his great grandfather who served in the Boer war, inscribed and dated 1905 in Cape Town.

Hilda Dunne M.L.H.G. presented a beautiful linen altar cloth and discussed its history. She said it's utilised at the Lady Chapel cemetery annual Mass.

Peter Nevin M.L.H.G. discussed progress on his little memento given to him by an old family friend from Randlestown, Co. Meath. It was shown last year. It has a Royal Irish Constabulary crest and was marked "Malta 1917". With the assistance of Matt Kennedy M.L.H.G. a full story of the international role of the R.I.C. emerged.

This very successful evening was wrapped up with further presentations including the head part of a diving suit, slave ownership device and weaponry.

The Chairman brought proceedings to a conclusion by congratulating the presenters and thanking all who supported the event. He reminded all in attendance that the next event being organised by the Maynooth Local History Group takes place in February 21st next in the Glenroyal and will be a collection of talks on the Great War, by prominent speakers. There will also be displays

of information and photographs, on Maynooth casualties in this catastrophic war. Peter Nevin - Chairman



Photo of Maynooth native George Boyd who served with The Royal Irish Regiment. The Royal Irish Regiment, until 1881 was known as the 18th Regiment of Foot, was an infantry regiment of the line in the British Army, first raised in 1684. Also known as the 18th (Royal Irish) Regiment of Foot, it was one of eight Irish regiments raised largely in Ireland, its home depot was in Clonmel. It saw service for two and a half centuries before being disbanded with the Partition of Ireland following establishment of the independent Irish Free State in 1922 when the five regiments that had their traditional recruiting grounds in the counties of the new state were disbanded.

World War I, 1914-1918, witnessed mobilisation and destruction on a scale the world had never witnessed before. The celebrations that greeted the beginning of the war quickly faded as the horror of trench warfare, and the advancements in the weapons industry, became apparent. With approximately 65 million men mobilised during the war period, by all sides, more than 55pc were classified as dead, wounded, prisoner or missing. The scale of destruction and death was unprecedented. Of the dead, these figures, compiled by Eneclann, record the names of more than 49,000 Irishmen who died in every theatre of the war.

Not all of them gave their home addresses as Ireland, but all fought with Irish regiments or considered themselves to be Irish or their country of birth to be Ireland.

Many came from English counties, others from places such as Canada and as far away as India. More than 30,000 declared Ireland to be their place of birth. For the county-by-county breakdown, it should be noted that not all the records had a specific county given. For 741 individuals, simply "Ireland" was recorded. Of the total where a county was actually listed, 11,300 were from the six counties of the North while 18,946 came from the remaining 26 counties. County-by-County Breakdown: ANTRIM 5,221 - ARMAGH 1,117 - CARLOW 324 - CAVAN 421 - CLARE 362 - CORK 2,244 - DERRY 1,357 - DONEGAL 700 - DOWN 2,048 - DUBLIN 4,918 - FERMANAGH 498 - GALWAY 754 - KERRY 437 - KILDARE 580 - KILKENNY 469 - KING'S CO (OFFALY) 435 - LEITRIM 250 - LIMERICK 820 - LONGFORD 210 - LOUTH 449 - MAYO 720 - MEATH 341 - MONAGHAN 343 - QUEEN'S CO (LAOIS) 368 - ROSCOMMON 333 - SLIGO 395 - TIPPERARY 1,050 - TYRONE 1,059 - WATERFORD 634 - WESTMEATH 416 - WEXFORD 529 - WICKLOW 444 - 'IRELAND' 741
Data courtesy of www.independent.ie

For more history and aspects of World War 1 see opposite

MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP 'History, Memory & Commemoration'

Aspects of World War One
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(Rosemary for Remembrance)

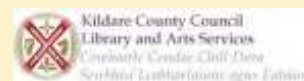
Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth
Saturday 21 February 2015
9.30am – 1.30pm

Themes: Local Involvement; The Road to Conflict; Ireland & Gallipoli; Maynooth & North Kildare in the First World War; Maynooth College 1914-1918

Speakers from: Maynooth Local History Group; Kildare Co Library Local Studies; Maynooth University.

Fee: €5.00 & €2.50 Students & Unwaged

Enquiries: ritaedwards@eircom.net



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Maynooth Fianna Fáil Notes

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Maynooth Municipal District motions and questions raised by Cllr. Ó Cearúil

Motion 1: That a “No U-turn” sign be installed on the Straffan Road, on approach from Dublin, after the Straffan Woods Interchange. Carton Court estate is being used as a turning point by many road users and this is causing serious risks to both road users and the residents of Carton Court.

Report 1: There is no simple enforceable means to prevent people from turning right into Carton Court off the Straffan Road, turning around within the estate and then exiting to the left back onto the main road. A “No U-Turn” sign and byelaw would prevent the manoeuvre from being performed on the Straffan Road (R406) itself but not within the Carton Court estate. The long term solution to the problem is the installation of signal controlled lights at the Meadowbrook Link Road T-Junction.

Motion 2: There has been a considerable amount of rat running through Railpark estate, Maynooth since the left filter lane on the Straffan Road was removed. Is there any way the council can tackle this issue and the speeding through the estate as a consequence?

Report 2: As agreed with the Residents Association the Maynooth Municipal District Office will install a traffic radar in the estate for a week to try to determine the extent of the problem.

Question: Can we have an update on the steps the council is taking to improve traffic flow in Maynooth? This continues to be a serious problem in the town.

Answer: The Municipal District Office has discussed a specification with a consultant for a full traffic review of Maynooth and hopes to revert to the Members very soon with an update. Kildare County Council motions raised by Cllr. Ó Cearúil

Social Housing: “That this council carries out a comprehensive study on current social housing needs in the county. This will prepare the council for future funding from the Department of Environment,

Community and Local Government. Most of this information is available in-house at present. As a housing authority, it is our duty to begin building substantial social housing units once again.”

Irish Water: “That this council call on the Government and Irish Water to cease charging and instead concentrate efforts on dealing with leaks, investment in infrastructure and conservation measures, whilst also condemning bonus culture in Irish Water and seeking a commitment that Irish Water will not be privatised.”

Ó Cearúil calls IBAL results into question

Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil has called on the Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) litter results into question. For the second year in a row the organisation has said that Maynooth, Co. Kildare falls short of “clean” status. It is one of six towns in Ireland to be deemed not “clean”. Ó Cearúil commented, “These results really have to be questioned. Not only has Maynooth won a Bronze medal two years in a row in the Tidy Towns competition but it only won 'Ireland's Best Kept Large Town' last July”. “How can officials from Tidy Towns and the Department of Environment recognise Maynooth's beauty and the work of Tidy Towns Volunteers, but IBAL take the opposite view? Tidy Towns judges and judges from Ireland's Best Kept Town are the experts. I really think IBAL should speak with them and re-assess how they award or deduct points in their ratings.” “This type of silly judging takes away from the amazing work that Maynooth Tidy Towns volunteers carry out on a daily basis and indeed from the awards from distinguished organisations.”

Overcrowding Crisis hits new high in Naas Hospital – Urgent Action must be taken – Ó Cearúil
- 32 patients being treated on trolleys in A&E in Naas General Hospital-

Fianna Fáil Councillor Naoise Ó Cearúil is calling on local T.D.s to step up to the plate and tackle the growing problem. The latest figures from the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation, published this morning, reveal there are more than 600 people on trolleys in hospital A&E's, the highest number recorded since “TrolleyWatch” began ten years ago, and 32 of those are

in Naas General Hospital.

Ó Cearúil commented, “Only a few weeks ago I joined nurses from Naas General on a picket line. They are worried about the scenario and we should all be. The situation has gone from bad to worse. It is not good enough for T.D.'s to ignore an issue that is affecting people the length and breadth of this county”.

Cllr Ó Cearúil continued, “These figures from the INMO are further evidence of the escalating crisis in our Emergency Departments, which shows no signs of abating and is raising serious concerns about patient safety. Dozens of patients, many of whom are elderly and frail, are being left for days on trolleys in A&E, corridors and makeshift wards without privacy or dignity, as frontline staff struggle to cope without the necessary resources or support.

“I am calling on the local deputies to lobby the Chairman of the Oireachtas Health Committee to urgently convene a meeting to discuss the crisis which is engulfing Naas General Hospital and putting patients at risk. Minister Varadkar must be brought before the committee to outline how he and HSE management propose to resolve the issues.

“While I acknowledge that we need long term measures to effectively tackle and manage problems within Naas A&E, more investment is needed in the short term to deal with the current and escalating crisis”.

Representations

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

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

Maynooth Town FC Lotto Results 2014/5			
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W/End	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x €35 Winners
12-Oct	7,8,10,21	€4,400	Colm Mc Elligott - Tony O Donnell - Jim's Shoe Repair
19-Oct	12,21,23,24	€4,450	Paul Duffy - Pat Power - Conor Cleary
26-Oct	5,16,25,27	€4,500	Siobhan Mc Myler - Mark Condon - Rachel Gill
02-Nov	3,16,17,21	€4,550	Claudia Toderic - Amy Delsorro - Sean Durack
09-Nov	3,18,21,28	€4,600	Three Pin - Philip Hynes - Sheila Ganly
16-Nov	5,6,13,21	€4,650	Catherine Moore - Liam Walsh - Carmel Rochford
23-Nov	13,21,25,27	€4,700	Rachel Gill - Pauline Mc Avinue - Denise Geoghegan
30-Nov	13,14,24,25	€4,750	Mary Murry - Paula Donaldson - Mick Coyne
07-Dec	3,7,10,28	€4,800	Ross Banahan - Eamonn Murphy - Stephen Connelly
14-Dec	12,17,21,26	€4,850	Mary Mc Grath - Three Pin - John Gannon
21-Dec			Special Xmas Draw
11-Jan	6,7,25,27	€1,000	Peter Kiely - Carmel O Flaherty - John O Shea
18-Jan	1,12,15,22	€1,050	Gina Folan - Tina & Tozzie - Mark Cooney



Maynooth Town F.C.

Lotto Draw



Xmas Draw 2014 Results

€1000 – Shane Kelly
 €500 – Amie Franklin
 €250 – Johnny Thompson
 €250 – Sean Mahon
 €250 – Michelle Farrelly
 €250 – Joe Condron

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(February 2015)

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Knight of Glin archive shines light inside Ireland's Great Houses

Friday 5th December 2014: The Office of Public Works (OPW)-Maynooth University Archive and Research Centre at Castletown House is the recipient of a new archival donation by the family of the late Desmond FitzGerald, the 29th and last Knight of Glin. The rich trove includes personal papers, correspondence and photographs that reflect FitzGerald's life's work—fighting for the preservation of Ireland's Great Houses.

An internationally respected expert on Irish art and furniture, his furniture archive was donated to the OPW-Maynooth University Archive a number of years ago. For 10 years, FitzGerald served as a member of Maynooth University's Centre for the Study of Historic Irish Houses and Estates advisory committee.

FitzGerald's belief in protecting Ireland's built heritage is evident in this latest tranche of records. The unique collection of personal papers, correspondence, newspaper articles and photographs not only demonstrates his passion for the conservation and preservation of country homes across Ireland but also his role in a variety of significant preservation bodies, including the Irish Georgian Society, and academic bodies, such as the Centre for the Study of Historic Irish Houses and Estates at Maynooth University.

Speaking about the archive, Professor Philip Nolan, President of Maynooth University said: "We are honoured to receive Desmond FitzGerald's personal papers and are very grateful to his family for sharing this fascinating archive with us. Desmond was an iconic figure in the world of Irish country house studies and a champion of its preservation. His papers present us with a rich tapestry of history, insights, research, images and opinions which will speak to all with an interest in preservation. It's fitting that his collection will be kept in at Castletown, a house so dear to his heart."

The Glin archive now contains:

- A database of Irish 'traders' (master craftsmen commissioned to make unique pieces of furniture) which dates back to the early 18th Century and contains details of their skills, types of furniture and copies of their 'trade labels.'
- Correspondence between FitzGerald and other global experts regarding renowned artefacts such as a Waterford Crystal chandelier dated 1760 that once belonged to James Fitzgerald, 1st Duke of Leinster, Carton House, Co. Kildare.
- A letter to Desmond FitzGerald from Seamus Heaney in which he refers to his scholarly contributions to the conservation and preservation of Ireland's architectural heritage as "a beautiful act of piety and a mighty act of scholarship."
- His correspondence with government departments and various bodies including the Centre for the Study of Historic Irish Houses and Estates, OPW, Irish Georgian Society and Irish Heritage Trust.

The OPW-Maynooth University Archive and Research Centre at Castletown was established to facilitate the care and study of archives and other sources dealing with the history of Irish estates, their houses and their inhabitants. It also facilitates research in the decorative arts. The Archive and Research Centre is located on the second floor of Castletown House in Celbridge, Co. Kildare.

Desmond FitzGerald, Knight of Glin

Desmond FitzGerald, the 29th Knight of Glin, was the last in the line of an ancient family of FitzGerald. The son of Desmond FitzGerald, 28th Knight of Glin (1901–1949), and Veronica Villiers (daughter of Ernest Villiers, MP), FitzGerald was born in Paddington, London, England, and was educated at the University of British Columbia and Harvard University.

He worked at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London in the furniture, textiles and fashion department. He later returned to Ireland and became active in conservation issues, serving as President of the Irish Georgian Society. The Knight devoted his life to restoring Glin Castle.

Kepler Telescope Gets a Second Wind

On March 7, 2009, NASA launched the Kepler Space Observatory. Named for the Renaissance astronomer Johannes Kepler, its mission was to discover exoplanets: Earth-like planets orbiting other stars. The 1000th confirmed exoplanet was just announced on January 6, 2015.

This feat is even more amazing considering that the telescope's mission had previously been declared over due to mechanical failures. Kepler has four reaction wheels which keep it stable and fixed on a single point in space, something it requires as it searches distant stars for new planets.

In July of 2012, one of the reaction wheels failed. On May 11, 2013, a second wheel failed, threatening the mission because three wheels are required to stabilise the giant telescope. Kepler was unable to collect any further data as it could point to stars with accuracy, and NASA announced in August that its mission was officially over as every effort to fix the wheels from afar had failed and it was too far away to send someone to fix it as it orbits the sun.

However, a new mission, called K2, might give the famous telescope a new chance. The spacecraft's engineers refused to give up on the observatory and continued thinking of ways it could work with only two reaction wheels with which it could be stabilised. The engineers realised that they could utilise the solar wind coming from the sun to act as a sort of third wheel. It's not perfect, but the other two wheels will be powerful enough to correct for the gradual drift caused by the solar stream.

It's a creative and ingenious solution to a problem that threatened such a successful telescope, and its new positioning will allow Kepler to observe all kinds of phenomenon such as giant black holes, supernovas, and dark energy. It would also be easier for K2 to do follow-up studies of any new exoplanets that it found. It could also study the stellar aging process because it would have an excellent view of star clusters, which contain many different types of stars of roughly the same age.

The mission needs to pass NASA's senior review, which rules on the funding of projects like Kepler, Hubble, Spitzer, and other space observatories, so there is no guarantee that the mission will continue. However, its engineers aren't giving up, and it celebrated the new year by finding its 1000th exoplanet, proving that hope is never lost even in the depths of space.



Maynooth's St Patrick's Day Parade Application Form



All vehicles entering must have a float, preferably a live band with traditional, rock or pop music.

HGV's, lorries or cars *without a float will not be accepted.*

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Organisation, Club or Band: _____

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Telephone: _____ Contact Person: _____

Entrance Fee:	• Bands ~ Free
• Commercial Float ~ €50	• Club/Organisation ~ €20

The Theme for the 2015 Parade will be "Carnival"

The categories for which prizes will be awarded are as follows:

Best Commercial Float	Trophy	Best Club Float	Trophy
Best Band	Perpetual Cup	Best School Float	Trophy
Best Portrayal of Irish Culture	Trophy	Best Portrayal of Environmental Awareness	Trophy

Applications with entry fee to be sent to Community Council Office
Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
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Naoise O Cearuill – Mobile - 086-7280050

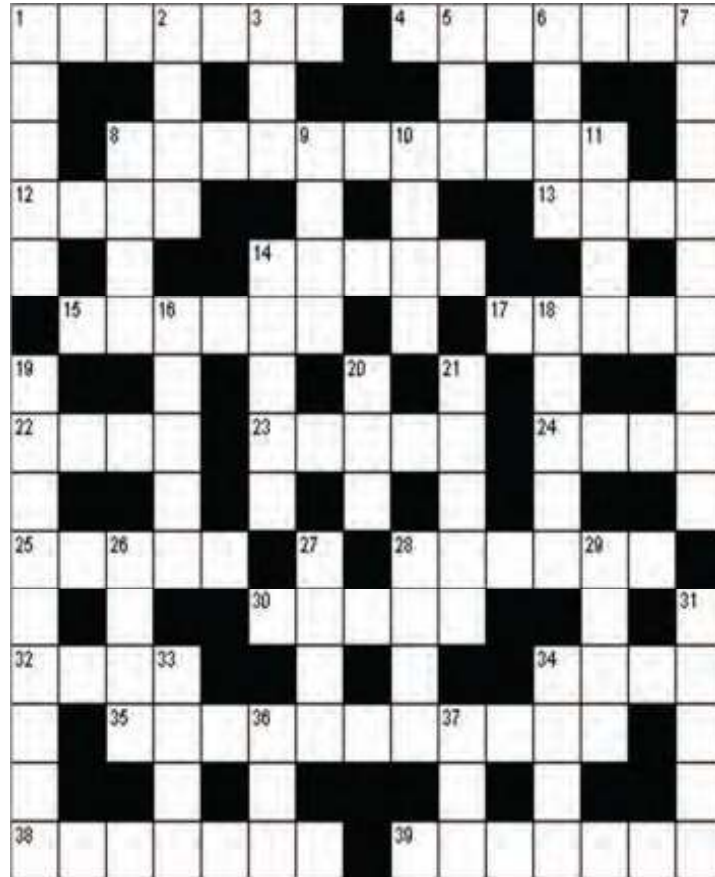
Clues Across

February 2015 Crossword - No: 432

Clues Down

Across

1. Branch of knowledge (7)
4. Vacuum flask (7)
8. Stealing from a shop (11)
12. Scheme (4)
13. Pitch (4)
14. Person who explores caves (5)
15. Revise (6)
17. Artificial waterway (5)
22. Donations to the poor (4)
23. Reprimand (5)
24. Encounter (4)
25. Shoe ties (5)
28. Zone (6)
30. Occur again (5)
32. Abound (4)
34. Equipment (4)
35. Saturated with water (11)
38. Communication (7)
39. Any longer (3,4)



Down

1. Containing soap (5)
2. Fourth Gospel (4)
3. Head covering (3)
5. Humble dwelling (3)
6. Rave (4)
7. Moon (9)
8. Having a sound mind (4)
9. Escaping fluid (4)
10. Combustible matter (4)
11. Woman's dress (4)
14. Crucifix (5)
16. Squander (5)
18. Allow to enter (5)
19. Icy storm (9)
20. Female bovine (3)
21. Mammary gland in cows (5)
26. Ship's company (4)
27. 365 days (4)
28. Form of wrestling (4)
29. Was indebted to (4)
31. Unrefined (5)
33. Charts (4)
34. Microbe (4)
36. Ovum (3)
37. Alcoholic liquor (3)

Answers to Crossword (No 431)

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No. 431 Dec/Jan

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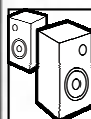
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Glasnevin Necropolis



One Million Dubliners' is a documentary directed by Aoife Kelleher for RTE. It is a touching story of the final resting place for so many heroes who formed our nations history, but it is also the story of the ordinary men, women and children whose lives are recorded in the archives of Glasnevin Cemetery.

My daughter having watched the film booked a walking tour of the cemetery and my hubby and I tagged along. I had no idea what to expect and strolling through a cemetery may seem a morbid way to spend a morning or afternoon, but Glasnevin is one of Dublin's greatest landmarks and the cemetery is known as the 'Necropolis' of Dublin. It was a freezing cold January morning but after the excess of Christmas I welcomed the fresh air and so, guided by 'Annie' our wonderful tour guide, we proceeded to meet the residents who rest there to learn about their lives.

Daniel O'Connell's crypt was one of our first stops. His grave is marked by a 52 meter high round tower. He was in actual fact the man responsible for the opening of the cemetery in 1832.

Daniel was known as the 'Liberator' or 'Emancipator' and was a political leader in the first half of the 19th century. Because of strict penal laws at the time, Irish priests were forbidden to carry out public masses and the Catholic community had no place to bury their dead. Daniel pushed for the opening of a burial ground where Catholic and Protestant alike could give their loved ones a dignified and decent burial. So on the 21st February 1832 nine acres of land on the Finglas road was consecrated and open to the public. The first to be buried there was a little Catholic boy named Michael Carey from Francis Street and he would be followed by many including 11,000 cholera victims wiped out in the 1832 epidemic.

As we ambled the pathways with Annie we learned the fate of many famous people, among them those who gave their lives in the 1916 rising and we heard many personal details from those lives. We visited Cathal Brugha, Roger Casement, Constance Markievicz, O'Donovan Rossa and more recent among them President Eamon de Valera. The simplicity of his grave amazed me. It is marked by a simple stone cross and is nestled among other family members including his son who predeceased him. Annie was so knowledgeable and interesting as well as respectful to the stories she imparted, that I wished I had had that tour when I was struggling with my history lessons at school.

We stopped at the grave of Charles Stewart Parnell. It was marked by a huge granite stone from his native Co. Wicklow, but it sat on the mound where the cholera victims were buried. I asked Annie about this and she informed me that it was said Mr. Parnell wished to be buried with the ordinary people of Dublin, but it was also rumoured that following his famed affair with Catherine O'Shea and the furore that caused in certain circles, that he was buried here as there would be no danger of the grave being desecrated because of who lay beneath.

We had our final stop at the grave of Michael Collins who was apparently very popular with the ladies. It appears he remains so even in death and according to Annie his grave is never without flowers. He has on occasion received Valentine cards and a 'mysterious French lady' still comes and places flowers on his grave. The Parisian cannot explain why she keeps his memory alive but she is an annual visitor and has no intention of ceasing those visits.

We finished our tour with a stop in the cosy coffee shop where a steaming cuppa was very welcome. A trip around the museum and shop was enjoyable but I forwent the tour of the 'dead village' that my grandchildren morbidly enjoyed and took the greatest joy out of telling me all they had found there.

The extent of my bravery was when I placed my hand on the coffin of the Daniel O'Connell on the advice of our guide who informed all present that it is said to bring 'untold good fortune'.

No need to say the small gathering left Glasnevin that freezing January morning with beaming smiles and the hope that at least one of us might win the lottery!!

By Cora Tolan

Maynooth Golf Society

Results Sheet 2014

Knockanally Golf Club 22/11/2014

Trevor Cassidy Memorial Cup

Sponsored by The Cassidy Family

1st Prize	Jody Connolly Paul Farrelly Peter Finnan	71.8Nett
2nd Prize	Derek Murray Joey Edwards Martin Donnelly (jnr)	74.3Nett
3rd Prize	Seán Lennon Brian Shields Hugh Nevin	75.2 Nett
4th Prize	Barry Doyle Danny Finnan Enda Downes	75.4Nett
5th Prize	Barry Farrell George Hutton David Comerford	77.6Nett

Maynooth Golf Society's Scramble for the Trevor Cassidy Memorial Cup to Knockanally Golf Club on 22nd of November was another success for the society. 21 Teams (63 members and friends) took part in this annual event.

The event was kindly sponsored by The Cassidy Family in memory of Trevor and all proceeds from the scramble will be donated to Maynooth Senior Citizens.

The weather for a late November day was crisp, clear blue skies and no rain, although the course was very wet from the previous day's rain.

The success of this event was possible because of the wonderful local sponsorship and support we received from the Cassidy family, Supervalu Maynooth, from members of the society, Knockanally Golf Club who facilitated the event and the committee of Maynooth Golf Society who organised this scramble.

The prizes were presented by Tara Cassidy in Bradys B2 to the winners, all friends of Trevor:

Jody Connolly, Paul Farrelly and Peter Finnan. All other prize winners listed above.

Thanks to everyone who supported this charity event in aid of Maynooth Senior Citizens.

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Please note: All learners wishing to complete the programme will be required to receive clearance through the Garda vetting process (forms will be provided on application).

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- Childcare assistance available were applicable

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Know Your Rights

Discrimination in employment recruitment

Question:

I recently applied, unsuccessfully, for a job. I was asked in the interview how many children I had and how I would manage childcare if offered the job. I feel that way I was treated during the recruitment process was discriminatory. What redress do I have?

Answer:

Ireland has legislation prohibiting discrimination in a wide range of employment areas including recruitment. Discrimination is defined as 'less favourable treatment'. A person can be discriminated against if he/she is treated less favourably than another person is, has been or would be treated in a comparable situation on any of nine grounds, as follows:

- Gender: this means man, woman or transsexual
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- Age: this does not apply to a person aged under 16
- Disability: includes people with physical, intellectual, learning, cognitive or emotional disabilities and a range of medical conditions
- Race: includes race, skin colour, nationality or ethnic origin
- Membership of the Traveller community

If you think that you have been discriminated against during recruitment on one of these grounds you can bring your case to the Equality Tribunal under the Employment Equality Acts 1998 to 2011. You should use the online complaint form (available by selecting 'Make a complaint in relation to employment rights' on workplacerelations.ie). You must lodge your complaint within 6 months of the alleged act of discrimination.

The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission can provide information on employment equality legislation. It can also, at its discretion, provide legal assistance to people who wish to bring claims to the Equality Tribunal.

Taxation of social welfare pensions

Question:

I am about to retire from work. I will get a State Pension (Contributory) and a small occupational pension. Are these pensions taxed?

Answer:

If you have a State pension and another source of income, you may have to pay tax on your combined income. Some social welfare payments are not taxable, but most long-term payments, including the State Pension (Contributory) are. Your State pension and Occupational Pension are added together and your tax liability is calculated on the total amount.

There is no mechanism for taxing your social welfare pension at source (before it is paid to you).

Your other income determines how tax due is paid. There are increased tax exemption limits for people aged over 65. If you are aged 65 or over and your total income is less than €18,000 a year (if you are single) or if your joint income is less than €36,000 (if you are married or in a civil partnership) you are exempt from income tax.

In your case, you will be getting a State Pension (Contributory) and an occupational pension. Your occupational pension is taxed through the PAYE system in the same way as a wage or salary. This means that you get your tax credits or tax exemption in the normal way. Revenue collects tax on your State Pension by reducing your annual tax credits on your occupational pension. You then effectively pay tax on both the pensions, but it is collected from the occupational pension. For higher incomes, the standard rate cut-off point, the amount of income at which the higher rate of tax starts to apply, will also be reduced. The technical term for this is coding-in of credits.

If the tax exemption thresholds do not apply to you, then you are entitled to a personal tax credit, PAYE tax credit and age tax credit (which applies to people over 65). You do not pay the Universal Social Charge (USC) on the State Pension, but you may have to pay USC on your occupational pension. People aged over 65 do not pay PRSI.

The Youth Guarantee

Question:

What is the Youth Guarantee?

Answer:

The Youth Guarantee aims to provide young people under the age of 25 with a good quality offer of employment, education, training or apprenticeship within a short time of leaving education or becoming unemployed. It is an EU initiative developed in response to the youth unemployment crisis across Europe.

In Ireland the Youth Guarantee is being introduced on a phased basis and a range of initiatives were recently announced. Jobseekers under 25 who have been unemployed for over 12 months will be prioritised and given additional support during the Department of Social Protection (DSP) Intreo process for jobseekers.

JobsPlus is an initiative that pays a cash incentive to employers who employ jobseekers on the Live Register. The qualifying period for JobsPlus for jobseekers under 25 has been reduced to four months. It will remain at 12 months for other jobseekers. Eligible young people, who are in the Live Register, will be given certification that they qualify for JobsPlus and they can use this when applying for jobs.

A Youth Developmental Internship (YDI) is currently being put in place. Internships are expected to start from March 2015. The YDI will be aimed at young people aged between 18 and 24 who have little or no experience of work. The YDI is similar to JobBridge but offers more support to interns including a work preparation course and a shorter internship week of 4 days. YDI internships will not be publically advertised. DSP staff will select candidates and refer them for interviews with

organisations that have offered internships.

Other activities under the Youth Guarantee include a new Experience Your Europe (EYE) programme which offers sponsored internships in other EU countries, support for jobseekers who want to work in Europe and an apprenticeship programme in Germany. Employment schemes such as Gateway and Tús will have places reserved for young people who are long-term unemployed.

Back to Work Family Dividend

Question:

I am unemployed, married with three children and getting Jobseeker's Allowance. I would like to get back to work. I have heard there is a new payment to help with this situation.

Answer:

The Back to Work Family Dividend (BTWFD) gives financial support to people with children who were getting jobseeker's or one-parent family payments and who either take up employment, increase their hours of employment or become self-employed.

The scheme is not yet operational but applications for the scheme are being accepted from 5 January 2015. No payments will be made until April 2015 and all eligible claims will be backdated to the date of application.

If you qualify for the scheme you will get a weekly payment for up to 2 years. You will be paid the equivalent of any Increases for Qualified Children that were being paid on your jobseeker or one-parent family payment (up to a maximum of 4 children) for the first year in employment. Half of that amount will be paid weekly for the second year.

You can combine time on a jobseeker's payment with time spent on education, training or employment schemes to meet the eligibility requirements.

To qualify, you and all members of your family (including your adult dependant) must sign off all social welfare payments. The Back to Work Family Dividend cannot be paid with any other primary social welfare payment – with the exception of Child Benefit, Domiciliary Care Allowance and Family Income Supplement (FIS). The Back to Work Family Dividend is not taken into account in the means test for FIS.

You can contact your Intreo centre or local social welfare office to get more information on the scheme.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

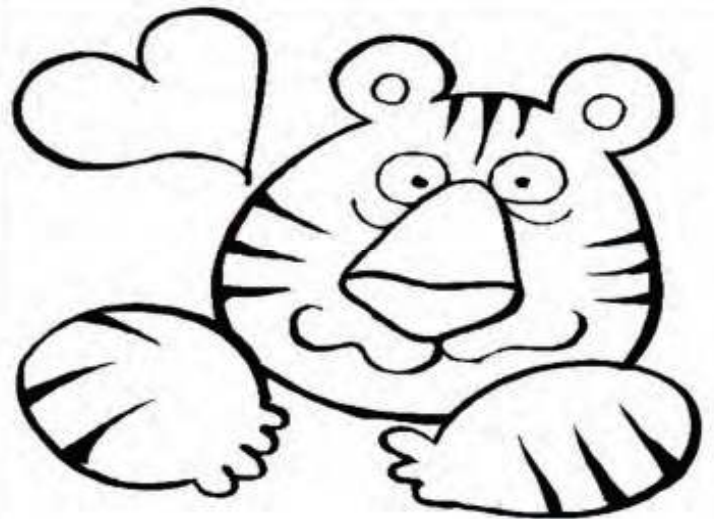
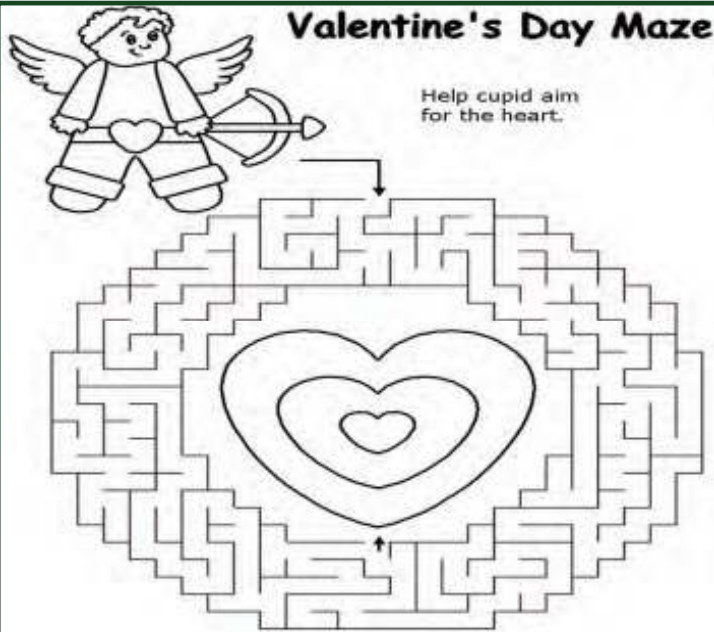
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FILM MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON

FILM REVIEW: ONE MILLION DUBLINERS

DIRECTOR: AOIFE KELLEHER



On a rainy afternoon in July 2014, an assembled audience at the Galway *Film Fleadh* rose to its feet to applaud the film they had just witnessed. The film in question was a documentary feature called *One Million Dubliners*. Directed by Aoife Kelleher, its focal point is the iconic Glasnevin Cemetery in Dublin. Winning the Best Documentary Feature, at the Festival, the film sets out to explore several themes including life, death, love, loss, history, myth, ritual and the every-day practicalities of running Dublin's largest cemetery.



Despite the title of the documentary, there are actually 1.5 million souls interred in Glasnevin Cemetery as compared with the estimated population of 1.3 million in Dublin. As the man at the information desk in Glasnevin says – “there are more people buried in Glasnevin than walking around Dublin”. Those buried within the 124 acres of hallowed ground are deemed honorary ‘Dubliners’ by virtue of their final resting place.

Aoife Kelleher's film is less a history lesson on Glasnevin than a patchwork of modern and intimate narratives and stories. She populates her documentary with a rich diversity of characters that work, visit and mourn in - what Philip Ryan (Grounds Manager) terms as - Ireland's ‘National Cemetery’. These characters provide a fascinating focus for Kelleher's documentary.

At the heart of *One Million Dubliners* is the very knowledgeable, warm and charismatic Shane MacThomáis, tour guide and resident historian, who leads us through the history, folklore and traditions of Glasnevin. He enriches us with his love of the place and history, step by step, around the headstones and monuments of Glasnevin.



At the beginning of the film, we learn some of the history of Glasnevin. Daniel O'Connell (founder of the cemetery in 1832) had fought for Catholic rights and, according to MacThomáis, “one of these rights was to purchase ground in open cemeteries”. As the years passed, Glasnevin quickly became a magnet for the rich and famous. In burial terms, location was everything. Inevitably, plots near the entrance to the cemetery were more expensive whereas ground at the back of the cemetery was considerably cheaper.

Glasnevin Cemetery attracts 200,000 visitors a year. Like Père Lachaise in Paris, it is the cemetery of icons and celebrities. So what makes an icon and what makes a good myth? Well, according to Shane MacThomáis, summing up the five characteristics required – “you need to be young, charismatic, good-looking, intelligent and dead!” Little wonder then that Michael Collins's grave is, as the historian attests, “the most popular grave, without any parallel” in the cemetery.

Aoife Kelleher injects some humour into her documentary in the Glasnevin florist shop scene. The

two charming ladies who work there (Claire Hickey and Catherine Kearns) observe the seasonal footfall to Collins's grave. Claire Hickey relates, knowingly, that Michael gets “balloons, cards, flowers, lot of stuff” while Kearns interjects – “de Valera a bit”. Amusingly, the rivalry between the two men continues beyond the grave. The women relate tales of besotted female tourists making the pilgrimage to the ‘Big Fella’.



Throughout Kelleher's film, we are continually reminded of the Irish relationship and obsession with the dead. As a people, we have a limitless capacity for talking about and mourning the departed in a way that is uniquely Irish.

This idea is reflected in the way *One Million Dubliners* shines a spotlight on the many ordinary people who visit or work in Glasnevin. The disparate and colourful views of visitors and staff, alike, on matters of life and death are teased out by the director. We quickly learn why the cemetery plays such a vital role in the lives of many.

To this end, Kelleher is sensitive in her depiction of personal grief. Her camera follows a young woman at her mother's grave on Valentine's Day. It's a touching moment as the girl pays tribute to her mother, at the windswept cemetery, by laying flowers and tying a red ribbon around the grave. Shane MacThomáis sums up this act of remembrance beautifully: “it's like they are combing their hair...it's an act of love...it's their way of showing they still remember the person”.



Built into the Irish psyche is a powerful reverence and respect for the dead. On the subject of those who visit the graves of Luke Kelly (a disabled man is filmed paying tribute in song) and Brendan Behan (a pint of Guinness adorns his memorial) at Glasnevin, MacThomáis points out “because they have a reverence towards that person...here they show that reverence”. Even the policy of the management in Glasnevin is never ‘to disturb the dead’ in burial practices.



In *One Million Dubliners*, we are reminded that Glasnevin is also very much a place that deals with the more mundane aspects to the business of death. Kelleher introduces the viewer to a world rarely seen. The inner workings of the cemetery involve absorbing interviews with managers, undertakers, funeral directors, grave diggers and crematorium technicians.

We quickly realise that the logistics of plot management, restoration and maintenance in Glasnevin entail sourcing vital revenue. In economic terms, culture and heritage are the tools that keep the cemetery ticking over.

John Campbell, the man in the crematorium, explains his job in a matter-of-fact way. We watch, with some unease, as he relates how he can despatch up to four or five people in a day, two hours at a time. Campbell has

become, in his own words, ‘hardened’ to the mechanics or process of cremation. There is a sense of detachment to it all. All ages, all political persuasions meet the same fate. Death is the great equaliser.

The crematorium technician is equally phlegmatic in his attitude to questions of an after-life (a theme repeated throughout *One Million Dubliners*). He believes that “you're reduced to ashes, dust...like a flower we come up, we flourish and then we die off...end of story”. While others like the intriguing French lady at Collins's grave and Shane MacThomáis have the alternative belief that ‘energy’ lives on beyond the grave.

Several scenes in Kelleher's documentary have poignant resonance. The section depicting the ‘Angels’ Plot’ is particularly so. Tour guide, Bridget Sheerin recounts, movingly, the tragic fate of her still-born baby. The baby couldn't be buried in consecrated ground and so had to rest in an unmarked grave in Glasnevin.



As a further ‘punishment’ for Sheerin, she was not allowed to attend her baby's funeral. Only the father had that privilege albeit under cloak of darkness. Such was the stigma attached by the Catholic Church to the still-born and miscarried children of the State in a darker era. Revealingly, MacThomáis “never brings a tour up” to the ‘Angels’ Plot’. Again, the respect for the dead is emphasised in Kelleher's documentary.

So what is so special about Glasnevin Cemetery that inspired director Aoife Kelleher to make a documentary about it? Well for one thing, it's steeped in history and, in her words, “so many huge figures from politics, arts, literature” are buried there. A fertile ground, then, for a myriad of stories told and untold. Glasnevin can also boast of being the largest non-denominational cemetery in Ireland where a WW1 soldier and an Irish Volunteer can lie side by side in equanimity.

The Irish weather and its seasonal vagaries feature heavily in *One Million Dubliners*. Fittingly, it always seems to be raining in the cemetery. The cyclical nature of life is spotlighted again. Kelleher succeeds in capturing the beauty of Glasnevin in some striking overhead shots of tombs and monuments.



In Aoife Kelleher's homage to Glasnevin Cemetery, her undoubted star-player is Shane MacThomáis. The historian's insights, passion, sense of humour and warmth make *One Million Dubliners* a very special piece of work indeed. His time on screen produces the most fun but also the most heart-wrenching moments. MacThomáis regards his role as just “a caretaker” but what a caretaker he is!



Kelleher's film is a quirky, thought-provoking, moving and life-affirming ride around the tombstones of Glasnevin and Irish attitudes towards death and the after-life. Its ending, unexpectedly melancholy, will linger with you long after the final credits have rolled.

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